



MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA

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JANUARY MEETING

The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of Central Junior High School, 15th and C Streets, Anchorage, Alaska. After the business meeting Mike Sirofchuck will present a slide show of his recent climb up the West Buttress of McKinley.

MINUTES FOR MCA DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The December MCA meeting was held on December 21, 1983, Room 114 of the City Gym Building, 607 West 6th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting was called to order by President Mark Skok at 7:40 p.m. The minutes of the November General Meeting were approved as published in the SCREE.

Treasurer Bernie Helms reported:

\$ 162.24	-	Petty Cash
760.03	-	Checking Account
3,557.83	-	Money Market Rate Plus Account
115.00	-	Undeposited Checks
<u>\$4,595.10</u>	-	<u>TOTAL</u>

All dues expire 12/31/83. Single memberships are \$7.50 and Family, \$10.00. Pre-addressed envelopes are available for payment by mail, and the 1984 Membership Card may be picked up at the following meeting.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Membership Directory - A directory of the general membership will be assembled. Cost will be \$1.00 to members. Cost to the club will be approximately \$90.00.
2. Expenditures for the Club will be approved by the executive board.

B. Hiking: Dona Agosti, 248-0089
Nothing to report.

C. Library: Mike Frank, 243-7642

The new Library Committee members are Rick Severn, Reg Buchanan, and Terry Becker. Currently the MCA Library is located at AMH and is a perusal library, only. A policy establishing the library as a lending library will be presented.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Chugach State Park Advisory Meeting, report given by Tim Neale, 274-4952

The Board meets every Wednesday at 7 a.m. at the Federal Building in the cafeteria meeting rooms.

1. All of this year's improvement funds, \$800,000, have been allocated for improving the campgrounds at Eklutna Lake. The configuration of the campground will change; there will be more picnic tables and about 40 additional picnic areas will be established. A campground fee will be imposed.
2. The Park has purchased 3.75 acres of land along the south fork (west side) of Eagle River. There are no immediate plans for developing this area because all the funds have been appropriated for the Eklutna project.
3. The park will be opened to more sheep hunting in 1984. There will be a Game Board meeting in March at the Anchorage Westward Hilton, which will be open to the public.
4. Horse trails will be established on the Hillside. In order to do this, some of the ski trails will be redesignated as horse trails.

B. Membership Services Committee - Reggie Buchanan, 333-7649; Eileen Cavanaugh, 337-1394; and Willy Hersman, 278-9829.

A new committee was formed (1) to assist new members by answering questions and to provide information about club activities, and (2) to help disseminate information about informal or short-notice hikes or climbs. Members planning a hike or looking for hiking companions may use the committee as a liason.

B. Flattop Sleepout

Ten people attended this event. The Sleepout was the Daily News 'Best Bet' for something to do December 18-19.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Announcements

1. Thanks to Barb Byrne for providing the refreshments.
2. The meeting for January will be at Central Junior High School.
3. Thanks to Time Neale for providing the movies, First Ascent - the Naked Edge and Fall Line - Skiing the Grand Tetons.
4. Welcome new members and guests.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernie Helms, Acting Secretary

NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA - SPRING 1985

Are you interested in hiking in New Zealand with other MCA members in March of 1985? It would probably be 2 weeks in New Zealand and maybe a week in Australia. The New Zealand hikes would include the Milford Trek and Routeburn, and the time in Australia would most likely be spent on sightseeing. The estimated cost would be between \$2,500 and \$3,000, but this could fluctuate depending on airfare. At this point, I'm looking for about 15 people who may be interested, 16 people have already expressed interest. For more information call me at 248-2584 (work) or 243-4647 (home).

Tim Dugan

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

If you are planning a trip and are looking for partners or want to know of others' plans, call Eileen Cavanaugh, 337-1394; Reggie Buchanan, 333-7649; or Willy Hersman, 338-5132.

Mark Skok

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REGULATIONS

Due to some confusion regarding the content and interpretation of National Park Service regulations and their application to Alaska Parks, a representative of the National Park Service will attend an MCA meeting in the near future to explain their impact on you and answer any questions.

Dona Agosti

LAST CALL FOR DUES!

By chance, were you busy during the holidays and forgot to send in your MCA dues? If so, this is the last SCREE you will get until you send in that check. Dues have not increased for several years; they're still only \$7.50 for an individual and \$10.00 for a family. Send your check (payable to Mountaineering Club of Alaska) and your current mailing address to

Mountaineering Club of Alaska
Post Office Box 2037
Anchorage, AK 99510

Attn: B. Helms.

Let's have the best year of all in 1984!

PORTAGE PASS SKI TRIP

January 22. Meet at the University Sports Complex parking lot at 9 a.m.

Ski across Portage Lake, over the pass, and into Whittier. The train from Whittier to Portage costs \$4.75 and arrives about 6 p.m. Bring adequate wind protection since Portage Pass can get very windy. Any questions, call 338-5132.

Willy Hersman

FLATTOP SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Held December 17 and 18

Five Mountaineering Club of Alaska members and five others climbed Flattop Mountain on Saturday evening, December 17, to celebrate the winter solstice.

The annual overnight climb, held without a break since 1966, was done prior to the December 22 solstice to avoid a conflict with the Christmas weekend. Mountaineering Club of Alaska members who took part were Tom Meacham, his son Scott, 10, Kent Richter, Susan Noldan, and Mark Skok.

William Ennis, Noah Laufer, Mark Korn, Scott Marshall-Pryde, and Bill Barstow also spent the night atop Flattop. Thanks must be given that group for breaking trail from the Glen Alps parking lot.

Earlier in the day Ennis and Laufer, both University of Alaska, Anchorage, students, were winners in the Seawolf Triathlon. They climbed the mountain that evening "for something to do". Ennis gave a second reason for climbing Flattop: they were inspired by a recent PBS presentation of Everest North Wall.

A snowy, overcast afternoon in Anchorage that might have discouraged some potential participants gave way to a warm, clear night illuminated by a full moon. A north wind, light in the evening, calmed as the clouds cleared. The temperature was 23 degrees Sunday morning. A beautiful night on Flattop.

Mark Skok