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SEPTEMBER 19 MEETING; At 8:00 PM, Willow Park Community Center, 9th and Fairbanks: Chuck Serfoss will show slides of his various rock climbs in the Central Rockies.

October 17 Meeting will be the annual meeting with the election of officers for the coming year.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

SEPT 17-18 UPPER RUSSIAN LAKE HIKE. 12 miles one way. Attractive country even in rain! Louise DeVoe, 277-9108

Help! Help! Help! We don't have anything planned for the fall. If you have any ideas on places to go let us hear from you! Anyone interested in being on the Hiking and Climbing committee please tell Ron Linder.

LAZY MOUNTAIN

August 21

Steffen Maagoe

The participants were Mrs Bergman, Callie Van Der Laan, Mary Ann Gravestock, Paul Phenix, Marge and Steffen Maagoe. The trip left on time. The peak was reached by all but one. Close to the top we encountered a group of runners, boys and girls racing towards the top in training for the Palmer Fair. Some blueberries were collected on the way down and when we reached the parking area we were greeted by generous offers of cookies and other goodies by the group racing the mountain.

PENGUIN RIDGE

Vin Hoeman

On 13 July I parked at Mile 94, Seward Highway, and went directly south to the top of the long ridge that is separated from the rest of the Chugach Range by Penguin Creek. Another local name for this ridge is "Bird Ridge", but I have not found this name used on maps or in literature, and there are already a Bird Creek, Pass, Peak, Glacier, Point, and railroad siding. Walking west along the ridgetop I built small cairns atop "Adelie Pt." 3850', and "Rockhopper Pt.", 3802, where I found none. Next on 4105' "King Pt." there was a trace of an old cairn and some loose guywires, while on 4305 "Emporer Point", the highpoint of "Penguin Ridge" there was a cairn that could have been built two years ago and Coke and 7up cans on which were scratched "M J K" and "B. Kelly" both 5 July 1964. The names Adelie, Rockhopper, King and Emporer are facetiously applied here for no wider usage being the names of various species of penguins graded according to size, but the name "Penguin Ridge" is good because of the close association this ridge has with Penguin Creek.

Mount Rumble 7530

Vin Hoeman

Morn Pichter brought this steep-sided mountain to my attention in 1960 when he suggested walking all the way up Peters Creek to climb it, but that was such a long brush battle that no one wanted to tackle it. Dave Johnston and I looked across at it from an abortive attempt on the Northwest Ridge of Bellicose Peak 18 August 1963. Rocks fell from the 4000-foot eastern face of "Mt Rumble", as we came to know it, all the time we could see or hear it that day.

Finally this mountain was the last one over 7000 feet close to Anchorage that had never been attempted, so Dave Meyers and I drove up Eagle River the evening of 22 July as far as locked gates above Hardee Airstrip. That night we were able to get to the 5050' "Bombardment Pass" (our name from the almost constant rockfall from neighboring "Korohusk", 7030) and camped there, out of range.

The morning dawned clear and we carried our packs on down to Peters Creek on the possibility that we might be able to traverse back over 7450 "Kiliak". After wading the creek we were surprised to find remains of an old camp with logs, boards, and a cabin? foundation on a tundra bench. Near this point we left our packs and made our way up the wide southern gully to the main northwestern ridge of "Rumble". This was easy talus and snow till near the pass where we cut off on Class 4 rock to reach the easy ridge. At noon we enjoyed the view from 7530 "Mt. Rumble", which, as we had expected, did not appear to have been visited before. We built a cairn on the very top and left a register in a pickled onion jar. After lunch we descended the NW ridge a little closer to the pass, a route nowhere harder than Class 3. Peters Creek was more difficult

to wade in the afternoon, and we decided to go all the way out the way we'd come rather than stay in another day and try to traverse "Kiliak" with our loads. Our trip could be repeated as a long onedaytrip by a strong party.

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GOAT ROCK 5250⁺

Vin Hoeman

East and West Twin Peaks and this one are spectacular landmarks between Ek'utna Valley and Knik Arm and are known as "The Three Sisters" by some Matanuska Valley residents. "Goat Rocks" was an early MCA name for all three recently limited to the lowest, sharpest one which has no official name. John Dillman and I examined this rock from the pass between it and West Twin 6 May 1962, but found no easy route from that side. So, I thought it was probably unclimbed and planned to take Eric Shipton there for an easy first ascent. It's just as we'll weather and time did not permit this, because when I went up there solo 30 July and found an easy Class 3 and 4 scramble route from the west, there was a bear can 2 to 4 years old in the earthquake moat on the summit. I built a small cairn and left a register.

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"Tanaina" and Tikishla Peaks, Chugach Range, Sept 4, 1963

Rod Wilson

There are still unclimbed points in the front rows of the Chugach behind Anchorage. The problem, as with most Alaska mountains, is not that the peaks are difficult to climb but that access to them from the alder and devil's club guarded lower slopes is painful.

Ted Shohl, Brian Wilson, age 14, and I carried a camp from the Basher road over "Near Point" (3050') and down into the valley of the North Fork of Campbell Creek at about 2500'. From here, on September 4, 1966, we were in good position to go for two peaks on the north side of the creek, -- "Tikishla" (black bear) 5200' and "Tanaina" (race of Cook Inlet Indians -- pronounced "ta-nine-uh"), 5300'. The former is the sharp, double-summited peak on the skyline to the east of Anchorage, while the latter, the highest point on this roughly east-west ridge on the north side of North Fork can be seen from Anchorage as a knob on the right hand end of the serrated top behind "Tikishla."

We walked up the valley about 3 miles and then, bearing left, mounted the easy rocky slopes to the serrated top. The knob summit of "Tanaina" lay a quarter of a mile beyond. From the top, in perfect weather, we could see the long blue lake below to the right at the upper end of the North Fork and the emerald lake below on the left in the valley to the north of our ridge. We proceeded east to the next, slightly lower, point along the ridge but not another mile to a distinct additional summit (5200'), -- a worthy future goal.

The ridge westward back toward "Tikishla" has one huge verticle step, so we chose to descend about 1000' by the route we came. While Ted generously carried the pack back along the creek to camp, Brian and I labored up the southern slope of the ridge again considerably west of the large step to a point just beneath the higher of the two summits of "Tikishla". A short, steep rock pitch found us on a narrow summit. The lower west summit was crossed a few hundred yards away on the way down this long ridge back to camp.

There were no signs of previous human visits to any of these high points. We left cairns and registers.

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FOUND: One Leica Camera on Pioneer Peak August 12. Call Hans Van Der Laan 277-7525

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