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FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday

February 17, 7:30 pm

Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd & Eagle Streets

Downtown Anchorage

Slide Show: Ken Zafren will show slides of...

Kilimanjaro.

Preview: Next month, Mexico.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Jan - Feb Basic Mountaineering Skills
Weekends.

Prerequisites: Alaska Winter Camping / Backpacking Skills & Gear and Basic Mountaineering Gear

Where: Chugach or Talkeetna Mts.

Coordinator: Gary Runa 275-3613 msg.

Mar - Apr Expedition Mountaineering Training
Weekends.

Prerequisites: Alaska Winter Camping / Backpacking Skills & Gear and Basic Mountaineering Skills & Gear.

Where: Chugach or Talkeetna Mts.

Coordinator: Gary Runa 275-3613 msg.

May - June Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue Training

One weekend and one week.

Prerequisites: Alaska Winter Camping / Backpacking Skills & Gear and Basic Mountaineering Skills & Gear. (Air Transport Cost approx. \$250)

Where: Alaska Range or Wrangell Mts.

Coordinator: Gary Runa 275-3613 msg.

HIKING AND CLIMBING SCHEDULE

Feb 12 Significant Peak

Western Chugach. Class C. 8 miles r.t. 4000 feet elev. gain. Looking for a relatively easy hike up into the hills surrounding the Eagle River Nature Center? Join us for this trip with snowshoes/skis strapped to your toes, a smile on your lips, and warmth in your heart.. in preparation for Valentine's Day. \$3.00 parking fee.
Leader: Richard Baranow 694-1500

Feb 26-27 Eagle River Ice Climbing

Friday night at the Eagle River Visitor Center see a show about climbs in the valley. Next day go ice climbing, not a class, at Echo Bend
Leader: Richard Baranow 694-1500

Feb 27-28 Valdez Ice Climbing

Join me on this road-trip/climbing event down Valdez way. This is not a training class and is limited to 10 members.

Contact: Cory Hinds 277-2412

Feb 27-28 Triangle Peak

Western Chugach. South Fork of Eagle River. Class "D" (ski approach, overnight camp, non-technical climb). Ski in 6-7 miles Saturday, camp below the peak. Climb the peak Sunday and ski out Sunday afternoon. Beacon and shovel, skis w/ skins or snowshoes, warm boots, crampons, tent, axe and crampons, warm clothes. Non-technical. Leader: Dave Hart 338-0554

March 6 The Ramp

Class C. 11 miles total. 3,000' elev gain. Snow shoe/ski trip to climb the tallest peak in Glen Alps. Leader: Kathy Zukor 344-6121

March 6 Harp Mt.

Class B. 2,500' elevation gain. 6 miles total. Need randonee or telemark setup with good skins, ice axe, crampons, avalanche beacon, shovel and probe. Enjoy a great ski descent into South Fork. Leader: Elena Hinds 277-2412

March 7 (6-7) Mt. Williaw

Fifth class. Technical climbing on rock and snow. 4,000' elev gain. 12 miles. Crampons, ice axe, ATC, harness, helmet, avalanche beacon, shovel, headlamp and battery. Depending on participants, trip may be an overnigher. Leader: John Mitchell 346-2180

March 13 East Twin Peak (5873')

Class D. 5,000' elevation gain. 5 miles total. Great views. Participants are required to bring ice axe, crampons, helmet, harness, prussiks and a rappel device. Knowledge of basic belay techniques. Leader: Richard Baranow 694-1500

March 20 Caribou Creek Ice Climbing

Noninstructional. Come for 1 or both days. WI 3-5 and 1-3 pitches. Bring all ice climbing gear, overnight gear for those who stay. Leader: Richard Baranow 694-1500

March 27 O'Malley Peak (5150')

Class C. 2,500' elevation gain. 8 miles total. Climb one of the most impressive peaks on Anchorage's eastern skyline. Ice axe, crampons, helmet, avalanche beacon and shovel required. Leader: Todd Steele 563-4645w

TRIP REPORTS

MCA Trip up McHugh Peak

by Joe Anders



unday, January 24, 10 MCA'ers were treated to sunny skies and a balmy 20 degree temperature as we kicked steps up a gully near Brewster Drive, then hiked a wind blown ridge to the top of McHugh Peak. Presented with a stunning view of the

snow covered Suicides were Leslie & Randy Greenwell, Bill Harrison, Donna Klecka, Tom Krom, Rob Laskd, Matt Manfred, Brian Reagan, Julie Sanchez and Joe Anders.

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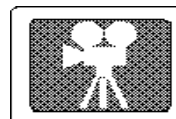


For Sale

Scarpa Denali Randonee Boots, Mens Size 8 Brand New, Never Worn \$295
Call Jill, 345-4345

The Banff Mountain Film Festival

Friday and Saturday, March 5, 6. It was a sellout last year, looks like they went to 2 nights to accommodate more viewers.



For Sale

■ Rossingnol TMS double cambered, metal edged 205 cm skis
■ Alpina double leather 3-pin ski boots - size 42 or 43
■ One Sport Jannu - size European 10 - extremely warm
■ Saloman Adventure 9 - size 43
■ Koflach w/ Scarpa Inverno liners size 10
Call Mark 338-0705H 564-1417W

For Sale

■ Alico Corniche Buckle/Leather Tele Boots. Size 10.5. Excellent shape - too small. \$100 (\$300+ new)
■ REI Baffled Goretex Down Parka - Large, super warm, like new.
■ Denali parka. \$125 (\$300+ new)
■ Patagonia Gridman 1-piece goretex suit - Large. Never used - original wrapping. \$325 (\$725 new)
■ North Face Westwind 2-person expedition tent. Bombproof. 5 years old, 3 expeditions. \$200 (\$375 new)
Dave 338-0554



MINUTES

JANUARY MEETING

The meeting was called to order at about 8 pm. Approximately 10 new members or visitors introduced themselves.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kirk Towner presented and discussed the 1999 budget. Several questions were asked and answered. The membership then passed the 1999 budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hiking and Climbing

Several recent trips were described including the winter camping trip and Mt. Magnificent climb in Eagle River. A list of upcoming trips was published in the January Scree. Chairperson **Wendy Sanem** reviewed the list of trips and various trip leaders described the trip. Signup sheets were available for the upcoming trips. See Wendy if you need to borrow an avalanche beacon.

Huts

Chairperson **Mark Miraglia** requested than any members heading to MCA huts contact him regarding maintenance.

Geographic Names

Chairperson **Tom Choate** announced that the committee is currently working on the Girdwood-Portage section. Anyone with information regarding peak names in this area should contact Tom before the heli-ski gang names them all.

Parks Advisory

Chairperson **Scott Bailey** recommended that members review the Anchorage Master Plan before they put an access road through your favorite recreation area. Scott recommended that members (particularly Eagle River residents) voice concern about the proposed snowmachine trail from Anchorage to Eagle River. With no place to go further north, this may mean further traffic in Eagle River valley. Currently snow machines are allowed only as far as Icicle drainage, but many snowmachiners are disregarding this regulation. **Tom Choate** strongly recommended that members contact the delegation to voice opposition to snowmachines in Denali National Park. Snowmachining is not an historic use of the park.

OLD BUSINESS

Reminder that a permit from the Alaska Railroad Corpora-

tion is required for ice climbing at **Candyland**. Obtaining the permit is quick and painless. Go to the front desk and the receptionist will direct you to the right person. Say hello to member Elena Hinds who works there.

NEW BUSINESS

Thanks to Gary Runa for leading multiple **training classes** for the club. The upcoming class on expedition mountaineering was discussed.

There is rumored to be a **spring club trip** in the works to the Scandinavian Peaks area. This may include an ascent of Mt. Marcus Baker from the north. Contact Richard and Wendy for details.

Dave Hart announced some gear for sale. He also mentioned that the Mountain House **food order** is due in early February.

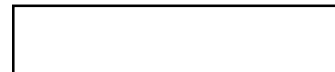
ANNOUNCEMENTS

It looks like **park fees** may increase since minimum wage went up.

The UAA **massage** school is offering free massages; see Michele Potkin.

Free CPR class from American Red Cross; Feb 6.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory Hinds



BOARD MEETING

1/19/99 (Borders)

Seven officers and board members attended the meeting.
The following were discussed:

1999 budget

- Add money for hotline for club trips. Members will be able to call the hotline to find out what trips are happening. An option for members to announce a trip will be investigated. Kirk will add this to the budget.
- The board approved the addition for this hotline unanimously.
- Membership will vote on this during old business.

Huts

- Eklutna Cabin project; waiting to finalize drawings.
- Potential hut site in Hunter Creek. Mark will meet with Debbie Fullenwider of Eklutna Inc. to discuss land issues.
- Plan to generate laminated sheets of huts rules for inside doors.

Road Signs

- Road signs for climbing on the highway. Mark planning to follow up with Spenard Builders Supply and possible grant from REI.

Trips

Trip planning: beacon training, lightweight expeditions (Charlie Sassara), Echo Bend Ice Climbing.

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