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OCTOBER MEETING

Wednesday

September 15, 7:30 pm

Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd & Eagle Streets
Downtown Anchorage

Slide Show: Richard and Wendy will show slides of their *Chugach* adventures.

Gear Swap: Bring in you used outdoor gear and check books and have a swap.

HIKING AND CLIMBING SCHEDULE

Oct 12 Arkosc Peak

Talkeetna Mnts. Class C. Elevation gain 3300 feet. Start from the Mother Lode and cross the Little Susitna River to attain the summit of this 5200-foot peak.

Leader: Peter Clifford 338-1729, Dennis Morford 522-1179

Oct - Nov Byron Glacier Caving

Trips on Saturdays or Sundays from mid-October to mid-November. Sign up at the October or November meetings. Required gear includes flashlight or headlamp. Ice tools not required.

Leader: Curvin Metzler 333-8766

TRIP REPORTS

Temptation - Tanaina Traverse

by Joe Anders



We did a fun traverse from the Snowhawk cabins to Stuckagain heights and thought other MCA members might like to know about the route. On Aug. 23, Raj Choudhury, Greg McDuffie and I set off under clear skies to bag Temptation and both Tanaina's.

We staged a car at Stuckagain Heights, below the burned out restaurant. Drove around to Fort Richardson and parked in front of the bridge over Ship Creek. Hiked up the road to the Ship Creek dam, then up the trail to lower Snowhawk cabin. The grass was wet and we got soaked, but it was a trail - kept us from having to beat brush! Continued up Snowhawk

valley to upper Snowhawk cabin, then up the SW slope of Temptation. Great views of Ship Valley. We hiked down and across the ridge that connects Temptation and East Tanaina. It's an easy, pleasant walk up to about 1/2 mile from East Tanaina, then it gets pretty rough. "Intimidating", according to Greg. The ridge becomes broken up into large, steep blocks that are climbable but composed of rotten, exposed rock. We tried continuing up the ridge, then decided to traverse around the east side of the ridge. Found a gully that took us up to the ridge between Koktoya and East Tanaina, then walked up that ridge to the summit. Another pleasant ridge walk got us to West Tanaina, then we dropped down to Long Lake, hiked out to the Dome and took the trail down to Stuckagain Heights. Counted over 50 sheep on the side of Mt. Elliot, only one other person. Beautiful weather, long day - great hike! It's wonderful to live so close to such an incredible park!

A Couple of Club Trips

by Willy Hersman



ord quit making Thunderbirds. I heard it on the radio the morning we met to climb Thunderbird Peak. Always liked the old Thunderbirds, back when they had the oval window in the rear. What a great car. If they made cars like that now, I'm sure they

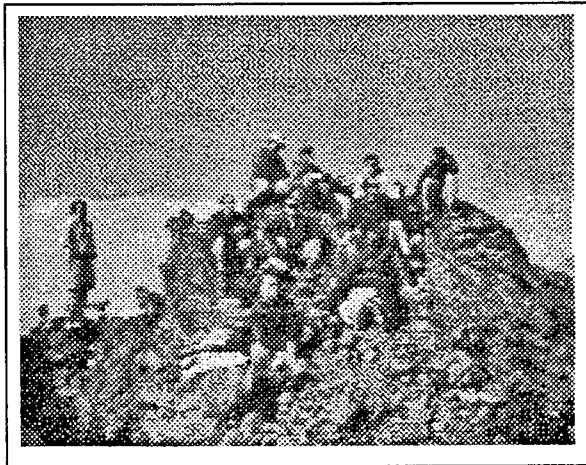
would sell. I didn't sell too many folks on the peak, however. On September 6th, just four of us left Eklutna Lake parking lot, headed for the spillway and on into the woods. Tom Choate hadn't signed up and didn't know it was an overnight trip. Shocked to see my heavy pack at the cars, he wondered if there was enough time for he and Ed Kamienski to make the round trip before dark. It would be a long day.

Working our way to the ridge turned out to be easier than it looked, thanks to recent flagging left by hunters. Working our way past the blueberries turned out to be harder. This was a real good year for them, and we spent as much time as we could, given that we had 18 miles to cover, stuffing our faces. The climb turned out to be a very pleasant ridge walk, mostly on sheep trails, with an excellent view of the lake and nearby peaks all the way. Troy Larson and I dropped our packs above a nice campsite on our way to the summit. All was well on top, register in tact. We signed in and promptly returned. Troy and I spent a breezy night at a small tarn, where I struggled to put up a new tent without instructions. Biblers have no

pole sleeves you see. Very confusing at first.

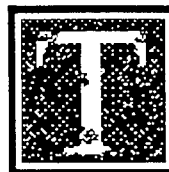
A month earlier I had many more people to deal with. On August 2nd, 19 of us crowded into Stivers' Gully to climb Bold Peak. It was impossible to keep track of everyone, so I quit trying. We were separated by hours. Some waited two or three hours on the summit to get a group photo. It was quite a large group for the tedious climb. Once every ten years seems about right for those boulders that never quit rolling under foot. 1997 was the fiftieth anniversary of the first ascent of Bold, the first 7000er climbed. I led the fortieth and hope to be able to lead the climb again on the sixtieth.

Thanks to everyone for being safe.



Triplemint

By Willy Hersman



his is the first trip report of a climb of Triplemint in the *Scree*. That seems odd, given that it sits right across from our most popular hut, but no one had written it up. I could find nothing about a climb since it was first mentioned as part of a crude map in the 1968 newsletter. And I could never find who had done the first ascent from any of the old hut logs. In fact the first hut log is gone, lost for good.

Triplemint, for those who have never been there, is one of the Mint Glacier spires in the Talkeetna Mountains. It sits next to Peppermint and Doublemint, in view of Troublemint and Spearmint

and all those features which have been affectionately named over the past 25 years by climbers who ventured to the area, ready to add to the list of mint-related, word-corrupted names, like Parliamint, Tenemint and Condom-mint (ghast). Yes, the hut log is entertaining. Like the other spires nearby, Triplemint is composed mostly of diorite and granodiorite, close enough to be called granite, I guess, and is therefore more likely to offer challenging routes. Of course I always look for the easiest way up, and decided, after talking to those who had been there and done that, and listened to their lists of hardware, accolades of rock quality and praises of sound anchors, that the easiest way up was yet undone. I'd seen it actually on a ski descent from one of those other minty things, Telemint.

On July 26th Doug Huvar, Hollis French and I walked to the end of Little Su valley and made camp below the noisy roar of the waterfall spitting out from Mint Glacier. The river was very swollen from all the melting going on up above. We left our weedy camp the next day, crossed the torrent and headed for the Telemint Glacier and the south face of the peak. Yes we had all that hardware stuff, ropes and helmets and chocks, rurps, friends, and extra this and that, but after a ledge here and a slope there and a bit of route-finding we were on the summit without pulling any of it out. I'm not sure I could detail it for you now, but if you want to follow our route, just stare at the face long enough and it all becomes clear.

On the summit Hollis unearthed the register. Not many entries in it really. All of the previous ascents were from the north side, up the granodiorite cracks, and back down avoiding the south face, because that is not the most expedient way if you stay at the hut. The first entry was from July 1979, but gave no real name, just an alias, Avenger or some such thing. So the search for climbing history goes on. By the way, you'll want a rope on the south face, even if it stays in the pack. Diorite gets mighty slippery if it rains.

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER MEETING

TREASURY REPORT

Kirk Towner reported we had "ditto from last month" and that there would be an upcoming detailed report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hiking and Climbing

An unpublished trip to Arkose Peak was announced for the 12th of October.

Huts

The 210th flew materials into the Bomber, Mint and Dnigi Huts. The Bomber outhouse has been built by Willy and needs to be flown in.

Training

The ice climbing class will be on the 27th and 28th of September. There is a mandatory meeting on the 25th at which the fees will be collected.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The MCA will have a gear swap at the October meeting.

Rod Wilson, 3rd MCA president (1961), is writing a book on the Tordrillo Range. If you have any knowledge of climbs he may not be aware of, or outstanding photos of the area, contact Rod, Paul Crews, Sr., or Lowell Thomas, Jr., see Adze.

Betty Wood showed t-shirts she has for sale.

The club is pursuing a new design for t-shirts and patches.

Next month is elections. All officer and two board positions are up for grabs.

We held the photo contest for the club calendar. Many excellent photos were submitted and we will have a super calendar (possibly by the November meeting). Thanks to Michael Thompson for a great slide show on the Haute Route. We saw a slightly different hut system from our own.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Todd

Mountaineering Club of Alaska

Annual Report for 1997 Budget - through September

REVENUE		Actual Amount Through 9/26/97	Proposed for 1997	Percent of Budget
Membership Dues	<i>received during calendar year</i>	3,390.00	3,000	113%
Training	<i>ice climbing, crevasse rescue, other</i>	2,175.00	1,800	121%
Other:	<i>interest, MCA product sales, advertising</i>	115.75		
Mountain House Order		1,579.54		
Photo Calendar		226.00		
TOTAL REVENUE		7,486.29	4,800	

EXPENSE		Actual Amount Through 9/26/97	Proposed for 1997	Percent of Budget
Training	<i>campsite and access fees, instructors</i>	1,347.50	1,200	112%
Scree	<i>postage, mailing, printing (currently free - BP)</i>	486.12	1,000	49%
General Meeting	<i>rent, refreshments, entertainment</i>	775.01	700	111%
Administrative	<i>office supplies, forms, PO box, bank fees, rewards</i>	390.16	500	78%
Hut Construction & Maint.	<i>materials, supplies, hut equipment, lease fees</i>	1,313.95	400	328%
Club Equipment	<i>climbing gear, misc equipment</i>		200	-
Library	<i>new books, periodicals, Scree binding</i>		300	-
Other:	<i>miscellaneous expenses</i>			
Donation to Pia's Memorial		500.00	500	100%
Mountain House Order		1,579.54		
Photo Calendar		11.51		
TOTAL EXPENSE		6,403.79	4,800	

DUE TO (FROM) RESERVE	1,082.50	NONE
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Treasurer's Notes:

Several large items were not originally planned in this budget, including lease fees for the huts, the photo calendar, and the donation to Pia's memorial. Also, we will have significant activity with the Photo Calendar and T-shirt sales later this year. We will publish a final report for 1997 in January 1998.

CASH BALANCE - All Accounts

Beginning Balance - January 1, 1997	6,325.46	6,500
Increase (decrease) during 1997	1,082.50	NONE
Current Balance Through 9/26/97	7,407.96	-
Checking - Northrim Bank	3,833.30	
Money Market - Northrim Bank	2,509.61	
18-month CD - in trust for hut lease - Northrim Bank	1,015.05	
Checking - Key Bank	NONE	
Money Market - Key Bank	NONE	
Petty Cash	50.00	
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS - Through 9/26/97	7,407.96	
Ending Balance - December 31, 1997		6,500

Photo Contest Winners

Judging of all photo contest entries was conducted during the September meeting. The ballots have been totaled and here are the winners:

People

1 st place - Ice, Clouds, & Sky	Wayne Todd
2 nd place - Mt. Natazhat	David Hart
3 rd place - Follow the leader	Bill Wakeland
Honorable Mentions	
50 th Anniversary Climb of Bold Peak	Matt Nedom
Evening on the Matanuska	Kirk Towner

Places & Things

1 st place - Avalanche!	James Larabee
2 nd place - Mt. Ascension	Matt Nedom
3 rd place (tie) - Termination Dust	Curvin Metzler
3 rd place (tie) - First on Mt. Riggs	Paul Berry
Honorable Mentions	
Trailbreaking on St. Elias	David Hart
17,000 feet on Mt. Foraker	Jacques Boutet

Bonus

Ugly Foot Contest	Dan O'Haire
4 th of July in the Chugach	Jonathan Rose
Paria Canyon	Stan Aarsund

These photos, and many more that we can fit in, will be published in the 1998 calendar - to be available at the November meeting. All current MCA members may purchase calendars for \$18.00 each during any meeting (non-members \$20).

Please continue placing your orders in advance so we will know how many to print. Payment may be mailed to the MCA address on back of *Scree*. Keep your camera ready for next year's contest with expanded categories!

Librarian Needed

The club librarian (that's me Joe Kurtak) is currently taking suggestions for additions to the mountaineering club library. Pending board approval we will probably have about \$200 to spend towards this end. Anyone with ideas on what books they would like to see purchased please Contact me at (H) 345-5512 or (W) 271-3238.

Also after four years as club librarian I think it's time for some new blood. This means I'm looking for a replacement. The library is fairly easy to manage. The club members do have to be lectured at periodically though about

cleaning up after themselves and putting books back on the shelves after a good read. Every so often the checkout file needs to be consulted and intimidating phone calls made to those persons who have had books checked out for two years or more. A real perk is being the first to read new volumes before placing them on the shelves for the masses.

Any interested book worms with a bent for organization please get in touch with me.

ADZE



Request for Information

We are writing a book about climbing and flying in the Tordrillo Mountains 1957 - 1997 (Mt. Spurr, Forbert, Gerdine, etc.) We believe we know about almost all climbs there since the 1950s from accounts in *Scree*, the *American Alpine Journal* and from notes we have been keeping about the area since the 1960s.

If you think we might not know about your climb or the climb of someone you know, we would greatly appreciate your telling us about it. We want to know about all trips to the Tordrillos, not just the ones that reached the top of something. And accounts in newspapers or other publications.

Also, if you have any absolutely spectacular or unusual photographs or slides, including ones with people, we would like to see them. If used, full credit would be given.

Please call or write:

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563-7015 fax

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2300 Telequana Dr.
Anchorage, AK 99517
243-8857

Lowell Thomas, Jr.
10800 Hideaway Lake Dr.
Anchorage, AK 99516
346-3468

Wanted

50 cm or shorter used ice ax for a kid.
Call Joe at 265-6586



From the Web

The following excerpt, taken from the web, is a commentary on Vin Hoeman's accomplishment of sumitting the highest point in each of the 50 states. He was first to do so, finishing in 1966.

John Vincent Hoeman
by Don Berens

One of America's foremost mountaineers, Anchorage, Alaska's Vin Hoeman was born on Spetember 2, 1936. He was killed in an avalanche on the slopes of Nepal's Dhaulagiri (at 26,795 feet it is the world's sixth highest peak) on April 28, 1969 at age 32. See *Mountain of Storms* by Andrew Havard and Todd Thompson. His widow, Dr. Grace J. Hoeman, also an outstanding mountaineer, was herself killed in an avalanche in Alaska in 1971. It is widely conceded that Vin was the first person to stand atop the highpoint of each of the fifty states. However, because of their deaths, it is difficult to confirm all the details of the accomplishment.

According to a 1970 list compiled by Rowland Stebbins, Hoeman was the eighth person to climb the 48, the second to climb 49, and of course the first to climb fifty. Stebbins thought Hoeman finished the 48 in 1966 and fifty on July 1, 1966; he did not indicate if Vin finished the fifty on one of the lower 48, but we know from other sources that he did not finish in Alaska on that date. In 1970 Stebbins wrote to Grace Hoeman that Vin was the second person to reach "all 49 state summits". This might imply that Hoeman climbed all but Hawaii before its admission as the the fiftieth state 8 1/2 months after Alaska in 1959. This might further imply that his fiftieth, climbed in 1956 was Hawaii. Such implications are uncertain. However, we know that he did not climb McKinley as early as 1959.

Hoeman led the first east-west traverse of Mount McKinley reaching the summit on July 19, 1963. He climbed it again via the West Buttress on August 27, 1967. This information comes from Bradford Washburn's booklet, *A Tourist Guide to Mount McKinley*, which, among other useful information, lists the first hundred ascents of Denali from 1913 to 1972.

Since Hoeman's death, Iowa and Michigan have been resurveyed and their highpoints redesignated by USGS. This illustrates one of the conceptual issues to be addressed by any definition of the feat of attaining the fifty highpoints. By current reckoning, Hoeman missed two of the points now thought to be highpoints. But when he was climbing he had no reason to visit the points now thought to be highpoints. In the case of Hoeman, who was young and skilled, and these states, the highpoints of which are not difficult, there can be no doubt that he could have and would have reached them if he had known enough to try. Accordingly, some have suggested that the definition of a highpointer should be someone who has stood on the fifty highpoints as defined by USGS as of the date that he or she has reached his or her fiftieth.



Avalanche Training

The mountaineering club is considering presenting a special avalanche awareness training class. We need to know members interest and experience levels. We would hire avalanche experts from outside of the club.

If you are interested, please answer the following questions and return them at the October meeting.

or mail them to the club address by October 18th.
What is your present skill level regarding avalanches?
1 3 5 (1 being a novice, 5 an expert)

If you've had any previous training, briefly describe.

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What type of training would you like? Circle one.

- A. One day in class.
- B. Two days in the field.
- C. Other. Briefly describe.....

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How much are you willing to pay for this class?

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If the course goes, participants would be expected to pay in advance for the instructors.

WLT

MCA Trip Classifications

The classifications below do not take into account individual trip hazards such as river crossings, scree slopes, snow fields, bears, etc. Trip leaders are required to inform the trip participants of any such hazards either verbally, on the sign-up sheet, or in the trip description. Leader approval is required for participation on all trips.

NON-TECHNICAL: Following are a few standards used to classify non-technical trips. The classification is made in terms of hiking distance and altitude gain. Many trips are not on established trails.

CLASS A: Easy hikes with a maximum distance of 8 miles for day trips or 4 miles per day for overnight trips. Altitude gain up to 1200 feet.

CLASS B: Trips involving a maximum distance of up to 12 miles for a day trip or 6 miles per day for an overnight trip. Altitude gain of 1200 to 2500 feet.

CLASS C: Trips up to 15 miles for a day hike or 8 miles per day for an overnight trip. Altitude gain up to 3500 feet. Scree, steep grass or other rough terrain problems may be encountered.

CLASS D: Hikes and climbs with an altitude gain of over 3500 feet or a distance of greater than 15 miles for a day-hike or greater than 8 miles a day for an overnight trip. Peaks in this classification may require minimal climbing skills.

CLASS E: Hazardous climbing conditions or stream-crossing conditions may be encountered. A basic mountaineering course may be required.

TECHNICAL: Technical trips are open to all qualified climbers. However, the registration on any particular trip must be restricted to a safe and manageable number of climbers. Registration is made directly with the leader, who determines the qualifications needed for the trip.

GLACIER TRAVEL: Trips requiring roped travel over glaciers. Knowledge of crevasse rescue, and ice axe and crampon skills are required. Basic understanding of ice and snow anchors also required.

FIFTH CLASS: Trips which involve fifth class climbing. A Basic Mountaineering course or equivalent is required. Knowledge of belay and rappel techniques and placing anchors is required. Climbing difficulty varies widely with each trip.

TRIP PARTICIPANTS have the obligation to acquaint themselves with the nature of the trip and to verify that it is within their capability and experience. Anyone wishing to participate in any trip above CLASS A must have completed one or more trips of the next lower classification, or the equivalent.

Approved by MCA Board, February 1995

General Rules for MCA Sanctioned Trips

1. Proper equipment is on the reverse side of this list.
2. No dogs. (Among the reasons are bear problems.)
3. The leader's suggestions are to be followed. Do not go off alone, return or rush ahead without his (her) permission, and don't ford a stream before the leader assesses the situation. Remember, this is a club trip and the leader must know where all participants are. Anyone separating from the group without the leader's approval is no longer considered a participant the MCA Sanctioned trip.
4. Trip participants who, in the leader's opinion, put themselves or other members of the group in danger by disregarding the leader's suggestions, shall be subject to sanction by the club. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, reprimand at general meeting, exclusion from future trips, termination of annual membership or lifetime exclusion from the club.
5. You must sign up on a trip roster (club meetings) or contact the leader, and you must have signed the club waiver to be on a club trip.
6. When carpools are arranged, please plan to pay the driver your share without his (her) asking you. Generally \$5 - short trips, \$10 or more for longer.
7. If you find you cannot participate after signing up on the roster, please let the leader know, both for transportation and gear-planning and so someone else can go. If you are the leader, help find a replacement.
8. Total number of people on club trips:
Minimum: 4 (for safety reasons)
Maximum: Leader option, depends upon the trail and campsite conditions, but generally limited to 12 in trailless areas or State and National Parks
9. Firearms are not encouraged, and please let the leader know if you want to carry one - it will be leader's option. Aerosol bear repellent is preferred.

Approved by MCA Board, February 1995

Equipment

<u>Summer</u>		<u>Additional for Glaciers</u>
Raingear that works	Ace bandage	Ice axe
Windgear	Surgical tape	Gaitors
Wool or fleece pants	Aspirin	Climbing boots
Shorts	Gauze	Slings, carabiners
Light longjohns	Anti-bacterial ointment	Rappel device
Wool shirt	4" x 4" pads, band-aids	Belay device
Jacket	Wire	Rope
Baseball cap	Vice grips or pliers	Wands
Gloves	Utility cord	Mitters
Extra socks	Sewing kit	Crampons
Wool or pile hat	Tent	Seat Harness
Hiking boots	Sleeping pad	Ice screw(s)
Stream-crossing footwear	Sleeping bag	Pulleys
Sunscreen	Backpack cover	Prussiks/ascenders
Mosquito repellent	Cook pot	Glacier glasses/cream
Whistle	Stove (fires not allowed)	
Large plastic bag	Fuel bottle	If snow on glacier:
Lighter, matches	Walking stick or ice axe	Picket
Map, compass	Water bottles (not canteens)	Skis or snowshoes
Aerosol bear repellent	FOOD	
Moleskin/Spenco 2nd skin		

Winter

Windgear	First aid kit
Wool/fleece pants	Repair kit
Wool/fleece shirt	Tent (or snow shelters)
Longjohns	Sleeping bag
Down jacket	Sleeping pad
Wool/fleece hat	Large cook pot
Face mask	Stove
Mitters	Windscreen for stove
Double boots	Fuel bottle
Avalanche beacon	Thermos
Shovel	Gaitors
Lighter	Thermometer
Headlamp	Skis or snowshoes

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Leader Qualifications

1. Must be a member of the MCA.
2. Must have approval of the Hiking and Climbing Committee (A simple majority.)
3. Must have participated in trips of the same or higher classification than the one being led, showing competence in the opinion of the leaders of those trips; or equivalent experience acceptable to the Hiking and Climbing Committee.
4. Leaders on trips which may involve any avalanche-prone terrain must have passed formal avalanche training approved by the Hiking and Climbing Committee.
5. Leaders on trips which involve any hazardous stream crossings must have either formal training in safe stream crossing methods or have extensive experience crossing streams.

Leader Guidelines

1. Must follow the general rules for MCA Sanctioned Trips.
2. Must have a sign-up sheet with all participants' names on it.
3. Select a meeting time and place disclosed only to those persons on the sign-up sheet, unless call-ins are acceptable to the leader.
4. Must verify that each participant has signed a valid waiver and that it is on file.
5. Can require special equipment and refuse participation to any person that is ill-equipped (including clothing).
6. Has the authority to split the group (fast and slow), but must select a co-leader to help.
7. Must report any injuries to the MCA President.
8. Must report any personnel problems to the Hiking and Climbing Committee.

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RELEASE OF LIABILITY -- READ CAREFULLY

I, _____ (print name), am aware that mountaineering sports (including hiking; backpacking; rock, snow, and ice climbing; mountaineering; skiing; and ski mountaineering) are hazardous activities. I wish to participate and/or receive instruction in these activities with the Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Inc. ("MCA") I recognize that these activities involve numerous risks, which include, by way of example and not limitation, falling while hiking, climbing, skiing or crossing rivers or glaciers; being struck by falling rock, ice or snow; avalanches; lightning; fire; hypothermia; frostbite; defective or malfunctioning equipment; and attack by insects or animals. I further recognize that the remoteness of the activities may preclude prompt medical care. I further recognize that risk of injury or death may be caused or enhanced by mistakes or negligence on the part of either my fellow participants or MCA officers, directors, guides, instructors, or trip leaders. I nevertheless agree to accept any and all risks of injury, death, or property damage that may occur in connection with any MCA activity, including use of MCA furnished equipment and use of MCA backcountry huts.

_____ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

GIVING UP MY LEGAL RIGHTS

By signing this Agreement, I agree to give up for myself and for my heirs all legal rights I may have against the MCA or my fellow participants in MCA activities. I give up these legal rights regardless of whether the injury, death, or property damage results from mistakes or negligence on the part of either my fellow participants or the MCA. (As used in this agreement, MCA means the Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Inc., and all of its officers, directors, guides, instructors and trip leaders.) I understand this agreement shall remain in effect until such time as I provide signed written notice of its revocation to the MCA.

_____ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

MY PROMISE NOT TO SUE

I agree that I will not sue, or otherwise make any claim against, the MCA or my fellow participants in MCA activities for injury, death, or property damage which occurs in the course of my participation or instruction in mountaineering sports.

_____ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

MY RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I also agree to release and discharge the MCA and my fellow participants in MCA activities from all actions, claims, or demands, both for myself and for my heirs, dependents, and/or personal representative, for injury, death, or property damage occurring in the course of my participation or instruction in mountaineering sports.

_____ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

MY PROMISE TO INDEMNIFY

I agree to pay all expenses, including attorney's fees and court costs, that the MCA may incur as a consequence of any legal action arising out of injury, death, or property damage suffered by me, or suffered by someone else as a result of my conduct.

_____ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

MY CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT

I consent to any hospital care or medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment which may be necessary as a result of my participation in activities with the MCA. I also understand and agree that I am solely responsible for all applicable charges for such medical treatment, including evacuation and/or rescue cost.

_____ (initial that you have read this paragraph)

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A BINDING, LEGAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ME AND THE MCA AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Dated: _____ Signature: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 19): _____

Officers

President Mark Miraglia 338-0705
Vice-President Wayne Todd 522-6354
Secretary Vacant
Treasurer Kirk Towner 344-5424

Board

Aze Azegami 266-9249
Wendy Sanem 694-1500
Dave Storkel 746-0510
Tom Choate 333-5309
James Larabee 522-3854

Annual membership dues: Single \$10.00 Family \$15.00 (one *Scree* per family)

Dues can be paid at any meeting or mailed to the treasurer at the MCA address below. If you want a membership card, please sign the club waiver found on the reverse side of this page and mail it with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you fail to receive the newsletter, or have questions about your membership, contact the club treasurer.

SCREE is a monthly publication of the Mountaineering Club of Alaska. Articles and notes submitted for publication and other communication related to the newsletter should be mailed to my address at 3051 Elderberry Dr., Wasilla, Alaska 99654. Articles should be received by the 25th of the month for the following month's issue. Computer diskettes are accepted, or e-mail to mca@alaska.net.

Paid ads may be submitted to the attention of the Vice-President at the club address and should be "camera ready" and pre-paid. Your cooperation will be appreciated...
Willy Hersman, Editor, 265-6405

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