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NOVEMBER MEETING . . . THURSDAY, November 19 . . . 8:00 P.M. at Ben Crawford Memorial Park (rear entrance), at 3rd and Eagle. Program: Our own worldwide wanderers Dave and Sally Johnston will show superb scenic slides and tell tantalizing tales about their recent random roving to . . . Nepal, New Zealand, Antarctica, Europe and USA.

BOARD MEETING . . . Thursday, November 12 . . . 8:00 P.M. at Grace Hoeman's residence . . . 2500 Glenwood... joint meeting for old and new officers.

CLIMBING AND HIKING SCHEDULE

November 12 (Thursday) Board Meeting, 8:00 P.M. at Grace Hoeman's 2500 Glenwood; This is a joint meeting for ALL old and new officers.

November 14 (Saturday) A one day ski trip to FERN MINE and back. Meet at Safeway at the corner of 9th and Gamble at 8 A.M.

November 19 (Thursday) November MCA meeting. Bring a couple of friends along.

November 26-27-28-29 Beginning and Intermediate Winter Mountaineering School.

November 26-27 (Thursday and Friday) This will be a theoretical and practice session for a refresher and/or for beginners. Session will also be an overnight camp out. Age limit is 15 years and club membership is mandatory; in addition, a liability release must be on file with the club. Leader: Randy Renner (333-4025 home) Sign-up at November meeting & pick up equipment check list at that time. Location of school will be in Chugach behind Anchorage and we'll meet at the Sears parking lot at 9:00 A.M. on November 26th, regardless of the weather. We'll be back by 4 P.M. Friday.

November 28-29 (Saturday and Sunday) Intermediate school - Leader: Nick Parker (277-2030 home). Instructors: Randy Renner (333-4025 home) and Dave De Voe (333-5492 home). This will be a summit climb with practical instruction in all phases of winter mountaineering during the climb. Each instructor will work with three people. Sign up at the November meeting and pick up equipment check list from Nick. Additional instructors will be added as necessary.

PLEASE, please sign up or call leader ahead of time, as this is the only way we can plan for adequate tent space, ropes, etc. Participants should familiarize themselves with either "Mountaineering, Freedom of the Hills", A.A.C.'s "Handbook of Mountaineering", or the Sierra Club's "Handbook of Ski Mountaineering". All are fine books that cover the subject thoroughly. The books are usually available at the Book Cache or Sports Chalet.

December 5-6 (Saturday and Sunday) How about a winter climb somewhere? Bring ideas to November meeting, also need a leader for this one.

December 12-13 (Saturday and Sunday) Need someone to lead a ski-touring trip?

If you'd like to lead a trip somewhere please speak up at November meeting. Or call Chuck Pease (753-6468 home) or (756-1153 work).

MCA BUSINESS

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING - OCTOBER 15, 1970

The annual meeting convened at the Pioneer School House at 8 PM with 76 people attending. There were several announcements by members. Leo Hannan told of a plan to brush out a cross-country ski trail at the airport complex and invited our assistance. Marty Corcoran and Betty Ivanoff invited all to a party at their new location on Eagle River Road. Helen Nienhueser announced that info for the "50 Hikes" is to be in Seattle by January 1st for a summer publication date, and your additions, ideas, new data etc. are all welcome as soon as possible so the revisions can be completed in time.

The constitutional amendment adding a corresponding secretary was not properly researched and revised, so there could not be a vote at this time. This could be considered a recommendation for the new business year.

Randy Renner gave a brief resume of the happenings of the past year, and expressed his thanks to club members for "a great year".

There was discussion of the possibility of entering into the suit against the Plywood-Champion Company, along with several other organizations. Friends of the Earth is soliciting support and money for the suit. It was moved, seconded and passed that we donate \$50 towards expenses and join hands in the suit. *The request to join the Sierra Club in this suit was denied by the court.

Elections were the particular order of business and the following officers were elected:

President	Steve Hackett
Vice-president	Eivin Prudie
Secretary	Betty Ivanoff
Treasurer	John Samuelson
Director	Randy Renner

Randy showed slides of his climb on McKinley, and these were most enjoyable. The meeting adjourned.

... Margaret Wolfe ... MCA Secretary

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT:

The newly elected officers hope that the coming year will be an active and inspiring one for all MCA members. We, with your help and support, hope to have a wide variety of activities and programs that will appeal to all of you. Whatever your ambitions, abilities and endeavors might be. This can only be accomplished by voicing your opinion and making constructive suggestions at the meetings, i.e. actively participating.

The purposes for which this organization was formed are: to promote the enjoyment of hiking, climbing and exploration of the mountains; cultivation of mountain climbing skills and techniques; to teach and encourage mountain safety; and to assist in the prevention of waste and unnecessary destruction of the natural scene. It is hoped that the new officers and directors can help in accomplishing your goals for MCA. Remember: you can not expect MCA to provide your wants unless you let them be known. Let us all work together and make this coming year an active one for MCA.

... Steve Hackett ... MCA President

MCA HAPPENINGS

- A. Trips (hikes, backpacking, climbs, expeditions, canoeing, skiing & kayaking)
- B. Feature Programs (slide shows, films and lectures)
- C. Schools and Instruction
- D. Huts and Cabins
- E. Peaks, Trails and Registers
- F. Conservation
- G. MCA Equipment
- H. Social Activities (Christmas Dinner, Wednesday evening gatherings... etc)

What do YOU think MCA can or should plan for something special in December? What about a pot-luck type dinner? Bring any and all ideas to November meeting.

The Alaska Rescue Group Presents . . .

* FOOD FOR THOUGHT *

LEADERSHIP AND PARTY ORGANIZATION: Part I

The less experienced an outdoor group, the more experienced the leader should be. Organization and management of an outdoor trip should be to minimize the work and increase the safety and enjoyment of the trip. Experienced leadership is a must for party safety in all wilderness or outdoor travel. The leader should plan the schedule and analyze in advance the area, the terrain, weather and physical capabilities of those he plans to lead.

Organization of an Outdoor Party

Leader - Must be experienced & must be aware of all facets of the type of activity planned and have imagination and initiative to carry many responsibilities.

Assistant Leader - Competent to lead the group home should the leader be incapacitated. To help the leader discharge his many duties.

Who Can Go and who cannot go on a particular outing? This decision should rest with the leader, who will be responsible for their conduct, safety and well-being from the beginning to the end of the outing.

Choosing the Party - The leader must look at each individual for these potential problems:

Mental attitude (soreheads, fearful, nonconformist).

Physical condition (weak, strong, medical problems).

Clothing and equipment

Experience - the less experienced, the more guidance needed. Analyze each person for woodsmanship, equipment use.

Leader's Group Equipment

Any party planning one or more days away from civilization should carry all their probably needs:

Group First Aid Kit (refer to Appendix)

A sleeping bag is handy for treatment of shock in the event of an injury.

Group special equipment (refer to Appendix)

Group shelter (refer to Appendix)

A leader's responsibilities are many. He must find the best route, check everyone's equipment, administer first aid, supervise camp and provide for safe transportation. He must plan the trip schedule and give instructions in a firm but cheerful voice. The following list includes only a few of the responsibilities of a competent leader.

Before Leaving Town

Choose an assistant leader and other help.

Be informed of or familiar with the travel area.

Procure up-to-date maps of the area.

Set a minimum and maximum number of people wanted on the trip.

Inquire into the physical capabilities and limitations of every member.

Provide a required list of personal equipment to each member and check his gear before leaving.

Inform at least one responsible person of the exact trip location, transportation used, trip schedule, estimated time of return, number in the party, equipment carried, experience of the leader and emergency plans. (Someone in town and available.)

Acquire fire permits, camping permits or any special permits to trespass on private or government property.

Acquire necessary minor releases and obtain insurance required by your club.

Plan and map several safe routes by avoiding potential hazard areas (avalanche, rockfall, etc.)

Carry only first class equipment, whether it be new or used.

Plan transportation to and from the area.

Plan for delays. Arrange for responsible people to advise companies, bosses, schools and parents in the event of unavoidable delay. Arrange for someone to feed the dog and milk the cow, and eliminate the necessity of having to meet a deadline. (to be continued next month)

... information from: Outdoor Living, Problems, Solutions, Guidelines - MRA

NEW ACCESS FOR WOLVERINE AND KNOYA-TIKISHLA

Helen Nienhueser

In the process of checking out trips for 50 Wilderness Routes in Southcentral Alaska we have discovered a completely brush-free route up Wolverine and a variation of it, nearly brush-free, for Knoya, Tikishla, and the North Fork of Campbell Creek Valley. After Buddy Jaidinger's description of alder and green bugs enroute to Wolverine in September's SCREE my conscience forces me to sit down at the typewriter and share this information with you.

From Sears drive south on the Seward Highway 4.9 miles to O'Malley Road on the left. Drive 4 miles to the intersection with Hillside Drive. Turn left and then immediately right again on unmarked Upper O'Malley Road.

Continue on O'Malley from the intersection with Hillside $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to a four-way intersection. Turn left on the large road and continue, disregarding side roads, until reaching a fork with a pipeline sign (black arrow on yellow background) 1.1 miles from the four-way intersection. At this fork turn right, off the main road. This side road is blocked with a mound of dirt in about 100 yards and you must park here. Walk over the dirt mound and continue until you reach a powerline. Turn left on curving road to wooden plank bridge. Continue around a sharp switchback and uphill, past a sharp right-hand turn, to the second road on your right after the bridge, angling off uphill (about 1.1 miles past the bridge). At this turnoff follow the road. The road shortly deteriorates to a tracked vehicle trail and subsequently to a narrow path through brush, difficult to follow at times but decidedly worthwhile. It finally becomes a moose trail through blueberry bushes and then vanishes, but at this point you are above timberline. Note well where you emerge from the brush so that you will be easily able to find the trail on your return. The route has been marked with red flagging tape -- which I hope will not unduly offend the purists among you. I prefer a few tapes to wandering through alder and swamps as I have several times on Wolverine.

From the point where the trail vanishes go up over the tundra toward the ridge on your right and watch for a moose trail and opening through a lovely stand of scrub hemlock. This too has been flagged. From this point on the going is clear up the ridge and onto the peak. No water -- carry some. If anyone tries these directions and has any comments I would welcome them.

For Knoya, Tikishla or the North Fork of Campbell Creek continue to the end of the old homesteader's road, 2.7 miles beyond where you parked for Wolverine. The road ends at the remains of a cabin. A tracked vehicle trail continues completely around the cabin ruins and heads back up the valley to the southeast. It has been lightly flagged with red tape too. Follow this trail through alder to point where the growth above you thins out into cottonwood trees and light underbrush. Leave the trail here (marked with a flag) and head uphill toward the ridge top and a large spruce tree. This route is nearly brush free. Once on the ridge continue according to the directions in "30 Hikes" (up over Near Point to the second distant notch in the ridge beyond it; from there descend into the valley of the North Fork of Campbell Creek and up Knoya or Tikishla). Has anyone ever walked in this way, up the valley of the North Fork, around into the valley of Williwaw Lakes, and out into the valley of the South Fork of Campbell Creek by the route described in "30 Hikes"? This looks like a very good mid-summer two day trip. If you have done it please call me at 277-9330.

TEMPTATION PEAK (5350')

September 20, 1970

Larry Swanson

On September 20th at 7:00 A.M. my brother Trent, Rob Allen and I left our car at the end of Oilwell Road and started up the 3215 ft knoll on the Anchorage skyline. We climbed up above timberline and then traversed around the side and headed up the valley behind it. We had seen four moose, all cows, on Oilwell Road and half way up the valley we saw two more cows and a flock of about 100 ptarmigan. Besides the flock we saw lots of ptarmigan by themselves as we went up the valley. It was a sunny day and we really enjoyed it. There are two beautiful lakes that

alone made the trip worthwhile. One is at the head of the south fork of Chester Creek that runs down the valley and the other is right below Temptation, it is shown on the map as just a depression but it has lots of water in it now. When we reached the summit we discovered that most of the register was missing. Norman Allen had been up most recently and said he found the jar broken when he was there in June 1970. It was the third time he had climbed it, the first two times he had climbed it with Art Ward (May 31, 1968 and November 7, 1969). They had been unable to find the register because of snow so this time he had brought along a piece of paper with these dates on it. There wasn't a pencil in the register so we scratched our names on the lid (we later discovered we had a pencil in our pack). On the way back we saw 2 bull moose together. We had a little trouble finding our way back to the car as it was getting dark, but we finally found it after going 3 miles out of our way. We got to the car at 9:00 P.M. a bit tired, but the climb had been well worth it.

HURDYGURDY (5965')

July 17, 1970

David Hunke

On Friday, July 17, my brother Jim and I reached Hurdygurdy's 5965' summit in the Organ Mt. group for its second ascent. (We weren't aware that Grace Hocman, April Allen and Ned Lewis reached the culmination of this flattened ridge last November due to our not getting SCREE's last winter). Oh well, our approach was from the east as opposed to their direct southern attack so our scrambling route new, if not confusing, because of the gendarmy ridge. We surprised about 20 sheep drinking water just on the far side of Eagle Lake and they were a beautiful sight indeed... The last good sight we saw until reaching home the next morning.

Because of the rains, the road was too muddy for our car to travel past the bridge so we went up the higher homesteader's road on the western side of the South Fork River. We couldn't find a satisfactory place to recross the river in the dark so we finally stopped at the Axley's homestead to dry off the accumulated water of six hours downpour. My, but these one day trips seem to be getting more painful all the time. Don't get me wrong; those fantastic northwestern faces of Korohusk, Kiliak and Yukla lurking over the then mile lower Eagle River made our trip a worthwhile undertaking.

My brother swore he'll never return to the South Fork again but if anyone has green eyes for Eagle or Flute Peaks next summer and is in need of a rope partner please contact me. No winter ascents on these, please.

O'MALLEY PEAK (5150')

September 20, 1970

Bill Stivers

At 0800 Sunday morning the following climbers crossed the South Fork Campbell Creek to begin their ascent of O'Malley Peak: Ruby Burkholder, Lee Douville, Mary Fengin, Kathy Gorham, Danny Gorham, Jim Gorham, Greg Gorham, Wayne Groomer, Margaret Klatt, Karen Marshall, Bob McMullin, Brigitte Ressel, Joan Schultz, Martin Schultz, Bob Shanks, Rob Shanks, Kirk Shanks, Bo Sloudey, Greg Stella, and Bill Stivers. We proceeded NNE to the ridge and then a short distance eastward to the summit. It was a beautiful, clear day and there were magnificent views in all directions. The last of the climbers reached the peak by 1230, and we had a leisurely lunch before descending. The youngest climber, 7-year-old Kirk Shanks, was real enthusiastic -- particularly about climbing spires on the ridge.

We met Randy Renner and two companions as we were crossing the South Fork in the morning. They were planning to traverse the ridge to The Wedge.

KOKTOYA (5150') & TANALNA (east summit- 5350') September 27, 1970

Larry Swanson

At a little after 6:00 A.M. my brother Trent, Art Ward and I started across the south fork of Campbell Creek. After we crossed the creek we headed up the

valley that has Williwaw Lakes in it. We went over the high point of The Glacier (3995') and then back down in the valley. The lakes were all beautiful and a few of them were already partly frozen over. When we got to the head of the valley and started to go over the pass between it and the north fork of Campbell Creek we saw 2 black bears down the valley a ways and about a thousand feet above us. We yelled at them and they looked over at us but they didn't run or anything. After we went over the pass we climbed Koktoya (5150'); this was the fifth ascent of it. It started to snow lightly when we were going along the ridge toward Tanaina but it didn't bother us. When we got to the top of Tanaina's east summit (5350') we found out that this was only the third ascent. (I had been up in the north fork of Campbell Creek in June '68 and climbed the west summit along with Tkishla and Elliott with Bill Moores and Rick Russell, but we didn't realize that the true summit of Tanaina was up the ridge farther because of an incorrect register on the east summit.) On the way back the snow turned into rain and we got a little wet. When we reached the south fork again we were so wet we didn't even look for any rocks to cross the stream on, we just waded right through it and headed up the hill to the car. We reached the car a little after 7:00 P.M. just as it was getting dark.

MCA Profile: President SEEVE HACKETT

Born in Monterey, California... raised in National Park Service - Rocky Mountains, Everglades, Tetons, Yellowstone.. calls Estes Park, Colorado home... holds degrees in geophysical engineering and master's in engineering (geology) from Colorado School of Mines... now a geological engineer with Union Oil Company.. worked in Alaska for 3 summers and decided to move here in 1969... has hiked and climbed as long as he can remember... Devil's Tower, Rocky Mountain area... hobbies include skiing... water skiing... scuba... archery hunting... soccer.. raising St. Bernards ... (and girls, he's single.).

WEST PTARMIGAN PEAK (4850')

September 20, 1970

Sharon DeVoe
(age 12)

On September 20, 1970, my dad, my dog (T.D.), and I, decided we wanted to go on a hike. We didn't have much time, so a mountain which could be seen from our house sounded like a good idea, which turned out to be West Ptarmigan Peak. It took us 3½ hours from the time we left the car, until we got back to the car.

I had never been up this particular mountain, and neither had my dad. When we got back down, we found out the peak was 4,850 feet high.

It was breezy, so we were glad to have our hat and mittens along. It started to snow a bit near the top.

Near the bottom of the rocky part, my dad told me to look back; it looked like the rock walls were caving in on us.

We made it to the top and signed the register. We found out climbers had signed the register on the 18th and 19th of September we went up on the 20th. Many others had been up there and have signed the register.

When I got on the top I could see Flattop, McHugh Peak, Kids Ridge, and the Rabbit Creek Area which I have been on before, and many others.

I had fun on the hike, I know my dad and dog did too.

TRAIL UP VALLEY SOUTH OF EKLUTNA LAKE

October 18, 1970

Tony Bockstahler

On Sunday, Oct. 18, the following accomplished a delightful, if non-difficult, hike up the east fork of the river flowing from Eklutna Glacier to Eklutna Lake: Dona Agosti, Karen Marshall, Bill Stivers, Moe and Barb Mathews and sons Gordon and Mark, Bob Shanks and son Rob, Mickey Kramey, and Tony Bockstahler.

We hiked in about three miles to a tributary stream with a pretty waterfall. The trail is flagged this far. It continues on up the valley although it is difficult to find in places.

To get to this trail, proceed as follows: Turn south off the Glen Highway at Mile 26.5 onto the gravel road to Lake Eklutna. Drive $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the state recreation area at the north end of the lake. Then continue another 10.5 miles to the bridge crossing the first of the two major streams running into the south end of Eklutna Lake. (The second one flows from Eklutna Glacier). This is two miles beyond the airstrip. Don't cross the bridge. Park on the north side where an unused road spur runs down to the river. Walk from the parking area down the spur road toward the stream. About halfway, look on the left for the start of the trail. It is marked by flagging at the top of the bank along the road.

REED LAKES

October 3 & 4, 1970

Bill Stivers

Winter has arrived early this year in the Snow Bird Mine area. Beth Blattenberger, Karen Marshall, George Rektenwald, Bob Shanks and his two sons, Rob and Kirk, John Samuelson and I reached the Snow Bird Mine camp at 8:30 on a frosty Saturday morning to start our hike to the Reed Lakes. About 2 inches of snow covered the ground at the camp.

We crossed Glacier and Reed Creeks and climbed around the hill leading to the field of large boulders. The snow was about 2 feet deep at the boulder field which required some delicate stepping & guessing to avoid stepping through snow bridges into empty space. John and George did a good job of route finding through the field and across the creek just below the lower lake.

The snow deepened as we proceeded. The estimated depth at lower Reed Lake was 3 feet. We were then wading through fairly consolidated knee-deep snow. Since the going was difficult and most of us had wet clothing, it was decided to camp at Lower Reed Lake. At about 1:00 P.M. we began erecting the tents.

The lake had an ice cover of about 2 inches. John took a stroll across that afternoon. The lake ice was broken at the shore for drawing camp water.

The temperature dropped rapidly when the sun disappeared behind the southwest ridge. Rob and Kirk were initially chilled in their dacron bags, but were more comfortable when they crawled into the same bag. At 7:00 Sunday morning the temperature was 11 degrees, so most of us remained in our bags until 9:00.

The sunlight gradually moved down the ridge Sunday morning until it reached our camp at 9:45. The temperature rose almost immediately to the mid twenties. Soon we were descending toward the Snow Bird Mine camp along the previous day's trail.

MT WILLIWAW (5455') & THE RAMP (5240') August 4, 1970

Buddy Jaidinger

It was 7:00 A.M. when my brother Bill and I parked Green River (car) along the powerline at the base of Flattop. We walked along the powerline road until we reached the valley that lies between O'Malley Peak and The Wedge. From here we followed a creek up the valley until about halfway, when Bill realized that we had forgotten his sunglasses the last time we stopped for water. While I was waiting for Bill to get back I took a few pictures and tried to out whistle some of the numerous ground squirrels we had been seeing.

We reached the top of the pass that lies between The Ramp and The Wedge and had a great view of Ship Creek Lake and Indian. Turnagain Arm was visible over the mountains. After we had scarfed down some sandwiches we started for The Ramp. We reached the summit by 10:00 A.M. Williwaw was visible clearly to the northeast. We ran the ridge in two hours and had a long lunch while reading the register. We were the first to be there this year & about the 24th & 25th to sign the register.

The wind was starting to blow and clouds were coming in from the east and they didn't look too friendly. While we were sitting on The Ramp we had picked a route down a snow-filled gully on the southeast side of Williwaw. We started for this now, picking our way down the loose rock.

At the beginning of the snow we had to stop and mumble a few obscenities - - it sure didn't look that steep from the other side.

After looking at the topo map we found that it was 2700' vertical feet to the valley floor.

I took a deep breath and started down. Doing a great impersonation of Jean-Claude Killy (without skis) I managed to stay on my feet for the better part of the trip down. Bill wasn't doing a bad job either, looking like Billy Kidd, he kept up with me till the bottom. At this point he did what appeared to be a forward somersault & two or three back flips I guess it didn't hurt because he stood up grinning like a possum eating peanut butter. (I still don't know whether it was an accident or if he was just showing off). We had made the 2700' in 15 minutes.

We had some more to eat, then started down middle-fork Valley. The storm clouds were moving in faster now and we figured that they would catch us before we got back to the car. We climbed up the back side of the high point of the Glacier from here we thought that we'd have to fight our way through the colony of maneating(?) ground squirrels. We went over The Glacier and down the pass at the west end of O'Malley's West Ridge. We reached Green River at 4:30 P.M. as the first rain drops were starting to fall to end one helluva day of climbing.

DOWN-MEMORY-LANE-DEPT.

10 years ago... November 1960

The Alaska Rescue Group opened new headquarters at 1111 E. 5th Ave.. the Alaska Conservation Society was looking for members.. due to lack of snow, MCA'ers had to resort to taking up the sport of ice-skating.

5 years ago... November 1965

The officers for 1965-66 were: Pres. Ron Linder; V.P. Gayle Nienhueser; Sec. Helen Nienhueser; Treas. Leo Hannan; Dir. Gary Hansen... a series of "Housewives Hikes" took place on Fridays during the fall; 13 housewives participated - the mothers of 45 children.

BITS AND PIECES

To Bob, and all other former Anchorageite who are curious as to who is climbing what. And just because your climb is mentioned here doesn't mean you don't write it up. SCREE still wants YOUR full trip reports on all trips. The editor of a club the size of MCA should have piles of material to publish.

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It's that time of year again (sigh) - DUES. Please fill out the form in this issue of SCREE (right this minute) or pay at the November meeting.

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FOR SALE: One pair of Hockland climbing boots, new condition, \$55.00 size 10. Call Nick Parker 277-2030, eves.

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TRAIL INFORMATION

1) On Oct. 17, 1970 the "Anchorage Daily Times" contained an 8-page supplement authored by MCA'er Dona Agosti describing the access routes from Anchorage into the CHUGACH STATE PARK. In addition to a wealth of useful information, the supplement contained an excellent map showing the trails leading into the park.

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2) According to the "Anchorage Daily News" - Oct. 17, 1970, the US Forest Service is planning to construct an 11.84 mile long trail from the Sterling Highway to Upper Russian Lake, on the Kenai Peninsula.

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MT. MCKINLEY'S South Peak was reached on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 by Barbara Britch, Ray Nesbett, Jim Steel, Bill Weiland & Ray Genet. Genet is scheduling expeditions to The Mountain on May 1, June 1 and July 1, 1971 as well as other climbs. Interested persons may contact him at Box 48, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

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Jim and Steve Hackett spent the week of October 3rd-11th exploring in the North-east CHUGACH MOUNTAINS. During the 8 days they traversed 33 miles and ascended and descended 10,000' through three cols from Eklutna Lake to Knik River via Hunters Creek Glacier. In a lull between two snowstorms they made 1st ascents of the two highest peaks in the Hunters Creek Glacier cirque: 7549' (Hunters Peak) and 7465' (Troublesome Peak). Steve will write up the trip in a later SCREE.

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Grace Hoeman has also been climbing in the Hunter Creek Glacier area and the weekend of October 3-4 flew in to Inner Lake George and made the first ascent of Mt. Palmer (6940'). Grace's trip report will appear in the December SCREE.

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Jane McNeely, Ludwig Forshe and Steve Hackett walked and skied into the Crow Pass area on marginal snow during the Oct 24-25 weekend. While Jane booked it at the hut, Ludwig and Steve put on skins and trudged through wind-blown snow up Raven Glacier to the Raven-Eagle Glacier col. The ski run back to the hut was quite disappointing --- as the snow conditions were variable.

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Art Ward and Nick Parker climbed The Needle (4950') in the Talkeetna Range on Sunday November 1st.

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The July 4th weekend saw the second ascent of Montana Peak (6950') made. The entire MCA party of 12 had reached 6800' on Friday the 4th, before deteriorating weather conditions forced a retreat. Later that evening Art Ward, Keith Anderson and Ken Kliene slipped out of camp at 11 P.M., reached the summit and were back in camp by 8 A.M. Sunday. Art is writing up this trip report.

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In May (and still no trip report?) Art Ward, Bob Smith and Barry Kircher climbed Yisbo (5950'). Located above Fern Mine and to the left of Didilkama Glacier the original register left by Spurr, McLaughlin and Lethcoe on Oct 1, 1967 was still intact and readable.

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On 10 Oct. 1970 Grace Hoeman, Barry Kircher and Chuck Pease hiked up the South Fork of Eagle River and flushed out a grizzly bear on their way to the top of Harp Peak.

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In July, Bob Smith led a 6 man expedition in to make the first ascent of Mt Dall. They also climbed a few other peaks in the area. SCREE is hoping to receive a full report (maybe in time for December's issue right Bob??).

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On September 20th Fred Cady and Chuck Pease climbed both Suicide Peaks.

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