

DECEMBER MEETING
 Wednesday
 December 17, 7:30 pm
 Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd & Eagle Streets
 Downtown Anchorage

Potluck: Club provides turkey and drinks. You bring the following categories, according to your last name:

A-D Desserts	E-I Casseroles / Veggies
J-N Salads	O-Z Breads / Chips

Slides: Bring in 10-15 slides from trips you did during the past year. Your chance to share something special or humorous.

HIKING AND CLIMBING SCHEDULE

Dec 20 Flattop
 Western Chugach. Class C. Annual solstice sleepout. Overnight gig. Most appropriate shelter depends on snow, weather. Only guarantee: a long night. Bring headlamp/flashlight/torch/candle/night vision glasses search lamp/beacon/bag-o-fireflies or whatever lights it up for you.
 Leader: none designated

Jan 10 Echo Bend Ice Climbing
 Beginner to Advanced. Meet at Eagle River Nature Center at 8:30 a.m. At 7 p.m. the evening before the outing (Friday, 1/9/98),

there will be a slide show at the Eagle River Nature Center covering ice climbing in the Chugach Mountains. Parking at the Eagle River Nature Center is \$3.00/day or \$25 for an annual pass. It is unlikely that the Eagle River Nature Center will have annual passes available that early in the year, but they will be available at the Chugach State Park Offices.
 Leader: Steve Davis 694-3556, 562-3366 (w)

Apr ? Grand Canyon and Superstition Wilderness
 Two hikes. Dates and routes uncertain until after the "lottery" in December. Is full, but accepting standbys.
 Leader: Bill Wakeland 563-6246



Correction to last month's trip reports:
The author of *Big Ice on Triangle Peak* was Evan Phillips.



News from the Vin Hoeman Library

The following books have been received:

- 1) Free Heel Skiing
- 2) Outdoor Leadership
- 3) A Walk-About Guide to Alaska
- 4) Denali's West Buttress
- 5) Hiking Alaska
- 6) The Duke of Abruzzi, an Explorer's Life
- 7) Himalaya Alpine Style
- 8) *Escape Routes*, further adventure writings of David Roberts
- 9) *The Price of Adventure*, Mountain Rescue Stories
- 10) *Stories Off the Wall* by Roskelley
- 11) Lou Whittaker, *Memoirs of a Mountain Guide*
- 12) *Ice World*, Techniques and Experiences
- 13) *Making Camp*, a Complete Guide for Hikers
- 14) *Backcountry Bear Basics*
- 15) *Everyday Wisdom*, 1001 Expert Tips for Hikers

Notes:

Do to space limitations we are only accepting old copies of *Climbing* or *Rock and Ice* as periodicals. Also I would like to announce that Ron Kruse will be taking over as the club librarian in 1998.

Joseph Kurtak
MCA librarian

ADZE



Request for Information

I'm an MCA member looking for some climbing information on Marcus Baker, and Mt. Eldridge in the AK range. If you know of anyone who has information on northern routes on Marcus Baker I'd appreciate contact information. Any route information on Eldridge and nearby peaks would also be appreciated.

Contact Bob Bolin, 15 East Fiesta, Tempe, AZ 85282, (602) 784-4795, bob.bolin@asu.edu

Writing Course

Dave Roberts, professor of English at Hampshire College, and author of *Escape Routes*, *Moments of Doubt*, *Mountain of My Fear*, *Deborah*, and *Mt. McKinley: the Conquest of Denali*, will deliver a month-long course on magazine writing about Alaska at APU, January 12-February 9. Not a traditional course to produce fiction or poetry to be critiqued by the class. More attention will be paid to the pragmatic game of getting published than to the development of students as good writers. Learn skills of the freelance writer and read/discuss several modern classics about Alaska. Call APU Department of Liberal Studies 564-8291



Mountaineering Club of Alaska

Proposed 1998 Budget

	Proposed for 1998	Proposed for 1997		Actual Amount through 12/1/97
REVENUE				
Membership Dues	4,000	3,000		4,187.00
Training	2,200	1,800		2,175.00
Other:				153.33
Photo Calendar	4,500			1,302.00
T-Shirts, Patches	1,500			
Mountain House, Hand Warmers				2,380.94
TOTAL REVENUE	12,200	4,800		10,198.27
 EXPENSE				
Training	1,500	1,200		1,347.50
Scree	1,000	1,000		1,043.80
General Meeting	900	700		812.49
Administrative	500	500		474.48
Hut Construction & Maint.	500	400		1,313.95
Club Equipment	500	200		
Library	200	300		
Other:				
Photo Calendar	4,000			2,886.41
T-Shirts, Patches	1,000			
Donation to Pia's Memorial		500		500.00
Mountain House, Hand Warmers				2,380.34
TOTAL EXPENSE	10,100	4,800		10,758.97
 DUE TO (FROM) RESERVE	 2,100	 NONE		 (560.70)

* lease fees were not originally expected during the planning of the 1997 budget
in 1997 we paid a one-time registration fee for each hut that will not be necessary in 1998

The 1998 MCA Calendars are here !

Enjoy your favorite photos all year long

Celebrating **MCA's 40th year** of 'hiking and climbing in Alaska and the exploration of its mountains' this is the best place to find important dates in climbing on your favorite local peaks, reminders for club meetings, training sessions, solstice events, and traditional holidays.

- ☑ Calendars are available at the **monthly meeting** for \$18 each
- ✳ If you can't make the meeting you can pick one up at the **Alaska Rock Gym** or **Alaska Mountaineering & Hiking** for the non-member price of \$20 each
- ✉ If you're not in Anchorage, just mail your check for \$18 each to the club address:
PO Box 102037 ♦ Anchorage AK 99510-2037

December 1997

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>Nov 30</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <small>Bill of Rights Day</small>	16	17 <small>MCA Meeting Wright Brothers Day</small>	18	19	20 <small>Flattop Sleepout (1st done in 1966)</small>
21 <small>Winter Solstice</small>	22	23	24 <small>Christmas Eve</small>	25 <small>Christmas Day</small>	26	27
28	29	30	31 <small>New Year's Eve</small>	<i>Jan 1</i> <small>New Year's Day</small>	<i>Jan 2</i>	<i>Jan 3</i>

ALASKA RAILROAD CORPORATION



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ICE CLIMBERS

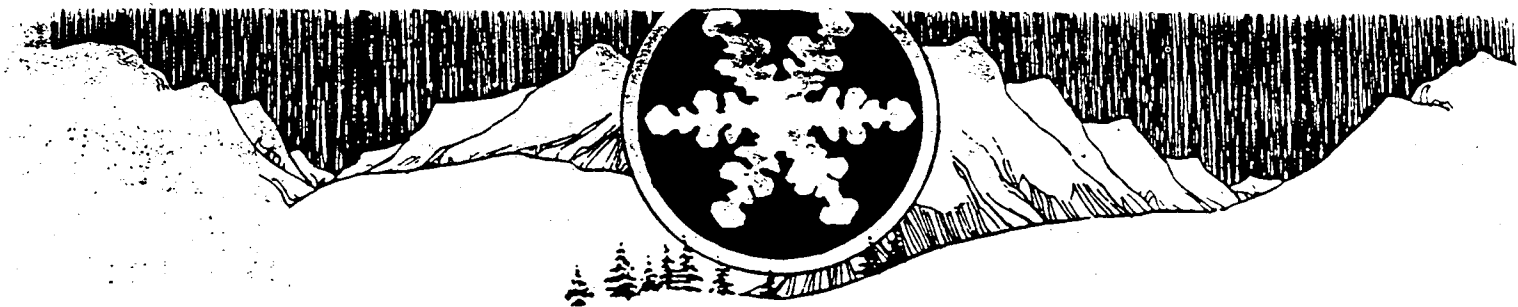
Access to the ice climbing area known as "Candy Land", located between Alaska Railroad Corporation's ("ARRC") Mile Post 78 and 79, requires a special access permit from ARRC. Because the climbing area is located within ARRC's right-of-way and is close to the track, special safety precautions must be followed.

The need for a permit to climb in this area is due to several near misses between climbers and trains. ARRC has determined that if climbers know the proper safety precautions and followed safety guidelines when near the track, climbers can climb in this area, and ARRC can continue to operate its trains safely.

We need the cooperation of ALL ice climbers. Please help us keep this climbing opportunity open. Come get a permit before climbing in this area. You can get an access permit at ARRC's Real Estate Department, 327 Ship Creek Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (Three-story red brick building behind the depot). There is no charge for the permits. Climbers under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian present when obtaining a permit.

Do not climb without a permit. Individuals on ARRC's right-of-way (100 feet on either side of the track) without an access permit can be charged with criminal trespass.

For further information please call 265-2465



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

1997-98 SCHEDULE

Date	No./Name Workshop	Location	Cost [*]
1/24	1. Mountain Weather Symposium	U of A, Library, Room 118, Anchorage	\$ 40**
1/31	2. Avalanche Hazard Recognition	U of A, Library, Room 118, Anchorage	\$ 20***
2/14-16	3. Backcountry Aval. Haz. Eval. & Rescue	Hatcher Pass, Talkeetna Mts.	\$210
2/27-3/1	4. Backcountry Aval. Haz. Eval. & Rescue	Hatcher Pass, Talkeetna Mts.	\$210
3/13(e)-15(am)	5. The Art of Snow Shelter Construction	Anchorage(e), Chugach Mts.	\$ 90
3/16e,18e,20-23	6. Safe Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue	Anc(e), Matanuska Glacier, Chugach Mts.	\$235
4/17-19	7. Mountaineering Skills Workshop	Tumagain Arm, Chugach Mts.	\$185
4/23-26	8. Mountain Rescue Workshop	Tumagain Arm, Chugach Mts.	\$220
5/8-11	9. Ocean Kayaking Workshop	Resurrection Bay, Seward	\$220
Open	Custom Workshops for your Organization	Open	Open

* Cost does not include required reading materials, food, or travel but in some cases, does include accommodations (see below & course descriptions. Matanuska Glacier access fee of \$5/day per person is not included).

** Cost is \$35 per person for families of three or more.

*** Cost is \$15 per person for students under 17 or families of three or more.

Abbreviations: e =evening session from roughly 6:30-9:30 p.m., a.m. = workshop ends by noon.

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