



MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA

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MAY MEETING

The meeting will be held Wednesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room of Central Junior High School, 15th and C Streets, Anchorage, Alaska. After the business meeting a slide show will be presented. Details on the slide show were unavailable at press time.

MINUTES FOR MCA APRIL MEETING

The meeting was held on April 18, 1984 at Central Junior High School, Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by Vice-President Tim Neale. Minutes of the March meeting were approved as published in SCREE. New members and guests were introduced.

Treasurer Bernie Helms reported:

\$ 282.56	Petty Cash
465.53	Bank Account
<u>3,661.14</u>	Money Market Rate Plus Account
\$4,409.23	Total

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library: Mike Frank 243-7645

MCA members are encouraged to return any borrowed publications, books, magazines or maps to AMH.

B. Hiking Committee: John Nevin 276-6665

The following corrections were made to the hiking schedule:

1. May 5-6 Gull Rock - Leader is John Nevin
2. May 12-13 Gull Rock - Leader is Reggie Buchanan. This trip is full.
3. June 30-July 4 Curry Ridge - Indian Ridge

4. July 4 - July 8 Crow Pass-Arctic Valley Leader - Bill Stivers
562-4885

Members are encourage to call the leader if they are unable to attend a hike.

C. Trails: Tim Neale 274-4952

A clean-up of the East Fork Trail at Eklutna Lake is scheduled for May 19th and 20th. This is an overnight trip. Transportation will be provided (i.e. boat) to cross the lake. For more information contact Tim Neale.

D. SCREE

Any members who would like to make some simple sketches that could be used to brighten up the pages of SCREE should contact Mark Findlay.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. The Membership Directory was printed in the April SCREE.

B. Hut Committee: Tim Neale 274-4952

A meeting to discuss the use and priveledges of MCA huts will be held at Shenanigan's on Monday April 23 at 7:30 p.m. The previously planned meeting was postponed.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. A new map is available through the Alaska State Parks on the Hill-side Trail System. This is a good resource for beginning hikers and may be picked at 619 Warehouse Avenue. The phone number is 276-2653.
- B. Julie Kelley from the Alaska Environmental Lobby is selling raffle tickets; they are \$10 each or three for \$25. Prizes include a two person Klepper folding kayak and six days at Camp Denali.
- C. Michael Reese from Fish and Wildlife discussed the Kenai Refuge Plan.
- D. Karen Brown is conducting a Women's Hiking Program. Call 345-0282 for more information.
- E. Thanks to Dick Ning, Superintendent of Gates of the Artic National Park and Preserve for his slide show and discussion.

- F. A rock climbing class is being planned by Tim Neale. This will be held two days in June at Snow Bird Mine area. The sign-up sheet was available during the break.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Cavanaugh, Secretary

RAINBOW PEAK

(April 14)

Eight members of MCA hiked up to Rainbow peak and fortunately all managed to return safely. The weather was fair and the trail was dry, so Bill Wakeland got the rare experience of snapping pictures without rain. Norma Lopez, concerned for the safety of the group, kept somewhat behind the group to watch for bears.

Don Hanson sported a new Disco-Patagonia jacket and color-coordinated ice ax. Peggy Michielson, Tom Meekin, Jim Pommert and the lost leader enjoyed a good hike, scenery, and John Nevin's review of "Never Cry Wolf". The club register was still covered with some five feet of snow. We couldn't record for posterity the view of eagles soaring over the peak and the symbol of progress, the new drilling platform near Fire Island. Some five years from now future MCA hikers may not see any eagles, but most certainly they will be surrounded by oil platforms from Portage to Homer.

Gene Klymko

BIRD RIDGE

(April 21)

Some hikes are great while others tend to slip from the memory quickly. This hike will probably fall in the latter category. Larry Brys, Margaret Beattie, Norma Lopez de Victoria and I started up the new trailhead in light rain. A potpourri of weather greeted us along the way, but some good views were enjoyed. A little over half way, wind, snow and unsuitable foot gear brought a decision to retreat. While less than ideal, the abbreviated trip seemed to fill a need for each of us.

John Nevin

Spring and Summer Hiking Schedule

Note: We are trying more frequent trips with fewer hikers including more Sunday and one day trips and would appreciate your comments and ideas. Some of the leaders may change as they have not all been contacted and some trips may be changed for snow, weather or other problems. Please stay in touch with trip leader and inform him (her) or the hiking chairman if your plans change. Hiking chairman for May and June is John Nevin, 276-6665. Other hiking committee members are Doug Gerke 248-6855, Don Hansen 279-0829, Bill Wakeland 563-6246 and Marty Bassett 694-3917. Check sign-up sheet for place and time of departure.

- May 19 BIRD RIDGE
4-5 miles; 3500' maximum elevation gain; repeats April 21 trip
Leader: Don Hansen 279-0829
- May 19-20 EKLUTNA LAKE
trail clearing party; see Trails Committee report above. Tools provided, however, small brush saw or bow saw would be helpful. Meet at UAA parking lot on the west side of the sports facility at 8AM, Saturday May 19th.
Leader: Tim Neale 274-4952
- May 20 WOLVERINE PEAK
9 miles; 3600' elevation gain; 55 Ways No. 34
Leader: Marty Bassett 694-3917
- May 26-28 CHICKALOON-BOULDER
22 miles; minimal elevation gain; traditional spring family outing
Leader: John Nevin 276-6665
- May 26-28 SHEEP VALLEY
18 miles; 3200' elevation gain; Young Creek, some good climbing on middle day
Leader: Don Hansen 279-0829
- June 2 LAZY MOUNTAIN
4 miles; 2900' elevation gain; near Palmer, nice views, may be windy
Leader: call hiking chairman
- June 3 Open

- June 9-10 GULL ROCK
 9 miles; 700' elevation gain; family trip from Hope; 55 Ways
 trip No. 17
 Leader: Doug Gerke 248-6855
- June 9 EAST TWIN
 8-10 miles; 4000-5000' elevation gain; from Eklutna Lake, 55
 Ways No. 41 and beyond; some technical if you go to the top
 Leader: Joy Hornberger 688-3835
- June 10 McHUGH PEAK
 14-18 miles; 2500' elevation gain; via Rabbit Lake, 55 Ways No.
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 Leader: call hiking chairman
- June 16-17 CASTLE MOUNTAIN FROM CHICKALOON
 15 miles roundtrip; 1500' elevation gain to camp, 2500' total,
 very strenuous; leave UAA parking lot at 7AM
 Leader: Mark Skok 274-3934
- June 16-17 CRESCENT LAKE
 8 miles roundtrip via Carter Lake from Seward Highway; elevation
 gain 954'; 55 Ways trip No. 9
 Leader: Rick Severn 344-7269
- June 23-24 FLATTOP SLEEPOUT
 a club tradition; leave Glen Alps parking lot anytime, do not
 assemble at UAA
 Leader: Mark Skok, MCA President
- June 30- INDIAN RIDGE-CURRY RIDGE
- July 4 28 miles; elevation gain 4500' max.; between Little Coal Creek
 and Byers Lake in Denali State Park; mostly above timberline;
 trails at each end
 Leader: Bill Wakeland 563-6246
- July 4-8 CROW PASS TO ARCTIC VALLEY ROAD
 about 40 miles; 3500' elevation gain (to 5000'); climb to Crow
 Pass (3900') from road (1500') on first day, cross higher pass
 on second day (the short route) or go around via Camp Creek, and
 descend Ship Creek; Ice Ax advisable
 Leader: Bill Stivers 562-4885

July 14-15 GLEN ALPS TO INDIAN
via Ship Lake; 16 miles; 1300' elevation gain; no trail part
way; optional climb of the Ramp, without pack of course (3000'
gain)
Leader: Bill Wakeland 563-6246

July 21-22 RUSSIAN LAKE TO COOPER LAKE
Leader: Jim Pommert 562-0145

July 28-29 REED LAKES
Leader: Joy Hornberger 688-3835

July 28- JOHN RIVER

August 10 This is a combination backpacking/river float trip along the
John River in Gates of the Arctic National Park. We would fly
from Bettles to Amiloyak Lake, and hike to the confluence of the
Hunt Fork and the John River. At Hunt Fork Lake a charter
flight would bring boats and additional gear for the rest of the
trip. The remaining 100 miles to Bettles covers a particularly
scenic area of the Brooks Range and should present numerous
opportunities for day hikes. Everyone should have a collapsible
kayak, or similar boat, and some paddling skills. Round trip
transportation from Fairbanks will be about \$300 per person.
Leader: Marty Bassett 694-3917

August 11-12 Open

August 18-19 WILLOWAW LAKES
from Glen Alps
Leader: Bill Barnes 338-1588

August 25-26 Open

September 1-3 LOST LAKE
Leader: Willy Hersman 338-5132

September 1-3 CROW PASS - EAGLE RIVER
via Raven Creek
Leader: still needed

Day hike leaders needed for July and August. See or call John Nevin 276-6665.

GENERAL RULES FOR MCA SANCTIONED HIKES

(April 1983 Scree, amended)

1. Proper equipment is required as follows:

Day Hikes

Compass & whistle
Raingear that works
Warm clothing (not cotton)
Hiking boots
Sunscreen & dark glasses
Mosquito dope
Water
Energy food
Fire starter
First aid kit with moleskin
Pocket knife

Additional for Overnight or Special Situations

Down or synthetic equivalent
sleeping bag
Tent (or prearranged sharing)
Sleeping pad
Stove (if need to cook or melt
snow)-fires usually prohibited
Adequate food for extra day
Dry clothes, socks, headgear, gloves
Stream crossing footwear
Climbing or winter gear if specified
by leader

2. No dogs are permitted on MCA hikes (among the reasons are bear problems).
3. The leader's suggestions are to be followed. Do not go off alone, return or rush ahead without his (her) permission, and don't ford a stream before the leader assesses the situation. Remember, this is a club hike and the leader must know where all hikers are.
4. All hikes commence at UAA Sports Complex, the west entrance, unless otherwise instructed, at a time determined by the leader.
5. You must be signed up on a trip roster (club meetings) or through contact with the leader to accompany a club sanctioned hike--or take your chances on being asked not to go.
6. When carpools are arranged, please plan to pay the driver your share without his (her) asking you. Generally, \$5 for shorter trips, \$10 to \$20 for longer ones.
7. If at the last minute you find you can't go, please let the leader know both for transportation planning and so someone else can go. If you are a leader, help find a replacement.
8. Total number of hikers on club sanctioned hikes:
Minimum: 4 (for safety reasons)
Maximum: leader option, depends upon the trail and
campsite conditions, but generally limited to 12 in
trail-less areas or State and National Parks (for
environmental reasons and maintain a wilderness experience)
9. Firearms are not encouraged, and please let the leader know if you want to carry one--it will be leader's option.

Formulated March, 1984 by Hiking Committee: Wakeland, Nevin, Hansen, Gerke, and Bassett. Approved by Board.

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

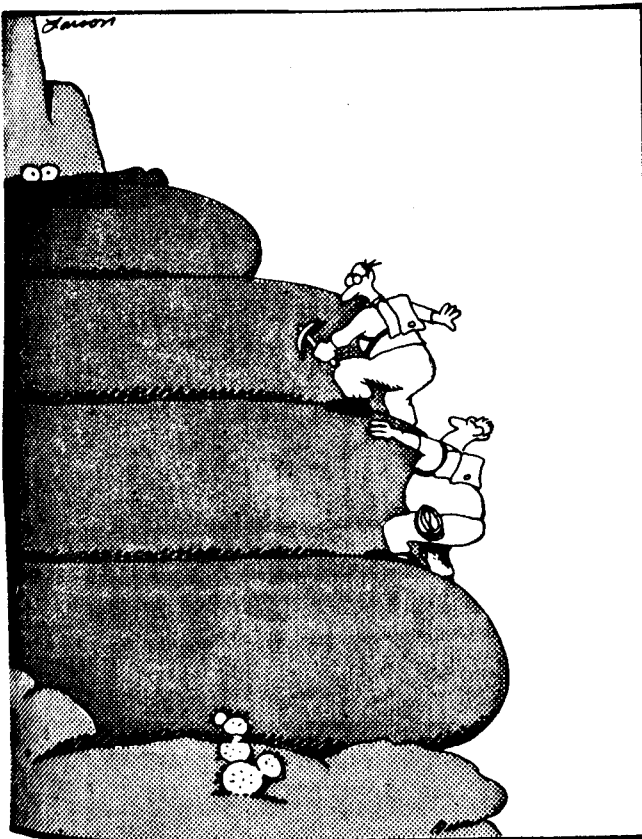
April 23, 1984

Eight folks attended the Monday evening meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to determine if the MCA should establish a policy on the existing huts or leave the hut policy as it is, which is no policy. This was the second of two meetings. Some of the points brought out at the two meetings were:

1. Should a reservation system be established on the existing huts, if so how would this be implemented?
2. Insurance on the huts.
3. Land status
4. Establish a committee to oversee existing huts and any future huts.
5. What should happen to the three huts on the Eklutna Traverse when the special land use permit terminates on October 8, 1985?
6. Build future MCA huts on land to which MCA has some type of title.

Those in attendance included: Willy Hersman, Jim Lashe, Mike Miller, Ron Van Bergeyk, John Loff, Peter Porco, C.E. Trush, and Tim Neale. The committee did decide a reservation system should be established on the Mint Glacier Hut. A permanent committee should be established to determine hut policy. Cost of insurance will be investigated and land status should be researched more thoroughly on existing huts. Hopefully more people will participate and take an active interest in the hut policy. We invite everyone to bring their ideas to the next meeting or contact one of the above named people.

Tim Neale



"Freeze, Earl! Freeze! ... Something rattled!"

Q: Why do mountain
climbers rope together?

A: To prevent the sensible
ones from going home.
(Reader's Digest)