



MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA

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### OCTOBER MEETING

The meeting will be held Wednesday, October 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd and Eagle St., Anchorage, Alaska. After the business meeting, and the election of new officers and board members, the annual MCA Swap and Shop will be held. Time to pick up that extra piece of equipment at a bargain price or sell that unneeded gear for some extra pocket money.

### MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The meeting was held September 18, 1985 and called to order by President Doug Van Etten at 7:45 p.m. The minutes for August were not available to read and approve.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

\$ 382.71 - Petty Cash  
2,036.45 - Money Market Rate Plus Acc.  
903.38 - Bank Account  
\$3,322.54 - Total MCA Monies

(1) Membership for single members: \$7.50  
family members: 10.00

(2) All memberships expire on 12/31/85. Dues paid after October 1, 1985 will be applied to 1986 memberships. Pay early and avoid the rush.

#### I. Old Business

A. Willy Hersman reported that the State Department of Natural Resources requires that the MCA file an application for a users permit for the Mint Glacier Hut. The fee could run \$100 annually, but an alternative to this is being investigated at this time. If the club does not

receive a permit, there are two options for the hut: tear it down or turn it over to public use.

- B. The lease on the other three MCA huts (the Eklutna traverse) expires at the end of this month. The Mountaineering Club will seek a renewal in October.

## II. New Business

- A. Tim Neale announced a series of public meetings dealing with management of the Chugach State Park wilderness area. The Planning Department of Chugach State Park is holding the meetings to obtain public opinion regarding trails, recreational uses, land acquisition, huts, etc. for the future.

The meetings (were): Oct 1 7:30p.m. Bore Tide  
Oct 2 7:30p.m. Pioneer Schoolhouse  
Oct 3 7:30p.m. Eagle River Elem. School

Tim encouraged MCA members to attend the meetings and voice their opinions. Tim also left information regarding Prop. 12: \$9,000,000 Neighborhood Improvement (Parks) Bonds for members.

## III. Announcements

- A. The Technical Ice Climbing Class (was) held Sept. 28-29. You must be a MCA member to sign up for the class, and must attend the classroom session on Wednesday Sept. 25th. and pay \$5.00 course fee.
- B. The Emergency Trauma Training Course will begin Tuesday, Oct. 1 at East High School in Room 71 at 7:00 p.m. The class will meet on Tues. and Thur. evenings from 7-11 or 6-10 p.m. depending on class input. The class will meet Oct 1-3, 8-10, 22-24, 4 nights in November and 3 6-hour Saturday sessions. The course is limited to 25 persons and will cost approximately \$120 per person. A sign-up sheet (was) available at the September meeting, but space may still be available if you hurry and call Doug Van Etten (243-1550).
- C. Elections will be held at the October meeting. Positions to be filled are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 Board members. Nominations were taken from the floor and seconded for a few positions:

President: Mark Findlay  
Vice Pres: Willy Hersman  
Board: Mike Miller  
Ron Van Bergyk

Club members wishing to submit nominations any time before the October meeting should do so to one of the officers on the back of Scree. As has been usual in the past, nominations will be taken at election time at the October meeting by our Robert's Rules of Order expert, John Lohff.

- D. Tim Neale proposed that the MCA publish an annual supplement to the Scree featuring trip reports with photos, similar to the publication produced by the American Alpine Club. Tim estimated the cost of production will be \$600-\$700 per supplement. Anyone wishing to discuss the project further should contact Tim Neale at 274-4952.
- E. A basic winter mountaineering class will be offered by Tim Neale, Willy Hersman and Mike Miller. Details are in the following article.

Thanks to Mark Findlay for his slides of Prince William Sound.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Hodson

### Beginning Mountaineering Class

A class intended for folks with little or no experience in winter climbing/backcountry travel. This class will cover such information as equipment, including clothing, knots, snow climbing, glacier travel, crevasse rescue, avalanche awareness, use of crampons, and ice axe techniques.

There will be an evening class, October 29th, 7:30 p.m. at A.M.H., 2633 Spenard Rd. We will meet for a weekend session on November 2nd and 3rd. This will not be an overnight trip. One more weekend session will be held, dates to be determined at the Oct. 29th class. Crampons and ice axe can be checked out from the club.

Sign up for the class at the October 16th general meeting. For more information call Tim Neale (274-4952) or Willy Hersman (338-5132)

### Japanese Alps, Pamirs and Hesperus To Highlight Annual AAC Meeting

This year's annual meeting of the Alaska Section of the American Alpine Club has been scheduled for Saturday, November 16, at the Northern Lights Inn. This site was selected based on last year's overwhelming success. The date was chosen so that a slide presentation of the section's climbing exchange to Japan can be featured at the meeting. In addition to the exchange, other scheduled presentations include an expedition to the Soviet Pamir Range and the first ascent of Alaska's formidable Mt. Hesperus. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. with an overview of section activities during the past year; a National Park Service report on the 1985 climbing season in Denali Park; and a report from the AAC's Board of Directors. Also scheduled for the afternoon are short slide programs on an ascent of Astroman (5.12) in Yosemite and a look at two routes on Mt. St. Elias.

Persons who are not members of the American Alpine Club are welcome to attend the meeting. There will be a banquet prior to the feature slide presentations which begin at 5:30 p.m. The cost for this banquet to non-members is \$23.00 per person. The slide shows will begin at 7:30, and there will be a \$4.00 admission charge for non-members who did not participate in the banquet. Reservations are required, please try to make them by November 9th by calling Ernie Borjon at 344-8661.

### TRIP REPORTS

#### Tips on Baleful

I enjoyed reading Mike Miller's recent account of their ascent of Mt. Baleful. There is an easier way into the valley of the Redspot Glacier that I would be happy to share with future aspirants. The climb by Jack Duggan, Gunar Naslund et al in 1981 was only to the north summit according to their Scree write-up. They considered doing the traverse, but time and weather were short. I believe that the south peak is higher.

The 15-Mile Glen Alps to Indian  
Something for Everyone  
Dripathon

Aug 11, 1985

We started off with blue skies, sunshine and everyone smiling, we had successful rock-hopping across Campbell Cr. (except for Gene who was successful at turning his toes blue by wading). We hiked through blueberries, past a whistling marmot and into a strong wind until we reached the top of the pass where we huddled on the leeward side of a boulder and our cold stiff fingers tried to put on most of the clothes in our packs.

We headed down to Ship Lake, a beautiful aqua-green alpine lake (renamed "lunch lake" by the hungrier ones in the group). A big wind chased us out Ship Valley and rain greeted us at Indian Valley.

We knew we were in bad need of a machete when we encountered tall grass, up to our armpits, that made us feel for the trail with our feet. The rain soaked us from above and the grass and bushes from below--you might say we had been "up Ship Creek without a paddle". The only sound in Indian Valley was our wet socks squishing down the trail.

The short downhill sections of the trail were mudslicks providing lots of funny gyrations and falls. By now we were all so wet (even in our raingear) that few were rock hopping or using the log bridges to cross Indian Cr., wading was the way. We found salmon and cucumber berries and saw a gray jay and a dipper (water ouzel).

At the end of the trail thoughts of warm clothes and homes were in our heads, but it was a good hike despite all the tricks nature played on us and everyone was still smiling. Good people make a good hike and this is one that will be remembered around the fire come December.

Participants in the dripathon were Katie Byrne, Betsy Gerace, Gene Klymko, Norma Lopez, David Mayerson, Peggy Michielson, Josh Raymond, Todd Shipley, Jane Stammen, Enrique Toro, Aaron Wester and Kathy Burke.

Kathy Burke