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JULY MEETING

Wednesday, July 16, 8 PM, Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd and Eagle. Jeff Babcock will present a slide program of last summer's one month trek through the Brooks Range from Anaktuvik Pass to Wiseman, including climbs of Cocked Hat Mountain and Doonerac!

BOARD MEETING

August 4, 8 PM, 2106 West Northern Lights Boulevard

CLIMBING SCHEDULE

- July 19 PIONEER PEAK 6398' This Matanuska Valley landmark calls for 6,000 vertical feet of climbing. Come prepared for a very long day! Leader, Ned Lewis, 279-8428, days. Leave from Valu-Mart parking lot at 7 AM.
- July 26- FERN MINE WEEKEND Rock climbing and intermediate rock climbing school. Come for one or two days. Leader, Ned Lewis, 279-8428, days. Leave from Valu-Mart parking lot at 8 AM, Saturday, July 26.
- August 2- WILLAWAW PEAK 5445' Beautiful hike to Willawaw Lakes in nearby Chugach Park, then up the north-west ridge to the summit. Hikers are welcome to the lakes. Leader needed. Call Fritz Rieger for details, 277-8979, evenings; 274-2525 ext 273, days.
- August 9 GRANITE PEAK 6729' This is the prominent skyline peak on the far right as you look at the Talkeetnas. Visible from Anchorage. Leader needed. Call Fritz Rieger for details, 277-8979, evenings; 274-2525 ext 273, days.

HIKING SCHEDULE

- July 19- KATMAI NATIONAL MONUMENT Everything is "Go!" Meet Dona Agosti at July 24 International Airport. Dona will have the tickets.
- July 26- REED LAKES OVERNIGHT To Lower Reed Lake in the Talkeetnas. July 27 Probably the prettiest spot in Alaska. Leader needed. Call Fritz Rieger for details, 277-8979, evenings; 274-2525 ext 273, days.

HIKING SCHEDULE continued.

August 2- WILLAWAW LAKES
August 3

See Climbing Schedule

August 9- PETERS HILLS (New Route)
August 10

This is an old mining district in the foothills of the Alaska Range. Magnificent views of McKinley and Neighbors. Leader, Raj Bhargava, 344-4082.

"MINUTES" OF JUNE MEETING -- ANNUAL MCA BARBECUE

A number of attempts were made to call the picnic to order. The crowd of 60 or so MCAers periodically turned ugly, citing alleged guarantees, whenever a few drops of rain fell. Pit boss Jon Kavorik calmed the crowd with a virtuoso performance on the chicken. Picnic participants were overwhelmingly generous in the food donated for the affair.

CABINS REPORT

MINT GLACIER CABIN

John Dillman, while enroute to a third ascent of Montana Peak, looked over the Mint Glacier cabin and reports that it is dry and in fine shape, although he noted a little porcupine work on one side of the floor.

WHITEOUT CABIN

Ludwig Ferche is organizing a fly-in to Whiteout cabin to inspect and perform minor repairs.

BITS AND PIECES

Congratulations to fine performances in the Mayor's Marathon to MCAers Jim Renkert 3:23:01, and Durhane Rieger, 3:51:01!

ANNUAL MID-SUMMER FLATTOP SLEEP-IN

June 21-22

Raj Bhargava led a group of 8 souls up Flattop on Saturday afternoon. MCAers continued to dribble up the approaches until upwards of 25 tents of all different persuasions took root. Among these was John Dillman's OmnipoTENT (Get it?) which looks like nothing else on this earth. Bill Brickley and Mike Richardson kept the crowd pleased with rocket launches while Bill Barnes, Jr., flew his Parakite. Earlie John Dillman climbed Ptarmigan by the northwest snow gully, then traversed the ridge to Flattop. Enroute he was surprised by Bill Spencer, in training for Mt. Marathon, who was running the ridge in shorts and sneakers. All the tents were given the appropriate test when a rain and wind squall came up during the early morning hours. The first lull in the weather saw a mass retreat down to Glen Alps.

CHICKALOON-KNIK-NELCHINA TRAIL

June 7-8

Leaving at 10 AM, Saturday, June 7, the group reached the trail via an ATV road along a BLM marked trail which leaves the Glenn Highway just east of Puriton Creek past mile 89. They exited at Chickaloon, Sunday PM. The start was at 2100 feet, finish at less than 1000 feet. "It's down hill all the way."

Side trips as well as overlooks during the second half of the hike revealed rewarding vistas. The group was treated with the appearance of an eagle, many sheep, beavers, greater scaups, and the old standby--moose. While contemplating where to camp, the group was watched by a pair of wolves, standing near their den, who went out hunting for the night but failed to return--probably waiting for the traffic to clear.

Making the trek, led by Wes Howe, were Bob Gordon, John (Moses) Nevin, Chuck Kibler, and Dona, David, Tom, and Tim Agosti. The young Agosti's proved the trek is one ideally designed for youngsters with experience and reasonable stamina.

In view of the variety of terrain and flora and fauna, the vistas it offers, and because it is an easy overnight hike, this trip is highly recommended by experienced hikers in the group as an intermediate hiking experience.

Wes Howe

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DENALI NAME CHANGE

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A proposal to change the name of Mt. McKinley to "Denali" is now before the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. We feel that the original Indian name, "Denali," which means "The Great One" or "The Most High," appropriately describes this great natural feature. Conversely, its present designation honors a presidential candidate who had no relevant association with this area.

We have learned that most of the correspondence to The President, the Secretary of the Interior and the Board oppose the proposal, so, besides the State resolution in support of the name change, other written public support is badly needed. We would appreciate if you would alert your membership, particularly Alaskans, to write letters in behalf of the Denali name change to:

Donald J. Orth
Executive Secretary
U. S. Board on Geographic Names
Reston, Virginia 22092

The Denali Citizens' Council

MONTANA PEAK

July 5

Matt Van Alstine, 17, Dave Trexler, 15, Bill Dawson, 17, and leader John Dillman made a third ascent of Montana Peak via the southeast face and a traverse of the southwest face. The round trip from the Mint Glacier cabin took 12 hours. Sunday evening the same group climbed neighboring Spearmin Spire, 6850'. John Dillman may have set a course record for the hike from Mint Glacier cabin to Little Susitna Road House--five hours.
