



MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99510

MAY 1980

MAY MEETING

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The meeting will be held Wednesday, May 21st, at 8:00 p.m. on the top floor of the Pioneer Schoolhouse, Third and Eagle, Anchorage, Alaska. After the business meeting, Steve Risse will present a slide show on his climbs in both the American and Canadian Rockies.

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MINUTES OF APRIL GENERAL MEETING, Mountaineering Club of Alaska  
Wednesday, April 16, 1980, Pioneer Schoolhouse, Anchorage, Alaska

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by President Tim Neale. Minutes of the March meeting were read by the Secretary and approved. Paula Quering gave the Treasurer's report as follows: Checking account \$804.00; Cash \$64.00; Money market fund \$1,549.00; total \$2,417.00.

The following committee reports were given:

**PROGRAMS:** The May meeting will feature slides by Steve Risse on climbs in the Rockies. No slide shows are scheduled yet for June and July meetings. It is desired to have some slides on climbs in Alaska quite a few years back and any information on these would be welcome. Mini-slide shows are also needed in the next few months on hikes scheduled as shown in the April issue of SCREE. Call Meg Leonard about these at 277-4103. The summer solstice campout will be held at Flattop on June 21-22.

**SCREE:** A replacement for the job of duplicating the monthly bulletin is needed because Meg Leonard is resigning after the June SCREE.

**HIKES & CLIMBS:** See the April SCREE for the schedule of hikes and climbs from May 10 to July 27. If there is any interest in a Rock Climb Class, Tom Falker and Dave Pahlke can help.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A new projector screen costs about \$90.00 and the fabric on the old screen cannot be replaced for much less. Motion was made, seconded, and passed for the Club to buy a new projector screen.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Tim Neale mentioned that the State Parks Department needs more funds to repair the road and bridges along the east side of Eklutna Lake. After discussion, it was suggested that a resolution would be drafted by John Lohff supporting the request for funds. This was done and many members signed it so that it could be transmitted the next day to State Parks Director Chip Dennerlein while the State Legislature is still in session. John Lohff will preside in May meeting in the absence of Tim Neale.

## MINUTES OF APRIL GENERAL MEETING (continued)

After the intermission for refreshments, Bill Wakeland gave a slide show on a hiking trip he took with his son, Steve, in the Brooks Range in early August 1978, they flew from Fairbanks to Kaktovik on the Arctic Coast via a once-a-week commercial plane. On a small charter plane they then flew to a sandbar on the Hulahula River, hiked over the Continental Divide into the East Fork of the Chandalar River, then to the West Fork of the Sheenjek River, Crossed it and continued east to the headwaters of the Coleen River. Next they crossed the Continental Divide a second time into the headwaters of the Kongakut River, seeing caribou and high rolling tundra in this area. Then they crossed the Continental Divide a third time to the drainage of the upper Sheenjek River and later were picked up by small plane on a sandbar of this river north of Double Mountain. They flew out to Arctic Village where they could get a commercial flight back to Fairbanks. The photos were outstanding and included some of the summer and early fall flora.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Al Robinson, Secretary

TRIP SCHEDULE

## May 17 &amp; 18 Gull Rock

Leader: Richard Hall 333-2090

This trail begins near Hope in the Porcupine campground. It is a favorite early spring trek because the snow departs relatively early. However, the ground may still be muddy except for the area at Gull Rock itself which is well drained and protected from the winds. It is a good beginner's hike and is 9 miles round trip. This will be a joint venture with the members of Glaciers Grotto and instruction will be offered in tape and compass surveying. Side trips further along the Gull Rock Trail, up in the mountain, along the beach, or looking seawaves are possible. Leave UAA parking lot 7 a.m. Saturday, return Sunday p.m.

## May 24 to 26 Puritan Creek to Chickaloon

Leader: John Nevin

This trip is our favorite Memorial Day hike which is fast becoming a MCA tradition. Families with some backpacking experience should find this an enjoyable weekend. Sign up at the May meeting or call John at 349-1707 (H) or 243-3776 (W)

## June 7 &amp; 8

Crow Pass to Eagle River, sign up at the May meeting.

Leader: Ron Rhodehamel 333-5159

## June 21 Flattop overnight

This is our traditional summer solstice overnight on Flattop. Come to the June meeting for details.

## June 28 to July 12 Porcupine River Trip - Old Crow to Fort Yukon

Leader: Marty Bassett 694-3917 (H)

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## TRIP SCHEDULE (Continued)

July 4-6 Resurrection Trail,

Leader Bob Hume (H) 248-4975 (W) 276-5152

July 12-13 Reed Lakes

Leader John Lohff 275-8714(H) 276-8514 (W)

July 12 Byron Peak Climb

Ice Axe, Crampons, rain gear and lunch. One day climb up snow route on Byron Peak  
Leave UFA Parking Lot 6 a.m.

Ernie Borjon 344-8661 Tim Neale 274-4952

July 20 Rendezvous Peak

Leader Al Robinson 279-8873

July 26 & 27 O'Malley Camping & Climbing

Leader: Gene Klymko 274-6753

July 26 - August 3 Kobuk Valley National Monument

Leader Dona Agosti

This is a unique trip involving riverboat charters and backpacking. See the  
March Scree for further details or call Dona at 248-0089

August Bicycle trip to Valdez

We will have a bicycle trip to Valdez in August if there is any interest in having  
such a trip. The date will be picked in July. Plans call for getting a ride to  
Eureka Lodge area, start bicycling from there to Valdez. Take the ferry to  
Whittier and either ride the bikes or get a ride back to Anchorage. Will be a  
3-4 day trip. If interested call Kim Druse 243-0011 or Tim Neale 274-4952.

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EKLUTNA LAKE ROAD

The road on the Northeast side of Eklutna Lake was closed a couple of years ago.  
This was necessitated by heavy rains and high water from the lake which had  
undermined the road in places. State engineers have determined the road to be  
unsafe to vehicular traffic in its current condition. It is the opinion of both  
the Alaska Division of Parks and Chugach State Park that the road should be re-  
opened. The problem is there is no money available to make necessary repairs.

During the April 1980 MCA meeting, a resolution was passed stating the Mountain-  
eering Club of Alaska supports the reopening of the road along Eklutna Lake to

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Eklutna Glacier. Copies of this resolution were given to Bob Baker, Deputy Director, Alaska Division of Parks and Pete Panarese, Ranger, Chugach State Park. Copies were also sent to the following state senators from the Senate District E through J: Brad Bradley, Mike Colletta, M.E. Dankworth, Tim Kelly, Pat Rodey, Terry Stimson, Arlis Sturgulewski, and Bill Sumner.

The Alaska Division of Parks has submitted a plan to the Legislature requesting funds to rebuild the Eklutna Lake road. It would help if other people interested in having the road reopened would drop a note to the above-mentioned state senators or representatives from House Districts 7-12. The representatives are Romona Barnes, Mike Beirne, Thelma Buchholdt, Chet Chatterton, Sam Cotten, Richard Halford, Joe Hayes, Joe McKinnon, Teery Martin, Russ Meekins, Ray Metcalf, Bill Miles, Joe Montgomery, Joyce Munson, Bill Parker, Randy Phillips.

----- (by Marty Bassett) -----

### VICE PRESIDENT

John Lohff will fill the current vacant office of Vice President. John will be acting president in my absence during the month of May. His phone number is 276-8714 Marty Bassett.

### MAP READING CLASS

I would like to thank Tom Falker for his excellent map reading class on April 9th. The turnout wasn't overwhelming but those that were there received a lot of information. (Marty Bassett)

Tom would be interested in setting a 5-6 mile orienteering course if there was much interest and he would get some help laying out a course. Anyone interested should contact Tom Falker at the next couple of club meetings. Tim Neale

### "55 WAYS TO THE WILDERNESS IN SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA"

This year-round outdoor guide for residents and visitors is now available again at Book Cache stores, at the new B. Dalton Bookstore in the Pennys Mall downtown, and will soon be stocked in Walden's bookstore in the new Northway Mall at the Glenn Highway and Airport Heights Drive (price \$7.95). Developed by MCA members Helen Nienhueser, writer, Nancy Stimmerman, photographer, and Hans Van Der Laan, maps; this paperback was first published with the Mountaineers in 1972, revised in 1975, and a second edition printed in late 1978. With more hikers and bookstores sales are increasing. Another printing may be needed in 1981. It would be helpful, therefore, if during this year all leaders of MCA hikes on any of the 55 Ways make notes of any possible changes in access, trail routes, conditions; or other factors needing revision in this guidebook. Sometimes bridges get washed out, snow or rock slides or avalanches require a change in route, and even earthquakes cause changes. Please send any notes along to the Club Secretary or mention revisions to any Club officer. We want to keep this popular guide as up to date as possible. Al Robinson

BOOK REVIEW

"Alaska's Great Interior", the current issue of the Alaska Geographic, (Vol. 7, No. ) is a rewarding literary and photographic picture of Alaska's heartland--Canadian border to McGrath, Mt. McKinley National Park to the Brooks Range, with a separate chapter on Fairbanks, the area's metropolis. The editors are to be complimented on the range of subjects covered, natural history, people, history, gold and oil, bush living, agriculture, and an unexpectedly rational discussion of the several new national monuments in the Interior. Add a good general map and lots of excellent color and black and white pictures, and you have a publication any Alaskan would be delighted to own, and many outsiders will want for what it tells them about a big section of this big state. It is well up to the high quality of earlier Geographics, which together form a very useful reference library on "The Great Land".

As only an occasional and casual visitor to Fairbanks, this reviewer was glad to have more background about that city, and also enjoyed the many photographs of Riverside villages along the Yukon, Koyukuk, Chandalar, and others, which make names such as Hysila, Ft. Yukon, Allakaket, Ruby, Nulato, come alive. Climbing, back-country boating, and fishing are mentioned also.

Lis Robinson

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The MCA Library is located at Tom Meacham's home, 1410 "H" St. Anchorage. Telephone 277-2129 if possible prior to visiting, to make certain someone is home, which they usually are. The Library is open to all MCA members.

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