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MEETING, NOVEMBER 6, 1958, KENI AUDITORIUM, 8:00P.M.

Please come.

Ernst Bauman will show his slides of Mt. McKinley climbing. The ice axe will be awarded to the winner of the club emblem contest after the members present select the winning design.

The Executive Committee is going to ask the membership for their choice on the following questions:

1. Do you want short training lectures at each meeting during the winter?
2. What particular trips and/or climbs would you like to make?
3. How many of us get away for three or four days (including Sat & Sun) for a minor expedition type trip?

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This rather voluptuous parcel of words another one of our brain storms. We have been sending out no less than one notice per month; so why not work a little harder and put out an informal paper? It's a gamble and an experiment, but if you like it, let us know, a good word or two will keep us publishing. We hope to transmit all pertinent poop as climbing schedules, meeting notices, trip reports, etc. However, most of the material will come from you people plus whatever we can "borrow" from publications of other climbing clubs. Shoot the stuff in to us; by-line credit will be given. We'll put her to bed on the twentieth of each month.

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Don't forget to submit your design for the M. C. A. emblem. Give it to John Robertson by 1 November. An experienced ice axe is the first prize. Among other things, the insignia will be used for club patches.

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OUR LAST MEETING was held on September 3 at the Northern Lights Service Club. If you can remember, it rained cats and dogs that night. Attendance was not large. Due to this, no new business was discussed. Eric Barnes projected his slides of his Ship Rock climb. Those absent missed some very good pictures and a story of the type of rock work outside the scope of many climbers.

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CLIMBING SCHEDULES are being worked out by Bob Rankin's Operations Committee. For the past month or so, they've worked like Sherpas to compile it. We'll publish the schedule next month.

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Wayne Rhodes was by to say so long. He's going out to Louisiana.

John Robertson started out to lone wolf a trip over the Eagle River Trail but got snowed out the night of the heavy fall. We're glad that the white stuff didn't catch him enroute.

Summit Magazine of Big Bear Lake, California, is a real good buy for climbers and hikers. Published monthly and filled with articles by people who do these things; not professional writers. Costs \$1.00 a year.

Have any of you made the trip over the Eagle River Trail or the Indian Creek - Old Mail Trail? We need info on these areas in order to plan jaunts. If you know anything about them, please tell Jemmie Johnston.

Here's a thought: If you need climbing rope, check Sears Roebuck. They have nylon and their prices are the best I've seen yet.

Try this mixture for munching on your next trip: Mix raisins, chocolate chips, cashew nuts, brazil nuts and cheese hunks together. Rig the portions to suit your taste and eat by the handful. Sounds horrible but goes down easy.

Climbers start talking about mountains, a certain problem is encountered when one wishes to describe just how tough a route may be. What's a bird walk for old Hans? It may be a tension job for me. The Europeans use a formal system starting at Class I and going through Class VI. Here again, it depends on the person assigning the classification. Evidently, other people have had this problem as witnessed by the following. It was stolen from a Sierra Club publication:

EASY - The second party's appraisal of a pitch described as difficult by the party making the first ascent.

MODERATE - Ditto for a pitch the first party called severe.

INTERESTING - Pertaining to a pitch you'd rather not climb again.

DIFFICULT - obsolete; forced into disuse by second party's penchant for downgrading climbs so described.

SEVERE - obsolete for same reason.

INTERESTING - Describes a climb one grade higher than you'd care to lead just now.

DISFRANCHISING - One grade higher than you would care to lead over.

IMPRESSIVE - Pertaining to a climb on which expansion bolts are required for direct aid, but cannot be placed.

UNREPEATABLE - This adjective, along with inaccessible, is long gone into limbo; the 19th-century writer used it to describe climbs subsequently made by girls in their teens, and no one will repeat his mistake.

-Dave R. Brower-

DON'T FORGET THE MEETING