

Mountaineering Club of Alaska

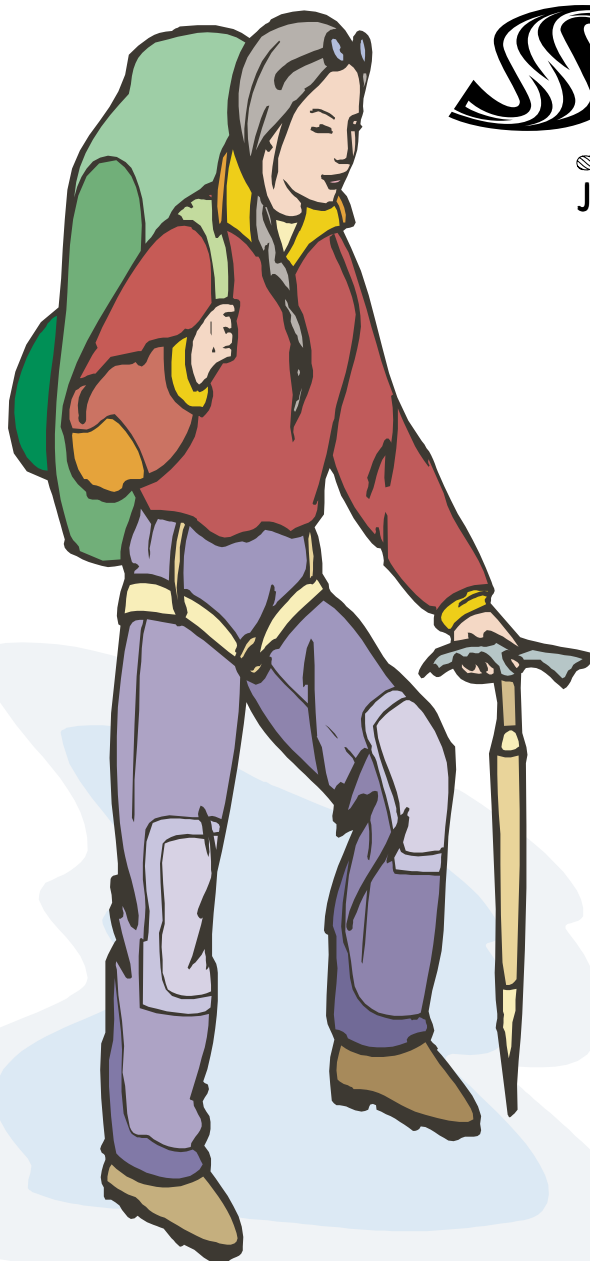
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Sometimes I'm soloing and then
someone calls me "bro" or tells
me to "go big" and suddenly I'm
bouldering.
(Tico)

July Meeting

Wednesday, July 17th, 7:30 pm

First United Methodist Church

9th & G Streets

Next to the Phillips Building

(you may use marked parking after hours...)

Downtown Anchorage

SUMMER BBQ/Potluck

The club will provide burgers, hot dogs, drinks,
plates, etc. You bring a dish to add to the mix:
potato salad, bean dishes, bread, chips, fruit,
whatever makes sense for summer.
No alcohol on the church property.



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Hiking and Climbing Schedule

JULY 2 Day of Departure: TUESDAY
Time of Departure: 5:30 pm Class C
Trip Description: Basher Road to Kanchee Peak Evening Hike
Leader Name: Deb
Primary Phone: 345-3543
Email Contact: dahabo@yahoo.com
XTRA COMMENTS: Meet at Bicentennial Park's North Bivouac Trailhead at 5:30pm for round trip hike from Basher Road to Knachee Peak. About 8 miles, 3400 ft elevation gain.

9 Day of Departure: TUESDAY
Time of Departure: 5:30pm Class C
Trip Description: Indian to Green Lake
Leader Name: Deb
Primary Phone: 345-3543
Email Contact: dahabo@yahoo.com
XTRA COMMENTS: Meet at 5:30pm at Turnagain House parking Lot (Milepost 103.1 of the Seward Highway) for a roundtrip hike to Green Lake. 8-9 miles and 3000 ft elevation gain

16 Day of Departure: TUESDAY
Time of Departure: 5:30 pm Class C
Trip Description: Tudor Road to Dome
Leader Name: Deb
Primary Phone: 345-3543
Email Contact: dahabo@yahoo.com
XTRA COMMENTS: Meet at 5:30 pm at location TBD for round trip hike to the dome. Six+ miles and 2600 ft elevation gain.

23 Day of Departure: TUESDAY
Time of Departure: 5:30 pm Class C
Trip Description: Prospect Heights to Wolverine Peak
Leader Name: Deb
Primary Phone: 345-3543
Email Contact: dahabo@yahoo.com
XTRA COMMENTS: Meet at Prospect Heights Trailhead at 5:30 pm for a round trip hike to Wolverine Peak. About 8 miles, 3355 ft elevation gain.

30 Day of Departure: FRIDAY
Time of Departure: 9:00 a.m. Class ?
Trip Description: Bird Creek to Penguin Lake Evening Hike
Leader Name: Deb
Primary Phone: 345-3543
Email Contact: dahabo@yahoo.com
XTRA COMMENTS: Meet at 5:30 pm at Bird Creek Trailhead for a round trip to Penguin Lake. About 10 miles 2550 elevation gain.

JUL Date Out: 6
Date Back: 7
Day of Departure: SATURDAY
Time of Departure: TBA Class D
Trip Description: Thunderbird Peak
Leader Name: Stu Grenier
Primary Phone: 337-5127
Email: pinkmenow@hotmail.com
XTRA COMMENTS: Paddle 2/3 of the way down Eklutna Lake, camp and climb.

JUL Date Out: 12
Date Back: 14
Day of Departure: FRIDAY
Time of Departure: TBA Class C
Trip Description: Lost Lake - Backpack trip
Leader Name: Deb
Primary Phone: 345-3543
Email Contact: dahabo@yahoo.com
XTRA COMMENTS: Contact leader at least 3 days in advance.

JUL-AUG Date Out: July 20
Date Back: August 3

Day of Departure: Saturday
Time of Departure: TBA Class B/C
Trip Description: ANWR Lake Peters
Leader Name: Don Hansen
Primary Phone: 243-7184
Email Contact: donjoehansen@msn.com
XTRA COMMENTS: Trip now open!

For Sale:

CLIMBING- BACKPACKING EQUIPMENT SALE Alaska
Women of the Wilderness Foundation is selling their inventory of wilderness equipment. Ice axes, ice hammers, helmets, harnesses, crampons, ice screws, ascenders, skis, and much more. Look for our equipment sale at the July MCA meeting/potluck July 17th.
Suraj Holzwarth 336-7439 or rainbowdream@chugach.net

Partner(s) Wanted

Backpacking, 3 days to 2 weeks, from July to late August, moderate to advanced or strenuous levels. Trips are to remote or seldom visited areas of the Talkeetna Mts, Wrangell-St. Elias Park, and Brooks Range. You must be self-sufficient and in excellent shape; interest in natural history recommended. See www.redundancydept.com for photos of previous trips. Please leave voice mail message; I'm usually on an expedition.

Curvin Metzler voice mail 333-8766/563-5789



Book Review

by Bill Romberg

55 Ways to the Wilderness in Southcentral Alaska, 5th Edition

Helen Nienhueser and John Wolfe Jr. have done it again. Only 8 years after a significant revision to 55 Ways to the Wilderness in Southcentral Alaska—one of the oldest and most complete guidebooks to hiking in Alaska—a fifth edition is now available that contains even more new hikes and features to help the outdoor enthusiast explore the variety of hiking, backpacking, canoeing, and climbing opportunities that abound in southcentral Alaska. The book's format is even easier to follow than previous editions and contains several new features such as the "Trip Table Summaries" that can help you choose among the diversity of trips available based upon time of year, length of trip, whether suitable for children, etc. Additional tables also provide information on the maps that cover the area, high points or mountain peaks along the way, whether the trail is accessible or open to mountain bikes, and its distance from public transportation. When you add in the highly detailed descriptions for each of the trips listed, which include a map sketch, detailed driving directions, route descriptions, hazards, recommended season(s), alternate routes, etc., one can see why this book is considered one of the best of its kind and continues to find a huge audience.



Whether you are new to southcentral Alaska or a long time resident who has a tattered copy of an earlier edition sitting on your bookshelf, there is likely something in this new edition that will be of interest to you. Those familiar with the hiking opportunities in southcentral Alaska and with earlier editions of the book may be surprised to see descriptions of new trails in the region (e.g., Shoup Bay trail near Valdez) or "new" areas to explore that haven't been listed in previous editions. The new resident or visitor to Alaska will find the book a nearly-complete resource for discovering the variety of wilderness adventures that exist in this part of Alaska and choosing among them.



One could argue, however, that the most important aspect of this new edition of 55 Ways is not the excellent trip descriptions, resource lists, or tables, but rather the Preface to the new edition in which the authors give us their perspective on the state of wild lands in southcentral Alaska based upon a lifetime of exploring the areas described in the book. The authors' concerns about the impacts of population growth and motorized recreation to the wilderness areas in southcentral Alaska—and the fact that this growth is largely un-managed—is a message that needs to be heard and heeded among those who currently appreciate the unparalleled wilderness adventures in our state. My hope is that those who pick up the new book to explore the wilderness areas of Alaska will also respond to the authors' call for action to protect and manage those areas for future generations to enjoy.



HUT NEWS

->Anyone traveling into the Bomber, Mint or Dnigi huts please contact Mark Miraglia at 338-0705 or mark_miraglia@hotmail.com. There are signs and laminated letters from DNR that need to be posted at the huts stating that the huts are not for use by for-profit groups.

WASTE BAG INFO-PLEASE READ!!

We're using the RESTOP 2 for solid waste along with the commode. The 30 gallon poly drums outside each Eklutna Traverse hut are for storage of the used bags but we are asking people to pack out their poop since it will be extremely strenuous and costly to transport and fly out the full barrels. People also need to collapse all the air out of the used bags prior to zip locking them if they are going to leave them in the poly drum. If they elect to pack them out them should use a compactor bag to carry them inside their pack. For more info please visit the vendors website:

www.whennaturecalls.com

Trip and Trip Report Submissions:

Please submit your trips via the web:

<http://photoalaska.biz/scree>

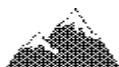
A copy of your submission will be forwarded to Matt Nedom; Trips Coordinator. If he has any questions about your Club sponsored trip he will contact you. If the trip meets the Club's criteria, it will automatically be published in the forthcoming Scree and then to the MCA website. Trip reports may be submitted via email in Word or text formats. Please limit your trip reports to 2500 words or less and please spell check your document prior to submission.



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Five out of Five Possible



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Trip Reports

Pioneer Peak, South Summit

By Amy Murphy

After a couple of weeks of cloud-filled skies and intermittent rain showers, the warmth and bright sunshine that greeted us on June 15 was very welcome when we met to hike up Pioneer Peak. The unofficial hike consisted of the following people: Amy Murphy; Mark Lisee; Brian Clark; MJ; Rob; Brian #2; Justin and Ryan. (Unfortunately I don't have the last names of most of the men who showed up to hike; they are Brian's friends)

I arrived at the trailhead first, and waited for 20 minutes before I decided to head up the trail by myself. I was pretty certain that Mark Lisee would come and eventually catch up to me. This trail is fairly steep, even at the beginning, and your muscles quickly get warmed up. The good thing about the lower part of trail is that there are actually a few switchbacks, which makes the uphill ascent a little easier. The switchbacks end right above the treeline though, and then you're back on the good old Alaskan trails that tend to go straight up the mountainsides!

There are a couple of picnic tables on the lower part of the trail that offer a nice place to sit and view the scenery on the way up, or back down.

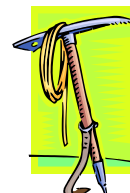


I hiked 2 hours before Mark caught up to me. At this point I was about 15 or 20 minutes away from the 3rd picnic table, located below Pioneer Ridge. Right behind Mark were Brian Clark, MJ, and Rob. After introductions were made and we took a short breather, we continued up the trail. This is one of the prettiest trails that I have hiked on in Alaska, and we were in awe of the scenery that unfolded before us all day long! The higher you get, the more you can see, and we had a spectacularly clear day with great views in every direction, including the Knik Glacier, Matanuska Peak, Denali and Foraker, and Bold Peak and Eklutna Glacier. Lots of pictures were taken throughout the day.

Brian, Mark, Rob and I stopped at the picnic table that marks the top of Pioneer Ridge, ate some lunch, and looked at the rest of the hike we had before us. MJ has boundless energy and got ahead of us and didn't stop at the picnic table for lunch. He just continued on to the summit. According to the book I read, Pioneer Ridge is 5,300' high, and the south summit of Pioneer Peak is about 1-1/2 miles past the ridge with another 1,000' elevation gain. Just getting to the ridge itself can be quite challenging and exhausting, as the trail is fairly steep, so it's definitely a trail you need to be in good physical condition to hike in a decent amount of time. Towards the end of our lunch break, the other three people in our group caught up to us: Justin; Brian #2; and Ryan.

We continued along the sometimes-narrow ridgeline that leads from Pioneer Ridge to Pioneer Peak. Brian Clark did most of the route finding up the actual face of the south summit, which involves some fun scrambling in places! Brian's 12-year-old dog Kiana came on the hike and Brian had to really encourage and help boost her up a few places. The sun was hot, but there was a slight breeze that helped cool us down a little bit as we clambered up through the rocks. Finally we met MJ up on the summit, took summit photos, and relaxed and enjoyed the scenery for quite a while.

The hike down was very long but uneventful, and we saw quite a few people on the trail that day, including MCA members Kristin Dahl and Bev Churchill. After the hike, Brian Clark, Mark and I stopped at the Knik River to cool off our feet and wash off some of the dust and dirt. That cool water sure felt wonderful on my tired feet!! I am planning on leading an MCA hike up this same trail sometime in September, when the fall colors are out, so let me know if you're interested.



Bird Ridge Overlook (4650ft) The Beak (4730ft) Bird's Eye Peak (4970ft)

By Ross Noffsinger

June 14 and 15, 2002

Clear skies, coupled with a stiff breeze out of the north, signaled strong high pressure guaranteeing a few clear days. It had been 3 weeks since the Bashful Peak climb with fellow MCA members Hans Neidig and Richard Baranow, and I was ready for more adventure.

For a destination, I selected the section of Chugach Park bounded by Ship Creek, Indian and Bird Creek drainages. The plan was to follow Bird Ridge back to Bird Ridge Overlook, survey the terrain and plot a course of peak bagging, then hike out through Ship Lake Pass back to the Upper Huffman Trailhead and down to my house.

My gear included a bivy sack, ultra lightweight sleeping bag, warm clothes, wind/rain shell, camera, walking sticks, and food for two days. Since I have yet to purchase packs for the dogs, I would carry their food. The intent was to travel light and scramble peaks. Consequently I left all climbing gear at home. Given the precipitous topography of the area, I would later regret leaving my ice axe.

Roughly four hours and twenty minutes after leaving the trailhead, we were on the summit of Bird Ridge Overlook. While surveying the spectacularly rugged terrain to the north, I began to realize that I had underestimated this cluster of peaks.

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The closest peak was the Beak, roughly one half mile distant to the northeast. Since the west face appeared to be a fortress of cliffs and steep gullies, I discarded it. According to my Anchorage and Vicinity map, there is a route from the Overlook right up the south ridge. However, the south ridge (and the summit in general) looked very narrow, steep, and exposed. In order to take a closer look, we descended the east face of the Overlook and followed a sheep trail to the Beak.

Once we reached the peak, it was obvious there was no way that I was going to scramble that steep, exposed, knife-edge ridge with no pro and two dogs. The southeast face did not look much better, so we proceeded northward to a saddle on the east ridge.

Following sheep trails, we descended from the saddle and wrapped around the east face through rock bands until reaching a large, steep gully. The route along the east face (to the gully) was very steep and exposed. In hind site, I could have descended a few hundred feet further and avoided most of the exposure.

It appeared that the gully extended to the summit, so we gave it a try. At the top of the gully, a 20 to 30 foot rock scramble was required to reach the summit ridge. Additional scrambling was required along the very narrow summit ridge to reach the true summit. Given the remote location and the fact that I was alone, the exposed scrambling was at the limit of my comfort level. As a side note, the northwest side may provide the easiest access to the summit.

The dogs and I descended the gully to a large bowl with a lake, and took the first major break of the day. I replenished my water supply, ate, fed the dogs, and then continued down the bowl toward Bird's Eye Peak. It was now approaching 1am. Since Bird's Eye looked like a formidable challenge, I decided to bivvy for a few hours and wait for better light.

By 5am we were heading for the south side of Bird's Eye Peak. From this perspective the peak looks spectacular, rising 2000 feet in a symmetrical pyramid, similar to North Suicide as viewed from Rabbit Lake. There are several good lines straight up the south face. However, I was not feeling very bold so I opted for climbing diagonally eastward with the hope of finding something less steep. Eventually I hooked up with a gully that led to the crest of the east ridge. I then followed the ridge a few hundred feet through large scree to the summit. The route was steep but there was no exposure.

By 7am we were on the summit. The dogs looked trashed, however I felt great. It must have been those chocolate covered espresso beans. The weather was incredible. I lounged around, called my wife, ate breakfast, fed the dogs, and took in the views.

An hour later, we descended the east ridge. As it turned northward, we started descending into the bowl located on the north side of Bird's Eye Peak with the intent

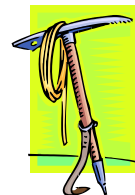


of climbing the east face of Tail Feather Peak. However I started having second thoughts. The dogs were already trashed, and by the looks of things, we were going to have another hot day. Also, I did not know if I could descend the west side of Tail Feather. If I could not, it would add a considerable amount of distance and time to the planned route of exit. Given this I decided the peak bagging was finished, and it was time to start working our way home.

We ascended back out of the bowl and headed west across the south face of Bird's Eye. The steep side hill traverse tore up my feet, but it was better than bushwhacking in the valley below.

We climbed 1100 feet to the pass just south of the Wing, glissaded a long snow slope to the valley below, then proceeded west down the valley toward Ship Creek. Near the base of the northeast ridge of Avalanche Peak, we headed up valley toward Ship Lake. The route finding through the low valleys was easy, requiring no bushwhacking or swamp crossing.

The 1300ft climb up to Ship Lake Pass was grueling. Upon reaching the pass at 5pm, we had climbed over 12,000 feet in the past 27 hours. All that was left was a four-hour slog home on sore feet, through familiar country.



MCA Secretary Jayme Mack

MAY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Forty people attended the May meeting while five new members introduced themselves.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total in all accounts is \$14,268, while total revenue is \$3,257 and total expenses is \$5,015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HIKING & CLIMBING

Matt Nedom introduced the new hiking calendar. New hikes and climbs were announced. Remember the annual Solstice Sleep-out on Flattop will be June 22nd. See the trip schedule for other upcoming hikes and climbs. The Hiking and Climbing committee is still looking for more leaders to lead trips, if interested contact Matt Nedom.



TRAINING

Tom Choate reported on the Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue class held back in late April on the Matanuska Glacier. No training is currently on the schedule for the summer but if demand increases something might be offered. Contact Steve Parry with any ideas.

HUTS

Bill Romberg reported on behalf of Mark Miraglia. Bill explained how to use the new Human Waste Disposal system and asked members to try to carry out waste and dispose of it using the new bag system. The bags can be disposed of in a regular landfill instead of having to be treated at a human waste treatment center. Mark is looking for interested parties to go into Rosie's Roost, up on the Eagle Glacier, to help repair the platform the hut is on. Contact Mark if interested. Also, the board has been trying to set up a meeting with Al Meiners and Chugach State Park to discuss permit requirements for CSP and to propose a change in the motorized/non-motorized use schedule in Eklutna.

GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Tom Choate reported that a 2,604' hill in the Tordrillo Mountains near Trinity Peak was named Mt. Oilver, it was previously unnamed. There is also a proposal on the state board to rename Mt. Alyeska in Girdwood, possible proposals were not available at the time of the meeting.

EQUIPMENT

Carl Battreal was not available to report. Remember the club has a library with books, resource materials and gear to borrow, the library is located at Alaska Mountaineering & Hiking at 2633 Spenard Road.

LIBRARY

The club wanted to remind members that Mike Wood and Colby Combs book, "Alaska: A Climbing Guide" is out. The book covers alpine climbing in the Alaska Range, Chugach Mountains, St. Elias Range and many other areas. The book is published by the Mountaineers and sold at Alaska Mountaineering & Hiking.

OLD BUSINESS

PHOTOS FOR CALENDAR

The club still has photo entries from last year's photo calendar contest. Please pick them up. Contact Bill Romberg if you need to pick up your entry.

NEW BUSINESS

WEB PAGE TRANSITION COMMITTEE

The club is looking for members to help with the transition of the MCA web page since, Willy has retired from the Scree and Web Page. Looking for those with computer experience. Please contact Bill Romberg for further information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Alaska Mountain Huts Association has found a possible hut route in the Snow River area down on the Kenai Peninsula. The association is looking for members and volunteers. Contact Bill Romberg for more information.

*Tom McDermott is looking for members with good map reading skills to help survey possible trailheads in the vicinity of Chugach State Park. Most of the trips could be done in the evening or as day trips. Contact Tom McDermott if interested.

SLIDESHOW

Bob Jacobs gave a wonderful and insightful slideshow on a lifetime of climbing in Alaska and Nepal called "Chance Favors a Prepared Mind".

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayme Mack

June 2002 BOARD Meeting Minutes

The following members attended the June Board meeting at Bill Romberg's House: Stu Grenier, Tom McDermott, Dave Hart, Bill Romberg, Steve Gruhn and Jayme Mack.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Hut Committee

Mark Miraglia announced that he will be retiring from the Huts Committee Chairperson position at the end of this term. The board will be looking for a new chairperson with Mark's help.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting with Chugach State Park Al Meiners requested has been difficult to meet with since he has been out of town frequently in the last 6 months. The club has asked that Chugach State Park adopt a policy formalizing the relationship between the MCA and CSP regarding the Eklutna Traverse huts. The issue of CSP requiring a permit for club trips into the park also needs to be resolved.

Meekins Scholarship Fund

Dave Hart is currently working on the wording for a climbing scholarship program that was initiated through a donation by pilot Mike Meekins. The scholarship program and application will be completed by August, 2002. Bill will be sending a thank you letter to Mike Meekins for his donation to the scholarship fund along with the program details.

Awards Committee

The awards committee has met and will send draft criteria for selection of the Vin Hoeman award recipients to the July Board meeting. A solicitation for President's award nominations was published in the June Scree. Nominations need to be in by September 30.



Multiple Year Memberships

The board is in the process of setting up administrative policies and procedures for handling 2-year memberships which will be available for the 2003 membership year.

Honorary Memberships

The Board discussed who should assist the Neil O'Donnell with the Honorary Membership committee and decided to send the list of local Honorary MCA members to Neil to solicit participation from.

NEW BUSINESS

Scree Advertising Policy

At the request of the SCREE editor, Robert Baker, the board discussed a proposal to update the Scree advertising policy to help offset printing costs. Changes to the existing policy were discussed and a new version will be sent around for Board review and a vote in July. The SCREE editor will have the flexibility to pursue advertising consistent with the club's interests as time and energy allow.

July Picnic/General Meeting

The board discussed possible sites to hold the annual July picnic/meeting. Unfortunately the Park Strip requires a permit and sending members to the old meeting place might confuse new members on about the current meeting location (also require a permit). So the board decided to hold the picnic/meeting inside at the new location. The board will look into other outdoor sites for next years picnic.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, July 10th at 7 p.m. The location will be announced prior to the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Mack

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JUNE 2002 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Thirty nine people attended the Wednesday, June 19th 2002 meeting at the First Methodist Church on 9th and G streets. Six new members introduced themselves.

Moment of Silence for the Strawn Family

Kevin, Travis and Colby Strawn of Eagle River and Anchorage areas were killed June 17th while descending Mt. Foraker. The three brothers and extended family were active members in the club and will sorely be missed. A moment of silence was held for family and friends. Information on where to send donations was provided to members.

Treasurer's Report

Total expenses are \$6,656.90, total revenue is \$3,507.79 and the total in all accounts is \$2,877.32.

Hiking and Climbing

Matt Nedom announced new trips for the month of June and July. See the July Scree for more details. The Annual Solstice Sleepout will be held on Friday, June 21st Flattop. Contact Matt Nedom for more details. The Hiking and Climbing Committee is looking for leaders, please volunteer your time.

Training Committee

Steve Parry recognized that the club had a busy Spring schedule and that they will pick-up their schedule in September with the Annual MCA Ice Climbing Festival. The committee is looking for volunteers for the festival in all areas, Logistics, Medical support, Instructors and general help. Please contact Steve Parry or Bill Romberg if interested.

Huts

Mark Miraglia needs anyone going into the Bomber, Mint or Dinigi Huts to contact him, he needs some signs regarding hut policy and procedures to be posted. Mark is also looking for the status of Box Den and if the hut is repairable. Please call Mark with any information.

Parks Advisory

Cory Hinds is back (Cory and Elena had a new baby in April, Congratulations!) and reported that the Chugach State Park fire ban is still in effect, only fires in established pits or camp stoves are allowed. Final decisions related to the DOT process to relocate the Sterling Highway between the Hope cut-off and Copper Landing are nearing. Some alternatives will greatly effect the Resurrection Trail. Please see website at: www.sterlinghighway.net and give your feedback.

NEW BUSINESS

July Meeting/BBQ

The July Picnic/Meeting is just around the corner. It is a pot-luck style BBQ so please bring a dish to celebrate summer and see old friends.

Colorado Outward Bound School Scholarships

The Colorado Outward Bound School is offering two needs based scholarships to youth that are Alaska residents and are 18 years of age for their mountaineering courses.

President's Award Nominations

This awards committee is soliciting nominations for members who have made a significant contribution to the club in the last year. Please turn in all nominations to the committee no later than September 30th, 2002.

Announcements

*Check out what is going on in the club at www.mcak.org or sign-up for the listserv to share information with other members.

*Congratulations to long-time member Kirk Towner who was recently married

PROGRAM

Trond Jensen gave a superb slideshow on trekking and climbing in the Everest Region of the Himalaya, including ascents of Mera and Island Peaks.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Mack



Mountaineering Club of Alaska

Officers

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Annual membership dues: Single \$10.00 Family \$15.00 (one *Scree* per family)

Dues can be paid at any meeting or mailed to the treasurer at the MCA address below. If you want a membership card, please fill out a club waiver and mail it with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If you fail to receive the newsletter, or have questions about your membership, contact the club treasurer. The post office does not forward the newsletter.

SCREE is a monthly publication of the Mountaineering Club of Alaska. Trips should be submitted via <http://photoalaska.biz/scree>. Articles and notes submitted for publication and other communication related to the newsletter should be mailed to my address: 1830 E. Parks Hwy. #600, Wasilla, AK 99654, or e-mailed to scree@photoalaska.biz. Articles should be received by August 2nd to be included in the August issue. Sorry, no exceptions.

Paid ads may be submitted to the attention of the Vice-President at the club address and should be "camera ready" and pre-paid. Your cooperation will be appreciated... Robert Baker, Editor, 357-2946.

Missing your MCA membership card? If so, stop by one of our monthly meetings to pick it up or send us a self-addressed stamped envelope and we'll mail it to you.

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