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*"Enter nature undistracted and unhurried.
Search for the mysteries surrounding you.
Decipher their messages and understand.
Become part of the great flow of life."*

- Tom Choate



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The Mountaineering Club of Alaska

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"To maintain, promote, and perpetuate the association of persons who are interested in promoting, sponsoring, improving, stimulating, and contributing to the exercise of skill and safety in the Art and Science of Mountaineering."

Join us for our club meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, at the Bayshore Clubhouse at 3131 Amber Bay Loop, Anchorage, Alaska.

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Exploring the ridge – Frank Baker takes a break before heading out farther onto the west ridge of Point 5679, which steepens quickly.
Photo by Frank E. Baker

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Hiking and Climbing Schedule

September 23-25: MCA Ice Fest, Matanuska Glacier. Email mcaicefest@gmail.com for details.

December 23: Flattop Mountain sleepout. No leader.

Calendar

Well, the MCA Calendar Committee is going to need a new layout person for the 2017 Calendar. Some help editing would also be appreciated. Nora Gecan was a great help for the past few calendars and Steve Gruhn has his hands full with other projects. It would be great to identify some like-minded folks with the right skill sets.

Stu Grenier

Online? Click me!



Check the Meetup site and Facebook for last minute trips and activities. Or, schedule one that you want to organize.

Hut Needs and Notes

If you are headed to one of the MCA huts, please consult the notes below to see what needs to be carried to the huts or fixed. All huts have tools and materials so that anyone can make repairs. If you have a favorite hut and would like to take the lead on organizing maintenance and repairs for that hut, the MCA would greatly appreciate the help. If you can help out, contact Greg Bragiel at huts@mtclubak.org or call 350-5146.

All Huts – The MCA Board of Directors has decided to phase out the Coleman cooking stoves in the huts. In the future, as a stove fails, it will not be replaced. Be prepared – take your own stove.

Scandinavian Peaks Hut – Supplies that need to go in: Duct tape, 1"x3" wood for future window framing.

Mint Hut – Maintenance alert/needs – Paint second floor walls. Take your own stove. Be sure to open door and upstairs window when running a stove in the hut. (Minimize the mold problem that has been increasing). If the outhouse toilet barrel appears full, switch the seat with the blank. Urine-separator hose must be disconnected, moved under the bar separating the left and right sides, and reconnected (another barrel under). **DO NOT OVERFLOW THE POOP BARRELS!** Thank you to members of Scout Troop 144 for completing maintenance June 3 through 5, 2016: Installed hut vents. General cleaning. Change out full outhouse barrels. Install urine separator. Clean and repair Coleman stove. Need helicopter mission to empty outhouse barrels summer/fall 2016.

Bomber Hut – Maintenance alert/needs – Scrape and paint outside wood. Thank you to members of Scout Troop 144 for completing maintenance June 7 and 8, 2016: Cleaning.

Dnigi Hut – Maintenance alert/needs – Evaluation of hut structural integrity.

Pichler's Perch – Maintenance alert/needs – Supplies that need to go in: Lantern mantles, mesh lantern globe. Thank you to the MCA Eklutna traverse team. They installed plaques recognizing the donations/contributions of Rain Proof Roofing and Insulfoam to the July 2015 renovation while traveling the Eklutna traverse in April 2016. Human-waste barrel is 1/3 full.

Hans' Hut – Maintenance alert/needs – Coleman stove was replaced in summer 2013, currently not working. Left burner key unable to close valve. (Improper use?) Old stove placed back into function in April 2016. Human-waste barrel is full, no lid. Thank you to Dave Rhodes Eklutna traverse team. They placed a plywood cover as a temporary fix in April 2016. Needs helicopter mission to change human-waste barrel late summer 2016.

Rosie's Roost – Maintenance alert/needs – Noted numerous Wag Bags in barrel. Posted instructions specify use of these bags for pack it out only. In the future the MCA will **NOT** place any more Wag Bags in the huts. However, we will make them available to Eklutna traverse travelers if requested. Human-waste barrel ½ full (last changed in summer 2015 by Cory Hinds and Dave Staeheli). Need helicopter mission to change human-waste barrel late summer 2016.

Greg Bragiel, MCA Huts Chairman, Updated June 16, 2016

Choate's Chuckle

Never make your ice-axe angry:
a pick can break off if it loses its temper.

Noatak Notes: 5 August 2014 a journal by Tom Choate

At last we pull ashore, after 8 p.m., on a bouldery beach bordered by glowing, golden-green tundra.

Soon a red fox approaches, and then turns away, pretending to ignore our group, but he is watching. He remains in sight while we set up tents in his territory and take our seats for the evening stage show, which is developing before us.

Slowly the sun spreads its gold over the hills and waters, flashing and sparkling with every little wave. Soon the sky and clouds far to the northwest become orange and crimson. But the color never remains long enough to fix the image in memory, becoming pink here and purple there, changing hues minute by minute until no sun is left and only a glow remains.

Both the fox and the mountains have become one with the shadows.

“Mini Moonflower” Left-Hand Variation on Mount Hunter

Text by Brett Baekey

Photos by JD Merritt



Brett Baekey crossing over a snow rib to join the normal route.

The term "in condition" is a funny one as it relates to climbing routes, especially those of the frozen variety. One party might look up at what is normally an ice pillar and decide that it would in fact make a fun mixed pitch. As my partner JD Merritt and I approached the north couloir of the “Mini-Moonflower” on Mount Hunter in May 2015, we were not filled with the same sense of optimism regarding the climb's crux section. The middle seemed devoid of any climbable ice, rendering it quite intimidating to our newly acquainted eyes. This was to be our first proper outing of the trip (and my first in the Alaska Range), and while we do both enjoy scrappy mixed climbing, this climb was supposed to just be about moving our bodies efficiently and getting used to certain tactics such as simul-climbing that we would later employ throughout the trip.

We had been flown in just a few days before; after waiting for a day in Talkeetna for the clouds to clear I didn't quite know what to expect. The flight in blew away every expectation I had. It was certainly the biggest mountain range I had ever been in. Flying below the clouds and banking around vast mountain flanks only emphasized this fact. A day or two after setting up our camp, JD and I went for a quick jaunt up the back side of Radio Control

Tower. The idea was to let the scale of the place sink in a bit. It certainly did. After this easy outing we began looking for some more interesting terrain. The night before our first "real climb" we had discussed the options for an enjoyable, moderate route and landed on the North Couloir of the “Mini-Moonflower.”

That morning we packed our bags and forced down some cold breakfast. JD took some caffeine pills and offered me some. Despite the fact that I rarely ever even drink coffee, I accepted and off we were. We skied toward the base of the route in the pre-dawn, a strategy that we would later abandon in favor of evening starts. The snow on the glacier made audible zipping sounds as we glided over it. I focused on these in an effort to calm my nerves. After passing the North Buttress of Begguya, we began scanning the adjacent terrain for a couloir that matched the photo and description we carried in our pockets. After realizing that our intended route was especially lean, we skied farther down the glacier, stopping below a wide swath of alpine ice. It looked inviting enough, so we stashed our skis and donned climbing gear. We crossed the bergschrund with ease and ventured into the icefield above. Sixty-degree alpine ice provided an enjoyable, albeit tiring, medium to climb. I had heard that "calves of steel"

were almost a prerequisite for climbing in this magnificent range. After the first few hundred feet of calf-busting goodness, I was very happy to have done so many exercises in the gym to strengthen mine.

We simul-climbed through the initial ice pitches, enjoying the opportunity to move freely in the vertical world. However, as I reached the belay after JD's lead block, now several hundred feet up the route, I began to feel, well, s---y. The caffeine pills that I had taken a few hours earlier were starting to have an adverse affect. My stomach twisted itself into knots and my limbs began to cramp. I acknowledged the

ailments and then did my best to push these problems to the back of my mind. JD pulled out his camera to shoot some video and, despite feeling less than ideal, I couldn't help but smile as he shouted words of encouragement and just plain nonsense.

I reached the belay and handed the rack over to JD for him to set off again. Above us a large boulder embedded in the ice divided the steepest section we had yet encountered into a pair of thin

runnels. JD led the right of these and into steeper ice above. After running out of screws he built a belay and brought me up. I followed the pitch quickly and grabbed the gear from JD. As I set off he shouted some quip about sore calves and I had to chuckle. Our first proper outing in the range was providing exactly what we were looking for: a sense of scale. I had sprinted through the previous pitch on top rope and wasted no time at the belay before setting off into my own lead. As such, my legs were burning and I climbed as

quickly as I could in order to find some reprieve. I reached the end of our ropes and built a belay below a beautiful, snowy ridge-line. There was no need for any sort of gear transition as I had placed every screw that wasn't in the belay, so JD swung through and began to dispatch the ridge. We could see the upper portion of route we had intended to climb on the other side of the ridge.



Below the crux pitch, with some 80-degree ice on the right runnels (out of view).



Brett Baekey just above the crux runnel.

As he neared the end of it, he did some quite interesting down-climbing and brought us into the upper portion of the North Couloir.

Following the pitch provided some interesting down-climbing through broken rock. It was a fine lead and I was happy to be on the route that we had intended to climb.

We set off on another simul-climbing block, this time with me leading. The cramps that had previously been a mere nuisance were now quite painful. I felt shriveled and jittery all at once and took a moment, on lead, to hydrate and fuel. I had dealt with this before on other climbs and I had not yet figured out an adequate

nutrition plan to avoid it. This slowed our progress somewhat and seriously drained a bit of my psyche. Now most of the way up the route, we could see the corniced ridgeline above. JD took over the lead and brought us to right below the ridge. However, upon reaching him I was simply too wasted by my unfortunate, caffeine-induced predicament to want to continue. We made the decision to start rappelling.

The rappels went by rather quickly. Amidst the blur of downward progress, I distinctly recall passing over the crux section of the North Couloir. I felt in this moment that we had made a prudent decision in avoiding it. After crossing the bergschrund we replaced crampons and ice tools with skis and poles. It should be mentioned that prior to this trip I had almost no experience on skis. While the (uphill) approach provided no real difficulties for me, the ski out was quite a bit more trying. I fell my way down the ski hill and back into camp.

The climb that day had given us exactly what we were looking for and the decision to avoid the normal start to the North Couloir proved to be an excellent one. Later in the trip we would push ourselves a bit more than we did that day, having built off of previous experience. While we had intended for this climb to be a warm-up, it was in fact an excellent outing in its own right.

Ridge Route Offers Nice Option for Hanging Valley Hike

Text and photos by Frank E. Baker



SHADES OF TWO LAKES: Milky-green from glacial runoff, Eagle Lake lies about 100 feet lower than Symphony Lake, with its deep blue color. An old wooden shelter can be seen on the ridge between the two lakes.

Stunning views were opening up quickly as I topped out at 4,600 feet on the ridge between South Fork and Hanging Valleys. Far below to the south was milky-green Eagle Lake, and behind it lay the deep blue waters of Symphony Lake. On my left, or east, was the tarn known as Hanging Valley Lake, nestled in a mountain amphitheater at 3,000 feet.

A 20-knot wind was steady out of the southeast. As I dropped my pack for a rest, an eagle zoomed past about 200 feet above me, apparently taking advantage of the air flow. In just a few moments the bird became a small dot as he swiftly glided down South Fork Valley toward Hiland Road.



HANGING VALLEY LAKE: Wildflowers dominate the landscape on the descent to the alpine Hanging Valley Lake.

It was June of a few years ago and while spring was a bit delayed from this year's, most of the snow along the ridge had melted and alpine wildflowers were already popping out.

The wind made a rather strange swishing sound as it swept across the emerging grass, causing me to turn and look several times. I had brought camping gear, so I picked up the pack and hiked around for a while to find a depression out of the wind where I'd pitch my small, one-man tent.

The tent weighs less than four pounds, and with a lightweight pad and sleeping bag, along with a lightweight stove and utensils, I'm able to keep my pack under 25 pounds, even if I'm out more than one night. My camera and binoculars are as small and light

as I can get them, as well as food – generally freeze-dried meals, oatmeal, beef jerky, and Crystal Lite powdered drink.

That evening the wind subsided, and after my semi-delicious freeze-dried meal, I hiked farther along the ridge, to the south. At that point, with Hanging Valley below and due east, the ridge became quite gnarly, eventually bending to the east to a point only known by elevation: 5,679 feet. I avoided some of the steeper sections, or gendarmes, by dropping down and around to the west, but I chose not to go very far.

I knew several climbers in the Mountaineering Club of Alaska (MCA) who would have had no problem with that terrain, but I considered myself more of a hiker than a climber. When it became too vertical, I either went around or didn't go at all. The low sun was creating alpenglow across the landscape by the time I returned to my camp, just before midnight.

The night was uneventful and I awoke to bright sunshine and only a slight breeze. After packing up my gear, I down-climbed about 1,600 feet to Hanging Valley Lake. On the descent it wasn't that difficult to remain on grassy slopes and avoid rocky sections.

A young moose wandered indolently around at the west end of the lake, ambivalent to my presence. But to be safe, I angled my descent away from him and toward the middle of the lake. The moose took over the area where I generally took a break, so I found a spot at the other end of the lake for a rest stop and snack.

Dropping down into Hanging Valley proper, I took the established trail back out of the valley and then rejoined the main South Fork Valley Trail, completing the loop. The bugs weren't bad and the temperature wasn't much above 60 degrees Fahrenheit – perfect hiking conditions.

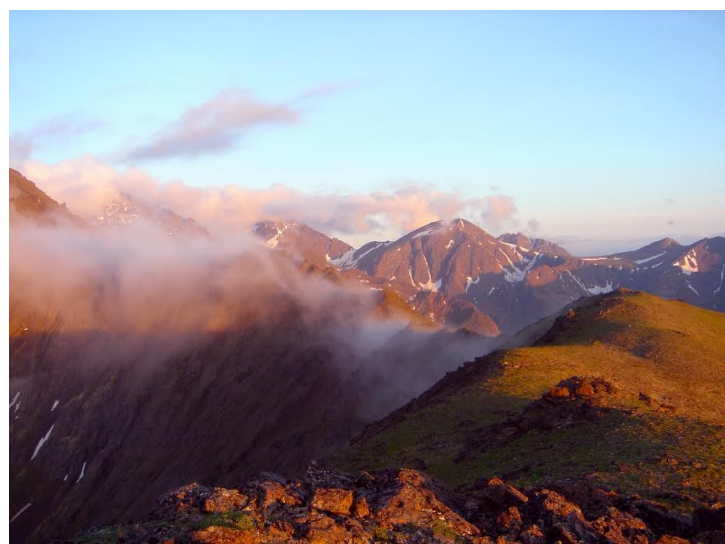
It was such a beautiful day that I didn't want it to end, so for my return trip I walked very slowly, taking it all in – all the way back to the South Fork Trailhead.



SIMPLE CAMP: A lightweight, one-man tent makes for a relatively light pack.



WANDERING MOOSE: A young moose meanders lazily along the shore of Hanging Valley Lake in the Western Chugach Mountains.



MIDNIGHT ALPENGLOW: Nice light at the end of a bluebird day.

Memorable Moments in Alaska Mountaineering

Quotable Quotes from the Annals of the Scree

By Frank E. Baker

Dating back to 1958 and the founding of the MCA, the monthly *Scree* magazine is a treasure trove of mountaineering history and lore by MCA members and others. I have compiled some “quotable quotes” from *Scree* archives that span many decades, thanks to Steve Gruhn, John Recktenwald, Willy Hersman, and previous editors.

Scree April 2012 – Anti-climactic end to epic Kenai Peninsula trip

Upon their return from an epic journey on the Kenai Peninsula, Dano Michaud and Harold Faust encountered a woman at Lowell Point, near Seward, who yelled that they were trespassing on private property and that she would call the police. Faust replied: “Great, we could use a ride.”

http://www.mtnclubak.org/layouts/layout_mca/files/scree/2012/SCREE_04-2012.pdf



Harold Faust waits for George Peck, who is working his way down from a bump on the ridge.

Photo by Dano Michaud

Scree October 1976 – Gnarly ridge climb to Bashful Peak, Chugach Mountains

Linda Hastings commented to climbing partner Garnet Roehm on the summit of 8,005-foot Bashful Peak (August 21, 1976) in the Western Chugach Mountains after Roehm asked his partners if they felt an earthquake: “I don’t know about you, but I’ve been shaking all the way up this ridge.” Other party members were Gunnar Naslund and Jack Duggan.

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http://www.mtnclubak.org/layouts/layout_mca/files/scree/1976/SCREE_10-1976.pdf

Scree May 1986 – First winter ascent of Mount Logan, 19,540 feet

At their final camp at the 16,750-foot level of the mountain, Steve Koslow asked his climbing partners: “Okay, who sliced the cheese?” What he smelled was a chemical reaction, or “meltdown,” in his headlamp’s lithium battery. Other expedition members were Todd Frankiewicz, George Rooney, Vern Tejas, Willy Hersman, and John Bauman.

http://www.mtnclubak.org/layouts/layout_mca/files/scree/1986/SCREE_05-1986.pdf

Scree May 2011 – Where are all the princes?

“What’s up with this ‘prince’ stuff in the U.S.?” Wayne Todd commented upon his view of Prince William Sound from the summit of 6,020-foot Carpathian Peak on a March 12-13, 2011, climb with Tim Griffin, Carrie Wang, Billy Finley, and Yvonne Lamoureux.

http://www.mtnclubak.org/layouts/layout_mca/files/scree/2011/SCREE_05-2011.pdf



Carrie Wang, Tim Griffin, Billy Finley, and Yvonne Lamoureux ascending the east ridge. Prince William Sound is in the background.

Photo by Wayne L. Todd

Scree June 2009 – Rope relay on Ptarmigan Peak, Western Chugach Mountains

On the descent from the 4,950-foot summit of Ptarmigan Peak after breaking away from the rest of the team, David Lynch waited for a rope to be thrown to him by Tim Silvers, who attached a rock. “Sling it David and Goliath style, you know, whip it around a couple times and then let it fly,” said Lynch.

Lynch then saw the rock detach from the rope and head straight at him, 3D style, with his teammates Tony Lutes and Brian Aho doubling over with laughter. Fortunately, the rock missed Lynch.

http://www.mtnclubak.org/layouts/layout_mca/files/scree/2009/SCREE_06-2009.pdf



Brian Aho, Dave Lynch, Tony Lutes, and Tim Silvers on the summit of Ptarmigan Peak.
Photo by Tony Lutes

Scree January 2015 – West face of Mount Huntington is a reality better than a dream

"I fell asleep that night (May 11, 2014) knowing I would not dream, as none would compare with the dream that had been that day's reality," Will Mayo commented on a successful summit of an unclimbed route on the west face of 12,240-foot Mount Huntington with Josh Wharton. The pair branched to climber's left off the "Colton-Leach" route to establish what they called the "Scorched Granite" route.

http://www.mtnclubak.org/layouts/layout_mca/files/scree/2015/SCREE_01-2015.pdf

Routes on the west face of Mount Huntington.
Photo by Mark Westman



Scree January 2006 – Mount Marcus Baker crevasse rescue

"I ... didn't ... know ... I ... was ... this ... cold." – Dahr Jamail's comment to Paul Bezilla after being pulled from a crevasse on the flanks of 13,176-foot Mount Marcus Baker. Other team members were Dano Michaud and Sean Attebury. The team did not summit on that attempt.

http://www.mtnclubak.org/layouts/layout_mca/files/scree/2006/SCREE_01-2006.pdf



Sean Attebury with not much margin for error here.
Photo by Dano Michaud

Scree July 1974 – First winter ascent of 6,391-foot Cantata Peak, Western Chugach Mountains

Will Cottrell: "The trip down at -20 degrees in the snow-dark of Alaska night was the hard part." Other climbers on the January 12, 1974, adventure were Knox Criste and Paul Buxton.

http://www.mtnclubak.org/layouts/layout_mca/files/scree/1974/SCREE_07-1974.pdf

Scree June 1998 – Hunger at 11,500 feet in the Saint Elias Mountains

"Hunger ... it's all in your mind." – Dave Hart to fellow climber Kirk Towner, whose stomach was growling at the 11,500-foot camp during an April 1998 climb of 14,831-foot Mount Bear in the Saint Elias Mountains. Others on the team were Paul Barry, Dawn Groth, and John Lapkass.

http://www.mtnclubak.org/layouts/layout_mca/files/scree/1998/SCREE_06-1998.pdf

Scree January 2012 – Keeping upbeat in the Alaska Range

“We ran out of cord. We ran out of whiskey. We even ran out of toilet paper, but we never ran out of good attitude.” – Marcin Ksok commenting on a June 2011 climb with Craig Peterson up The Royal Tower’s Gargoyle Buttress in the Alaska Range.



*Marcin Ksok on the first pitch of The Royal Tower’s Gargoyle Buttress.
Photo by Craig Peterson.*

http://www.mtnclubak.org/layouts/layout_mca/files/scree/2012/SCREE_01-2012.pdf

Scree July 2015 – Fortunate to have the “big can” of Counter Assault

Ben Still commented to climbing partner Steve Gruhn after he (Still) was charged by a sow grizzly and two cubs during a May 30, 2015, climb south of Hope Point, on the Kenai Peninsula, to Peak 4580: “My Counter Assault 10.2-ounce can of bear spray saved me from a serious bear mauling. Having the larger can also kept the bear at bay just long enough. A smaller can would have stopped spraying three seconds earlier and I don’t want to think about what would have happened then.”

http://www.mtnclubak.org/layouts/layout_mca/files/scree/2015/SCREE_07-2015.pdf



*Steve Gruhn on the summit of Peak 4250.
Photo by Ben Still*

Scree June 2014 – MCA hut maintenance everyone’s job

“New problems must be solved with new thinking.” – MCA Huts Committee Chairman Greg Bragiel, speaking about the longstanding challenges of maintaining the club’s seven huts and strongly emphasizing the need for more member support and participation.

http://www.mtnclubak.org/layouts/layout_mca/files/scree/2014/SCREE_06-2014.pdf



*Scandinavian Peaks Hut.
Photo by Greg Bragiel*

Scree October 2007 – Boisterous bear on Boisterous Peak, Western Chugach Mountains

Upon encountering a grizzly bear on a July 21, 2007, climb of 6,865-foot Boisterous Peak, Ross Noffsinger said: “I expect him to run off, but he doesn’t. Instead he drops to all fours and, with mouth agape, stands and breathes heavily in obvious agitation. We hold our distance and keep talking to him. He again rises to check us out, and then drops. He clearly doesn’t want to leave (apparently he owns the place).” The bear finally trotted away. Other team members were Lisa Ferber, Tom Dolan, Steve Gruhn, Jennifer Campbell, and Annette Iverson.



*Grizzly bear below Boisterous Peak.
Photo by Ross Noffsinger*

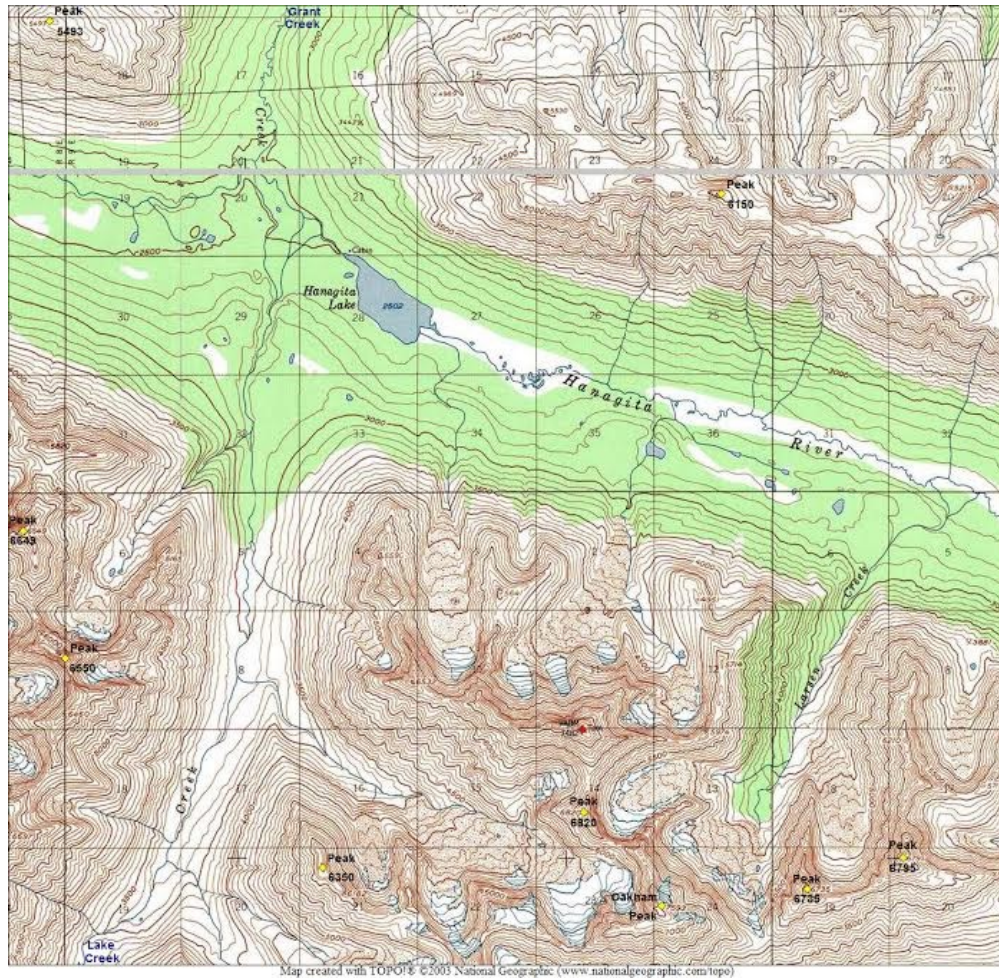
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One of Dick Griffith’s most notable quotes – not necessarily from the pages of the Scree:

“You young folks sleep and eat too much, and you don’t know nothin’.”

Peak of the Month: Peak 7482

Text by Steve Gruhn



Mountain Range: Eastern Chugach Mountains

Borough: Unorganized Borough

Drainages: Lake Creek and Larsen Creek

Latitude/Longitude: 61° 10' 54" North, 143° 44' 54" West

Elevation: 7482 feet

Prominence: 1132 feet from Oakham Peak (7593)

Adjacent Peak: Peak 6820 in the Lake Creek and Larsen Creek drainages

Distinctness: 1132 feet from Peak 6820

USGS Map: McCarthy (A-8)

First Recorded Ascent: 1951 by a USGS party

Route of First Recorded Ascent: South ridge

Access Point: 6350-Foot saddle ½ mile south of Peak 7482

In 1951 a survey party from the USGS flew in a helicopter from Chitina to the 6350-foot saddle about a half mile south of Peak 7482 and about a quarter mile north of Peak 6820. The team then proceeded to hike up the south ridge of Peak 7482 for an hour to reach the summit, where they set a standard survey disk stamped "Tom 1951" into a pipe drilled into rock.

I do not know of a second ascent of Peak 7482.

The information in this column came from USGS notes available at <https://www.geocaching.com/mark/details.aspx?PID=UV3839>.

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