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MARCH MEETING...Wednesday, March 20, 1974...8:00 PM...Pioneer Schoolhouse--3rd & Eagle Streets...MIMISLIDE PRESENTATION: Tom Meacham and Bill Barnes, Jr. will show slides of the "1972 Winter Mt. Spurr Bust"...Business Meeting...Refreshments...MAXIPROGRAM: Rod Wilson will speak on high altitude sickness.

BOARD MEETING: April 1, 1974, at 7:30 PM at Bill Barnes, Jr.'s 4304 Forest Road.

CLIMBING SCHEDULE

John Pinamont is climbing Mt. Blackburn and, consequently, has not submitted a climbing schedule. There will be one or two climbs in April. They will be announced at the March meeting. Then there will be no more climbs until breakup. However, there will be ski tours.

SKI TOUR SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, March 17 - EAGLE RIVER - One-day ski tour. Leader: Gil Todd. His work phone is 272-6414.

SAT. SUN. MON. & TUES., March 23-26 - ARCTIC VALLEY TO CROSS PASS VIA CAMP CREEK VALLEY. Four-day ski tour. Leader: Bill Stivers.

SUNDAY, April 7 - WOLVERINE. One-day ski tour. Meet at Sears parking lot at 9:00 AM. Leader: Tobben Spurkland.

SUNDAY, April 21 - BIRDSEYE RIDGE (BIRD CREEK) HIKE. Leaders: Terry and Joyce Muchlenbach.

SATURDAY, April 27 - WINNER CREEK. Ski tour or hike. Leader: John Pinamont.

SUNDAY, May 5 - THE WEDGE. One-day ski tour. Leader: Ed Coleman.

SUNDAY, May 12 - GULL ROCK. Ski tour or hike. Climbers might do Hope Point. Leader: Ron Lantaret. NOTE THIS WAS FORMERLY SCHEDULED. AND THE RESERVENCE OF THE PROPERTY SCHEDULED. FOR SUNDAY, April 14th.

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President Barnes discussed a new equipment policy formulated by the Executive Board and explained in the February issue of SCREE. Effective immediately those who are twice delinquent in returning borrowed equipment will have borrowing privileges suspended for one year. A one-week loan period will be introduced. Equipment which has been kept out for three weeks or more will be considered twice delinquent.

Motion was made by Sean Oxford and seconded by Brian Smith to name our MCA cabins as follows: Whiteout Glacier to be named in memory of Grace and Vin Hoeman; the cabin located near Eagle Glacier to be named in memory of Hans van der Laan; and the cabin at Mint Glacier to be named in memory of Mark Rainery. Motion unanimously passed. President Barnes will see that name plaques are affixed to cabins.

A letter from PARC was read concerning the Far North Bicentennial_ Park. Hearings chaired by Helen Fischer were held in Juneau on February 20th. PARC urged interested persons to write Rep. Helen M. Fischer, Chairman, House State Affairs Committee, Pouch V, Juneau, AK 99801 to express their view on creation of this local park in the Campbell Air Strip area.

Mike Richardson reported that Terry Muchlenbach and Don Wikoph Road. Wis work phone is

Respectfully submitted, Dona Agosti, Secretary

VES., March 23-26 - ARCTIC VALLEY TO CROSS PASS LEX Four-day ski tone, theader: 8131 Stivens VIA CAMP CREEK VALLEY ARCTIC VALLEY TO INDIAN SKI TOUR Feb. 2-3, 1974

Five MCAers left Arctic in 28-degree weather about 8:15 AM on February 2nd. Those in the group were Bill Stivers, Chuck Evans, Mike Heinz, Mike Hunt and Brian Smith. We camped at 2:00 PM in trees about 1 1/2 miles south of the confluence of North Fork and Ship Creeks. There was powder snow conditions except in the lower Indian Valley where we removed skis and walked to the Pumping Station. From the Station, it was possible to ski out to Grandma Hannas. The trip down took about seven hours WERGE. One-day ski tour Leader: Ed Coleman.

WOLVERINE PEAK 4455

January 19, 1974 John Merrick

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THE SAN FORWERS Y SCHEDULED On January 19th, last, five intrepid MCA mountaineers challenged the fog and near zero dawn by starting up Wolverine Peak. Leaving on skis from the Prospect Heights parking lot, we

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found the snow sparse, and worse yet at timberline where it gave way to bare rock and tundra. The derth of snow was the bane of the skiers, but seemed to be the moose's gain. Six At 3,000 feet, the dismal fog gave way to bright sunshine and blue skies presiding over a white, wooly blanket. The old plane wreck, a bit more weathered, still guarded the upper slope of hard-packed and wind-blown drifts. The summit, relatively warm and windless, was our lunching spot and the culmination of a fine day. We were back at the parking lot 27 410 around three.

BENCH LAKE CABIN TOUR

March 9-10, 1974 Steve Jones

This is a great trip! We left Anchorage at 7:30 on Saturday and were on Upper Trial Lake about one-half mile from Moose Pass by ten o'clock. Those in the party besides the leader were: Paul Carnicelli, Mike Heinz, Jerry Kurtz, Margaret Langdon, John Pinamont, Don Pahlkey and dog. Arrived at Bench Lake Cabin at 5:30. Much of that time was spent changing waxes--all the way from purple to klister to special green. To Took along one-half gallon of fuel for stove but only one-half of that Cabin in excellent shape. Time out next day was fast and hairy at times becuase it was necessary to ski in a 5-foot corridor between trees. Back at the truck by 3:30 PM. Super party followed, hosted by Mike Heinz in his apartment in Anchorage.

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11/21/73

Ned Wm. Lewis

After a short approach, the three of us bivouaced below the couloir. After a cold night, we did the couloir in four hours. The youngest member fell twice when two different pitons pulled out. We were struck by three avalanches during the climbing. This was the fourth ascent of this couloir.

MNT. YATSU-GA-DAKE

12/29/74 - 1/6/74 Ned Wm. Lewis

The fifteen of us climbed various routes on the three major peaks of the area. We all at different times participated in two bivouaces with only down jackets and bivouac sacks. advanced climbers climbed one 150-meter face by different routes. Although the face was small, its quality was that of rocks imbedded in deteriorating concrete. We all had foot and hand holds pull out. All routes involved some free climbing of overhandgs due to the crackless quality of the face.

The waiting time of one hour at the base of a climb will testify to the numbers of climbers. Something which I shall never get used to. One other unpleasantry which awaited us was the hut dogs, who eat 3 lbs. of fresh meat, leaving us with only potatoes and onions for our curry rice.

BITS & PIECES

The Alaska Rescue Group (ARG) has invited MCA members to a oneday training in self-arrest and crevasse rescue. The training will be held on Sunday, April 14th. The location, details on what type of equipment is needed and sign-up sheets will be available at the March meeting.

The membership list would not have appeared in SCREE if it hadn't been for Dona Agosti. Dona pitched right in and whipped out the membership list the afternoon before SCREE goes out. Thanks a million Dona!!

Due to a conflict between my present job and editing SCREE, I am no longer able to be the Editor of SCREE. Anyone interested in being the Editor should contact the Club President, Bill Barnes, Jr.

THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR YOUR WRITEUP OF CLIMBS, HIKES AND/OR SKI TOURS!

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