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June Meeting

The meeting will be held Wednesday, June 13th, at 8:00 pm on the top floor of the Pioneer Schoolhouse, third and Eagle, Anchorage, Alaska. After the business meeting, Al Robinson will present a mini slide show on climbs on Mount Saint Helens in Washington State. Chad Price will follow Al and present the evening's main slide show on his extensive mountaineering experiences in the British Isles and Swiss Alps.

Minutes of general meeting; MCA Inc. Wednesday May 21, 1980 Pioneer Schoolhouse Anchorage.

Acting Vice-President John Lohff called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm. Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was submitted and approved as follows; checking \$497.95, petty cash \$56.50, money market fund \$1972.00 for a total of \$2,526.00. We have earned \$72.00 in interest income (all taxable, from our money market fund. We owe a balance of approximately \$67.00 on our new screen which is still on order. We owe approximately \$95.00 in supplies for typing the Scree and stamps. We also expect to be spending money in connection with repairing our huts.

Various guests and new members were introduced at the meeting. Were introduced at the meeting. Welcome all- hope to see you on some hikes.

Scree: HELP HELP We need someone to duplicate the Scree and we need hands to collate. if you want to help, call Paula at 277-3982.

We had no reports from any committees of special committees.

We received lots of mail from various state and federal agencies requesting our help. Comments if any were requested on the Delta River management plan of which we received a copy. It's a very extensive research of the Delta River and Tangle lakes campground area.

We received a copy of both the draft and final environmental impact study of the proposed Main Bay fish hatchery.

Susitna - A letter was read from Acres- American, the engineering firm hired by the Alaska Power Authority to study the Susitna Hydro power and alternative energy projects. They requested the MCA help in locating possible sites for wind-powered generators. Trees which show flagging are signs of some frequent winds. Anyone interested may contact John Lohff at 276-8514 or Acres-American directly in the phone directory.

Porcupine River Trip This trip is scheduled to leave Fairbanks around June 28. Marty Bassett, leader, said a DC 3 has been

chartered and will fly into Yukon Territory. The River is fairly calm and will take about two weeks.

After the intermission Meg Leonard gave a mini slide show on the Memorial Day hike Puritan Creek to Chickaloon, and the hike scheduled for June 7 and 8 Crow Pass to Eagle River.

Steve Risse gave an excellent slide show on his climbs in the Bugaboo Spires in the Purcell Range of British Columbia and various parts of Washington. (including a 'before' picture of Mt. St. Helens.)

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm and the general meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

TRIP SCHEDULE

Paula Quering
Acting Secretary.

June 14&15 Cooper Lake to Upper Russian to Lower Russian. Leader Emile McIntosh. This hike is one of the most picturesque on the Kenai peninsula. The trail is fairly flat and is good for beginners provided they can hike at least 10 miles in one day. Emile has reserved the new cabin below Upper Russian Lake so it may not be necessary to bring your tent. Total mileage on this hike is about 20 miles. Departure from Anchorage early Saturday morning. Call Emile at 337-7418 for details.

June 21&22 Flat Top Sleepout. An annual tradition for 22 years. Come join our summer solstice celebration up on this honest to goodness flat top over looking Anchorage. We will have a fire permit to be sure to bring firewood and add a warm glow to the evening. The trail is slightly steep at the end, but with a little perseverance it is within the capabilities of most hikers. There will be no coordinated departure. Just drive up to Glen Alps parking lot and hike up anytime Saturday afternoon or evening and plan to spend the night. Get further details at the June meeting.

June 28- July 12 Porcupine River Trip. Old Crow to Fort Yukon. This is a flat water river, appropriate for those who have not had extensive river touring experience. It should be a relaxed paced trip with beautiful scenery and warm weather. We're chartering a DC 3 from Fairbanks to Old Crow, Y.T. and taking scheduled flights out of Fort Yukon back to Fairbanks. Round trip transportation from Fairbanks is about \$200. For further information call Marty Bassett at 694-3917 or John Nevin at 349-1707.

July 4-6 Resurrection Trail- Hope to Schooner Bend. This is a 38 mile backpack on a good trail which follows the route taken by gold seekers in the late 1890's coming from Resurrection Bay to the gold fields near Hope. There is wildlife as well as many varieties of wild flowers along the route. For more information call Bob Hume at 248-4975 (H), 276-5152 (W) or sign up to the June meeting.

July 12-13 Reed Reed Lakes. This trip explores the edge of the Talkeetna mountains north of Anchorage. A wilderness area of granite apires, alpine lakes and waterfalls. Wildlife are also plentiful in this area. This hike is a favorite of those who don't mind a little boulder hopping or a possible stream crossing. Call John Lohff at 276-8714 (H) , 276-8514(W) or sign up at the June meeting.

July 12 Byron Peak Climb. This is a one day climb up the snow route on Byron Peak. Bring ice axe, crampons, rain gear and lunch. Leave from UAA parking lot at 6 am. Call Ernie Borjon at 344-8661 or Tim Neale at 274-4952.

uly 20 Rendezvous Peak. This is on easy day hike in the Arctic alley area which provides an excellent view of the surrounding Chugach mountains and beyond. Call Al Robinson at 279-8873.

uly 26-27 OMalley Camping and Climbing. A fun weekend of hiking and climbing or just relaxing in the beautiful Chugach Mountains. Call Gene Klynko at 274-6753.

Puritan Creek to Chickaloon May 24-26

John Nevin

After leaving gloomy Anchorage, driving to Puritan Creek and jockeying cars to both ends of the trail, 19 hikers started up the trail towards Chickaloon. Most had made this Memorial Day trek at least once before. Unusual this year was the great amount of snow on the trail, up to about eight feet in some spots. It created a few problems for some and all were wet upon reaching Boulder Flats. Emile McIntosh had a rather spectacular method of extracting herself from waist deep snow-- possibly something that should be demonstrated to other members.

At the campsite weary muscles were rejuvenated by such things as moose burgers, fresh corn on the cob and fresh pineapple. The temperature dipped below freezing but a good campfire and warm fellowship caused little notice.

The next day found everyone sleeping in and rather lethargic. Later, Ron and Howard Phodehamel managed to conquer the mostly snow covered end of Anthracite ridge. Others saw a fantastically huge beaver dam. Several encountered a local cow moose and her new calf near the campsite. Her other calf may have been the recent moose kill across the creek. Boulder Creek was a mere trickle of its usual self and easily crossed. Ron West, Margo George, Tim Ellingwood and Lavonia and Stan James reduced the evening merriment by walking out earlier in the day due to other commitments. However, the first annual Boulder Flats hand carved model boat race took place with Mike McIntosh the apparent winner.

Next day found sunshine and an early start for the 11 or so mile trip out. Able young buck leader, Tim Agosti, led the way through snow and mud along the beautiful ridge overlooking Boulder Creek canyon. We gradually dropped into spring with leaves beginning to pop out and a few flowers showing. Much deadfall was encountered this day and young willow crowding the trail. Anyone planning on using the trail this summer, and so inclined, should take a machete to rid some of the willow. Also, extensive beaver work near Saw Mill Creek has practically inundated the area with water. After the usual rest at Saw Mill Creek, "heart attack hill" was conquered and a short walk through the Floyd Johnson homestead brought the trip to a close. Others adding to the enjoyment of the trip were Valerie and Gary Hirschberg, Pierce McIntosh, Paula Quering, Marty Bassett, Mike Rhpdehame., Esther George and Matt West.

The MCA Library is located at Tom Meacham's home, 1410 "H" St. Anchorage. Telephone 277-2129 if possible prior to visiting, to make certain someone is home, which they usually are. The Library is open to all MCA members.