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JULY MEETING

The meeting will be held Wednesday, July 20th, at 8:00 p.m. on the top floor of the Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd and Eagle Streets, Anchorage, Alaska. Details on the program for the July meeting were not available at press time.

MINUTES FOR MCA JUNE GENERAL MEETING

The June meeting of MCA was held on the 15th, at the Pioneer Schoolhouse, Third and Eagle Streets, third floor, Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting was called to order by President Rick Severn at 8:15 p.m. The reading of the May general meeting was approved as published in SCREE. Treasurer Reggie Buchanan reported:

\$ 347.85	- Petty Cash
577.18	- Bank Account
5,097.05	- Money Market Fund
\$6,022.08	- Total

To expedite collection of membership dues at the monthly meetings, Reggie has put together "packets" containing dues information along with a summer hike listing in an envelope addressed to the MCA. Individuals interested in joining the club should mail in their dues. Membership cards can then be picked up at the following meeting.

New members were: Diane Phillips, Myrna Walker. Welcome to all guests.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Hiking: Dona Agosti 248-0089

1. June 18 and 19 - Annual Flattop Sleepout. Leader President Rick Severn. The sleepout is held as part of a 25-year tradition that is in observance of the summer and winter solstices. For the last two years the MCA has been denied a fire permit for various reasons, but with the perserverance of Tom Meacham the club has obtained a fire permit for this event. The rules for the fire are as follows:

- a. Permit is revocable upon notice from park official based upon changes in the South Central Alaska Burning Restrictions issued by the State Division of Forestry.

- b. The permittee will ensure that the fire be contained in a portable metal shielding, sufficient in size to allow the burning of logs 18" in length, 6" in diameter, and large enough to collect the embers and ashes from the fire on it.
- c. The permittee will only burn wood in the fire.
- d. The permittee will remove all evidence of the fire and the solstice campout at the completion of the solstice observance.
- e. This permit is non-transferable.
- f. The permittee will adhere to the park regulations attached.

Come up the mountain anytime on Saturday and spend the night or visit until you have to leave. There will be a kite flying contest with prizes. No water is available so bring your own, as well as a log for the fire.

2. June 24, 25, and 26 - Blackstone Bay, Prince William Sound. Call Ludwig at 344-9881 for further details.
3. July 1, 2, 3, and 4 - Girdwood-Arctic Valley Traverse. A strenuous 40 mile hike. Call Bill Stivers for details at 562-4885.
4. July 2 and 3 - Victor Creek Trail or Surprise Creek. Call Dona ahead of time to find out which one will be chosen, 248-0089.
5. July 8 and 9 - Eklutna Glacier hike to Pichler's Peak. Call Tim Neale for details at 274-4952.
6. July 16 and 17 - Castle Mountain. Leader is Mark Skok. Call Dona for reservations and details, 248-0089.
7. July 30 and 31 - Reed Lakes. Call Joy Hornberger for details, 561-1933 (days), no home phone.
8. Pat Murray will be leading a hike to Knoya Peak, July 23, through Stuckagain Heights. Hike will start at 8 a.m. Details will be in July SCREE.
9. Pat will also be leading a hike to Bold Peak on August 12, 13, and 14. Cross the lake and camp Friday night. On Saturday climb to 4,800 ft., establish camp, and then continue to the summit - 7,500 ft. Details will be in the July SCREE.

B. Library: Mike Frank 243-7645.

Nothing to report.

C. Programs: Ernie Borjon 344-8661

There is no program planned for the July meeting. If anyone has something they would like to present, please contact Ernie.

D. MCA Equipment at Alaska Mountaineering and Hiking - Terry Becker

Alaska Mountaineering and Hiking on Spénard Road has club equipment for use by members upon presentation of a current membership card. There are crampons, helmets, ice-axes, shovels, and peeps. (First preference for use of shovels and peeps goes to those involved in any club trip for that specific weekend.) Use is on a first come, first serve basis.

E. Huts: John Dillman 279-1246

The club maintains 3 huts on the Eklutna-Eagle River-Girdwood Traverse, as well as one at the Mint Glacier which is a seven hour walk in from the Little Susitna Roadhouse. The following are advisable for anyone planning to use the huts:

- 1) Take your own fuel - there is fuel available for a 2-burner Coleman stove in the Mint Glacier Hut, but replace what you use.
- 2) Do not place garbage in the outhouse.
- 3) Only use food that is there if it is a real emergency.

The new hut is also going to be in the Mint Glacier area, and construction should begin at the end of July. Carpenters and able-bodied people will be needed for the construction of the hut. Volunteers should contact John. Before hiking to the huts it is advisable to obtain detailed directions or to go with someone who knows the way. The huts will be used on the following dates:

Mint Glacier - August 5-8

Eklutna-Eagle River-Girdwood - July 9-10.

F. Executive Report

Nothing to report.

II. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. MCA Picnic

The annual MCA picnic is once again coming up. If there are any volunteers for the Picnic Committee or if anyone has any ideas for the picnic, please contact Bernie Helms, 243-3124.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Thanks once again to Tom Meacham for all his work in obtaining the fire permit for the club's sleepout. "When the park service said no, Tom asked why."
2. Also, thanks to Chugach Park Ranger, Pete Panerease, for his understanding and consideration during the club's efforts to obtain a fire permit for the solstice sleepout.
3. Regarding the Proposed Regulation Changes for Denali National Park and Preserve, there will be two public hearings on July 6 and August 6. Questions about these meetings should be directed to the Park Service.
4. Congratulations to Tim Neale on his 4th Place finish in the Arctic Valley Run.
5. Thank you Bob O'Brien for your slide presentation on Valdez Ice Climbing and the Ruth Glacier.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernie Helms

ANCHORAGE TIMES/ALASKA AIRLINES OUTDOOR SYMPOSIUM

On June 4 and 5 Alaska Airline and the Anchorage Times held an Outdoor Symposium from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel. The symposium presented to novice backpackers and anglers places to fish, hike, climb, and float. The symposium was divided into two major sections, seminars and Display Workshops, and showed how to explore streams and hills safely, what equipment to use, and how to dress properly. Government agencies, local non-profit outdoors-oriented organizations, and some retailers participated.

The MCA was indeed represented by 11 volunteers from the membership with a display of Mountaineering books and a three carousel slide presentation of areas in Alaska including Prince William Sound, Kenai Fjords, Matanuska Glacier ice-climbing school, and the annual Flattop Solstice Sleepout. Complementary SCREES were also available for those that were interested.

I would like to thank the following volunteers for their time: Katie Byrne, John Morris, Mark Findlay, Marilyn Balcerak, Joyce Leonard, Jane Bertschi, Eileen Cavanaugh, John Nevin. I would also like to thank Dale Wilkins for the loan of his slide projector, Al Robinson for the loan of several books from his personal library, and Rick Severn for the use of his viewing screen.

Bernie Helms

P.S. A copy of the newly published *Alaska Paddling Guide* by Jack Mosby and David Dapkus was donated to the MCA by Jack Mosby at the symposium. The book is 113 pages long and

is a "55 Ways...of the Water" with descriptions and maps of more than 110 navigable streams and lakes located throughout Alaska from the North Slope to the Aleutian Peninsula. The book will be in the MCA library for use by members and copies may be purchased from area Book Caches.

ANNUAL SOLSTICE FLATTOP SLEEPOUT

On June 18 and 19 the MCA held the Annual Solstice Flattop Sleepout with a showing of 44 people, 19 tents, 2 "bivie sacks", and 3 dogs. Unlike last year, which stays poignantly in some peoples' minds, the weather was beautiful - 60+ degrees and sunny. People started coming up the mountain about 3 p.m. and set up for the evening that was approaching. The first group of individuals set up their tents, including a circa 1970 massive, red, pup tent that could sleep 4 horizontally, and discovered that the wind was indeed strong enough for good kite flying.

Rick Severn had a 30-foot long mylar dragon kite which only had to be held up in the wind, and it would take off. However, Sue Combs had a "Tron" kite that was never meant to fly, even with the diligent attempts of Pat Rader, who was later joined in the valiant effort by Reggie Buchanan.

About 5 p.m. Tim Neale, Pat Murray, Ann Leggett, Liz Cary, and Jennifer McCaffrey joined those of us already on Flattop after a day out. The group had gone up the gully to Ptarmigan, climbed both peaks, and then traversed down the ridge to Flattop. Although most were sunburned, they stopped for wine, hot nog, and conversation before making their way down the mountain.

More people arrived, bringing logs for the fire as well as bags which were sent up for the garbage by Ranger Mike Goodwin. Upon the arrival of John Nevin, the volunteer yak, a fire was soon started providing a nice warmth that was truly appreciated although a trifle smokie. Tom Meacham put on a terrific after-dinner show with his kite flying ability. Tom never knew the meaning of the word "quit".

After viewing a beautiful sunset, a few people dispersed to the massive, red tent to begin a rousing game of UNO. At first there were 4 people, which then grew to 6 and eventually to 10 - a whole new approach to playing cards. The game continued late into the evening, by which time no one could any longer distinguish between the green and blue cards. The tent slowly emptied out and with a last look at the city lights (still can't believe how big Anchorage has grown), sleep settled the camp.

Morning came and with it a lost bet of \$5.00 for the massive, red tent was still standing, baby diaper pins too, in all its glory. The colds were down below Flattop but sunny skies were still above us. Breakfast was a relaxed affair, with a few people realizing they'd drunk a little more than they thought, but nothing a few aspirin couldn't cure. Several more tents had also been added to the group through the night.

About 9 a.m. a group, including Pat Rader with the "fire pit" strapped to his back-pack, started back down the mountain, looking forward to reading the morning paper, and indulging in that second or third cup of coffee. Another sleepout to put under the belt of a 25-year-old tradition.

Winners of the kite flying contest are:

Kamikazi Kite - Sue Combs with Tron
Most Persistent - Tom Meacham with Parachute Kite
Most Likely to Succeed - Bernie Helms with Rick Severn's 30-foot Dragon Kite.

Members and Guests: Rick Severn, Reggie Buchanan, Pat Rader, Eileen Cavanaugh, Sue Combs, Bernie Helms, David Agosti and female companion, Ron VanBergeyk, Dick Tero, Ludwig Ferche, Tom Macchia, Kent Richler and his guests, Valerie VanBrocklin and Lisa Davis, Linda Covert, Craig Renkert, Marty Bassett, John Nevin, Leonard Grijalva, Cathy Leary, John Eoyang, John Wahl, Pete Murphy, Sam Dunagan, Steven Schroeder, Pete Sennhauser and his guests, Karen and Ken Clester, Marcus Lee, Brenda Davis, Tom and Eric Choate, Kevin, Cathy, Katie, Kevin Jr., and Emily Stange, and last but not least, Tom, Jane, Scott, and Brian Meacham.

Thanks once again to Tom Meacham for all his efforts in obtaining the fire permit. Looking forward to the winter Solstice.

Bernie Helms

MAY 28-30, YOUNG CREEK - SHEEP VALLEY

With some misgivings, due to the good road and a few ATVs, 23 of us left the Glenn Highway at King's River bridge, loosely following the old Chickaloon Trail (on Anchorage USGS Map C5 - with most of the trip on D5). At Mile 0.9 the trail forks three ways, and either right or center route leads another 0.9 miles to Young Creek - usually clear and easily fordable - which we crossed on a log. Another mile or so through park-like flat lands with big cottonwoods, and the trail starts upward sharply in a shallow ravine, and from there to the end at timberline, another 2.5 miles or so, it generally climbs steadily, steeply in places, after crossing the East Fork of Young Creek. This is pretty country, with birch, spruce, and open expanses of redtop grass and alders, thinning out to tundra at about 2,500'. This first valley is easily accessible by ATVs and is hunted heavily in the fall. Many moons ago the undersigned hunted both moose and sheep in this area.

At timberline, and where the road veers off northeasterly, the faster hikers had moved ahead, over a saddle and traversed northwesterly up the West Fork valley. Three hikers elected to camp here, where there was a stream, some spruce shelter, and good campsites. The rest of us continued on, following the leaders who were to send word back if there were no decent camp spots ahead. Our goal was the lower end of Sheep Valley, beyond a 3,700' pass, to camp along the east fork of Young Creek. It was a long, hot drag, in spite of snow patches that grew bigger and softer. We ended up strung along a narrow little ridge above the creek, with snow all around us. With 20 people in 16 tents, "camp" was a long hike from one end to the other. This spot was about 3.5 miles or so from where we'd left the trail and in a whole different world - this is the valley where we used to first get into sheep.

We had climbed 3,200 vertical feet, from 500' to 3,700', and dropped down to 3,500' for camp, covering about nine horizontal miles - and had accomplished our goal to have two nights in one spot, with one whole day between for a hike.

We'd seen old bear tracks and I learned a trick from Mike Miller - put all your food and "smellables" in a plastic bag and bury it in the snow (which also serves to wash with). It was close to freezing that night and the sun got us out of the sacks next morning.

There were three interesting mountains beckoning, and the highest one, Lava Peak, 6,620', drew the biggest gang: Don Hanson, Jim Pommert, Tom Choate, Dick and Brian Williams, Ron Van Bergeyk, and Mike Miller. Most of them made it, and some also then went up a 6,400' peak nearby. It was scree, rock, and hard snow all the way - and great views from the top. Some wag named the other peak "Tory" - to go with "Lava" (get it?).

A smaller group, myself, Mark Findlay, Loren and Carol Pahlke, and Bob Bartholomew, climbed another 6,400' peak we dubbed "Kodak" for the grand vistas in all directions. It was a walk-up, but with pictures and fooling around and postholing in some snow patches, we spent most of the day. Part way up Mark spotted what we decided was the after-birth from a sheep - only 1 to 3 days old - and near the top, he spotted four ewes and four lambs that were only a few days old. There were a number of flowers out way up high on that ridge! The top was all snow and corniced, with jagged country to the east and north, Castle Mountain and Matanuska Glacier to the east, the Chugach Mountains across the Matanuska River to the south - and to the southwest was the smog of Anchorage.

That day the other three who camped at the end of the trail joined us, and four others, who had climbed around a little left to camp at a lower elevation, descending down the East Fork valley to camp in the cottonwoods and have a fire at elevation 2,500'. Those four and all the others who had found other things to do included Jim Schiewe, Matt West, Joyce Leonard, David Myerson, Dona Agosti, Jim Lasche, Bill Spearman, Marty Bassett, John Nevin, Kris Erickson, and Doug Gerke.

On the way out the next day we picked up another ATV trail east of the East Fork. Part way out we split up - about one-half going on down via the ATV trail and the other half taking a shortcut, via Ruby Lake - a pretty and very isolated lake - to still another old ATV trail and hence out to the main trail and the autos.

We had seen some new and interesting country, a couple foxes, several cow moose with calves, a number of sheep, and had managed to get beyond the reach of the ATVs by mid-afternoon of the first day. Oh yes, the imposing peak in the Chugach Mountains to the southeast, east of the head of Carpenter Creek, is unnamed on the USGS map, but is 8,675' elevation. Not much else of note except that first Pommert and then Choate climbed up Red Mountain (which we hiked clear around) after climbing Lava, and glissaded to the bottom near camp, and that Nevin dragged home a whole sack full of ATV chips (beer cans). The climbers especially seemed to like this country - in fact we all did, and wish the Mat-Su Borough could find a way to limit the ATV use at least to where it is now.

Bill Wakeland

NEAR POINT HIKE

Eight hardy hikers assembled in the UAA sports complex parking lot despite dismal weather reports. One more hiker joined the group at the Prospect Heights parking lot.

The weather turned out to be quite nice; cool and dry, with little wind, although the clouds were low over the mountains, limiting visibility. One hiker had to work in the afternoon and left the group early. The others continued on, reaching Near Point just in time to eat lunch while enjoying a beautiful view of Anchorage, the Susitna Valley and the Mountains west of Cook Inlet.

After lunch, four turned back and the others continued southeast along the ridge, toward Wolverine Peak. As we neared the saddle between the ridge of which Near Point is part and the ridge stretching northward from Wolverine Peak we had to decide which of two likely routes provided the easier access to the higher ridge. The decision was simplified when we noticed a mother moose with a newborn calf occupying one of the routes. She appeared to have no intention of leaving. We ascended Wolverine Ridge, for several hundred feet, then stopped to watch mama moose and her newborn through binoculars as we rested. I later found out just how young the calf was when I heard that Bill Stivers had witnessed the birth earlier that morning. Bill was quite excited and rightly so. I'm sure few have had such an experience.

Eventually we decided to allow the new family some privacy and continued up the ridge. We continued on toward Wolverine Peak until we intersected the Wolverine Peak trail. We then headed back toward the trailhead to end a very enjoyable day of hiking in the hills of upper Campbell Creek drainage. Those participating in the day's hike were: Marilyn and John Balcerak, trip leader Larry Brys, Juliet Janes, Gene Klymko, Brigitte Ressel, Dale Wilkins, and two gentlemen whose names didn't make the sign-up roster.

Larry Brys

JUNE 11 AND 12 - MCA SQUAW CREEK TRAIL TRIP

Overcast skies and freshly snowcapped peaks greeted us at Mile 117.6 on the Glenn Highway. We immediately headed north over the toe of Gunsight Mountain, following the tracked trail near the snowline until it became less defined and we entered the expected swampy tundra. After about 3.5 miles we entered the spruce woods near the south side of Squaw Creek and what appeared to be the remains of a well-equipped hunting campground. As a few drops of rain fell, a vote was taken to continue on in the hope that the weather would hold and we would find an adequate campsite.

After a brief scouting mission the cool, knee-deep Squaw Creek was crossed and a westward "road" to Twin Peaks was sighted. The east-west road paralleling Syncline Mountain was definitely the way to go. After 6.5 miles of intermittent rain and what appeared to be limited camping areas, we set up camp near a small, clear stream. Shortly after this it hailed lightly but the remainder of the evening was beautiful and enjoyed by all.

The weather held through the night and the next day. Review of the map indicated that we could cruise out on the road; we later determined that the road had been built by a miner named "Wild Bill" Nelson about 1978. Our guess was that it would exit at Tahnetta Pass, Mile 121.0 on the Glenn Highway, allowing us to cover the same 6.5 miles out, but miss the climb over the toe of Gunsight Mountain. However, we learned to our dismay that the easy way out took us further east, to the point where Martin Road enters Belanger Pass, and finally out to the Glenn Highway at Mile 123.3, 9.5 miles from our

campsite of the night before. From there it was only 0.25 miles to the Gunsight Mountain Lodge and immediate refreshments.

In addition to one moose, 6 caribou, and 6 sheep, numerous birds were seen. We met only two other people on ATVs during the two days. We were also advised that the AHTNA Development Corporation has taken over the Alfred Creek area and as such there are very few miners left in this area.

It was the first time any of us - Dona Agosti, John and Marilyn Balcerak, Pamela Bearden, Linda White, or I - had been in the area. We enjoyed it very much and would encourage others to hike in this area.

Call him for further information. Meet at UAA parking lot at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening.
Douglass Gerke
Elevation gain about 3000 feet. Crumpton, ice axes, harness, and ropes
Climb to Kings Peak. The harness can be checked out at AMM. Tim Neale
will hold an equipment check at his house at 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 6.
Meet at UAA parking lot at 7:00 p.m.

FOR LAVONIA

I was saddened to learn of Lavonia James' death in the May issue of SCREE. Death returns us to the feeling of the mystery of this world and the wonderment of existence. Yet that feeling does not blunt the sorrow and anguish we feel at the death of a loved one. I remember Lavonia, her hair pressed back in the wind, smiling, and quietly radiating the love and energy that moved through her. She is now released to whatever destiny lies before her, and we must remember that the warmth and love she represents do not perish; they are eternal.

Greg Higgins

MCA MEETING REFRESHMENTS

According to the letter of your last name, all members are requested to bring edible refreshments of their choice (cookies, cake, sweet rolls, chips, etc.) to the MCA meeting for the month designated. Liquid refreshments will be provided by the club.

May	I J	Sept	Q R
Jun	K L	Oct	S T
Jul	M N	Nov	U V
Aug	O P	Dec	W X Y Z

And thank you to all!!!
Hike back out Sunday. Leaders: Tim Neale, 274-A922.
a 12 hour climb and requires a bit of scrambling, but hikers are free to quit
and camp; then resupply the pack without heavy packs.
Climb the next morning to 4000 feet via Silver's Gulch.
Gold Peak, 7000 feet. Hike or boat to the end of Ekiron Lake on Friday

For sale: Fabiano medium weight leather hiking boots, nearly new,
Size 9. Phone Bill Wakeland, 563-6246, evenings.

HIKING SCHEDULE for the MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA
SUMMER 1983

Editor's note: If you have comments or suggestions please call Hiking Chairman Dona Agosti at 248-0089.

- July 8, 9 Eklutna Glacier hike to Pichler's Perch. Drive to Eklutna Lake Friday evening, boat across to campground at foot of glacier and camp overnight. Climb to Eklutna hut Saturday. Hike out same route Sunday. Elevation gain about 3000 feet. Crampons, ice axes, harness, and ropes necessary. All but the harness can be checked out at AMH. Tim Neale will hold an equipment check at his house at 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 6. Call him for further information. Meet at UAA parking lot at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening.
- July 16, 17 Castle Mountain. Leave Glenn Highway from Chickaloon Road (because cars can be safely parked here) and exit via Permanente Road, Mile 71.8. There is a trail around the mountain, with some scree slopes encountered. Those who wish can climb the mountain. If four-wheel drive vehicles are available, the hike can be shortened by six miles. Call Mark Skok for reservations and details. 274-3934 (evenings), 561-1204 (work). Meet at 7:30 a.m., UAA parking lot.
- July 23 - Gates of Arctic National Park and Preserve, Brooks Range. Equipment
Aug. 2, 3, 4 checks will be conducted on July 6 and July 11 at Dona Agosti's home, 2324 Loussac Drive. Please try to make the July 6 check if at all possible. All checks for the charter should now be in. You should also have signed a release. Please don't make your leader chase you for these items. Groups I and II will meet at Wien counter at 6:00 a.m., July 23 (except for those driving to Fairbanks). Flight to Bettles leaves Fairbanks about 9:00 a.m. Group III will meet at Wien counter at 6:00 a.m., July 25.
- July 30, 31 Reed Lakes. Leader: Joy Hornberger, 561-1933 (Days), no home phone.
- Aug. 5, 6, 7 Bold Peak, 7522 feet. Bike or boat to the end of Eklutna Lake on Friday evening and camp. Climb the next morning to 4800 feet via Stiver's Gully and camp; then assault the peak without heavy packs that afternoon. It's a 12 hour climb and requires a bit of stamina, but hikers are free to quit whenever they wish. Hike back out Sunday. Leader: Tim Neale, 274-4952.
- Aug. 5, 6, Wolverine Canyon from Wolverine Road, Palmer. Those who cannot stay
7, 8 over until Monday have the option of returning by the same route on Sunday, Aug. 7. Leader needed for this trip. For details call Bill Wakeland, 563-6246 (home).

- Aug. 13 - 27 Hicks Creek - Chitna Pass. This trail leaves the Glenn Highway at Mile 99.2, goes northeast to Hicks Lake and Caribou Creek, then northwest towards Chitna Pass and southward along Boulder Creek. The one-way trip is 42 miles and is a true backcountry experience. It is described as No. 48 in *55 Ways to the Wilderness in Southcentral Alaska*. Mark Skok has indicated that he might lead this hike. Call him at 274-3934 (home) or 561-1204 (work).
- Aug. 20, 21 Harding Icefield, (also known as Kenai Fjords). John Morris (former ranger in the area) has agreed to lead this hike. Call him for details at 243-1026. Meet at 8 a.m., UAA parking lot.
- Aug. 27, 28 Bird Pass, via Bird Creek. Bill Stivers and Michael Frank will lead this one, 562-4885.
- Sept. 3, 4, 5 (Labor Day Weekend) Curry Ridge, via Byers Lake entrance. Even though the trail gets steep at times, this hike to the ridge with its awesome view of McKinley is worth the effort. Meet at UAA Sports Complex either Friday evening or Saturday morning. Check with leader Ludwig Ferche, 344-9881.
- Sept. 3, Lost Lake. We will be doing the traverse from Kenai Lake to Primrose Campground. This is one of the most beautiful hikes on the Kenai peninsula. Leader: John Nevin, 276-6665 (home).

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL MCA HIKES

1. Proper equipment is required for all MCA hikes. This means good hiking boots, warm clothes, and rain gear on ALL hikes. A tent is almost always required for Alaska overnights because of rain, mosquitoes and cold.
2. No dogs will be permitted on MCA hikes. Dogs and bears just don't mix.
3. The leader's suggestions are to be followed by all hikers. Do not rush ahead without his permission, and above all, don't ford a stream before the leader has had an opportunity to assess the situation.
4. All hikes will commence at UAA Sports Complex unless otherwise instructed. Because construction is in progress here, look for the group in the southeast corner of the lot.
5. When carpools are arranged, please plan to pay the driver for gas. Don't wait for him to ask you for your share. The best way to divide this expense is to divide the total mileage by miles per gallon and multiply by the driver's actual cost per gallon. Larger cars get lower mileage than smaller ones, so calculate accurately.
6. If you are a leader and discover at the last minute that you can't go, please help the chairman find a new leader.