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**“Do what you can,
with what you have,
where you are.”**

-Theodore Roosevelt

**General Meeting
Wednesday, May 3, 2023,
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the BP Energy Center
Gerrit Verbeek, the ‘Choss Lore’ place names atlas**

"To maintain, promote, and perpetuate the association of persons who are interested in promoting, sponsoring, improving, stimulating, and contributing to the exercise of skill and safety in the Art and Science of Mountaineering."

New Editor! Welcome to Amy Coleman.

The Scree still needs a volunteer to take over monthly layout duties. To volunteer, please write to board@mtnclubak.org, or MCAScree@gmail.com

Award Nominations:

The MCA's Awards Committee is seeking nominations for Honorary MCA Memberships, the President's Award, and the Hoeman Award.

Honorary Memberships recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the MCA and its purposes. Nominees need not be MCA members, but must be living and may not currently hold elected office in the club.

The President's Award recognizes a current MCA member who has made significant contributions of time and effort toward an MCA project or other club activities during a calendar year. Nominees must be current MCA members. The current MCA President may not be nominated for the President's Award.

The Hoeman Award is the MCA's highest award and recognizes those individuals who have demonstrated a long-term commitment to the exploration, documentation, and promotion of hiking and climbing opportunities in Alaska. An Honorary Membership is included as part of the Hoeman Award. Nominees should have some association with the MCA, but may not currently hold elected office in the club.

Nominations must be in writing and must include the name of the person nominating the candidate, a description of the contributions the candidate has made, and the names and contact information of other persons who might provide more information to the Awards Committee regarding the

candidate's contributions.

Nominations may be submitted at P.O. Box 243561, Anchorage, AK 99524 or to Charlie Sink, Chairman, at charliesink@pci.net.

For additional information about the awards, the nomination process, or the nominee evaluation procedures, contact members of the Awards Committee: Charlie Sink, Max Neale (max.neale@gmail.com), and Steve Gruhn (scgruhn@gmail.com).

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the [B.P. Energy Center](#) 1014 Energy Ct, Anchorage, AK 99508. Presentation by Gerrit Verbeek on Choss Lore, a project tracking down the stories behind geographic place names and publishing them as a free, public, digital atlas.

To join by Zoom [click here](#).

Cover Photo

Luke Schacter following a pitch on "Hunting People," the Shiv. See p. 4 for story.

Photo by Mat Gruber.

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Check Facebook for last-minute trips and activities. Or, schedule one that you want to organize.



Upcoming Summer Training

Thanks to all volunteer instructors, and to Donell Irwin for handling coordination and details.

To RSVP, contact Donell Irwin at secretary@mtclubak.org

We hope to announce more Summer 2023 training opportunities, so keep an eye on the next few *Scree*s!

Self Rescue in Vertical Terrain - May 21

Lead Instructors: Pat Schmalix and Devin Wilson

Capacity: 3-8 students

Subjects taught: Preventing common emergency situations, knots used in rescue, dealing with stuck rappel rope, escaping the belay while belaying from below, belaying from above

A **\$20 refundable deposit is required** from students to reduce last-minute cancellations. The fee is non-refundable for any cancellations after May 14, but will be returned to all who complete the course.

Summer Mountaineering School - July 14-19

Location: Based out of the Mint Hut.

Lead Instructor: Dave Staeheli. Dave is an AMGA-certified Alpine Guide with 40+ years experience as an alpine guide and instructor. He has spent decades exploring the Talkeetna Mountains.

Capacity: 3-8 students

Subjects taught: Glacier travel, crevasse rescue, snow and ice anchors, belaying, rappelling, alpine snow and ice climbing, self arrest, alpine rock climbing with evening lectures on mountain navigation, snow safety, rope tricks and more.

The equipment list, assistant instructors, and other details are still being worked out.

A **\$100 refundable deposit is required** from students to reduce last-minute cancellations. The fee is non-refundable for any cancellations after July 1st, but will be returned to all who complete the course.

Call for Volunteers

Everything the MCA provides is built by a team of volunteers. We're currently seeking new folks for these roles:

Vice President: responsible for organizing speakers at each general monthly meeting, and other events. If you have a wide circle of cool friends, or want a great excuse to email anyone who has a cool story to share, this could be for you.

Webmaster: responsible for administering website content and member accounts via Squarespace and Memberspace.

Scree Layout: responsible for compiling photos and edited submissions into an appealing .pdf. Access to, and ability to use or learn Microsoft Publisher is preferred.

Trips and Training: We welcome volunteers who can lead trips or training opportunities from several hours to several days. Whatever skillset you have, if you are interested in sharing it, someone would love to learn.

Recently-Formed Mountains (Which No One Wants to Climb)

Reports have been rolling in that both the Snowbird Hut and the Bomber Hut outhouses appear to be dangerously full of human waste.

The American Alpine Club is aware of the Snowbird situation and working to fix it as soon as a helicopter mission is possible. Clint Helander (AAC) writes:

If you go out there, please bring wag-bags. Please bring wag-bags full of your own feces out with you. If you have extra wag bags, please consider leaving them there. If someone would write a note in the hut and on the outhouse to carry feces out, that would be appreciated.

If you have extra wag bags, please consider leaving them there.

The MCA is evaluating the Bomber Hut outhouse because its open pit design usually allows human waste to slowly filter into the earth over time. If it is truly at capacity the outhouse will be moved to a new location.

Thanks to all who have sent in field reports, and to Rebecca Marks and Lane Christenson for helping to transport empty human waste barrels to the Mint Hut.

Please keep things sanitary and follow the rules posted at each outhouse. Most cannot handle toilet paper; it must be burned

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New Rock Routes, Arrigetch Peaks, Central Brooks Range

July 22 – August 10 (Ascents August 3, 4, and 9)

Text by Cameron Jardell

Participants: Maya Humeau, Mathias Gruber, Luke Shacter, Cameron Jardell

FA's:

The Shiv, East Face, "Hunting People", 300 m 5.11r, III, AK4, Luke, Mathias

The Shiv, East Face, "Unspeakable Crimes", 300 m 5.10, III, AK4. Maya, Cameron.

East Maiden, North Face, "Gut Ripper", 700 m 5.10 IV, AK5 (variation to north face route). Maya, Mathias.

Camel, Northwest Face, "Vasudeva", 650 m, 5.8, III, AK4. Mathias, Cameron.

Repeats:

Parabola, North Ridge, 5.7

Aquarius Wall

All pitches were freed by at least one party-member. Examples of aid: leader fell, then swung on rope to gain adjacent crack, follower traversed free; cam was pulled on at tight belay to get around belayer; follower took to remove stuck piece, cam was pulled on to look over roof but not used to move over roof; follower was lowered to free stuck haul bag. No bolts or pitons were placed. Several nuts were left for rappels as was some webbing. Rappels were only done when downclimbing could not be done safely. Climbs were done in single push style with no fixed ropes.



*Our team on the summit of the Shiv, Whichmann Tower can be seen in the background.
Photo by Cameron Jardell.*

In July of 2021, a group of young climbers ventured into the Arrigetch peaks to fulfill the dream of a proper expedition style adventure, climbing granite in the Alaskan Arctic. Eighteen days were spent in the area, most of them rainy. Based in the Aquarius valley, our team made 3 failed attempts, 3 repeats and 4 first ascents in what amounted to a splendid trip.

Our team (Maya Humeau, Mathias Gruber, Luke Shacter) chartered a DeHaviland Beaver through Brooks Range Aviation to have us dropped off at Circle Lake. We pushed through the sunlit night with 80-pound packs, bush bashing the first few miles before the Arrigetch creek trail was found. Camp 1 was set next to Arrigetch creek before moving camp beneath the Maidens that evening. The next day, Luke and I climbed two and a half pitches up the North Face of the East Maiden before bailing due to rain while Maya and Mat waited it out and pushed up the North Face of the East Maiden before losing steam and traversing to a gully lookers left of the face to descend. After rest, Luke and I soled slabs to a col to attempt the South Face of the East Maiden, only to be caught in fog and rained on part way up the face.

Seven days of rain later, we were again ready to send. The four of us walked up the Aquarius valley to climb the East face of The Shiv, a fin-shaped peak between Whichmann Tower and Badile. Luke and Mat climbed lookers left of Maya and I as both parties put up new routes on the 80-degree wall. Luke and Mat established "Hunting People" (5.11r 300 m III), which climbed an open face with scattered flakes to a wide roof crack. Maya and I followed a leftward facing dihedral with intermittent slabs which, we called "Unspeakable Crimes" (5.10 300 m III), before joining the last two pitches of "Hunting People" to top out. One rappel was made while descending the north ridge. After 12 hours of sleep, Maya and Mat set off to re-try the North face of the East Maiden while Luke and I went to attempt a link up of the North Ridge of Parabola (5.7, Pfueger, Pardue, MacKinnon, Coburn, Morley 2002) and the Aquarius wall (5.7, Barash, Robins 2003). We soloed the ridge in 2 hours, then descended a heinous gully before climbing six pitches on the Aquarius wall. Mat and Maya completed a variation of the North Face of the East Maiden (climbed in 1998 by unknown German climbers). Bolts were found on the upper portion of the route despite a consistent crack system on that part of the face. They dubbed the variation "Gut Ripper" (5.10, 650 m IV).

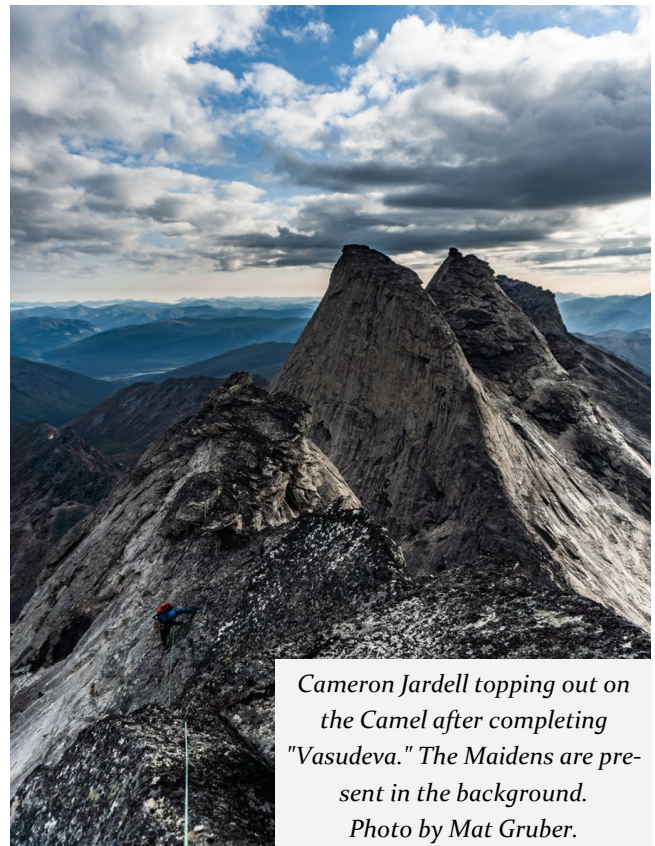
After another short stint of rain, there looked to be decent weather, which was the day before we were scheduled to be picked up from Circle Lake. Mat and I left early to attempt the unclimbed Northwest face of Camel. A choss ramp took us to the bottom of a low angle slab face, which the two of us simul climbed to the east ridge in 3 pitches before gaining the summit. We named the route "Vasudeva" (5.8 600 m III). We rappelled the south face, and then rappelled and downclimbed a gully west of the summit. Luke and Maya simul climbed the Aquarius wall in two pitches. We packed camp and rendezvoused at the junction of Aquarius and Arrigetch creeks before de-proaching to Circle Lake. This trip was made possible in part by the Live your Dream Grant, and foraged wild mushrooms.

I am calling on the Alaskan climbing community to discuss beta ethics in the Arrigetch peaks. These impressive peaks are known by few climbers outside Alaska and hold notions of "remoteness" and "unknown potential". Though these characteristics are certainly warranted, in terms of the unknown, it is not the same place it was 50 years ago, or even 20 years ago. The place has seemingly developed a blanket expectation of non-reporting and beta holding to artificially preserve them as a place "yet to be explored".

Along with three others, I recently spent 18 days based out of the Aquarius valley and climbed some repeats as well as some firsts. We did as much research as we could, with much of the available information in the form of a PDF from 2003. Although it was well known that much has been accomplished since then, and certainly more than appears in the American alpine journal, the information is still scattered, if available at all. Additionally, we spotted 6 parties of back-packers during our stay, at least half of them guided.

I see nothing wrong with this; it's public land that should be enjoyed by anyone stoked to go out there. I also see nothing wrong with wanting to explore the unknown, but perhaps it's time to compile route information and beta online so that future climbers have reliable and accessible information. Our group is willing to make that happen if the community consensus agrees. We would reach out to past parties and gather information from reports before publishing the information either on a database like Mountain Project, or a PDF like the 2003 one.

If you got this far and have an opinion on this subject, please share. If this is an unpopular opinion, we will not proceed.



*Cameron Jardell topping out on the Camel after completing "Vasudeva." The Maidens are present in the background.
Photo by Mat Gruber.*



Top: Maya Humeau topping out on the Shiv after completing "Supernatural Apparition." Photo by Mat Gruber.



Bottom: Our camp, positioned on the north side of the Maidens with Camel visible on the right Photo by Cameron Jardell.

How to fall into a crevasse: Denali (20310 feet), Alaska Range

Text by Martin Ksok

It took us 28 days to climb Denali in 2006. John Rectenwald and I came prepared for a month-long siege in order to summit on the first try and not have to return. Our plan worked halfway, I made it to the top, but John turned around at 18k or so. I considered it a success and vowed to not return since there are so many other mountains to climb. Time goes by though and things develop. Greg Encelewski hasn't set foot on the "High One" yet and proposed an attempt in 2021. Since we have shared numerous trips together and he never turns down my ideas, I accepted on the condition that we don't use the West Buttress route. We agreed on the West Rib, which promised more adventure and excitement. To get ready for steeper terrain and heavier weights, we trained hard. Carrying 80-pound packs up the Bird Ridge Trail became the norm and put us in decent shape.

Arriving at base camp, we were confident and eager to set off. We hauled sleds to camp one and spent the night there. The next day woke with blue skies, and we headed off into the Northeast Fork of the Kahiltna, nicknamed "The Valley of Death" after a very tragic accident. We were topping a small rise as my ski tips came up unexpectedly and I started dropping. I instantly realized that I was falling into a crevasse. As the rope became taught, a large chunk of snow dropped on my head (there is a case for wearing a helmet during glacier travel). I looked down and didn't see the bottom; I looked again, and it was more than 100 feet. I also noticed the sled dangling below; the pack did seem awfully heavy. A great fear entered my mind, and I realized that if Greg didn't hold me, then we were both going in, and that's that. My thoughts switched to my three-year-old daughter "how stupid to be dangling here, so close to never seeing her again". I hoped Greg held. Pain was setting in; I had to get out of the system. Dropping my pack, sled, and skis took some time, things are much more difficult under tension. Eventually I heard Greg yelling over the lip, what a relief. He had built an anchor, but I asked him to check it again since my life depended on it.

Before any glacier trips, we practice crevasse rescue to refresh the memory, work out the bugs, and implement improvements. We are keenly aware of the fact that two-man rope teams are inherently dangerous. I gathered myself together, focused and began ascending the rope. The effort was greater than anticipated. My chest prusik kept sliding down the wet rope, so I had to add another one. Eventually I reached the lip, which proved too much of an obstacle. This time, I could taste the freedom. We prepped the lip, and Greg sent down a rescue end of the rope. We always carry extra coils for that reason. It was nerve-racking to switch ropes 100 feet up a hole (extra ascenders and prusiks go a long way), but it had to be done. A



The crevasse.

couple of hard pulls and I was out and in bright sunshine. Shaking with fear and excitement, I stood there for a while, trying to calm down, a free man, out of the prison of the dark, cold crevasse.

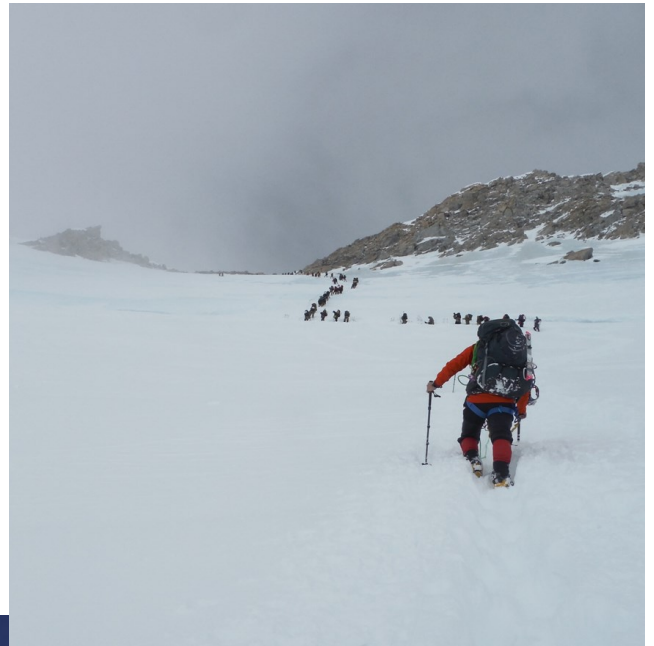
Next came the task of hauling out the gear from the abyss. We couldn't pull it up by hand, so a pulley system was built. The load ascended but stopped at the lip. I refused to go near the crevasse; it terrified me too much, so Greg scoped out the situation. The skis were caught; he volunteered to go in, so we built another anchor, and I lowered him down. The skis came out, but the pack got jammed since it was being pulled down by the sled. We had to build a nine-to-one. Eventually we got everything out with only sled poles being bent but repairable.

Here I would like to extend my gratitude to numerous instructors who saved our lives, especially the crew of the MCA winter mountaineering course of 2005, during which I gained the basic understanding of crevasse travel and rescue: Karl Battreal, Greg Bragiel, Randy Howell, and others who showed me the first ropes; John Rectenwald, with whom I trained extensively before our 2006 trip; Richard Baranow who showed me some useful tricks during the Marcus Baker frozen beer keg expedition; and most of all, to Greg Encelewski, who arrested our fall.

That is about the extent of the exciting part of the trip. We debated whether to continue or not. After looking up the glacier and seeing crevasses spanning the entire width, my excitement waned. I thought it would be foolish to go into more danger. Greg left the decision to me. We had all our gear, too much

of it now, and could still summit via the West Buttress, so we headed that way after leaving some stuff at camp 1. Being over-trained, we progressed rapidly, moving up almost every day. The route seemed casual now since 20 years of mountaineering have passed. There was much less snow, 14 camp was hard as concrete, and the headwall was all ice. We encountered a weather day but had a good forecast for next few, so we made it to 17k and summited the day after. We met an interesting fellow who was racing up the peak on account of his lack of time. Greg competed with him for the summit; I had no chance. The racer would rush for about 30 minutes and then collapse on the snow; Greg would catch up, just to see him rise again and repeat. I was slower and observed the spectacle from below. I think the guy finally won, but I wasn't certain. It was a fine summit with clear skies and views forever. There is more junk up there now, unfortunately. In my opinion, prayer flags don't belong in Alaska; it's not Nepal. I made sure those are gone now, but for how long? We lugged skis up to 14k, but that was a waste of effort; due to the winded snow we couldn't reliably use them until below Motorcycle Hill, but then it was glorious. After 11 days, we were back in Talkeetna, a much different experience from 2006 when we spent 14 days just at 14 camp.

Not tackling the Rib was unfortunate for sure. My heart was not in the slog up the Buttress, I didn't enjoy it much, having to repeat the route already traveled. Passage of time leveled the perspective, though. The planned route became less important, and the fact that we got home safely gained priority. The experience terrified me. My mind sometimes still goes back to the time I spent dangling by a rope in a dark hole. I also realize now that I'm not being fully rational. I'd like to loosely quote Greg here: "We learned, practiced, and implemented the proper technique and it all worked just as it should have."



Right: Headwall traffic jam.

Below: Heading into the Northeast Fork.



New Route - *Takyon* (1500', M5 AI3+), Peak 7270, Kichatna Spires

Text and Photos by Michael Goodhue



From April 11 - 21, 2022, Fred Caloggero and I (Michael Goodhue) climbed off the Cul-de-Sac Glacier in the Kichatna Spires.

Initially we attempted a beautiful line on the west face of Sunrise Spire. We climbed three pitches of thin narrow ice to gain a snowfield and gully system. This we followed to within 300' of the top of the gully but were thwarted by an unprotectable off-width chimney, and we then bailed.

We were successful in establishing a potential new route on the east face of Peak 7270 [Ed. Note: 62.4278, -152.7663]. We named the route 'Takyon,' 1500', M5 AI3+. On April 17, we went on a reconnaissance of the route's potential. We climbed a single pitch of mixed terrain and fixed a rope. We then returned the next day and completed the route to the summit in 12 hours, camp to camp. The route roughly was 2 pitches of M5, 2 pitches of AI3+, 400' of snow, 2 short sections of M4, more facets over rock, and then one more pitch of M5, which then deposited us within a rope length of the summit. We descended the large east face snow gully to the north of the route. Fun climb!

I have read extensively through reports from the Kichatnas in the AAJ and was unable to find a record of this climb. Given its moderate grade and obvious nature from basecamp, it may have been climbed and unreported of course.



Top Left: The new route, taken from Sunrise Spire

Top Right: Fred Caloggero working up the second pitch

Bottom Right: Michael Goodhue from the summit, looking down the Cul de Sac Glacier

Peak of the Month: Peak 5545 , Coast Mountains

Text by Steve Gruhn

Mountain Range: Coast Mountains

Borough: City and Borough of Juneau

Drainages: Death Valley Branch of the Norris Glacier and Suicide Glacier

Latitude/Longitude: 58° 27' 55" North, 134° 24' 9" West

Elevation: 5545 feet

Adjacent Peaks: Spencer Peak (5850 feet), Mount James K. Lowder (5378 feet), and Two Echo Cliffs (5095 feet)

Distinctness: 525 feet from Spencer Peak

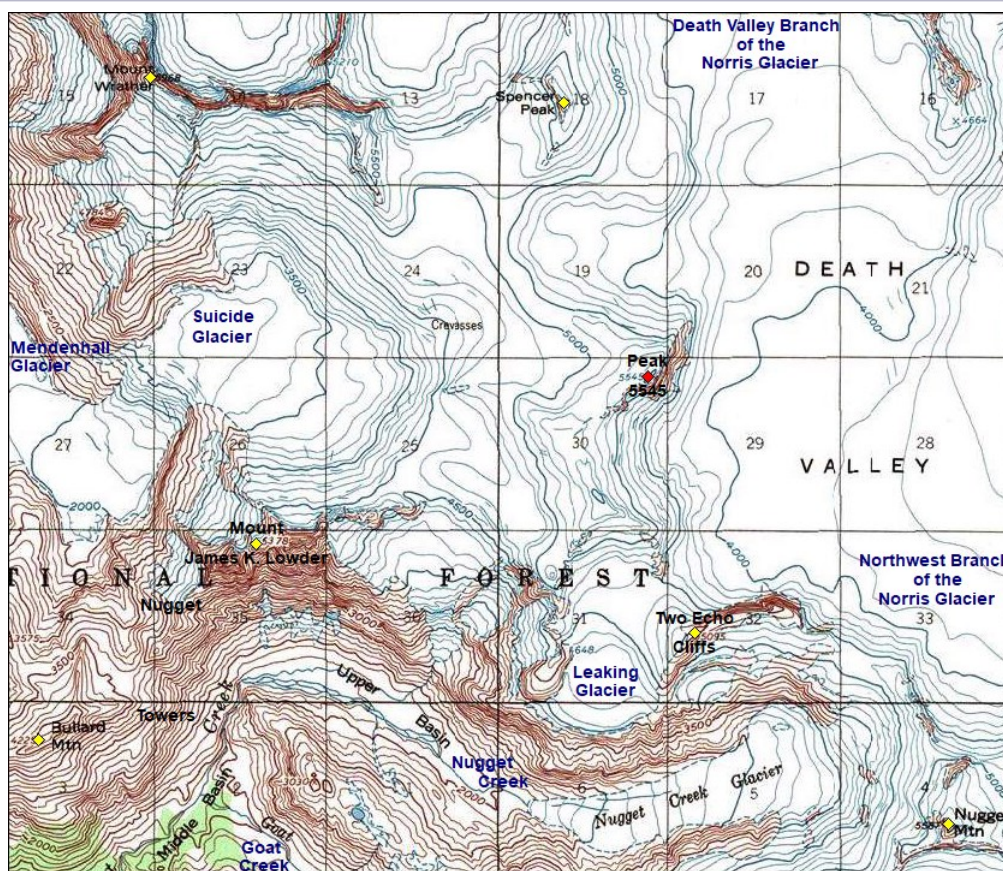
Prominence: 525 feet from Spencer Peak

USGS Maps: 1:63,360: Juneau (B-2), 1:25,000: Juneau B-2 NE

First Recorded Ascent: August 5, 1965, by Arthur B. Ford and Steven W. Nelson

Route of First Recorded Ascent: East face to the southwest ridge

Access Point: A camp in Death Valley



In late July and early August 1965, David A. Brew, Arthur B. Ford, and Steve Nelson established a camp in Death Valley on the Death Valley Branch of the Norris Glacier to aid in conducting geological investigations for the USGS. On July 30 Brew and Nelson skied and climbed Westward Ho (5399 feet) to make the peak's fourth or fifth ascent. Westward Ho had been first climbed in 1951 by Charles R. "Buck" Wilson.

On August 5, 1965, Ford and Nelson set out from a USGS camp in Death Valley to conduct a geological investigation of the bedrock on the unnamed 5545-foot peak to the west. Their ascent to the southwest ridge was mostly on snow-covered glacier with some places fairly crevassed. They followed the southwest ridge to the summit. Their descent was via the same route. Nelson noted that the west face of the peak had "many opportunities for 5th and 6th class routes on sound rock."

The next day Brew and Nelson climbed Mount Wrather (5968 feet), which had been first climbed by an Alaska Boundary Commission party around 1894.

I don't know of a second ascent of Peak 5545.

Information for this column came from the 1904 Atlas of Award from the Alaska Boundary Tribunal; from a December 20, 1965, letter from Nelson to Vin Hoeman that is archived in the Grace and John Vincent Hoeman collection at the University of Alaska Anchorage/Alaska Pacific University Consortium Library; and from other information contained in the Grace and John Vincent Hoeman collection.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2023, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 500 W. International Airport Rd., Anchorage

Roll Call

Gerrit Verbeek (President) – Present
Vice President (Vacant)
Donell Irwin (Secretary) – Present
Peter Taylor (Treasurer) – Present
Tom McIntyre (Director) – Absent

Andrew Holman (Director) – Absent
Matt Nedom (Director) – Present
Heather Johnson (Director) – Present
Andy Kubic (Director) – Present
Scott Parmelee (Director) - Present

Scribe: Donell

Announcements

- Looking for Vice President, a Scree editor, and speakers for April membership meetings and beyond

Board Reports

- Finances: Credit Union 1 account balances totaled \$71,603 on January 31. January expenses totaled \$443, dues totaled \$1815 after processing fees
- Membership: Approximately 60% year-on-year retention rate, the auto-renew option may improve that. The Board would like more statistics on in-state vs. out-of-state tourist members
- Trips and Training: Clint Helander has offered to teach ice climbing lead course. James Majetich requested snow safety/backcountry education and resources for Backcountry Hunters and Anglers on March 22nd. Charlotte Foley could be available to help teach crevasse rescue in the future
- Speakers and Outreach: Tickets go on sale on February 28th for Arlene Blum Bear Tooth Fundraiser for \$15. Beartooth will give MCA 10 free tickets, the Board agreed to offer to top donators from Giving Tuesday and to thank others for volunteer work. The March general meeting will feature paragliding with Bryan Friedrichs and Nate McClure. We have no plans for the April membership meeting yet.

Board Votes

- Voted yes to Yes for Clint Helander to teach ice climbing
- Voted yes to collaborate with James Majetich / Backcountry Hunters and Anglers on an avalanche snow safety discussion
- Voted yes to add the following policy:
“Whereas the club from time to time seeks financial support from the members and wider community.
Whereas the club is in the process of planning capital developments and operational expansion.
Whereas the club wishes to steward potential donors with a view to encouraging planned giving to support these developments.
The board hereby resolves that all requests for philanthropic support of the club's activities and developments are to be authorized by resolution of the board”

Board Discussion

- Discussed the possibility of charging for Talkeetna Mountains hut use, human waste options, the possibly of posting membership sign-up QR codes in the huts, collecting waivers from non-member hut users, and the Hut Chairperson position
- Discussed a request related to a commemorative hut that had previously been declined
- Discussed and reviewed 2018 survey

Action Items

- Gerrit: Track down membership statistics, add Gabriela to website credit, send follow up email in regard to memorial hut situation, add waiver to website, follow up on returned mail
- Heather: Organize avalanche education with James Majetich, Update website for march meeting and Arlene Blum
- Scott: Confirm with DNR in regard to Mint HutFind someone willing to make videos / google presentation for MCA trips and training orientation

Time and location of next meeting

- General Meeting - Thursday March 2, 2023.
- Next Board Meeting on March 29, 2023, 500 W. Int'l Airport Rd.

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Annual membership dues: Basic ("Dirtbag") \$20, Single \$30, Family \$40

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 Membership Committee at membership@mtnclubak.org.

The Scree is a monthly publication of the Mountaineering Club of Alaska. Articles, notes, and letters submitted for publication in the newsletter should be emailed to MCAScree@gmail.com. Material should be submitted by the 11th of the month to appear in the next month's *Scree*.

Paid ads may be submitted to the attention of the Vice-President at the club address and should be in electronic format and pre-paid. Ads can be emailed to vicepresident@mtnclubak.org.

Missing your MCA membership card? Stop by the monthly meeting to pick one up or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and we'll mail it to you.

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Find MCAK listserv at <https://groups.io/g/MCAK>.

"Mountains from left to right: Citadel, East Maiden, West Maiden, Camel, Parabola"

This photo really deserved full color, but we ran out of room.

See p. 4, Arrigetch Peaks. Photo by Carmeron Jardell

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