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ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday

November 21, 7:30 pm

Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd & Eagle Streets
Downtown Anchorage

Program: *Vern Tejas* will present "Climbing Adventures."
In the case Vern is unable to make it, there is a
backup show by Ralph Tingey.

HIKING AND CLIMBING SCHEDULE

Nov 19 Ship Creek Trail Clearing

Between Arctic Valley and Indian. Wear rubber boots and leather gloves. The state park may supply the tools. Leashed dogs and kids welcomed. Lets watch the seasons change in a spectacular valley while getting the trail ready for xc skiing.
Leader: Stuart Grenier 337-5127

2001-2002 The Trip

There is room for your participation here. Be a giver for a change.
Leader: You who have taken MCA trips, classes

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Nov 28 Knot-Tying

Are you interested in venturing out into Alaska's great outdoors this winter? Would like to climb peaks, ice, rock or snow but don't know how? Well we have good news! Join us for our first MCA mountaineering class of the season and learn the one thing that will prove invaluable for all your climbing activities. Location TBA.
Leader: Steve Parry 248-8710

Nov 25 - Dec 9 Basic Mountaineering

Emergency Prevention and Response - safety, leadership, first aid, & mountain rescue. Outdoor Fundamentals - clothing & equipment, minimum impact, camping & food, navigation, avalanche awareness & wilderness travel. Climbing Fundamentals - ropes, knots, belay, rappel, anchors/pro, route selection, self-arrest. Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue - Apr '02. Orientation / Coordination - Nov 25, 4-6 PM @ Kaladi Brothers, 6921 Brayton, 344-5483. Indoor Lecture - Nov 26, 28, 30 6-8 PM. Outdoor Lab - Dec 1-2, 8-9 dawn to dusk. Facilitator: Gary Runa 275-3613 msg.

TRIP REPORTS

Discovering a Monument

by Tim Kelley



Do you know where Monument Mountain is in the Talkeetna Mountains? Probably not. But then neither did Bill Spencer or I until we “discovered” it. What do I mean when I say “discovered?” Here’s the story.

During past trips across the Pinochle-Hicks Creek trail I was impressed by a large peak that you can see from the pass. Three miles southwest of Mount Monarch there is a rugged 6875-foot peak. The northeast ridge of this peak looks like a sea-monster’s back, made of crumbling rock. The summit itself is a defining wide spire. From a distance it looked like the southern ridges might offer a scramble to the summit spire. And then maybe a lucky chimney would lead to the top. In peak-bagger circles this peak would be called a “significant” peak. There is at least 1000 feet of vertical off the summit to the highest col that defines another true peak (of at least 500 vertical feet of relief). There was no mention of climbs of this peak in Scree.

On August 19th of this year Bill Spencer and I decided to give this peak a try. Instead of accessing the peak from the Pinochle trail, as one would for Mount Monarch, we started in from the new Purinton Creek trailhead at 11:00 AM. I had gotten to know the old Purinton Creek trails quite well, but the new 4-wheeler track maze had me confused for a while. Eventually we found the trail that led up between Kutzkatna and Mudflow Creeks and we scrambled up through the clouds to the 6000-foot level of Anthracite Ridge.

From the ridge-top we diagonaled to the pass south of the Mound benchmark. Here we dropped 1000 feet down scree and snow to the head of a western Hicks Creek tributary. As we hiked heavenly alpine tundra towards our destination we debated the best route up the towering mountain ahead of us. Here I was reconfirmed why it’s such a privilege living in a land without extensive climbing guidebooks. You are forced to constantly assess route choices. Your game plan can change every few steps. Instead of following a printed, step-by-step climbing recipe, mountaineering is more of a discovery process for us.

As we expected, the first 1000 feet of climbing was a long scramble on shattered, brittle rock. There were great views of the Matanuska Glacier to the southeast. We were worried a bit about a ledge that led to the final shoulder of the ridge. But it went easily. Near the base of the summit spire I changed from climbing boots to running shoes for better rock feel. Bill and I then gingerly traversed 100 feet of exposed ridge that led to a rubble filled chimney. Using some wide-chimney techniques we eased up the 60-foot slot to the summit.

When I popped out of the chimney I startled, and was startled by, a large eagle that had been wondering whether lunch was working its way to the summit. At close range, and when you are in their realm, big eagles seem exceptionally huge!

Near the eagle perch I noticed a lichen covered cairn. Inside I found an old metal film canister. The note inside was in good shape. It was dated August 27, 1969 and signed by David Albert and Craig Patterson. The title of the note was “Monument Mountain (6875).” It also said in the note that they had come from Boulder Creek and climbed up from the southwest col. This was most likely the same route that we had just climbed.

We didn’t have anything to sign the register with, as we had left most everything at the base of the spire. We rappelled down the chimney, gathered our gear and then began the long descent of rotten rock and scree.

While hiking out we noticed a group of people at the base of a large cliff at the head of the valley we were in. Being neighborly we decided to stop by. From a distance we wondered if this was a group of rock climbers, as there are many enticing rock routes in this cirque. When we got close to the group we noticed that one of the members was throwing sheep entrails out onto the tundra. So much for the rock climber theory.

Two of the group had killed a ram a couple of hours before. When I asked if they had hiked in that day they said no, they had come in the day before. One of the hunters then seemed to sneer as he said that they were camo’ed and we walked right by them. In other words he was implying: “heck, we could have shot you guys easily!” That shut down our conversation quickly.



We then headed back up to the top of Anthracite ridge. As usual on clear days, the views of the main Chugach Mountains from this area of the Talkeetnas are phenomenal. We got back to Bill's truck at 8:30, making it a 9 ½ hour day.

After this climb I checked Scree and the American Alpine Club Journal for "Monument Mountain". This name was not mentioned in either index. There was however a mention in the 1970 AACJ (Vol. 44, p 113) of the first climb of this peak. It was referred to as P 6875. No mention of the proposed name, Monument Mountain, was made. Also, in this AACJ reference it is stated that besides Albert and Patterson, F. Cady and K. Hammond also climbed P 6875. For what it matters, these two names were not in the summit register.

So the question remains, was Monument Mountain named 32 years ago and for some reason was the name lost or it never stuck? Or was the name put in the summit register as a test. A test to see how long it would take the next peak baggers to "discover" it?

The Harp of Ages

by Stu Grenier



It is funny what trips stick in your mind the longest and why? Over thirty years ago my family went on a fall hike up Arctic Valley to the saddle that overlooks the South Fork of Eagle River. I can hardly remember anything about that trip except for one very clear series of events. As we topped out on the ridge I noticed the two lakes at the far end of the South Fork. They were bathed in sunlight and looked so beautiful. I asked my dad if we could go to those lakes. He said we could but that they were too far to go to that day.

As we walked back down to the parking lot I remember being disappointed that we didn't go to the lakes. I knew that I someday would go there. That hike became one of the defining moments of my life. From that day on I always knew I'd be pushing deeper into the Chugach in one way or another. I ask myself now why I remember that trip so long ago, while others have become a blur if not totally forgotten. I believe the answer is that it was because I was only five or six and therefore very impressionable.

Willy Hersman once told me of a climbing friend of his that became a Buddhist. He said the reason this guy had stopped climbing was because he had concluded that climbing was a selfish act. I never decided if climbing was any more selfish than anything else people like to do but the idea did get me thinking. For example, if I go out and spend a perfect day in the mountains by myself should I feel guilty for not bringing or inviting someone else whom otherwise would not have gone? How is this question different from finding a nice big tasty pie and bringing it home to gorge on in secret? That is the dilemma.

Both this "selfish question" and the idea that the younger a person is the more impressionable they are, were on my mind when I put the signup sheet for Harp Mountain (5001 ft.) on the table at the last meeting. I knew I was going up Harp and that it would probably be an excellent September trip for anyone, including kids and dogs or the sneaker and jeans crowd.

On Sunday Sept. 23 seven of us arrived at the South Fork trailhead. The group included John Crator, Ann Binnian, Chrise Lapiana, Julia Perchersky, Micheal Zlatkovsky (14), Ariel Zlatkovsky (8), and three dogs. As we started out Ariel began sprinting up the trail. I had reservations about bringing such a little kid because I knew that they don't pace themselves. When I caught up with him I got him to promise to stay in the group and then pointed to the top of Harp Mountain and asked him if he thought he could run all the way up it. He said he could. I laughed.

By the time we got to the bridge Ariel was still sprinting and stopping and then sprinting some more. The excitement of being in the mountains was just too much for him. Seeing that John and Chris were setting a faster pace, arrangements were made to have them go on ahead to the summit. John is a guide and Harp a walkup so this wasn't a problem.

Moving up a large gully Ariel began to show signs of fatigue and continued to waste energy. First of all he started grabbing the large dog's collar and coaxing it up the mountain so that it would pull him up. This brought back memories from my childhood because I also used this method as a child. After a while Troy, a large black lab, decided he had helped Ariel enough and tried to stay out of his reach. This led Ariel to chase Troy and waste even more energy. At times he chased Troy down the mountain.

About three-fourths of the way up the mountain Ariel began to dig in his heels. Though we stuffed him with snicker bars and water he would not go any higher. We even offered him more snickers bars if he reached a certain point. Not wanting to turn the trip into a death march for Ariel we gave him and his mother Julia some extra clothing and then headed up for the summit. Chris and John at this time were in sight coming down from the summit.

On the summit Ann and I congratulated Michael on his first summit ever. The view of Anchorage and the surrounding peaks was excellent, but hazy. A light snow was falling, the wind occasionally gusting. Descending we could see Ariel romping around on the tundra. I guess the candy bars started to kick in. He had no problem walking out and even tried to ride Troy the lab who weighed twice as much as him. Troy would spin around and send Ariel headfirst into the blueberry bushes. It got everyone laughing, including Ariel.

I could have easily climbed this mountain alone or with a close friend or two. It would have been a nice trip, but ten or twenty years from now I doubt it would be remembered by anyone including myself. Now after sharing the experience with so many people, especially young people, the trip will be unforgettable for a number of people. Maybe these same people will one day share a trip with others who would not have otherwise gone.

BOARD MEETING

October

The following members attended the meeting held upstairs at AMH: Bill Romberg, Tom Choate, Richard Baranow, Jayme Mack and Tom McDermott.

Ice Climbing Festival Review

The board discussed how the festival went, most members agreed that the weekend was great and no major injuries were reported. At least 130 members were in attendance, for the yearly festival. Many on the board felt that there should be a special Ice Climbing Coordinating Team consisting of members other than the president, climbing chair or training chair. Agreeing that these positions already have a large workload. A few suggestions were offered for next year, including, a water source located at

the campsite and garbage cans around the main bonfire area. The club also wanted to thank all the instructors, participants, board members for all their hardwork, the Para-Rescue medical volunteers, AMH for all the free demo gear and Blanton Forsyth for the use of his personal radios. Any comments or suggestions in reference to the 2001 Ice Climbing Festival can be e-mailed to Bill Romberg.

Human Waste Disposal System

Bill announced that Phillips turned down the first proposal for putting in the waste disposal system on the Eklutna Traverse and on the current site at the Scandinavia Hut. Bill proposed purchasing the bucket/bag system for the Scandinavia Hut with funds remaining from an REI grant that the club received in 1999. Remaining funds are approximately \$650. A years supply of the bags, bucket and storage costs about \$410, leaving a remaining \$210 which would be put towards a flight with Mike Meekins to install or remove waste in the springtime. Bill's proposal passed with a majority of members in favor.

Awards

The board has received some nominations for the Vin Hoeman Award. The board is asking for all nominations to be in for both the President's Award and the Vin Hoeman Award by the October general meeting.

Meeting Place

The board is still discussing a new meeting place for the monthly general meetings. The membership is growing and attendance rates are higher in the winter months. At the last few meetings the club has stretched fire code requirements. Tom McDermott volunteered to continue looking for potential sites. Any members that know of similar sites, having outdoor space, kitchen facilities, free parking, maybe audio visual presentation equipment, in a central location and right around a rate of \$50 for a two hour time block.

Elections

The annual elections will be held at the October General meeting. Two board positions and the vice president's position will need to be filled since those members have served their term or have stepped down.

Old Gear

The board decided to clean up the library at AMH a little. Board members chose to retire the old MSR ice axes and sell them at a general club meeting, to retire the yellow construction helmets for good, to cut up retired ropes and use them for knot tying classes and to resell a few pairs of old hiking boots at the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayme Mack



Wanted

Womens' mountaineering boots, size 6-1/2 (small ones!) such as Koflach. Robin 269-8606, 336-4099

For Sale

Koflach mountaineering boots, womens' size 8+/-, used but decent cond., with supergaiters \$50 OBO. Robin 269-8606, 336-4099

For Sale

Ice Axe: \$25, Cassin, aluminum shaft (lower portion rubber coated) 32". Jim 384-2900



Notice

Alaska Mountaineering & Hiking will be offering the Charlet Moser Pulsar Ice Tool for a special price of \$151.20 to all current MCA members, for the month of November..

MINUTES

ANNUAL MEETING

Ninety-seven members attended and 12 new and old visitors introduced themselves.

TREASURER

The club has \$8,941.71 in total revenue, \$5,142.86 in expenses and \$15,395.11 in it's reserves.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hiking and Climbing

Richard Baranow announced that the committee needs more trip leaders and that they need trips for the winter season. Richard will be leading three potential ice climbing trips, Echo Bend (Eagle River area), Eklutna Glacier area and Hunter Creek. The Echo Bend trip is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of October 13th and 14th. Call him for more details @ 694-1500. The committee and the board also thanked Stu Grenier for all the trips and trail clearing that he has led. Stu is leading another trail clearing trip up into the Arctic-Indian trail on Sunday October 14th.

Training

Steve Parry announced potential opportunities for this

winter season. Classes that might be offered are, Basic Mountaineering, Knot Tying, Winter Camping, Avalanche Awareness and maybe Telemark Skiing. Steve is always looking for suggestions and qualified members who might be interested in teaching some of these courses. Anyone interested contact Steve.

Huts

Bill Romberg announced that the Board has decided to purchase and install an EPA-approved bucket/bag human waste disposal system at the Scandinavian Hut immediately to alleviate the outhouse problem and test this system for use at the Eklutna Traverse huts.

Parks Advisory

Cory Hinds reported on his trip to the Trail Symposium conference in early September. He mentioned the possible development of a Statewide Trail Organization that would promote and address the issues surrounding trail development, that they would focus on concerns surrounding possible access of new or current trails and that they would pursue grants and state funding for development and maintenance. Cory also stressed that the major problem currently addressing the usage of trails is ATV travel and its affects on other user groups and the environment. He also announced that the State Park wasn't able to buy the parcel that contained the Ram Valley Access (Eagle River area) site. The land has since been purchased and subdivided. The final version of the Chugach National Forest Management Plan will be available sometime in November.

Equipment

The committee has seen a change of hands most recently. Carl will take over for Todd Steele. The committee plans on renovating the current rope storage situation and developing rope logs for all club ropes.

Library

Sean Bolender and Elena Hinds have done some reorganizing of the library and are currently tracking down members who might still have gear out that is past due. Remember to return all gear to the library in a timely manner.

OLD BUSINESS

The **Screes** should be out sometime this week. You can also access the web site to view the current Scree and you can even receive it electronically. Anyone interested in receiving the Scree electronically should contact Willy Hersman (willy@mcak.org).

The board is looking for any suggestions or concerns in regards to the operations of this year's **Ice Climbing Festival**, held in late September. Please e-mail all comments or suggestions to: wromberg@gci.net.



Nominations for the **President's Award** and the **Vin Hoeman Award** should be sent in to the board by October 31st. Refer to the August 2001 Scree for descriptions of the awards. Please e-mail all nominations to Bill Romberg (wromberg@gci.net).

There were 40 **photo calendar** submissions in the categories of People, Scenery, Hiking and Climbing. Awards will be given to the top photo in each category and an award for overall. Voting took place during the break and winners will be announced in the *Scree* and at the November meeting.

All current trip leaders are supposed to have **First Aid & CPR** certification. For those leaders who still need it or for those who have since expired AOEE at UAA is offering a Remote First Aid class for \$127 starting mid November. This class would be more than sufficient to qualify as a potential trip leader. Contact AOEE for more information.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Romberg announced that the club is maxing out fire codes and available parking at the **Pioneer Schoolhouse**. Stay tuned for announcements in regards to the meeting place, as it might be changing in the next month or so. The Board is looking to have a new place to meet by January 2002. Anyone who knows of a possible site please contact Bill Romberg or Tom McDermott.

Nominations were taken for all officers and 2 available Board seats. Nominees with the most votes were elected to the position. The Board would like to thank those that have served in office and to welcome new officers and Board members. Although only 2 board positions were open since Tom McDermott was voted in as vice president his position on the board became available. The positions were filled as follows:

President	Bill Romberg
Vice Pres.	Tom McDermott
Secretary	Jayne Mack
Treasurer	Steve Gruhn
Board (2 yr.)	Stu Grenier
Board (2 yr.)	Dave Hart
Board (1 yr.)	Karen Herzenberg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The NPS waives 60-day **registration period** for climbers who have been on Foraker or Denali since 1995. Now the notice is only 7 days. The AAC and Charlie Sassara were major contributors.

The AAC has a journal index online at www.americanalpineclub.org.

Access to **Arctic Valley Road** is still closed until further notice. Stu Grenier has received special permission to do the trail clearing on the Arctic to Indian trail. The Anchorage Ski Club is also working with the military to get access for the public to ski Alpenglöw. Look for more information.

West High **Ski Swap** is Oct. 20th and 21st.

AOEE is still seeking support for their potential 2/4 yr. Degree program emphasizing Outdoor Education and Parks and Recreation Management. Refer to AOEE web site or contact Deb Ajango at AOEE/UAA.

Free Avalanche Awareness class to be offered at Regal Hotel at 7 pm Friday, October 19th.

Richard Baranow will be showing slides of climbing in the Chugach Mountains in his **Winter Slide Show Series**. The shows will be upstairs at Alaska Mountaineering & Hiking after business hours starting in November and showing through February.

Bill Romberg gave an interesting slide show of a first attempt of a new route on Mt. Foraker in the Alaska Range.

Respectfully submitted,
Jayme Mack



Calendars will be available by the December meeting.

#	NAME	CATEGORY	TITLE	Hiking	Climbing	People	Scenery	Bonus	TOTAL	Percent
107	Ed Westergaard		Hiking	Winter Outing	89	-	-	-	1	90
106	Don Hansen	Hiking	Annette Reflections	77	-	-	-	3	80	29%
105	Kirk Towner	Hiking	Skyline	39	-	-	-	-	39	15%
101	Matt Nedom	Hiking	Bold Peak Attempt	29	-	-	-	-	29	11%
104	Charles Sink	Hiking	Summer Ridge Hike	17	-	-	-	-	17	6%
102	K. Miller	Hiking	Mountaineering Moose	7	-	-	-	-	7	3%
103	Curvin Metzler		Hiking	Gull Rock Sea Caves	7	-	-	-	-	7
205	Richard Baranow		Climbing	Yukla Summit Ridge	-	84	-	-	-	84
203	Ed Westergaard		Climbing	Morning Glory	-	67	-	-	-	67
207	Bill Romberg	Climbing	Viking View	64	-	-	-	2	66	24%
202	Matt Nedom	Climbing	Byron Glacier	21	-	-	-	-	21	8%
206	Kirk Towner	Climbing	Royal Stairway	19	-	-	-	-	19	7%
201	Curvin Metzler		Climbing	Limestone Staircase	-	8	-	-	-	8
204	Eric Teela	Climbing	Ski Trip to Hope	6	-	-	-	-	6	2%
310	Kirk Towner	People	Ice Festival 2000	-	67	-	-	2	69	25%
306	Ed Westergaard		People	The Master	-	-	-	61	-	61
309	Matt Nedom	People	Didilkama	-	36	-	-	-	36	13%
307	Dano Michaud		People	Three Amigos	-	-	-	30	-	30
311	Christian Wilkins		People	Guy & Dog	-	-	-	28	-	28
302	Todd Pagel	People	Climber	-	19	-	-	-	19	7%
301	Curvin Metzler		People	In Memory of Angela	-	-	-	10	-	10
308	Don Hansen	People	Happy Face / Poor Foot	-	7	-	-	-	7	3%
304	Eryn Boone	People	Base Camp	-	6	-	-	-	6	2%
305	Jennifer Campbell		People	Do the Dew	-	-	-	3	-	3
303	Bryan Carey	People	Goofy on Carpathian	-	3	-	-	-	3	1%
408	Kirk Towner	Scenery	Winter Trail	-	-	66	-	4	70	25%
410	Bill Romberg	Scenery	Three Sisters Sunset	-	-	45	-	6	51	17%
409	Scott Erickson	Scenery	Alaska Range	-	-	42	-	1	43	16%
405	Matt Nedom	Scenery	Crevasses	-	-	39	-	1	40	15%
406	Ed Westergaard		Scenery	Citrus Dreams	-	-	-	-	23	9%
407	Dano Michaud		Scenery	Journey's End	-	-	-	-	18	7%
404	Eryn Boone	Scenery	Bold Peak	-	-	14	-	-	14	5%
403	Charles Sink	Scenery	Chugach View	-	-	9	-	-	9	3%
401	Curvin Metzler		Scenery	Upper Caribou Walkabout	-	-	-	-	6	2%
402	Bryan Carey	Scenery	September in the Talkeetnas	-	-	6	-	-	6	2%

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: MCA Board, February 15, 2000

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 trip leader can require special equipment and refuse participation to any person that is ill-prepared (e.g. inappropriate clothing/gear).
4. 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.
5. The trip leader has the authority to split the group (fast and slow), dependent upon current conditions. However, he/she must appoint a qualified co-leader to lead the second group using the guidelines specified in the current Trip Leader Responsibilities.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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 trail-less areas or State/National Parks
10. 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: MCA Board, February 15, 2000



MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA

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 & 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 8 mountain huts in the nearby Chugach and Talkeetna mountains. The MCA / Vin Hoeman Library, located upstairs in Alaska Mountaineering & Hiking on Spenard Road, contains hundreds of books, numerous periodicals, bound volumes of the *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 the previous meeting, announcements of upcoming events, the hiking and climbing trip schedule, and trip reports written by club members. A monthly meeting and slide show is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm in the basement of the Pioneer Schoolhouse (corner of 3rd & Eagle Streets, downtown Anchorage). Special events or changes to the meeting will be noted in the *SCREE*. Be sure to visit our website at: www.mcak.org

- ◆ **Complete both sides of this form.** To participate in club-sponsored trips, every member must read and complete the Release of Liability Agreement on the back of this application.
- ◆ Please make checks payable to **Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Inc.**
- ◆ Dues are \$10 for an individual or \$15 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 stamped, self-addressed envelope for your membership card. Otherwise, you may pick it up at the next monthly meeting.
Our address is: **PO Box 102037; Anchorage AK 99510-2037** www.mcak.org

NEW	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<input type="text"/>
RENEWAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	NAME	<input type="text"/>
INDIVIDUAL (\$10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	FAMILY	<input type="text"/>
FAMILY (\$15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	MEMBERS	
How do you want your SCREE delivered? (check one or both)			
ELECTRONIC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fastest! Direct to your email address specified below	
PAPER	<input type="checkbox"/>	Postal Service – please include \$5 extra if outside US	
STREET or PO BOX	<input type="text"/>		
CITY / STATE / ZIP	<input type="text"/>		
TELEPHONE	<input type="text"/>		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	<input type="text"/>		
COMMENTS	<input type="text"/>		

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

Membership Card Issued for Year: _____
Address Added to Mailing List

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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 a club waiver 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 willy@mcaak.org Articles should be received by November 30th to be included in the December issue.

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, 561-7900.

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