



MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99510

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NOVEMBER MEETING

The meeting will be held Wednesday, November 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd and Eagle St., Anchorage, Alaska. After the business meeting, Todd Miner will show slides of climbing in Ecuador.

MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING

The meeting was held October 16, 1985 and called to order by President Doug Van Etten at 7:45 p.m. The minutes for September were acknowledged and approved. The President asked for new members and visitors to introduce themselves and there were many new faces in an overwhelming response.

TREASURER'S REPORT

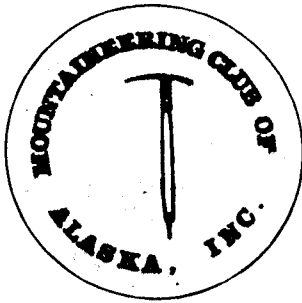
\$ 249.59 - Petty Cash
2,697.75 - Money Market Rate Plus Acc.
477.72 - Bank Account
\$3,425.06 - Total MCA Monies

(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. Membership cards are not mailed, unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. Mail dues to:

MCA
Box 102037
Anchorage, Alaska 99510
Attn. Treasurer

Thanks, Bernie Helms



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Mountaineering Club of Alaska
Income Statement
For Year Ending 10/16/85

Income:

1985 Membership Dues	\$2,332.50	
1986 Membership Dues	80.00	
College Bindery Refund	72.70	
Class Fees	205.00	
Income from Money Market Account	152.92	
Total Income		\$2,843.12

Expenses:

SCREE Printing	\$ 262.64	
SCREE Bulk Rate Postage	640.00	
Meeting Place Fees	220.00*	
Membership - Nat. Forest & Rec. Assn.	75.00	
Equipment	600.00	
Slide Projector	329.80	
Post Office Box Rent	29.00	
Bank Service Charges	97.99	
Shows/Films-Meetings	86.28	
Refreshments	97.90	
Library Supplies	7.55	
General Supplies	49.90	
Picnic	140.07	
Membership Cards/Artwork	144.40	
Class Expenses	105.00	
President Award	93.60	
Miscellaneous Expenses	965.94**	
Total Expenses		3,945.07
NET LOSS		(\$1,101.95)

*Increased due to change in Municipal rates for meeting rental facilities.
**Reviewed by MCA Board of Directors/\$332.63 of this amount to be refunded.

I. Old Business

- A. The ETT course is in progress at this time. Anyone interested in attending, contact Doug Van Etten for details. Phone on back of Scree .

II. New Business

None at this time.

III. Announcements

- A. AMH is holding a photo contest for their yearly calendar. A vertical format photo of an unclimbed peak or route is preferred. Contact Paul Denkewalter at 272-1811 for info. or take in your entry to AMH in beautiful downtown Spenard.

Elections were held for new officers and board members. Elected were:

Mark Findlay - President
Willy Hersman - Vice-President
Kathy Burke - Secretary
Lori Daniel - Treasurer
Mike Miller - Board
Ron Van Bergyk - Board

The new President, Mark Findlay, closed the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Nan DeGood

Thank You

Special Thanks to the following people.

To Jim Pommert, Kathy Burke, Linda White and Jane Stammen for coordinating the efforts of the hiking committee this year. It was quite an impressive schedule, carried off very well during what will be remembered as an unusually short summer. We hope they will be back next year.

To Terry Becker for coordinating ice climbing schools during the past ten years. It is quite an impressive record of accident-free climbing, carried off in what will be remembered as unexplainably good weather. From his article in this Scree we know he will not be back next year.

And to Doug Van Etten for volunteering to run for President at a time when no one else would. It is also quite an impressive fact...Doug will be remembered as the only President elected who was not a member of the MCA, carried off, I'm still not sure how.

Willy Hersman

Matanuska Valley Moose Range Management Plan

Including Moose Creek Drainage - Chickaloon River Trail - Chickaloon - Nelchina - Knik Trail.

Do any of these areas ring a bell? Do you hike or ski up the Chickaloon River? Do you hike or ski up to the Mint Glacier and come out Moose Creek? Do you hike, horseback ride or ski on the historic Chickaloon - Nelchina - Knik Trail? If so, or you intend to spend some time in the Talkeetna Mountains north of the Glenn Highway in the future, you might want to attend the upcoming meeting. State officials are developing alternatives for how the Matanuska Valley Moose Range will be managed. If you want to see public access improved, trails upgraded in the area, or have any specific interests or concerns, now is the time to let the planning team know how you feel. MCA members: DNR officials would like to know how you feel.

Schedule for Public
Open Houses and Meetings
To Review Proposed Management Alternatives

Purpose of the open house: Provide opportunity to review resource data and proposed management alternatives informally and to ask questions.

Purpose of the public meetings: A formal meeting designed to allow the public to review and help develop the proposed management alternatives for the Matanuska Valley Moose Range.

	<u>Open House</u>	<u>Public Meeting</u>
<u>Sutton</u> Sutton Community Hall	Nov. 13, Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Nov. 19, Tuesday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
<u>Palmer</u> Palmer Library	Nov. 14, Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Nov. 26, Tuesday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
<u>Anchorage</u> Fish & Wildlife Serv. Bldg. 1011 East Tudor Rd. First Floor Conference Room	Nov. 15, Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Nov. 20, Wednesday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

For further info. contact Lisa Holzappel at 276-2653.

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Note from an MCA Pioneer

I am a so-called "honorary" member of the club, having been instrumental in starting it in 1958. I enjoy getting copies of Scree. Next summer I may well be in Alaska for a few weeks and am hoping to take the friends that are coming with me on the Eklutna-Girdwood traverse. I helped put up Pichler's Perch in 1964.

But I am writing on a different matter. I spent September in Russia in what's called "International Climbing Camps of the USSR". This was in the Caucasus Mountains. It was great. The mountains are fantastic, the weather was poor.

The Russians really like to obtain our climbing gear (they were all very personal and warm people whom I really enjoyed). In return they gave us Titanium Ice Screws. The lightest metal available on Earth. But now I need to sell them. A store here sells them for \$35.00.

TITANIUM ICE SCREWS FOR SALE

Assorted sizes and styles. About 7 1/2" long. Will sell for \$27.50 each including postage to Alaska.

Helga Byhre
24104 92nd Ave. West
Edmonds, Washington 98020
206-546-6830

SNOW SHOVELS

Michael Rees is getting together an order for lightweight snow shovels and needs 20 or more people to get a good price on them. He already has several interested people but will take more.

Two-piece, Cascade-Toboggan, aluminum, 3-lb. shovel, regularly \$29.95 for \$18.00 plus shipping. They measure 35 x 11 x 13. Call Michael at 563-8276.

TRIP REPORTS

Swan Lake

October 5-6

Day one--great day! The Kenai Mountains welcomed us with a beautiful alpenglow. Sunny skies, autumn crispness and colors and a trail through tundra mountain passes to a cabin by a lake: needless to say we wasted no time hitting the trail (especially when the rumor was quickly spread that the leader thought going to "Swan Lake" was reason enough for us all to hike wearing "tutus"!?)

The Devil's Pass trail entertained us with waterfalls, spruce grouse, soaring eagles and views of valleys that promised good future adventures. In fact it was one of these valleys that Rick wanted to turn off the trail towards - Rick, are reading your map upside down? Maroon colored bearberry on the mountain slopes was being replaced by a descending snowline, and all the brown bears (?) that Todd saw were replaced by ferocious brown rocks. The Resurrection Trail was lined with fall seed pods from chocolate lillys, rattlebox flowers and ferns that were an autumn rust color. The moose that Todd saw were real, we all enjoyed the bull moose and four cows.

After 14 miles, 10 smiles arrived at Swan Lake. There's something about cabin life that brings out the "real" personality in a person. Jean-Mark got right into chopping all the good logs into sawdust - bets were made on how far the chips were flying. Meanwhile, on the lake, Don and Todd were attempting to row around in the rowboat - with the square end going first. To make things even funnier, there was a skim of ice on the lake and they got stuck up on the top of the ice more than once! Red salmon could be seen everywhere in the lake and nearby stream.

Back at the cabin Jane, who is always smiling, was bringing the smile back to her toes. By lying on the ground and propping her feet straight up in the air on the outside cabin wall. Chris entertained us with a cookstove bonfire followed by a wild dance that started inside the cabin and ended up outside. Kathy was brave enough to come "out of the closet" and admit she had a map fetish. The sounds coming from the cabin that night resembled 10 people in bad need of CPR!

Day two - the warmth from the woodstove made it easy for us to come out of our cocoons. High clouds and warm temperatures looked good for another long day. Linda was the trip naturalist pointing out re-winged crossbills, spruce grouse, and the tapping of a woodpecker. She also showed us bear scat full of berries -(if anyone knows scat she's seen it all the way from Dillingham to the Brooks Range!)

A moose was heard calling at Juneau Lake and lots of blueberries were eaten by blue fingers. It was here at Juneau Lake that we discovered the secret to "hot-foot Pommert's" speed - bionic socks! This fact was witnessed by four of us who saw him again (or was it the red licorice, or was it the bear scat he

saw.) Hmm.

Stretches of the trail were carpeted with yellow aspen leaves. Lunch by the falls was great, they have a thundering sound that goes right through you. Enrique's pack still looks like there's a whole grocery store in it. The rain came and the end of the trail was muddy and it was good to reach the dry cars. We all decided to go into business making bed sheets printed with topographic maps, and there were a few suggestions of how Kathy could be saved from herself! After 14 miles, 10 smiles headed back to Anchorage.

Those that provided the laughs: Jean-Mark Bourgouin, Kathy Burke, Chris Erickson, Don Hansen, Rick Maron, Jim Pommert, Todd Shipley, Jane Stammen, Enrique Toro and Linda White.



Phantom of Swan Lake

Kathy Burke

Ice School

Setting out from Anchorage in a driving rain I wondered if our luck had run out and the weather gods had deserted us. The Matanuska Ice Climbing school had always enjoyed the best possible weather and I was worried. Cresting Chickaloon Pass I was greeted by a far away patch of blue and I knew we had done it again. The 28 students and 12 instructors who made the same journey were rewarded with an absolutely beautiful day. The class went off as smoothly as ever and it seemed everyone learned something in the process. The Times did a very nice piece on the school by student Bill Sherwonit who also happened to be Times Outdoor Editor. Nothing like having your own press agent.

As usual a school of this magnitude could not exist without dedicated instructors and assistants who did a fantastic job. They were Gary Bocarde, Ernie Borjon, John Dillman, George Ferry, Willy Hersman, Sue Havens, Ned Lewis, Roger Maggard and Dave Pahlke. The assistants were Mark "the Prez" Findlay, Mike Miller and Ron Van Bergyk.

A special thanks has to go to Gary Bocarde of Mountain Trip for the loan of the ropes necessary to run the school. Also Bob and Lynn at the Glacier Park Lodge for their hospitality and for the band Saturday night.

The students were Karl Becker, Kathy Burke, John Cafmeyer, Karen Cafmeyer,

Bob Casey, Kris Cassity, Laurie Daniel, Nan DeGood, Kieth Diehl, B.A. Doyle, Sandi Foster, Greg Griffin, Catherine Harris, Peter Heninger, Bernie Helms, jim Hill, Frances Inoue, Mike Kotowski, Mary Matisinez, Mike Moxness, John Mummery, Jim Powell, Tom Saville, Steve Shumburek, Bill Sherwonit, Bill Ure, Becky Voris and John Wolfe.

This marks the final year that I will be the director of this Ice School. When we first started this school in 1976 little did we think that it would grow into the institution that it has become. I have seen a new generation of climbers enter the sport and grow to become the leaders. It is now time for me to turn the reins over to them to continue the tradition. This school has given me the opportunity to know many fine people and I leave with many fond memories. I will, however, continue to order the weather so that nobody ever gets rained on at this ice climbing school.

Terry Becker

Upcoming Trips

Dec. 7

TELEMARK MINI-COURSE

Arctic Valley Ski area. A one or two-day instructional session for beginners. Cross country skis, wax, a pair of good ski boots skins are helpful, the usual cold weather clothing, etc. Excellent instructors. Sign-up sheet at the next meeting. Date may be be changed, Dec. 7th is tentative, so pay attention at the meeting or contact the leader.
Leader: John Dillman 279-1246

MINUTES FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The meeting was held November 4, 1985, at Mark Findlay's house, and called to order by President Mark Findlay at 7:15 P.M.

The meeting started with everyone discussing what they expected of the club. The main objectives were more classes, more winter activities, to revive the Library Committee and put the library in order, climbs listed in the hiking/climbing schedule, hut maintenance, improvements on the SCREE (history corner, past trips, documented climbs and private trips), trail maintenance, slide shows on lesser used Alaska State and National Parks to encourage trips to those areas, and to be sure new members feel welcome.

The subject of mailing membership cards was brought up. One suggestion was to mail membership cards out with the SCREE.

It was discussed that club members should be kept up to date on current land management plans and the activities of the Outdoor Coalition, how to keep the club members better informed, and how to arrive at a common club membership opinion.

A suggestion was made that annual membership dues be made Single \$10.00 and Family \$15.00, and this would be brought up at the general membership meeting and put to a vote by the club members.

The Board of Directors approved the expenditure of funds to purchase an ice axe for Doug Van Etten, past president, as per club tradition.

We are looking into scheduling Fairview Community Center for the December meeting (as Pioneer Schoolhouse is closed that month), and will attempt to schedule the Pioneer Schoolhouse for the February meeting (as Fur Rondy has priority).

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Those present: Mark Findlay, Willy Hersman, Kathy Burke, Lori Daniel, Doug Van Etten, Barb Byrne, Mike Miller, and Ron Van Bergeyk.

Respectfully submitted,
kathy Burke

MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOME PHONE</u>
President	Mark Findlay	337-8666
Vice-President	Willy Hersman	338-5132
Secretary	Kathy Burke	346-2841
Treasurer	Laurie Daniel	278-1136

BOARD MEMBERS

Doug Van Etten	243-1550
Barb Byrne	338-5132
John Lohff	337-2291
Mike Miller	345-5718
Ron Van Bergeyk	345-1800

Annual membership dues: Single \$7.50 Family \$10.00

SCREE is a monthly publication of the Mountaineering Club of Alaska. I would like to remind you that all items for publication must be submitted at the monthly meeting or mailed to my home at Star Route Box 9204, Eagle River, Alaska 99577. Articles should be recieved by the 25th of the month for the following month's issue. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Marty Bassett, Editor.

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