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### FEBRUARY MEETING

The meeting will be held Wednesday, February 24, at 8 P.M. on the top floor of the Pioneer Schoolhouse, Third and Eagle Street, Anchorage, Alaska. PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO FUR RONDY, THIS MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL. After the business meeting, Dave Worrell will present a slide show of his climbs in the Eastern Alaska Range, including ascents of Snow White and other peaks.

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - January 20, 1982

The January meeting of the MCA was held Wednesday, January 20, 1982 on the top floor of the Pioneer Schoolhouse, Third and Eagle, Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting was brought to order at 8:11 p.m. by President John Dillman. Reading of the December meeting minutes were approved as published in the SCREE.

Treasurer's Report - Bank Balance -- \$1,274.49  
Petty Cash -- 175.27  
Money Market -- 2,531.56

New members and guests introduced were: Jim Akers, Wes and Lois Sutterlin, Pete Panarese and David Hicks

### OLD BUSINESS

The January 17 West Twin Peak climb/hike was successfully lead by Dave Pahlke. It was perfect weather and a great 6½ hour climb.

The Basic Map and Compass Class is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, at West High School Cove from 7-9 P.M. There will be four class sessions indoors and two outdoor practicals. Contact Graham Macdonald at 345-5791.

The Beginners' Ice Climbing Class is scheduled for Friday, January 22, at REI at 7 P.M. This will be a basic knot, crampon and slide show inside class session. The climb is on Sunday, January 24. Meet at 7 A.M. at Fred Meyer parking lot. Contact Rick Derrick at REI.

### Committee Reports

Program Committee - Rick Severn - 344-7269.

The February slide show will be by Dave Worrell on the Eastern Alaska Range - Snow White. Those mountaineers interested in presenting their slides at future meetings should contact Rick Severn.

Huts Committee - Nick Parker - 277-7328.

The drawings for the new hut are complete. Nick is currently working on a cost estimate. The hut will be located in the Talkeetna Mountains at Moose Creek drainage, about 6-10 hours from the Mint Glacier hut.

Conservation and Parks Committee - Mike Frank - 243-7645.

The Citizens' Advisory Committee has been discussing the trail maintenance policy of the State Parks Division. Also discussed were problems the Department of Natural Resources is having on remote land deposits.

Hiking Committee - Dona Agosti - 248-0089

The preliminary summer hiking schedule was read and discussed. Copies of the trip schedule will be in SCREE.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held on the public availability of the trip reports published in SCREE. They will be bound in sets and available at UAA or Loussac Libraries after a cost is determined.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Farmer and Willy Harstman will lead a ski trip from Portage to Whittier on Sunday, January 24. Meet at Fred Meyer parking lot at 5:30 A.M. Intermediate and advanced skiers only.

The Mint Glacier Hut is a mess due to marmot activities. They are feasting on the wood. Anyone planning a trip might consider taking in metal repair materials.

Bill Britt announced himself as a candidate for the REI Board Membership. He will be happy to discuss his ideas for improvement of REI with those interested.

Gary Bocarde and Dr. Peter Hackett will hold a joint slide show on Gary's attempted climb of the East Face of Mt. Everest and Peter's summit climb from the Nepal side of Mt. Everest on Monday, January 25 and Tuesday, January 26 at Central Jr. High at 7:30 P.M. Tickets are available for \$4.00 at REI or \$5.00 at the door.

Dave Klinger, former MCA member, currently with Bavarian Nordic Ski Club in Leavenworth, Washington invites those interested to their 42 kilometer endurance ski run or 10 kilometer ski run, to be held on February 14. For details contact Reggie Buchanan at 333-7649.

Dave Worrell from 50 Minute Photo Express announced a free roll of film development for the first MCA member into his shop on Northern Lights Boulevard on Thursday.

LOST - Chouinard rigid crampons at the ice falls along the highway. Contact Graham Macdonald at 345-5791.

Ice climbing gear, axe, crampons, helmets can be borrowed by MCA members at Alaska Mountaineering and Hiking upon presentation of a current MCA membership card.

The February MCA meeting will be held the 4th Wednesday of the month - February 24 at Pioneer Schoolhouse at 8 P.M.

The slide show tonight is presented by Don Hanson on climbing in Washington state.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M. Respectfully submitted: Sandi Macdonald, Secretary.

#### MCA SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

Participation in MCA schools is depressing. If you sign up for a class, make an effort to show up or notify the instructor or a club officer. Ten out of 26 participated in the January 24 Ice Climbing Class. Twelve of 35 who signed up hopefully can now read a map and locate north on a compass. The rest are probably lost!

As a result, the Board of Directors has decided to impose a \$5 non-refundable registration fee for all MCA classes. This fee will be paid when you sign up for the class. Hopefully, this will limit registration to only those who are seriously interested in attending the class.

#### CLIMBS

March 20 - Climb in the Suicides. Dave Pahlke will lead this climb covering a distance of five miles and a 3,000' elevation gain. You must have an ice axe and the ability to use it. Sign up at the March meeting or call Dave at 344-2964 (nites).

#### BITS & PIECES

Thanks to Dave Worrell of 50 Minute Photo for the gift of free film development for the first arrival on January 21. Peter Sennhauser got there 30 minutes before they opened.

Peter Hackett and Susan Havens are off to Nepal (again). Susan is a member of the Ama Doblam Expedition and Peter will be nearby on Cholatse with Al Read and others.

Mark Skok is now freelancing. We extend him best wishes and thanks for the excellent coverage in the Anchorage Times of local mountaineering events.

Mountaineering Dog - free to a good home. Carries pack and pulls sled. Needs more room and attention. Call Robert Frank 338-4200 mornings or 333-7925 evenings

Slides Needed - For the April meeting we are looking for volunteers to show up to ten of their slides of prior MCA hikes. If you may be willing to share a few of your slides, contact Rick Severn at 344-7269 (H) or 279-6522 (W).

#### Grand Canyon Program - February 25

Members of the Knik Kanoers and Kayakers would like to issue an invitation to all Mountaineering Club of Alaska members to attend a special program. The program will be called "A Grand Evening," and will feature a series of films on navigation of the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. The films deal with history, geology, expedition ordeals, and modern whitewater boating, and have a total running time of about three hours. The program is at 7 P.M. Thursday, February 25, 1982 at Central Junior High School, 1405 E Street, Multi-purpose Room. A \$2 per person donation will be requested at the door due to film rental costs.

PROPOSED HIKING SCHEDULE  
May-June 1982

MAY

- Sat. 15 Bodenburgh Butte, Palmer (Elevation 800 feet). This is an easy beginner's hike designed to loosen up those winter-weary muscles. Meet Fred Meyer parking lot 10 AM and we'll have lunch overlooking the Matanuska Valley. Leader, Dona Agosti, 248-0089.
- Sat/Sun 22-23 Slaughter Gulch, Cooper Landing. Trail leaves near Kenai Lake Bridge and climbs steeply to high view point, then levels to a small lake and long valley where there is excellent camping and good climbing. May be some snow this time of year. You can make this a day hike or overnight. Okay for families. Leave Fred Meyer parking lot at 7 AM. Two hour drive to Cooper Landing. Leader, Pat Klouda, 243-3216.
- Sat/Sun/Mon 29-30-31 Memorial Day Chickaloon, Knik-Nelchina Trail. This trip is a long-time MCA tradition. The trail begins at Mile 89 Puritan Creek on the Glenn Highway, then climbs about 800 feet to a ridge. It then turns west to the Simpson Cabin site on Boulder Creek where we have camped in the past. (This site has been claimed, but we will try to get permission to camp here for two nights.) The second day is usually spent exploring places like Anthracite Ridge and the Boulder Creek forks. The third day, we hike downhill about 12 miles along the Chickaloon River to the Glenn Highway. Leader, John Nevin, 276-6665. Meet Fred Meyer parking lot at 6:00 A.M.

JUNE

- Sat/ 5 Bird Ridge, near Bird Creek bridge, Seward Highway. High point 3205. This is a trail which climbs steadily to its high point, but can be done by beginners. There may be some snow on the ridge at this time of year. Meet Fred Meyer parking lot at 9 A.M. Leader, Roger Kennedy, 243-6105.
- Sat/Sun 12-13 Caribou Creek Trail. Leaves Glenn Highway at Mile 106.4 near the Caribou Creek bridge. There is a gap in the trail about two miles from the beginning, so the general course of Caribou Creek is followed for about 3 miles to mouth of Bitter Creek, where the trail resumes. Sheep, moose and caribou may be seen. Rockhounds might find agates, jasper and other mineral rocks. Leave Fred Meyer parking lot 7 A.M. Leader needed.
- Sat/Sun 19-20 Flat Top Sleepout, Annual Solstice event. Leader, President John Dillman. Come up the mountain any time Saturday afternoon. If we get a fire permit, bring a log for the fire. Enjoy the long hours of daylight on this longest day of the year.
- Sat/Sun 26-27 Ptarmigan Lake - Kenai Peninsula. Good views, good climbing in Paradise Valley beyond the lake, but trail is badly overgrown. See Hike #12 in 55 Ways to the Wilderness. Some may wish to camp near the lake, others will want to explore Paradise Valley. Okay for families. Leave Fred Meyer 6 A.M. Leader, Greg Higgins.

HISTORY CORNER

The huge rampart of Tanaina Peak is easily seen from Anchorage to the left of Campbell Creek's North Fork. At 5300+ feet, the Eastern Summit is in the top three of the front range 5000 footers, while the 5200+ foot Western Peak ranks either 4th or 5th (Ramp, 5240').

The two summits are separated by about 3/4 mile, and the terrain between them is gentle. The ridge that leads west toward Tikishla (5100+') drops off steeply in places, and is usually not traversed. From the higher summit two ridges branch off: One goes to the north and connects with far distant Temptation; the second leads east to the summit of Koktoya (5100+') over one mile distant.

The name of this mountain gained official USGS approval in 1967, but was then only applied to the higher summit, rather than to the whole complex. The Tanaina were a tribe of Cook Inlet Indians. Names for other features in this area were taken from their language. Climbers have approached this peak usually from the Williwaw Lakes or from Near Point, although access from the old military roads below Campbell Creek's North Fork is also logical.

Rod Wilson, his son Brian, and Ted Shohl reported the first known ascent of the West Summit on September 4, 1966. On May 5, two years later, Rod returned to make the first known ascent of the higher summit. Accompanying him were his wife Gwyn, Lotte Kramer, Chuck Wettling, and Marie Doyle. The first Winter Climb occurred in December 1973. Mark Rainery, then chairman of the Club's Huts and Cabins Committee, was killed on this trip in an avalanche on January 1 after completing the first Winter ascent of nearby Koktoya,

Greg Higgins

MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA OFFICERS - 1981-1982

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MEMBERSHIP DUES TIME

If you haven't paid your 1982 dues, they are payable now. We have almost 250 members, so to avoid a hassle at the meetings, I encourage everyone to mail their dues to:

M.C.A.

P.O. Box 2037

Attn: Treasurer

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