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NOVEMBER MEETING

Wednesday

November 17, 7:30 pm

Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd & Eagle Streets
Downtown Anchorage

Program: A new book about the *Tordrillo Mountains* will be presented, along with slides and commentary by co-authors Paul Crews, Sr., Dr. Rod Wilson and Lowell Thomas, Jr.. These are all honorary members of the MCA, a special occasion.

HIKING AND CLIMBING SCHEDULE

Nov 21 Ram Valley Ski Tour

Looking to try out those new backcountry skis and skins? We will be gaining access into the Ram Valley drainage via Prudhoe Bay Road and following this up into the glacier and cirque. Avalanche gear and training required. Fifteen miles round-trip. Bring a headlamp, warm clothes and plenty of fluids. No snowshoes. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot at 9:00 A.M. to carpool to trailhead. Limited to 12 participants. Sign up at the November meeting. Class C.
Leader: Richard Baranow 694-1500

TRIP REPORTS

Harp Mt. Traverse

by Richard Baranow



alloween morning dawned with six bright-eyed MCAers gathered at the northeast end of the road up Hiland Drive, more commonly called the "South Fork of Eagle River". Plans were to climb up the west ridge of Harp Mt. to its summit, then continue onward and eventually descend into the north fork of Eagle River to the trip leaders home, located near the Eagle River Nature Center; a distance of approximately seven miles. Conditions were ideal for this time of the year; relatively clear skies, temps in the upper twenties, a somewhat shallow snow pack with very little wind loading...and a group of six "ready to roll" club members! The previous evening saw the gain of

an hour with the advent of the annual 'Daylight Savings Time', giving us an even brighter start! Not wanting to upset the reputation of being a 'Nunatak specialist', we began our trek promptly right around 11:30 am.

Following in the footsteps of four females out on their own adventure, we quickly made our way up the ridge, enjoying a somewhat solid trail. The previous day, I had accompanied two other MCA members up this same route with snowshoes strapped upon our peds, making the current days efforts a bit easier. Spectacular views were quickly obtained of the South Fork Valley with Mt. Foraker punctuating its horizon to the north. Of special interest to the group was the fact that one of the participants, Kenn Moon, had homesteaded in this valley down below in the early sixties. This being his first ascent of Harp Mt. made the trip a special one, indeed. Upon passing the 'feminine foursome' half-way up the ridge (three of which were MCA members (Marcy Baker, Sharon Mesely and Michelle Potkin); the fourth, 'Pili', carrying an unborn 'Pili Jr.'), we exchanged smiles and photos while listening to the infectious laugh of Sharon. Continuing on, the snowy summit greeted the group without incident and offered up its register with minimal digging. After signing in all present, we had a bite for lunch and began the one and a half mile ridge walk to the east. It was here that the two groups now diverged; the women heading back down the ascent route, taking with them one of our original members, Donna Klecka, who had pending business to tend to. The remaining five gentlemen, Charles Sink, Dave Peters, Timo Tammisto, Kenn and I enjoyed the warmth of direct sunshine, a beautiful Chugach ridgeline and the knowledge that we had the entire day ahead of us to take it all in, and a nice trail to follow!

Dall sheep had been in the area recently, scratching at the snowy tundra to expose their sparse food source and to make circular sleeping pads; wandering trails could be made out across the valley to the north. Hardy animals, these sheep...always puts me in my place when I see their amazing agility and apparent comfort with exposure. On the previous days trail breaking foray, my two companions, Bob Hasek and Deborah Mole, and I saw five beautiful full curl rams silhouetted against a backdrop of the north-west face of Yukla peak in fading light; quite the sight to see. Approaching them from above as we descended the face of Falsetto Point (5130), they observed us with calm curiosity, not scrambling off to safer ground until we were nearly upon

them. Other life forms seen included dozens of rambling ravens, multitudes of mischievous magpies, and bundles of chirping black-capped chickadees. Moose tracks could be seen frequently crisscrossing the lower vegetated slopes; the snow depth yet to make traveling there prohibitive. A single, lethargic trail, left by a bear was noted. Heading to his winter resting spot, no doubt.

After dropping off the ridgeline, having lost 1100 feet from the summit of Harp, we began another uphill trek. This time, we gained 1200 feet in just under a mile, reaching the pass which allows views down into the North fork of Eagle River just at dark. We made the appropriate group decision to bypass the summit of Falsetto and descend immediately. Donning our headlamps, we now made our way down the 4200 feet towards the valley floor below. Having the trail kicked in here was of absolute importance for our group. Descending here can be extremely dangerous if the wrong line is taken, potentially leading one into steep ravines prone to avalanche, hidden cliff bands and eventually into gnarly bush-whacks. During the previous trail-setting day, we had been able to negotiate this zone successfully with fading daylight, finally getting caught by dark near treeline. Needless to say, the journey through the last 1500 feet of vegetation was quite exciting! Dastardly devils club, arresting alder patches and hidden, slippery, fallen trees and roots made travel difficult. So easy to put out an eye with unseen twigs and branches, such potential to turn an ankle or bruise a knee. We followed the previous days' trail through foggy, sometimes whiteout conditions, carefully making sure not to lose our way by following meandering dog/sheep paths. Sometimes crawling on our hands and knees, sometimes being suspended above the turf on downslanting alders and logs, we eventually found ourselves at the edge of Eagle River. Crossing in our climbing boots with headlamps proved to be no problem. The ice breaking underfoot on the open waters' edge and cool temperatures brought about a surge of adrenaline. Not knowing how deep it was going to be for sure made it all that more exciting for the first across! The deepest channel was about knee level, deep enough to fill ones boots from the top and soak through both layers of socks. Arriving at the other side of the river, we double-timed it to my humble abode in approximately ten minutes where, as luck would have it, Kenn's partner, Judy Lehman was pulling up with warm greetings, a generous pot of home-made soup, bread and chocolate goodies! Her timing was



impeccable! Soon thereafter, popcorn popped, spirits flowed and conversations ensued, helping make the trip a wonderful success. No major injuries, navigational problems or avalanche danger, along with great group dynamics and awesome scenery made the trip a memorable one, at least for this MCA member! Perhaps next time we will start two hours earlier and pick off Falsetto Point on the way! By the way, was that 'Nunatak' or 'Noon-attack'?

Thanks 🍷

The club would like to thank Charles Lane for his efforts over the past two years in organizing and providing refreshments at the monthly meetings. Always a fresh pot of coffee, cooled juice and Great Harvest bread laid out for easy consumption...these were standard fare under his tutelage! Thanks for taking the time and effort, Charles!!! Yours will be a tough act to follow!

RR Permits - Candyland



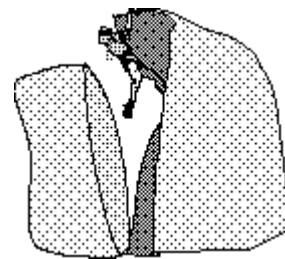
With the ice forming up along the Seward highway, remember to acquire your personal climbing permit from the Alaska Railroad if you plan to climb at the Candyland area. This is not an option. To climb there requires a permit. Let's keep this area open and safe for all by following the protocol set forth by the railroad. Contact ARR representative Nacole Merrell at 265-2670 with queries. Gaining the permit requires you to visit their offices and signing a release.

ADZE



Slide Show

In March, 1999, six accomplished female mountain climbers left the USA for Kathmandu in an attempt to be the first all-American women's team to summit Cho Oyu, the sixth highest mountain in the world (8201) without supplemental oxygen or Sherpa climbing support. Supy Bullard, leader of the team, successfully reached the summit on May 5, 1999. The peak straddles the Nepal/ Tibet border. There will be a slide show about her summit of Cho Oyu, afterwards Supy will be available to answer questions. Thursday, November 18th at 7 p.m. at Wilda Marston Theatre at the Loussac Library. Free Admission.



Climbing Notes

Danny Kost

In the July issue of the *Scree*, Dave Hart wrote an article for the Climbing Notes section concerning a climb in the Wrangell Mountains near Regal Mountain. I was going to tell him at the recent meeting that his claim of a first ascent of Peak 12454 is incorrect. Peak 12454 was first ascended in June 1955, and had been ascended at least once or twice prior to his ascent this year.

In the future, I'd be glad to help people identify possible first ascents in the Wrangell-St. Elias area. I have collected a sizeable amount of information over the years. I do not know all of the ascents in this region, but quite a few.

Trip Pictures

Anyone who would like a copy of the digital pictures from the 10/9 trip up South Suicide please email me at Jellinwood@locherinterests.com <<mailto:Jellinwood@locherinterests.com>> and I will email you the photos.

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Ski Pins

Annual Nordic Ski Club track pins are available at local retail shops and Kinkaid Park. Remember to support the people who keep the trails groomed and open for your use during these winter months. We are lucky to have such extensive lighted trail systems here in Anchorage and should do our part in ensuring their continued maintenance. Support the system...by a track pin!

Found

A variety of gear has been collected which was used during the rescue at the annual ice climbing school held at the Matanuska Glacier October 2-3. Anyone missing articles of clothing, hardware or other related items should contact the club president with queries; Richard @ 694-1500 (h) 272-1811 (w), or e-mail: chugachmntns@yahoo.com



MINUTES

ANNUAL MEETING

There were approximately 100 people in attendance; about 8 new members introduced themselves. Richard Baranow presiding.

TREASURER

Total Revenue \$12,430.90
Total Expenses 7,057.06
Current Balance \$ 5,373.84

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hiking and Climbing

We heard reports about previous trips: Eagle River Traverse, Eagle Peak, and South Suicide Peak. Upcoming trips include Bird Ridge Overlook, McHugh Peak (10/30), Harp Mountain Traverse (10/31), and Williwaw Lakes (11/6). Sign-up sheets were available.

Huts

Eklutna project is further along than expected, hut walls are enclosed, roof needs to be finished - the coming Saturday (10/23) is dedicated to haul supplies in and finish the roof.

Geographic Names

A bump near Twin Peaks was officially named as a "Pow/Mia" Mountain. Go figure...

Equipment

The club acquired new axes and crampons, which including the beacons will be stored at AMH. A reminder - ropes are to be use for the club sanctioned trips only.

Training

Steve Perry is generating a list of training courses, there is a new committee forming, sign-up if interested. Avalanche training - still investigating costs and instructors.

Parks Advisory

Scott Bailey briefed us and distributed flyers on following:

1. Use of fixed anchors in National Forrest Lands - you can get more info and send comments to www.accessfund.org
2. Planning period for Denali backcountry - comments are due November 15th.
3. State parks trails access - right-of-ways - comments due November 16th.
4. Open space planning for Anchorage Bowl - meeting scheduled at Loussac Library for Oct. 10.

OLD BUSINESS

Thanks to the fact that the Ice Climbing School at the Matanuska Glacier made it to the Anchorage Daily News, over 130 people showed up, which resulted in two injuries, one of them quite serious (broken leg requiring surgery). Ice climbing school will be organized differently next year, there might be need to limit the number of participants depending on instructor numbers.

NEW BUSINESS

New committees are being formed to ease load: memberships/scree mailing, training, refreshments. MCA 2000 Calendar photo contest winners were announced and prizes distributed.

Annual elections were held, see the results on the last page.

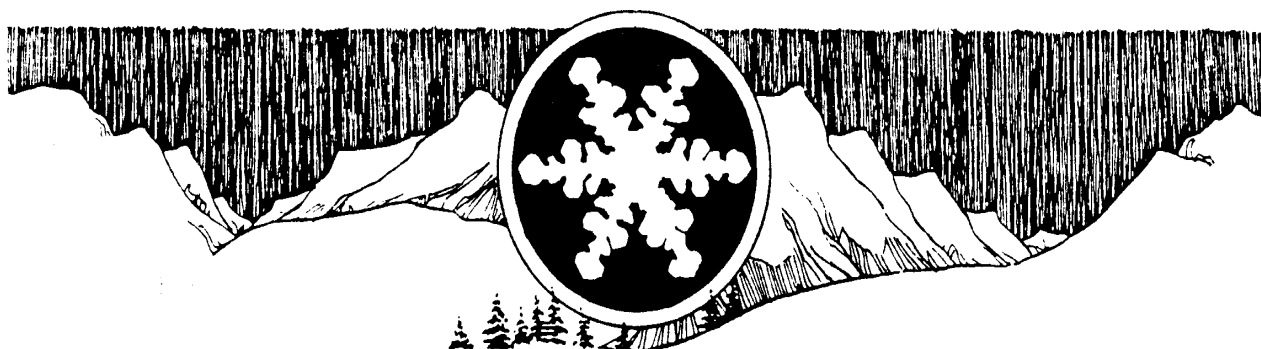
ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

An interesting slide show about second ascent of Moose's Tooth rarely climbed route was presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Elena Hinds





ALASKA MOUNTAIN SAFETY CENTER, INC. and the ALASKA AVALANCHE SCHOOL

Date	Number/Name Workshop	Location	Cost*
12/4	1. Avalanche Hazard Recognition	Soldotna, Borough Assembly Chambers	Free**
12/11	2. Avalanche Rescue Skills	Anchorage/Chugach State Park	\$ 50
1/8	3. Avalanche Hazard Recognition	Anchorage, Egan Convention Center	\$ 25
1/15-17	4. Backcountry Aval. Haz. Eval. & Rescue	Girdwood/Turnagain Pass, Kenai Mts.	\$225
1/22	5. Basic Avalanche Workshop for Snowmachiners (Must have attended the Aval. Haz. Recog. Workshop on 1/8 or during the 98-99 season)	Chugach State Park	\$ 65
1/28(e), 29	6. Level II, Steep Terrain Hazard Evaluation	Anc (e), Chugach, Kenai, or Talkeetna Mts.	\$ 75
2/4(e), 5-6	7. Level II, Avalanche Hazard Evaluation	Hatcher Pass(e), Talkeetna & Kenai Mts.	\$165
2/12	8. Avalanche Hazard Recognition Workshop	Anchorage, UAA, Library Bldg., Rm 118	\$ 25
2/13	9. Basic Avalanche Workshop for Snowmachiners (Must have attended the Aval. Haz. Recog. Workshop on 1/8, 2/12, or during the 98-99 season)	Chugach State Park	\$ 65
2/19-21	10. Backcountry Aval. Haz. Eval. & Rescue (Open to snowmachiners)	Hatcher Pass, Talkeetna Mts.	\$225
2/26-28	11. Backcountry Aval. Haz. Eval. & Rescue	Thompson Pass, Chugach Mts.	\$225
3/3(e), 4	12. Level II, Steep Terrain Hazard Evaluation	Anc (e), Chugach, Kenai, or Talkeetna Mts.	\$ 75
3/5	13. Basic Avalanche Workshop for Snowmachiners (Must have attended the Aval. Haz. Recog. Workshop on 1/8, 2/12, or during the 98-99 season)	Chugach State Park	\$ 65
3/11-13	14. Backcountry Aval. Haz. Eval. & Rescue (Open to snowmachiners)	Hatcher Pass, Talkeetna Mts.	\$225
3/21e, 22e, 24-27	15. Safe Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue	Anc (e), Matanuska Glacier, Chugach Mts.	\$245
4/5 (eve)	16. Physics for Climbers and Rescuers	Anchorage	\$ 15
4/14-17	17. Mountaineering Skills Workshop	Turnagain Arm, Chugach Mts.	\$235
5/19-22	18. Ocean Kayaking Workshop	Resurrection Bay, Seward	\$235
Open	Custom Workshops for your Organization	Open	Open

**Alaska Mountain Safety Center
9140 Brewsters Drive
Anchorage, AK 99516
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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.

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Equipment

Summer

Raingear that works	Ace bandage	Ice axe
Windgear	Surgical tape	Gaitors
Wool or fleecce 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	Mittens
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/fleecce pants	Repair kit
Wool/fleecce shirt	Tent (or snow shelters)
Longjohns	Sleeping bag
Down jacket	Sleeping pad
Wool/fleecce hat	Large cook pot
Face mask	Stove
Mittens	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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Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Inc.

Membership Application

The Mountaineering Club of Alaska (MCA) was formed in 1958 to promote the enjoyment of hiking and climbing in Alaska and the exploration of its mountains. We welcome anyone who wishes to become a member.

Participate and Learn The MCA conducts scheduled hikes and climbs led by experienced club members, technical mountaineering and climbing courses, and other instruction throughout the year. The club maintains eight mountain huts in the nearby Chugach and Talkeetna Mountains. The MCA/Vin Hoeman Library, located upstairs in Alaska Mountaineering and Hiking on Spenard Road, contains hundreds of books, periodicals, bound volumes of Scree, and a 'peak file' with information on local climbs. The club also loans climbing gear to members, including ice axes, helmets, crampons, snowshoes and avalanche beacons.

Stay Informed The MCA publishes a monthly newsletter, Scree, and sends it to all members. The Scree contains the minutes of general meetings, announcements of upcoming events, the trip schedule and trip reports written by club members. A monthly meeting and presentation is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the basement of the Pioneer Schoolhouse (corner of 3rd and Eagle Streets, downtown Anchorage). Special events or changes to the meeting will be noted in *Scree*.

- **Complete both parts of this form** if you intend to participate in club-sponsored trips, or visit an MCA hut.
- Please make checks payable to Mountaineering Club of Alaska.
- Dues are \$10.00 for an individual or \$15.00 for a family (one Scree per family).
- Membership is for one calendar year, through the 31st of December. Memberships paid after October 1st are good through the following year.
- If applying by mail, please include a self-addressed envelope for your membership card which is required to participate on club trips and training. Or you may pick it up at any monthly meeting.

Our address is: MCA
Box 102037
Anchorage, Ak 99510

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Lead a trip?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Location: _____	Date _____
COMMENTS	_____		

Paid: \$10 \$15 on Date: ____/____/____
 Cash or Check Number: _____

Membership Card Issued for Year: _____.
Address added to Mailing List

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): _____

Mountaineering Club of Alaska

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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 fill out the club application found on the previous 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. The post office does not forward the newsletter.

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: 1106 W. 54th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99518, or e-mailed to mca@alaska.net. Articles should be received 19 days prior to the third Wednesday of the month in order to be in time for mailing.

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, 269-8828.

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