



MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA

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AUGUST MEETING

The meeting will be held Wednesday, August 15th at 7:30 p.m. on the top floor of the Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd and Eagle Streets, Anchorage, Alaska. After the business meeting a slide show will be presented. The slide show will be a compilation of slides brought by you, MCA members. If you have a favorite trip you wish to put on the screen, then bring a dozen or so slides to the meeting and just maybe we'll have enough to fill a carousel.

MINUTES FOR MCA JULY MEETING

The meeting was held on July 18, 1984 at the Pioneer Schoolhouse. The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by Vice-president Tim Neale. Minutes of the June 1984 meeting approved as published in SCREE. New members and guests were introduced and welcomed.

Treasurer Bernie Helms reported:

\$ 306.06-	Petty Cash
498.78-	Bank Account
<u>3774.83-</u>	Money Market Rate Plus Account
\$4579.67-	Total

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Trails:

A trail clearing is planned in August for the Falls Creek Trail (10 miles south of McHugh Cr.). This will be one day only, tools provided. Date is uncertain but it will be on a weekend. Tim Neale 274-4952.

B. Citizens Advisory Board:

The BLM has three positions open on the Anchorage District Advisory Board. These are three year term positions beginning 1/85. They are as follows:

1. Recreation
2. Renewable resources
3. Transportation / Rights of way

For more information:

B.L.M. Public Affairs
Anchorage District Office
4700 E. 72nd Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99507

II. OLD BUSINESS

None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Picnic:

Volunteers are needed; contact Eileen Cavanaugh or Bernie Helms if you are interested in organizing and planning. It will be held Sunday August 26th at Eklutna Lake. MCA provides hot dogs, buns, soft drinks, condiments and paper plates. Members are encouraged to bring salads, desserts, munchies and other beverages.

B. Huts

MCA has a five year lease on the huts within the State Park system which expires October 1985. At this time MCA members have priority use but they are still open to the public and there is no formal reservation system at this time. A decision is pending which would put the huts under control of the State Park. If so, they would be responsible for reservation and maintenance, not the MCA.

C. Ice Climbing Class

September 29-30 at Matanuska Glacier. An additional class on September 22 at Byron Glacier is planned for persons taking the climbing course, who wish to get some glacier experience.

Thanks to John Kress for his presentaion on South American trekking and climbing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Cavanaugh, Secretary

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 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.

August 11-12 LOST LAKE
Leader: Jim Pommert 562-0145

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

August 25 MCA Picnic
Eklutna Lake. For details, call Bernie Helms(243-3124) or
Eileen Cavanaugh(337-1394)

September 1-3 LOST LAKE
Traverse from south to north; 15 miles one way; 1800' elevation gain; bring a small plastic container for salmonberries and blueberries; ascent of Mt. Ascension is optional for those who are willing and able, ice axe and crampons are desirable for the climb; UAA parking lot at 8am rain or shine
Leader: Willy Hersman 338-5132

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

Gunnar Naslund Challenge Course Dedication

Sunday Afternoon 2:00 PM August 26th.

All of Gunnar Naslund's friends and members of the Mountaineering Club of Alaska are invited to the formal dedication of the Group Challenge Course, named in Gunnar's honor and memory, located in the Hillside Park. The dedication ceremony conducted by the Municipality's Department of Parks and Recreation will begin at 2:00 PM at the course on the west side of Service High School, adjacent to the bike path. This is on the opposite side of the school from the ski trails and the Hilltop Ski area.

If you would like to say something in Gunnar's memory as part of the dedication, please contact Beau Bassett at 274-9349. After the formal ceremony, there will be an opportunity to try some of the elements of the course, so wear some casual clothing and come prepared to participate.

Basic Glacier Travel Class

This class is open to any beginner and is required for all that want to take the MCA ice climbing school but have not had any glacier experience. The tentative dates for this class will be: classroom, September 13, day on the glacier, September 16. Be sure to sign up at MCA meeting August 15.

Ice Climbing Class

The annual MCA technical ice climbing school will be held, tentatively, the last weekend in September. The course will consist of one classroom session - which is mandatory - and two days of ice climbing at the Matanuska Glacier. This class is for learning the basics about vertical ice climbing (i.e. waterfalls and gullies) only. No glacier walking techniques will be covered! Due to the limited availability of equipment, we are forced to limit the size of this year's school to 44 students. Present dues-paying members will have priority. They will be able to sign up at the August meeting. Further details will be published in next month's SCREE. Those interested in instructing should contact Terry Becker at AMH (272-1811).

Volunteer Trail Clearing

Saturday August 25

One day exercise. Meet at west side UAA Sports Complex at 8AM. We will probably work on the Falls Creek trail. Bow saws and clippers will be provided by Chugach State Park. For more information call Tim Neale 274-4952.