



MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99510

October 1978

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OCTOBER MEETING

Wednesday, October 13, 1978, Pioneer School House, Third and Eagle, Anchorage, Alaska. On the program for this meeting are the annual MCA elections of officers and Board members. Dona Agosti will present a slide show on the July trip to the Wrangell Mountains and a representative of the Alaska Division of Parks will speak briefly on the statewide recreation and parks bond issue which is on the ballot in the upcoming general elections.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING, MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA

Wednesday, September 20, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM by President LaDue.

Dick Thaler gave an interesting mini-slide show of the many sights from sea level on the daily tour boat cruise in Glacier Bay out of Bartlett Cove in the summer.

Business meeting. Treasurer's Report: Cash \$23.22; Checking account \$252.91; Savings account \$465.57; Total \$741.70. Dona Agosti gave a Hiking Report on the past season indicating good attendance on enjoyable hikes. Gene Klymko will lead a hike to the Wedge on Sunday, September 24. Alaska Rescue Group will make another attempt on September 30 to look for the last two of four skiers lost in January in the Taylor Creek avalanche. MCA members are requested to assist. (Eight members assisted; no bodies found.) A new Editor for SCREE was announced, Ken Blue. Articles are needed. It was reported that the MCA Board met on September 5 and passed a motion to support Alternative W of RARE II for the Chugach National Forest. Individual comments are solicited not later than October 1. An appeal from the University of Alaska, Anchorage, that MCA become an affiliate Member will be printed in the next SCREE for review by the membership and consideration at the October meeting. Terry Becker announced the 4th annual Ice Climbing class on September 24, with an introductory meeting to be held September 21, 8:00 PM at Central Jr. High.

Nominations for 1979 MCA officers and Board members were requested prior to the annual election at the next monthly meeting. The following were nominated:

President:	Valerie LaDue	Treasurer:	Pierce McIntosh
Vice-Pres:	Craig Kenkert	Board Members:	Meg Leonard
	Garnet Boehm		Tim Neale
Secretary:	Al Robinson		Bill Quirk

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Additional nominations may be made at the October meeting before the election.

After the Intermission for refreshments, Wally Orr gave a slide show of a lengthy climb of Mt. Silverthron in August 1973. Fellow climbers were Jim Hale, leader, Roni Hale, John Dargis, Terry Anderson Pierce, and Vern Tejas.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

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WINTER CLIMBING

New winter climbing leader is Larry Tedrick. If any information is needed on winter climbing schedule call Dick Thaler 244-6038 (home) or 274-7522 (work).

CLIMBING SCHEDULE OCT./NOV.OCT. 7-3 CALLIOPE (6,810')

South Fork of Eagle River, elevation gain 4,800' UGS, Anch. A-7, 16 miles round trip. (Ice axes, crampons, wind gear, rain gear, and cold weather gear are required for this trip; don't forget a headlamp and sunglasses.) All food and fuel will be on an individual basis; climbers who have tents and or ropes will be asked to bring them to the meeting place where numbers of tents and ropes will be determined. Meet at 7:00 AM at the corner of 10th and I street on the parkstrip.

OCT. 14-15 NORTH & SOUTH SUICIDE PEAKS (5,005' & 5,065')

Upper Rabbit Creek, elevation gain 3,000' UGS, Anch. A-6, 17 miles round trip. (Same as above except that skis may be needed. This will be decided by the 12th.)

OCT. 21-22 PEAK 5,390', ORGAN GLACIER

North Fork of Eagle River, elevation gain 4,700', UGS Anch. A-6, 17 miles round trip. (Same as above except that tennis shoes, neoprene booties or whatever should be brought for the river crossing; double boots, Bunny Boots or the equivalent should be used on this climb and the rest of the winter.)

OCT. 23-29 EAST TWIN PEAK (5,373')

Lower end of Sklutna Lake, elevation gain 4,300', UGS Anch. A-8, 3 miles round trip. (Same as above, except that skis with climbing skins may be needed, this will be decided by the 26th.)

NOV. 4-5 KILLIAK, (7,030')

North Fork of Eagle River, 6,500' elevation gain. UGS Anch. A-6, 14 miles round trip. (Same as above, on climbing gear and equipment. Skis with skins will be needed.)

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11 O'MALLEY PEAK (5,105')

Campbell Creek, elevation gain 3,000', UGs Anch. A-7, 3 miles round trip. (Day climb, skis, wind and cold weather gear, ice axe, headlamp)

18-19 BOLD PEAK (7,522')

Near Eklutna Lake, elevation gain 6,500', 20 miles round trip. (Same as Kiliak on equipment and gear. Skis with skins, ropes, crampons, ice axe, etc.)

NOV. 25 THE RAMP (5,240')

Campbell Creek, elevation gain 3,240', UGs Anch. A-7, 10 miles round trip. (Day climb, skis with skins, axe, headlamp, wind and cold weather gear.)

NOTE: ALL TRIPS WILL MEET ON THE PARKSTRIP AT 10th AND I STREET AT 7:00 AM

AVALANCHE DOG TRAINING

Sandy Bryson, author of Search and Rescue Dog Training, will be in Anchorage for the Alaska Avalanche School and will be having training for avalanche dogs. For more information give Sally Santeford a call at 349-1936.

ICE CLIMBING CLASS A SUCCESS

A record number of people enjoyed the sunshine at Matanuska Glacier on September 23 and in the process polished their ice climbing skills. Judging by the faces at the end of the day a good time was had by all. A special thanks goes out to all the instructors. Participants were: John Wahl, Ernie Borson, Tim Neale, Bob Hume, Valerie LaRue, Craig Renkert, Candy Pierson, Nancy Savage, Tom Williams, Bob Mintz, Susan Foster, Mary Pomeroy, Jim Eason, Margie Walden, Karen Braum, Carney Mims, Ed Taylor, Bill Field, Meg Leonard, Dan Fortier, Ed Mohn, Kirk Swanson, Robert Day, Jack Hill, Steve Renick, Meg Connell, John Van Alpen, and Christy Gibbs. Instructors included: Barry Kirscher, Mike Robinson, Nick Parker, Jim Hale, Jack Duggan, Terry Becker, and Doug Billman. A total of 35 people were involved.

MCA ASKED TO BECOME AFFILIATE OF UAA

Letter to the MCA from UAA dated Aug 15th.

The Mountaineering Club of Alaska has an opportunity to become an Affiliate of the University of Alaska, Anchorage which will entitle you to special privileges.

All non-profit groups are eligible to become UAA Affiliates at no cost to them. Services and privileges provided to groups choosing to become Affiliates include

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of university facilities at no charge (except for additional labor involved) on a first-come, first-served reservation basis; coordination of special services on campus such as food services and graphics at special rates, and coordination of all requests for academic programs, both non-credit and credit. Still other privileges include use of specialized library materials on fund-raising and non-profit management for Affiliates' board members; assistance with seminars, conferences, short courses and special events held on campus; assistance in volunteer recruitment and recognition, and audience development help by means of the annual Arts Fair.

Groups wishing to become Affiliates of UAA need to be non-profit and recognized as such by the State of Alaska and the Internal Revenue Service. In return, groups who do become Affiliates of the University will support UAA by providing advice as to changing community needs that call for UAA attention and assistance, recommending curriculum revision as dictated by special interests of affiliated groups, and reporting from the board at least once annually to the chancellor on the effectiveness of the affiliation program.

If your organization is interested in becoming affiliated officially with UAA, please fill out the enclosed Memorandum of Understanding and return to the Office of Public Affairs at the address of this letterhead. Additional information may be obtained by contacting me or Betty Jennings at 279-6622, ext. 531.

Sincerely,
/signed/
Mel Kalkowski
Public Affairs

Think this over and lets hear your views at our October meeting. Thanks.

ALASKA DIVISION OF PARKS SENDS NOTE TO MCA

Note dated 7Oct 1978:

We hope that you are aware of the ~~one~~ item devoted to statewide recreation and parks on the general election ballot in November. If not, you should know that the many measures put to you by the Legislature for bonding and support of the statewide programs of the Alaska Division of Parks are together on just one ballot option.

Whatever information you might need about this subject is immediately available by writing to the Director, Alaska Division of Parks, Suite 210, 619 Warehouse Avenue, Anchorage 99501. Much quicker would be a telephone call to Neil Johannsen, Chief of Planning, Division of Parks, at 274-4676, in Anchorage.

The Division of Parks Director, Terry McWilliams and her staff, will welcome your communications and telephone calls, and will offer whatever help or information you might find helpful.

This note came for Alfred Mongin, Special Assistant to the Deputy Director Alaska Division of Parks. If you need additional information his number is

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274-4676 at work or 279-1064 at home. Mr. Mongin also has an office at 619 Warehouse Ave. Suite 210. There will also be a representative at the October meeting.

MCA IN SUPPORT OF RARE II

This is the letter sent to the Chugach Forest Service by the MCA:

Gentlemen:

The Mountaineering Club of Alaska supports the Chugach Forest Study Group Alternative W for RARE II.

The Club was founded in 1953 and consists of approximately 200 members, and includes hikers, climbers, and ski-tourers. Many of our members have an intimate knowledge of the areas involved in RARE II, especially those on the Kenai Peninsula.

The Board of Directors studied the RARE II Alaska Supplement prepared by the Forest Service, including Alternatives A through J. The Board considered the matter at a meeting on September 5, 1978, and voted unanimously to support Alternative W.

The Club also supports the classification of the Johnson Creek drainage from Johnson Lake to Trail Lake as wilderness. This classification would protect one of the two point-to-point trails on the Kenai Peninsula, the Johnson Pass Trail. This trail is not presently improved with cabins, so there would be no conflict with the wilderness classification. The Johnson Pass Trail is heavily used in the summer by hikers and climbers, and the portion of the trail from Moose Pass to Johnson Lake is used in the winter by ski-tourers.

Very truly yours,

Mountaineering Club of Alaska
/signed/
Valerie LaDue, President

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FOR SALE - 2 EMS Mt. Robson Down Sleeping Bags. Long-\$135. Medium-\$125 or both for \$200
1 pair Custom "Wyoming Woolens" nylon Gaiters \$27
1 REI "1 Squeeze 2" Bivy Sack Waterproof bottom \$15
1 pair EMS Insulated Overboots large \$30
Contact Paul Kelson 333-6965 (All in excellent condition)

ED'S NOTE: We need articles about your adventures out there in the wild Alaskan mountains. We ask that you resubmit any article of climbs or hikes done this year that were not printed. Thanks. KB