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November Meeting

Wednesday, November 20th, 7:30 pm

First United Methodist Church
9th & G Streets

Next to the Phillips Building

(you may use marked parking after hours...)

Downtown Anchorage

Jill Fredston

Alaska Avalanche Center Director and Guru Paddler
presents

"A little of this, a little of that..."



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www.mcak.org

Letter from the Editor:

It is with regret I must announce my termination of Editor status no later than the January issue . As my business continues to get busier, the task of managing input, designing and doing the layup for each month's publication and coordinating with various committee chairs is becoming more and more difficult.

Interested candidates should contact Jayme Mack, our new Club President and assume the duties, responsibilities and privileges of being the next Scree Editor.

The Editor candidate should have some desktop publishing capabilities; but I guess a typewriter could still work. But, having Quark, Pagemaker or Publisher would make your life easier.

The December Scree already has allocated Trip Reports, so future submissions should be postponed until the announcement of the new Editor.

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Book Review By *Thomas Faulkenberry*

**Title: The Boardman
Tasker Omnibus**



Publisher: The Mountaineers Books
www.mountaineersbooks.org

"Each generation has to find and test its own limits; this is the only way of maintaining the vigour and intrinsic interest of the sport...At its most satisfying, mountaineering does not need the certainty of success, it needs a worthwhile objective reached against all the odds". Joe Tasker – Everest the Cruel Way.

"Six times in seven years I had arrived, climbed in this range and departed. Now the geography was becoming clear, my knowledge becoming connected and I was seeing the relation of these mountains to each other...These mountains would always be part of my life". Peter Boardman – Sacred Summits.

The Boardman Tasker Omnibus is a collection of four books: Savage Arena (Joe Tasker – Eiger, Dunagiri, Changabang, K2), The Shining Mountain (Peter Boardman – Changabang), Sacred Summits (Peter Boardman – Carstenz New Guinea, Kangchenjunga, Gauri Sankar) and Everest the Cruel Way (Joe Tasker - Everest) giving a hint to the breadth of endeavours by these two climbers. There is so much packed into this Omnibus that this short review will not do them justice. However, to try is a "worthwhile objective".

The above quotes, particularly the one by Boardman, proved to be interesting in light of the fact that in 1982 Peter Boardman and Joe Tasker disappeared while attempt to complete the unclimbed section of the North-East Ridge of Everest. It was the end of a fascinating career by a couple of climbers who helped pioneer light-weight first ascents that developed into a generation of alpine-style expeditions.

The Boardman Tasker Omnibus, published by the Mountaineers Books, gathers four out-of-print classics by these two committed climbers. The books give insights into to what drove them upward. It showed how their partnership and rivalry led them to push themselves to ever more extremes. The rivalry was a good one in the sense that it was not destructive but reinforced their friendship and desire to explore new avenues of climbing. Some avenues were so innovative that they had to design and test some new, specialized gear to try and ensure their success and survival. Some of these tests, such as hanging from the ceiling of a cold storage freezer overnight to test a new type of bivy ledge, were equally as creative.

Book Review By Thomas Faulkenberry (cont. from page two)

As you read these books you sometimes get their different views of the same climb. It seems that they had their game faces that prevented the other from seeing how scared or tired they were in reality. As a result they kept pushing upward synergistically. It appeared they enjoyed (needed?) the comradre as much as the climbing.

If I had to speculate, it was this synergism that ultimately lead to their deaths. In May of 1982 they disappeared from view while on route to the summit of Mt. Everest. It wasn't until the spring of 1992 that the body of Peter Boardman was found by a Russian/Japanese team attempting the route. No sign of Joe Tasker was ever found. My speculation is that they were at their limits when Tasker must have fallen. Boardman, who relied on him for so many reasons, could not continue without the support of his friend. It appears that he just laid down and died.

That the two authors eventually died is sad. However, they were totally committed to their way of life. As with any true way it must necessarily encompass death. Theirs was a fascinating life and a mysterious death. Luckily, they were good at being able to chronicle their feats for us. I would encourage all to read it whether you are interested in participating in such committed climbing or not. At some points, I felt I should have been roped up just to read it. However, the feelings generated, as expressed in these books, can be enjoyed on almost any climb, on any mountain. The concepts of each lesson they learned can also be applied in any arena. In that respect it is a valuable addition to any climbing library.

FIVE out of FIVE THUMBS UP!



Trip Reports

Thunder Bird Peak (6575), Peak 5538, and Peak 5505, Western Chugach Mountains

by Steve Gruhn

Having received a taste of the Peters Creek drainage in 2000 during a climb of Bee's Heaven Peak, I had long wanted to sink my teeth in deeper to this unfrequented area. I led MCA trips up this valley to Bear Point, Four Mile Creek, Mount Eklutna, and Peak 4009 to gauge the rate of the snow's retreat in the spring. This served to whet my appetite for more. My time finally came on June 22, 2002.

I left my house at about 5:00 a.m. for the early drive to the Peters Creek Trailhead. The skies were clear and it was the longest day of the year. Everything was going right; it had all the makings of a pleasantly memorable trip. Upon arriving at the trailhead, I quickly put on my daypack and began hiking the Peters Creek trail. This trail is suitable for mountain bikes for the first 6 miles and was easy to follow until reaching timberline about an hour after crossing Four Mile Creek. From that point, several game trails merged and braided with the main trail and it became more difficult to follow.

To avoid all of the meandering and confusion, I decided to bushwhack north of the trail into the drainage flowing south from Thunder Bird Peak (elev. 6575, T14N, R3E, Sec. 9). I left the trail in Section 19 around 10:30 a.m. and, after a few hundred feet of bushwhacking through willows, I found myself faced with skirting the cliff on the right (west) bank of the stream in the drainage. Travel was not too difficult on the grasses above the cliff, but I wanted to stop sidehilling as soon as possible, so I dropped back into the valley as soon as I passed the cliff. This valley made for easy traveling upstream; snow bridges allowed for easy stream crossings.

An unmapped stream joins the main stream in the drainage in the north half of Section 16. From the confluence, I traveled north up the ridge dividing the two streams, spooking several Dall sheep as I made my way up the shale. As the loose shale became steeper, I gradually angled to my left (west) in a vain attempt to find more competent rock. I did notice band of white rocks above me that seemed to be at a higher angle. Thinking that the higher angle might mean the rocks weren't as mobile, I aimed for the white band. But the white band wasn't any better than the rest of the Chugach Crud. So, I did my best to keep churning up the slope until I found myself at a cairn with a register placed by Wayne Todd. ***The register is in need of replacement; if you are headed there, contact me for register materials.***

The register was at Point 6575 in Section 9, but a 6,500-foot point a half mile to the east in Section 10 sure looked higher. So, I hiked over to that snow-covered point and looked back to Point 6575. From where I now was it looked like the previous point was higher. I guess I can never be satisfied. I returned to the cairn, gazing on Eklutna Lake to my right. It was a beautiful day.

Rather than descending the peak the same way I had climbed it, I decided to make the most of this longest day of the year by hiking the ridge back to Four Mile Creek. I found the traveling relatively easy and the sheep trails plentiful. I stopped to investigate a 5,500-foot point in Section 8. This point is higher than Peak 5505 in Section 35 to the northwest, higher than the 5,500-foot point in Section 7, but lower than Point 5570 in Section 33 to the north across Thunder Bird Creek.

Thus the peak is between 5505 and 5570 feet high. Splitting the difference, I call the peak "Peak 5538." From Peak 5538, the ridge travel was still quite good, but I could already tell by about 6 p.m. that I was going to be in for a long night.

I traveled as quickly as possible, scaring a group of three full-curl rams. The rams ran ahead of me in the same direction and stopped once out of sight. I would eventually catch up to them and they would again flee in the same direction I was heading. We kept up this game of tag for over 4 miles until I reached the aforementioned Peak 5505. A golden eagle was perched on this peak and flew low over my head as I approached, startling me.

At Peak 5505 the ridge forks into two prominent ridges. The major ridge leads north and a minor ridge leads to the northwest. I elected to follow the northwest ridge toward the old homestead site at Four Mile Creek, although the upper Four Mile Creek valley looked quite tempting. While still above 4,500 feet, I saw the setting sun go behind

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the south slope of Mount Foraker at 11:42 p.m. I thought it would emerge on the north side, but it never did. The temperature dropped quickly as the sun set. The clear skies allowed most of the heat from the warm day to radiate away from the earth. I put on every stitch of clothing I had to stay warm.

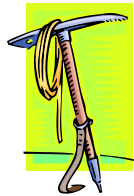


I could see the lights of Peters Creek and I could imagine the solstice barbecues coming to a close on this gorgeous Saturday evening. Visions of hamburgers, hot dogs, and watermelon danced through my head. I had to settle for the crumbs of a granola bar instead.

I took a break around 1 a.m., still above 4,400 feet and lay down. Having my body in close contact with the ground was definitely not a good way to stay warm. After squirming around for a few minutes, I overruled my balking muscles and soldiered on toward the old homestead.

In the twilight I could see the clearing of the homestead, but I couldn't figure out a decent way to get through the timber and brush to reach it. But, putting one foot in front of the other, I gradually found a way through the alder and cottonwoods without too much difficulty. That left a mere 50 feet of willows and Four Mile Creek between the clearing and me. That was some of the toughest 50 feet of the trip. The willows were so thick I couldn't walk between them, but they weren't thick enough to support my weight. After swimming through the willows for several minutes, I reached the clearing for the homestead.

That left an easy 4-mile hike out to the truck. I arrived just under 24 hours after I had left. I was gone only a day, but the splendid views of the Chugach and the memories of this trip will last me a lifetime. Or at least until I return.



Unique Dangers in the Whittier Area by Tim Kelley

Sirens

A day intended for climbing in Prince William Sound fell apart this summer in Whittier. The reason, not surprisingly, was the weather. Good conditions took a quick U-turn to very Whittier conditions - wind, rain, wind and rain. And then more rain. And more wind.

Trying to make the best of the day I decided to kayak in Passage Canal and practice paddling in challenging conditions. I quickly found such conditions as I bobbed down the north side of Passage Canal to the bird rookery and then struggled back to Whittier. For reasons unknown I then decided to continue my bronco-kayaking and head down to Emerald Cove on the south side of Passage Canal.

As I passed the stern of a large tour boat at the eastern end of Whittier harbor docks, I swung my bow shoreward towards the small cove at the end of the harbor. Bouncing in the waves, blinking wind-driven rain out of my eyes, I looked toward shore and was startled. On the shore was a beautiful woman

in a beach chair. Another sweet lass was wading in the water up to her knees. The swimsuit clad women shouted greetings and waved me towards them. "Dang!" I said to myself. My American male genes propelled me towards them.

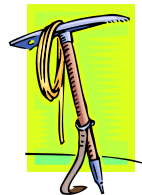
But after a couple of paddle strokes I froze. "Wait!" I said to myself "This doesn't make sense!. Cold, rain, no sun and women in bathing suits? Me, a dork, being summoned by beautiful babes?

Then it hit me. Oh great damnations of Zeus! These are SIRENS! Just like they did to Greek sailors in the days of Odysseus, these sea nymphs are trying to lure me to my death on the rocks before them! With all my might I whipped my tiny craft around and with the wind at my back paddled furiously down the coast.

On the return trip I prayed to Poseidon, the almighty father of the seas, that these she-demons from Hades would be gone. But as I bucked the surf around the last rock point before the harbor, I could see that my prayers had gone unanswered. The sirens had spotted me. Their calls began, now louder than ever. I struggled to stay upright, paddling with all my might as my bow cut into dark walls of water topped with wind-driven foam. But it seemed that despite my efforts, I was drifting closer to the singing death babes.

I knew I had a peanut butter Power Bar in the cockpit. If only I could get to it. I could stuff chunks of it in my ears, the way the Greek sailors had used bee's wax in their ears to free them from the sirens' calls. Oh crap! No time for that. I braced as the wake of the State of Alaska ferry bore down on me. Cresting the ferry's turbulence I glanced towards shore. The sirens were now striking poses and waving to me with both arms. "Nooooo!" I screamed. Finding strength from unknown reserves I thrashed my way forward until I was past the stern of the tour boat anchored at the end of the dock. Finally, I was out of range of the sirens' calls. Just then someone on the boat said "Hello there young man!?" I looked up to see three gray haired women tourists beaming at me. Or were they sirens in disguise! "Damn you sirens! Damn you all the way to hell!" I yelled at them. And quickly paddled away.

So ... any male kayakers plying the far end of the Whittier Harbor should be wary of sirens! If the summons of these temptresses lure you to shore, and you survive the whirlpools, surf and rocks, who knows ... you may find out that these are actually just a couple of wild Whittier women. If this is the case, the dangers may not be over. Anyone that wades barefoot in the Whittier Harbor is probably not too concerned about personal hygiene.



*From the Desk of
Sean Bolender
Club Secretary and Librarian*

Just a note that the library located upstairs at AMH in downtown Anchorage has been re-organized and many new books have been added. As paying members, you have the privilege of checking these books out. For trip research and recreation, we have some great reading!



CALENDAR PHOTO WINNERS

COVER:

Perilously Perched on Peril Peak, Todd Steele (Bonus category winner)

JANUARY:

2ND People: Burt (snowman), Ed Westergaard

FEBRUARY:

3rd Climbing: Climbing to Spring, Ed Westergaard
Hon. Mention Climbing: Pursuing Peril, Bill Romberg

MARCH

1st Place Climbing: Todd Steele (cover shot)

APRIL

2nd Place Climbing: University Peak No. Ridge, Dave Hart
Hon. Mention Climbing: The View from Mt. Kennedy, Dave Hart

MAY

1ST Place People: Bivy on King Peak, Dave Hart
Hon. Mention People: False Summit of Mt. Drum, Travis Ross

JUNE

2nd Place Scenery: Mirror Magic, Curvin Metzler

JULY

2nd Place Hiking: So.Fork Eagle River, Greg Grebe

AUGUST

1st Place Scenery: Bird's Eye View of Stivers Gully, Sam Pepper

SEPTEMBER

3rd Place Scenery: Fall Afloat, Ed Westergaard

OCTOBER

1st Place Hiking: Mountain Minstrel, Ed Westergaard

NOVEMBER

3rd Place Hiking: 2 hikers/purple sky, Stu Grenier

DECEMBER

3rd Place People: Tree for Rent, Marina Telouchkina

VOTE TALLYS:

HIKING

101	Name	Title	Total	Bonus
101	Greg Grebe	South Fork of Eagle River	72	B1
102	Curvin Metzler	Trailless Talus	38	
103	Stu Grenier	2 hikers/purple sky	61	
104	Stu Grenier	lone hiker/moon	36	
105	MOVED TO CLIMBING (#208)			
106	Ed Westergaard	Mountain Minstrel	91	B1
107	Stu Grenier	Chugach View	47	

CLIMBING

No.	Name	Title	Total	Bonus
201	Todd Steele	Perilously Perched on Peril Peak	137	B10
202	Curvin Metzler	Worth the Effort?	5	
203	Bill Romberg	Heading for the Summit	9	B1
204	Bill Romberg	Pursuing Peril	15	B1
205	Dave Hart	University Peak, No. Ridge	100	B9
206	Ed Westergaard	Climbing to Spring	30	
207	DISQUALIFIED	Climber Jumping	52	B1
208	Dave Hart	The View from Mt. Kennedy	16	B1

PEOPLE

No.	Name	Title	Total	Bonus
301	Steve Gruhn	Smiles on Gannett Peak	3	
302	Marina Telouchkina	Tree For Rent-Space Is Available	62	
303	Curvin Metzler	Shutterbug	28	B1
304	Stu Grenier	Ship Creek Hill	33	
305	Dave Hart	Bivy on King Peak	73	
306	Travis Ross	False Summit of Mt. Drum	44	B1
307	Ed Westergaard	Burt	65	
308	Terry Smith	Dwarfed by Snow Slopes	8	
309	Terry Smith	Skookum Group	10	B1
310	Stu Grenier	skiers/valley pic.	1	
311	Stu Grenier	group skiing	15	

SCENERY

No.	Name	Title	Total	Bonus
401	Steve Gruhn	September Day in Denali	12	
402	Sam Pepper	Worm's Eye ² View of Stivers Gully	37	
403	Sam Pepper	Bird's Eye ² View of Stivers Gully	64	B3
404	Greg Grebe	Camping Between Eagle & Symphony Lakes	10	B1
405	Curvin Metzler	Mirror Magic	58	B1
406	Stu Grenier	winter camping	6	
407	Greg Biema	Mt. El Pico De Orizaba	10	B1
408	Kristin Dahl	vert. photo w/rainbow	30	B1
409	Dave Hart	Base Camp in the St. Elias Range	7	
410	Travis Ross	View of Summit Ridge of Mt. Drum	9	B1
411	Ed Westergaard	"Fall Afloat"	52	B7
412	Karen Herzenberg	sun/clouds/peaks (#3)	6	B1
413	Karen Herzenberg	snow (#2)	11	B1
414	Karen Herzenberg	mtns/snow ridges (#1)	10	
415	Terry Smith	Mossy Tree	12	
416	Terry Smith	Resurrection Bay at Caines Head	3	B1
417	Terry Smith	Ridges in Spring	3	
418	Terry Smith	Arctic Valley	5	
419	Terry Smith	Kayaking on Eklutna Lake	0	
420	Terry Smith	Eklutna Lake	1	
421	Terry Smith	Denali Area	4	
422	Stu Grenier	green tent/camp pic.	12	

Make sure you tell Sue Foley 'THANKS' for her efforts in putting together the 2003 calendar together....It takes allot of time to do what she does...Also, thanks to all the photographers who contributed!



September 2002 Board Meeting Minutes

The following members attended the June Board meeting at Bill Romberg's house: Stu Grenier, Bill Romberg, Steve Gruhn, Karen Herzenberg, John Hess, Sean Bolender. Guests: Matt Nedom

OLD BUSINESS

Hoeman Award

Bill reported that the Awards Committee received the Board's suggestions on the criteria guidelines for the Hoeman Award and is working with the selection matrix to recommend candidates from the current slate of nominees by the Oct 9th Board meeting. No nominees have been received for the President's Award.

Ice Climbing Festival

Bill reported that Steve Parry is handling arrangements for the ice climbing festival and that a good slate of instructors has been developed. The PJs will be on hand again this year to provide rescue/medical support in the event of an emergency. The instructor meeting will be Sept 18th prior to the general meeting and the mandatory meeting on Sept 25.

Photo Calendar Contest

Sue Foley reported via e-mail that Great Originals quoted a price of about \$8 to produce the calendar. The Board voted to set the selling price of the calendar at \$10 to cover costs of production and provide 12-15 copies to the President for 2003 speaker honorariums. A memorial page for the Strawn brothers was suggested and approved.

Snowbird Hut

The Board continued to discuss the pros and cons related to a proposal by Cory Hinds to have the MCA consider purchasing the Snowbird Hut in the Talkeetna Mountains NE of Independence Mine. Mark Miraglia provided correspondence from Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) which described the process that MCA would have to follow to request a re-lease of the Snowbird hut at the non-profit rate. Several members expressed concern about the costs of purchasing and maintaining this hut in the long term given its age and location (on a moraine). The Board outlined a number of questions that needed answering in order to make an informed decision. Possible purchase price, a facility/grounds inspection, and membership approval were some of the pieces of information identified by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Iditarod Trail Planning—USFS

Bill noted the Sun, Sept 8th article in the ADN—Outdoors section that described the planning that was underway to re-establish the Iditarod Trail from Seward to Girdwood (that would connect to Crow Pass) by the U.S. Forest Service. At Bill's request, the Board voted to contact the Forest Service to ask that MCA be notified of future developments/planning meetings that might occur with regard to this trail project.

Elections

Bill reviewed the Board and officer terms with the Board and requested input from expiring members whether they were interested in still serving. Two Board positions will be open and both the Treasurer and President indicated that they will be stepping down at the end of October. The Hut Committee chair has also indicated that he plans to step down as of Jan 1, 2003.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, Oct 9th at 7 p.m. The location will be announced prior to the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Romberg

October Board Meeting Minutes

The following board members attended the October meeting: Karen Herzenberg, Sean Bolender, Cory Hinds, Bill Romberg, Tom McDermott and Jayme Mack.

Committee/Guest Business

Hut Committee

The board decided to use, the \$1400 leftover from the Serenity Falls Hut grant and \$100 leftover from the Human Waste Disposal/Rest Stop grant to pay for the removal of waste out of Pichler's Perch, if the National Guard cannot help. Estimated costs to remove the waste from Pichler's via commercial fixed wing would be between \$600 and \$800. Any leftover funds after the removal of the waste from Pichler's Perch will be used to purchase more rest stop bags from, Richard Baranow and "A Climb for America's Missing Children".

Library Committee

Sean Bolender proposed a list of books to purchase for the MCA library. The list is as follows: Fifty Favorite Climbs, Fifty Classic Climbs of North America, Extreme Rock and Ice: 25 of the World's Greatest Climbs and Mt. McKinley: Icy Crown of North America. The board approved the list unanimously.

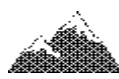
OLD BUSINESS

Purchase of Snowbird Hut

The club continued to discuss concerns regarding the sale and purchase of the hut. Cory Hinds presented more information about the hut and it's sale. The board expressed concern over the current owner's intentions with regard to commercial guiding in the area, due to non-profit lease requirements. Discussion was tabled for the November meeting.

Chugach State Park Access Comment Period

Tom McDermott will be drafting a general position statement and submitting it to the DNR for review.



NEW BUSINESS

Letter to Fort Rich Commander

The board approved a letter drafted by Bill Romberg that would request permission to finish trail work in the Arctic Valley area.

Clean Air Coalition

The board agreed to join and give support to the Clean Air Coalition based on Cory Hinds' suggestion.

The next board meeting will be December 11th at Alaska Mountaineering and Hiking @ 7 PM all members are invited to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayme Mack



OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Eighty -five members attended the October general meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The club's current total revenue's include: \$10,973.70, total expenses: \$10,060.28 and total in all accounts is: \$16,939.85.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hiking and Climbing

Matt Nedom announced a few new trips. Refer to the Scree or web site for a list of current trips.

Training

Steve Parry announced a Basic Mountaineering class that will be offered over the winter months. The class will be \$75 and will span over the course of six weeks. Contact Steve for more info.

Huts

Mark Miraglia announced that he now has the GPS coordinates for the huts on the Bomber Traverse. He will also be organizing a work party to go into Pichler's Perch on the Eklutna Traverse after the first of the month. Any interested parties should contact Mark.

Parks Advisory

Cory Hinds announced that the Wood-Tikchik Park management plan was approved. He also mentioned that the Wrangall-St.Elias National Park has recognized the damage that ATV's can cause on vegetation, therefore they closed a few non-established trails in the park to ATV use. Cory encouraged all members to comment on Chugach State Park Access issues and reminded the membership that the end of the comment period was October 18th.

Library

Sean Bolender announced the new books approved by the board, to add to the library collection. See the board meeting minutes for a complete list.

Geographic Names

Steve Gruhn announced a few proposals currently being considered, one in reference to naming a peak in the local Kenai mountains and also a proposal in the area of the Bagley Ice Fields.

OLD BUSINESS

Ice Climbing Festival

Bill Romberg announced that 133 people attended the annual September Ice Climbing Festival. All went fairly well except for a few minor dog mites. See October Scree for a full report by Bill Romberg.

Mike Meekins Climbing Grant

The club is asking for members to make donations to round out the Mike Meekins Climbing Grant to round out the total grant to \$200. We still need \$75 to complete the grant. Make any donations directly to MCA.

NEW BUSINESS

MCA Website Upgrade

Willy Hersman is currently upgrading the MCA website to a faster server, because of this members might notice some delays.

Elections

Bill Romberg took nominations for new executive officers and 2 director positions. Executive officer positions are for a duration of 1 year while both director positions are for a total of two years.

The executive board is as follows:

PRESIDENT: Jayme Mack
VICE-PRESIDENT: Karen Herzenberg
SECRETARY: Sean Bolender
TREASURER: Tom McDermott
DIRECTOR: Richard Baranow
DIRECTOR: Matt Nedom

Stu Grenier and Dave Hart are still serving the rest of their 2 year director terms which will expire October 2003. Bill Romberg will continue to serve on the board as Past President until October 2003.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* "A Child is Missing" gear sale. Gear is still available. Call Richard Baranow for more information at 694-1500.

* AAC will hold a slideshow by Brian Okonek at the BP Energy Center on October 12th at 6:30 PM.

* Richard Baranow and Jayme Mack will be giving a slideshow at the Eagle River Nature Center on October 26th with a party at their place afterwards.

* Brain Palmatier lost a flashlight at the Ice Climbing Festival. If you find it turn it into the President.

JAYME MACK GAVE AN INTERESTING SLIDESHOW ON A SEPTEMBER 2002 TRAVERSE OF THE TALKEETNA MOUNTAINS.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayme Mack



Mountaineering Club of Alaska

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Treasurer **Tom McDermott** **277-0774**

Board

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Matt Nedom **278-3648**
Dave Hart **227-9584**
Stuart Grenier **337-5127**

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. Trips should be submitted via <http://photoalaska.biz/scree>. Articles and notes submitted for publication and other communication related to the newsletter should be mailed to my address: 1830 E. Parks Hwy. #600, Wasilla, AK 99654, or e-mailed to scree@photoalaska.biz. Articles should be received by December 7th to be included in the December issue. Sorry, no exceptions.

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... Robert Baker, Editor, 357-2946.

Missing your MCA membership card? If so, stop by one of our monthly meetings to pick it up or send us a self-addressed stamped envelope and we'll mail it to you.

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