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#### December Meeting

The meeting will be held Wednesday, December 15th, at 8:00 pm in the multi-purpose room of Central Junior High School, 15th & "C" Streets, Anchorage, Alaska. After the business meeting, an excellent climbing film entitled "No Room for Men" will be shown.

#### MINUTES FOR MCA NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The November meeting of MCA was held on 17 October, at the Pioneer School House, top floor, at Third & Eagle, Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm by President Rick Severn. The reading of the October general meeting was approved as published in SCREE. Treasurer, Reggie Buchanan, reported:

\$ 190.55	- Petty Cash
1,299.47	- Bank Account
2,883.63	- Money Market Fund
\$4,373.65	- Total

Due to no expenditures on huts, a portion of the money from the bank account will be transferred back into the money market.

There were a substantial number of new members that signed up at the last meeting. Names will be listed after the December meeting. Welcome to all new members that joined the club. Dues for 1983 will once again be collected at the December meeting for new and old members. Members who wish to avoid the time consuming task of standing in line at meetings can mail their dues direct to MCA, P.O. Box 2037, Anchorage, Alaska 99510, attention of Reggie Buchanan, and enclose their \$7.50 single membership or \$10.00 family membership. Please remember to include any change of address and phone number. Membership cards will be sent by return mail.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hiking: Dona Agosti 248-0089  
The hiking trips are deactivated until next Spring. Please contact Dona with any ideas for next season.

Huts: John Dillman 279-1246  
Nothing to report.

Programs: Ernie Borjon 344-8661  
Please contact Ernie if you have any presentation that you would like to make to the club.

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Chugach State Park Trails Association: Tim Neale 274-4952

Topic - Native Land Transfer. In 1980, under D-2 Legislation, the Eklutna Natives claimed land around their village and are now in the position to settle with the State and Municipality for selections of land. The land currently being considered: Peters Creek, Eklutna Lake, Eagle River Valley - land North of the Glenn Highway. Chugach would assume responsibility for the management of the transferred land. (The proposed road back to the lake cannot be funded due to ownership being in question.) Letters stating interest in access to these areas would help in the decision being made in favor of Chugach Management.

MCA suggested writing a club letter in support of management responsibility going to Chugach State Park as a result of the Eklutna Village Corporation/Municipality/Chugach State Park Land selection agreement.

Suggestions: Letter to appropriate legislators - names, phone numbers and addresses printed in SCREE.

Form letter printed in SCREE.

Letter from MCA as a whole sent to appropriate places. Letter to be drafted by John Lohff.

MCA Equipment @ Alaska Mountaineering & Hiking: Terry Becker

Alaska Mountaineering & Hiking on Spenard Road has club equipment for use by members upon presentation of a current membership card. There are crampons, helmets, ice-axes, shovels and peeps. (First preference for use of shovels and peeps goes to those involved in any club trip for that specific weekend.) Use is on a first come, first serve basis.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

CLASSES:

Alaska Avalanche School 1982-83

Nick Parker suggested that everyone who could, should sign up for a class in the Alaska Avalanche School given by the State of Alaska. The workshops are staffed by professionals who are specialists in their fields and familiar with Alaskan conditions. Collectively, they represent the highest level of avalanche expertise available in Alaska. For additional information and registration, contact: Alaska Avalanche School, State Division of Parks, 619 Warehouse Drive, Suite 210, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, Phone: 264-2120.

Telemark Class - John Dillman

The 11/18 meeting at the Pioneer School House at 8:00 pm is not mandatory. The class will meet Saturday at 8:45 am between the poma lift and the lodge. The class will be all day Saturday and on Sunday till noon. Individuals will then be able to ride the lift if they so desire.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All membership will be expiring 12/31/82. If you wish to receive your SCREE or use MCA equipment after December, RENEW NOW! \$7.50 single membership, \$10.00 family membership.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS Continued . . .

MEETING PLACE for the MCA December meeting will be at Central Junior High School in the multipurpose room. Meetings for January - May, inclusive, will also be at Central. The school is located at 15th & "C" Streets. The meeting time will still be at 8:00 pm. The film "No Room for Men" will be presented.

The club coffee pot is dying, so a new one will be purchased in the near future.

There will be a 4-Day Thanksgiving ski trip into the Mint Glacier. A turkey with all the trimmings will be carried in for a true dining experience. Talk to John Dillman on the break.

Dona Agosti is currently in Hawaii resting from an extensive promotion schedule of her new book "Backcountry Backpacker". Books will be available from her to MCA members (holding a current membership card) for \$10.00.

Ernie Borjon (now on days) is to be contacted in regard to any presentation of slides, etc. Call 344-8661.

Presentation: In recognition of his year as president of the Mountaineering Club, John Dillman was presented with a Simond-Chamonix Chacal ice-axe.

Solstice is December 21st. The annual winter sleep out will once again be held on the closest weekend to the 21st. This is indeed a true mountaineering experience. Let's not leave Mark Skok up there alone this year.

Thank you to Bill Wakeland for presenting the slide show on the summer MCA trip to the Lake Clark area for Dona Agosti.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Helms

TRIP REPORTS:

Telemark Class November 20 & 21  
Saturday morning we met at the Arctic Valley parking lot and were rudely greeted by strong, gusty winds. After gathering at the lodge and downing some hot liquids, we trooped outside to wax our skis. The instructors arranged us in small groups of 4 or 5 and we basically stayed in these groups both days of the class. In order to find a suitable place to practice, the groups headed out towards the small, narrow valley that flanks the North side of the ski area. We started with the very basics of the telemark turn on a piece of ground that could not have been any more than a 10° angle, but we were still falling and flailing like there were bearings on the bottom of our skis. Even though we were getting wet and bruised, it didn't soak our spirits and everybody was having fun. After a lunch break that was made short by the cool brisk wind, we continued to practice until 2:30 pm or so when we decided to call it a day.

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Telemark Class Continued . . .

Sunday was more of the same, but you could tell that people were getting better. We weren't falling down as often and some of us were linking our turns. A couple of the people that were doing quite well purchased half-day lift tickets. Sunday was just a half-day practice but most of us stayed until 2:00 pm to practice on our own.

I think that I speak for everyone who participated when I say that it was a great way to acquire the basic technique of telemarking and at the same time meet new friends and skiing partners.

Thanks to all the instructors for contributing their time and patience to help us, and let's hope that it can happen again in the years to come.

Mark Miner

Participants in the class were as follows:

Katy Byrne, Rick Miller, Gene Klymko, Doug Van Etten, Merrilee Engelke, Terry Slaven, Mimi Henley, Sue Rostin, Kim Kruse, Kate Stenso, Bill Spearsman, Kent Richter, Ship King, Andy Butcher, Bill Rowe, Mark Miner, Dick Lehman, Joyce Barnett, Chuck Truch, Susan Quon, Tom Meacham, Ron Van Bergeyk, Sandi Macdonald, Bill Ure, Alison Lierhaus, Guenther Rostin, Ruth Truch, George Rooney, Pat Thompson, Cindy Green, Susan Havens, Kathy Leary, John Kerr, Judy Lehman, Karen Rosene.

Instructors for the class were:

Faith Szyfranski, Trisha Hemminghaus, Jim Eason, Graham Macdonald, Dave Johnson, Keith Jost, Dave Hawley, Mike Richardson, John Dillman.

#### HISTORY CORNER

Perhaps my favorite near range 5,000 footer is Powerline Peak. This attractive mountain stands out boldly to the southeast of Ship Creek. It is just north of Powerline Pass which connects Campbell Creek's South Fork with Indian Creek. Just topping the 5,000 foot line, its summit ranks with the two Suicides (5,065 & 5,005) among the Skyline 5,000 footers.

Powerline takes its name from the electric lines strung over the Pass below. This name is unofficial. It is a distinct massif being separated from the Wedge to the west by a ridge that drops to below 3,800 feet. To the east lies Indian Creek Pass at 2,300+ feet which links Ship Creek and Indian Creek. The usual approach for climbers and hikers is from Powerline Pass, up the steep southern slopes, and from there to the summit by the southwest ridge. Interesting potential routes abound on the high angle northwestern exposures.

The earliest know climb on Powerline was in 1964 or 1965 by Jerry Garland and Frank Godfrey. Frank was a very active Club member in these days, but met an untimely death on the Eklutna Glacier in May of 1966. The 1st Winter ascent took place Feb. 6th, 1972 by Larry Swanson, Art Ward, Pat Freeney, and Steve Jones. Art and Larry had been there one year earlier, but missed a Winter ascent by about a week (SCREE: 15:7:6).

Greg Higgins

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EKLUTNA LAKE LAND SWAP

The following is a proposed letter for each person in the MCA to address and sign if she or he supports the North Anchorage Land Agreement (NALA). The NALA provides for a number of land problems between the State of Alaska and Eklutna, Inc., a native corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

The NALA provides that 27,000 acres of native selected land within Chugach State Park (including land around Eklutna Lake) are returned for public use and management. If and when any land on the Ft. Richardson and Elmendorf bases is considered excess to U.S. Government needs, the Eklutna Inc. land in Chugach State Park will be exchanged for military land. There does not appear to be any cost for the tax payer to this part of the agreement.

The State of Alaska also has the option to purchase six tracts of land and a conservation easement along Eagle River. The parking lot for the trail to Thunderbird Falls may also be purchased. The purchases by the State will be made through exchange of land with Eklutna Inc.

A public opinion message of 50 words or less may be sent to your legislator after January 17, 1983 by calling 278-3668.

Any letter to your legislator can be sent to:

Name of Legislator  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Anchorage & Eagle River Area Senate and House Legislators

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