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JANUARY MEETING

January 15 7:30 pm Wednesday, Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd and Eagle Sts.,
downtown Anchorage, Alaska.

Slide Show Bill Wakeland will show slides of the Grand Canyon.

HIKING AND CLIMBING SCHEDULE

Jan. 25-26 LANE HUT

Skis and climbing skins needed. Ski in to the Fern Mine area in the Talkeetnas and stay at the Lane Hut. Limited capacity. Ski surrounding hills and glacier. Class A.
Leader: Tom Choate 333-5309

26 PORTAGE PASS

10th annual Superbowl Sunday ski trip to Whittier. Ski, across Portage Lake and over the pass to downtown Whittier (3-4 hours). Lake conditions can vary with wind and temperatures, so if you are on the list, the leader will contact you if the trip has to be cancelled. Class A. Meet at Carrs Huffman at 8:30 am (where they sell coffee.) Train fare: \$5.00. Leaves Whittier: 5:00 pm.
Leader: Willy Hersman 338-5132

Jan 31-Feb 2 MANITOBA MOUNTAIN

The MCA has reserved the cabin near Summit Lakes for Friday and Saturday nights. It sleeps 12 or so. Each person contributes \$5.00 to the Nordic Ski Club. There is excellent telemark skiing on the nearby mountain, as well as flat skiing available.

Those driving south from Anchorage should park at a turnoff on the left, approximately 8 miles south of the Hope cutoff, at milepost 249, just past a sign for Fresno Creek. (If you reach Summit Lakes, turn around). A trail goes north from the turnoff, running adjacent to the guard rail and then down into the woods for 1/2 mile. Reach a foot bridge over Summit Creek, and the cabin just beyond on a knoll.

There is a wood stove and bunks. Space will go to those who show up first, so a tent may be a good idea. Call leader. Class A.
Leader: Neil O'Donnell 274-5069

Feb. 1-2 SNOWHAWK CABIN

Ski up Snowhawk Valley, near Arctic Valley, to this military cabin. Class A.
Leader: Chris Tomsen 428-2250

Anchorage

Manitoba
Cabin

Foot bridge

Juniper Creek

Trial
to Cabin

Foot bridge

Summit Creek

Cabins

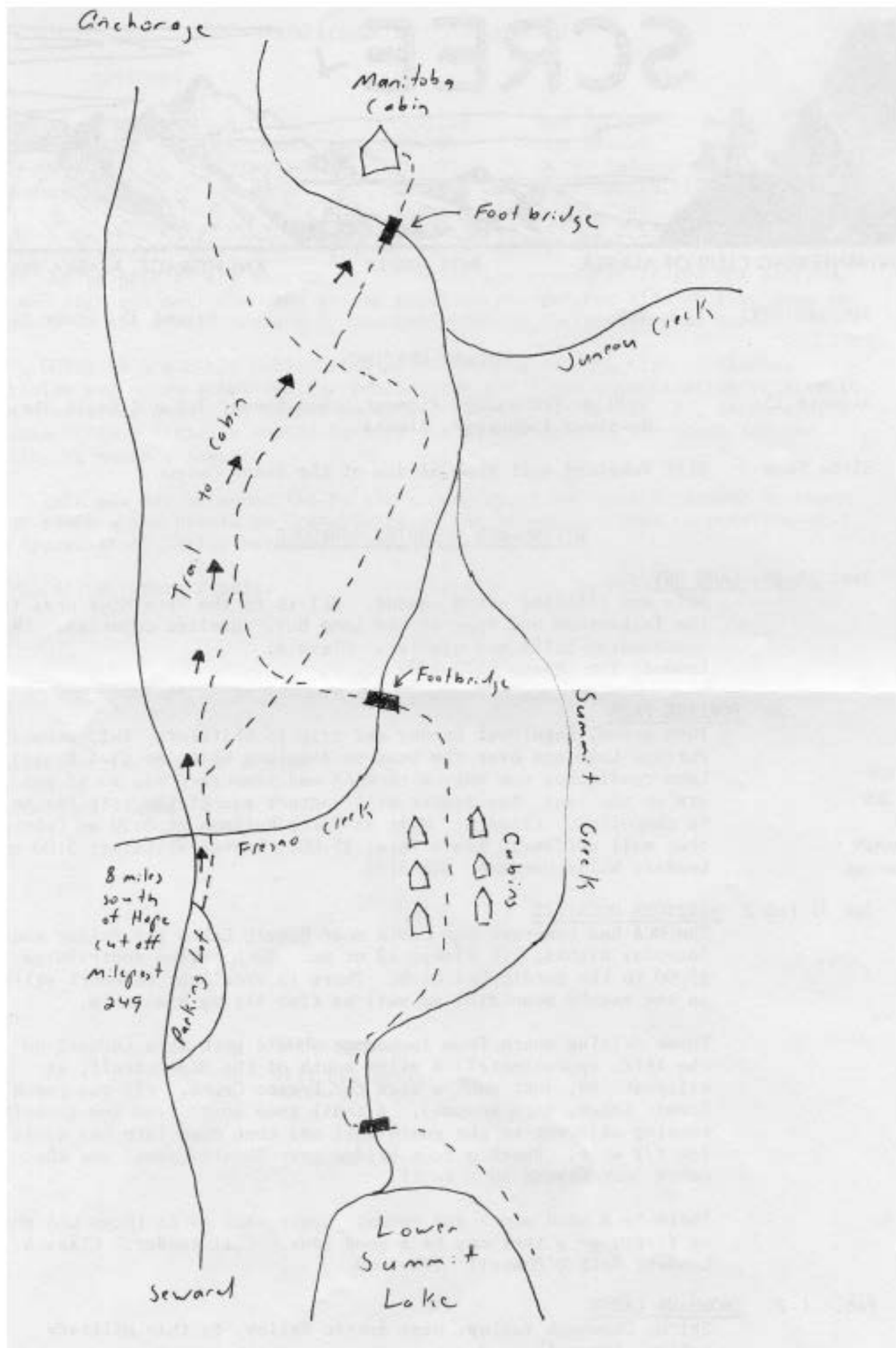
Fresno Creek

8 miles
south
of Hope
cut off
m. logst
249

Parking Lot

Seward

Lower
Summit
Lake



TRIP REPORTS

Flattop

Dan O'Haire

A blizzard made it difficult to reach the summit of Flattop during the annual solstice overnight event.

Rumor was that some early arrivals managed to make it up before the storm hit. (They were sighted, like Mallory and Irvine, somewhere below the summit.) Maxine Stoddard and I made it as far as the saddle past blueberry hill before wind, darkness and the flu convinced us to make camp in the trees. Chris Tomsen and Roy Smith, frustrated by intense wind and frost nip, turned around after 500 meters. Chris retreated to a collapsing snow cave two hundred meters from the parking lot, but later reached the saddle below the summit with the Sorensens.

Mark Miraglia started after dark and made it half-way before turning around. Others failed to show when they learned of the storm. During the middle of the night, when the storm had let up and the full moon was high in the sky, a pair of photographers from the Times also made a failed effort for the summit.

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION SKI TRIPS

A ski trip from Hilltop to Kincaid will take place on Saturday, February 1 to benefit the American Lung Association. This will offer skiers a 37-kilometer course with warm rest stops, a barbecue at the finish and transportation from Kincaid back to Hilltop.

Hilltop Ski Area will provide a pancake breakfast during registration, local restaurants have donated hot soup, which will be served in warm tents at three rest stops along the way. Princess Tours will provide the transportation. Everyone who participates in the trek raises \$100.00 in pledges to support the Lung Association's programs.

Other backcountry ski trips include: Nancy Lake, February 29-March 2; Foggy Pass, March 7-14; Ruth Glacier, March 12-15; Resurrection Trail, March 14-18. The Lung Association offers a training course in winter camping, backcountry skiing and first aid for all participants.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

A potluck dinner was held at Kincaid with a great variety of foodstuffs and punch. Following the dinner Dan O'Haire wished all a happy holiday and introduced Pam Bohl, new treasurer, and Joel Babb, new vice-president.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Money Market	-	\$3799.56
Checking Acct	-	369.89
Petty Cash	-	52.10
Total		\$4221.55

A reminder was made that now is the time to renew memberships...still \$10.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hiking and Climbing.

Various trips were announced, including Flattop, Portage Pass, Snowhawk Valley, Manitoba Mt. and Lane Prospect Glacier.

Huts.

Maxine Stoddard asked for a volunteer to take stove parts to the Mint Hut.

OLD BUSINESS

Karen Cafmeyer read a roll call of committee chairmen and trip leaders who were awarded club patches for service during the previous year.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan presented the outgoing president, Karen Cafmeyer, with an ice axe (well used) on behalf of the club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alaska Mountain Safety Center Avalanche School classes were noted, and recommended to members. Flyers were available. They also sell standard avalanche training materials.

A mixture of outdoor slides from the past year were projected for all to share and view. Several club members contributed.

Merry Christmas and have a great new year!

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Tomsen

President's Notes:

Next spring the club will erect its seventh hut, this one part way up the Matanuska Glacier, near Mount Wickersham. The new hut will be about a day's travel from the Scandinavian Peaks Hut. There is a possibility of a series of huts, some day, along the Matanuska - Powell Glacier traverse.

By building these huts, the Mountaineering Club of Alaska helps encourage exploration of the mountains and glaciers of little-used areas of Alaska. When more people get out to see these areas they are more likely to support their protection for future mountaineers.