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JUNE MEETING

This will be the annual MCA PICNIC at Fritz Rieger's home, 2106 West Northern Lights Boulevard, at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 22 (one week later than normal meeting time). Please park in back, not on Northern Lights Boulevard. Beer and the main course will be furnished courtesy of the MCA treasury. Each person should bring a side dish, salad, or dessert as well as his own plate and utensils and frisbee!

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, MOUNTAINCLIMBING CLUB OF ALASKA

Wednesday, May 18, 1977, Pioneer School House, Third and Eagle, Anchorage, Alaska.

The meeting was called to order at 8 PM by President TOM MEACHAM. Before the business meeting TOM presented a slide show of Alaskan wilderness. The treasurer's report showed: expenses, \$35.67; checking, \$795.68; savings, \$433.77; cash-on-hand, \$32.50; for a total of \$1261.95.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. TOM MEACHAM announced that there were still three copies of "55 Ways" that were selling for \$5 each. It was also announced that PAUL CREWS is willing to fly people in to the MCA huts and cabins for repair work this summer, if the MCA pays for the gas and oil.

DONA AGOSTI announced the various upcoming hikes and said that leaders were needed for most of them. DONA also announced that DR. MILLS strongly disapproves of the use of diving socks for cold weather climbing because of the various frostbite cases related to the use of diving socks. PAUL DENKEWALTER and TERRY BECKER said that the diving socks were not to blame for the frostbite cases. They said that the diving socks work very well if they fit very loosely and if they are taken off at night.

TOM MEACHAM then announced that JIM RENKERT needs volunteers for a clean-up program on Chester Creek on June 4. Any interested people should contact JIM. DICK TERO announced that a representative from last year's Everest Expedition was going to give a slide show in Fairbanks of the Everest Expedition last summer, and that he might be willing to give one in Anchorage if a time and place were set up (possibly on a Saturday night).

After the break for refreshments, EARL REDMAN presented a slide show on an attempt on Mt. Foraker. The meeting was adjourned.

David Newcombe, Secretary

HUTS AND CABINS: Bill Barnes, Jr., has volunteered to be co-chairman of the 1977 Huts and Cabins Committee whose goal will be to renovate and repair the MCA cabins which have not been maintained for several years now. A significant group of volunteers signed up at the last meeting. When we get a list of needed repairs from parties currently making the Eklutna traverse, work can commence on the repairs.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST HIKING SCHEDULE

- June 18-19
SATURDAY-
SUNDAY The annual MCA summer solstice celebration on FLATTOP. No trip leader will be designated--just come up any time on Saturday, and plan to stay overnight. Bring your kite and frisbee, and a log for the bonfire. See you there!
- June 18
SATURDAY EMERALD LAKE, from Oil Well Road. A one or two day hike, depending on your wishes. Meet 7 AM, Fred Meyer. Leader, COL. DAVE KLINGER, 862-5170. This lake is behind Tanaina, but is reached by following Chester Creek up to its headwaters.
- June 26
SUNDAY BUFFALO MINE ROAD TO SUTTON, via Wishbone Lake and 17-mile lake. (Good fishing.) Meet 8 AM, Fred Meyer. Leaders, ROSEMARY KOBUS and EMILE McINTOSH. Call ROSEMARY at 333-5336.
- July 2-4
SATURDAY-
MONDAY GOLD CREEK, DEVILS CANYON. Train leaves Anchorage at 9 AM Saturday, arrives Gold Creek at 1:25 PM. Adult round trip, \$24; children, half fare. We will hike an old BLM trail and camp about 10 miles up the Susitna on a scenic ridge. The next day, those who wish can hike another 10 miles to Devils Canyon and return to base camp that same day or the next. We will hike out very early Monday in order to catch the return train at 3:51 PM. Leader, DONA AGOSTI, 279-2901. Meet at train depot 8:30 AM.
- July 9-10
SATURDAY-
SUNDAY SHIP LAKE, CHUGACH STATE PARK. One day or overnight. The location is described in "55 Ways" on page 97. It is about an 8 mile round trip. Leader, BILL STIVERS, 277-2869.
- July 15-29 ARCTIC WILDLIFE RANGE. Sorry, reservations closed.
- July 16-17
SATURDAY-
SUNDAY REED LAKES, Talkeetna Mountains. Great family trip. This is a great family trip. The lake is nestled in a mountain glen and the area is safe for kids who like to climb boulders and explore. Long day or overnight. Meet 6:30 AM, Fred Meyer. Leader, PAT KLOUDA, 243-3216.
- July 23-24
SATURDAY-
SUNDAY COOPER LAKE TO UPPER RUSSIAN CABIN TO LOWER RUSSIAN TO RUSSIAN RIVER CAMPGROUND. Altitude gain is by car to Cooper Lake trailhead. One car will have to be left at Russian River campground. Good trail from Cooper Lake to cabin at Upper Russian, distance of about 8 miles. Trail down is about 12 miles. Meet 6 AM, Fred Meyer. Leader needed!
- August 6-7
SAT-SUN PETERS HILLS. Hike number 47 in "55 Ways." Leader needed.
- Aug. 7, SUN. MT. VIGOR. Leader, BILL STIVERS, 277-2869.
- Aug. 13-14 LOST LAKE, near Seward. Leader, TERRY REES. Hike 11 in "55 Ways."
- Aug. 20-21 SHIP CREEK TO INDIAN. Leader, BILL STIVERS, 277-2869.

It is customary for riders to reimburse the driver for gas. Be sure to have change on hand, since it is difficult to change a large bill. Also, it is customary to be a member of the club if you expect to participate in hikes and other activities.

EAGLE LAKE HIKE
May 21, 1977
by LONA AGOSTI

It has been quite some time since this hike was scheduled by MCA and many of us had forgotten how beautiful South Fork Eagle River Valley is. Twelve hikers started out and ten made it to the lake; two hikers also overnighted high on a mountain above the lake. Those in the group were RICHARD HAKEN, DAVE KLINGER, ERIC MONROE, EMILE McINTOSH with KATHY and MICHAEL, JOHN NEVIN, LIZ and AL ROBINSON and GAYLE and JOHN VAN ALPHEN. We obtained permission from Bill Johnston to park our cars about two miles in from the "new" bridge, and permission from the Akasmits at the end of the valley to cross their property. I would caution that these formalities are absolutely necessary because this is private property and a private road. The sign at the bridge means what it says. The homeowners association has tried for years to have the state build this road and maintain it, but if the case of the North Fork Road is any criteria, it will be ten years before they will be heard. There might be a glimmer of hope if the State Park Department gets access funds. If so, I've promised the homesteaders the MCA will give them wholehearted support. For the present, if you do not have permission, stay to the west side of the river which is park land. The statistics on this hike; three hours in, two and a half out; about a ten mile round trip from our parking spot to the lake. We used the upper trail going in and the lower coming out. The concrete cabin base at Symphony Lake continues to mystify us. Who knows the story?
