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‘Three little Climbers’
A visit to Greece
Chugach Ridge Walks

**That it will never come again
Is what makes life so sweet.**
Emily Dickinson

Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, May 17th @ 7:30 PM
Program: Dick Griffith with slides from
his adventures in Alaska

The Mountaineering Club of Alaska

"To maintain, promote and perpetuate the association of persons who are interested in promoting, sponsoring, improving, stimulating and contributing to the exercise of skill and safety in the Art and Science of Mountaineering"

Join us for our club meetings the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the First United Methodist Church, 9th and G Streets next to the Philips Building (you may use marked parking after hours)

Contact information is provided on the back page or visit us on the web at www.mcak.org

Cover photo: A smallish climber on the Ridge to Skybuster. See 'Three little Climbers' in this issue.

Article Submission: Articles and photos are best submitted on the web at MCAK.org. We prefer articles that are under 1,000 words. To get on the cover a photo should convey the feeling of mountaineering and show human endeavor.

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Hiking and Climbing Schedule

Saturday, April 29 Indianhouse Mountain (4350) Class D 4,300 feet of elevation gain, 5 miles Ice axe required. Steven C. Gruhn (907) 276-2104 Voicemail: (907) 868-9118 steven.gruhn@hartcrowser.com

April 29 End-of-Month Traverse:
Glen Alps to McHugh Class C. 15 miles. Elevation gain 1800'. Requires spotting vehicles. Leader: Willy Hersman, mcak@gci.net

5:30 p.m. Monday, May 1 Peak 4009 (Western Chugach)
Mountains; Four Mile Creek and Thunder Bird Creek) Class D 3,800 feet of elevation gain, 6 miles Steven C. Gruhn (907) 276-2104 Voicemail: (907) 868-9118 steven.gruhn@hartcrowser.com

Saturday, May 13 Begich Peak (4623) Class D 4,500 feet of elevation gain, 5 miles Ice axe and fondness of bushwhacking required. Steven C. Gruhn (907) 276-2104 Voicemail: (907) 868-9118 steven.gruhn@hartcrowser.com

5:30 p.m. Monday, May 15 Flaketop Peak (4514) Class C 2,600 feet of elevation gain, 6 miles Steven C. Gruhn (907) 276-2104 Voicemail: (907) 868-9118 steven.gruhn@hartcrowser.com

May 18-31 Chenega to Valdez.
Plan to climb and explore along the way. Sea Kayaking experience and gear. AV gear. Class

D. Stu Grenier oinkmenow@hotmail.com 337-5127

May 20 End-of-Month Traverse: Ram Valley to Dishwater Class C. 11 miles. Elevation gain 2800'. Ice axe and crampons suggested. Leader: Willy Hersman, mcak@gci.net

June 23 Flattop Sleepout on Friday,
It's a leaderless trip, but a club tradition. Bring dinner and refreshments, stay for the evening or stay for the night.

July 1-July 9, 2006 Lake Clark National Park
Class B Backing trip Twin Lakes to Turquoise Lake traverse. Charter out of Lake Hood, Anchorage. Charter costs \$700-730/ person round trip. Set up 1st camp at Twin Lakes and spend a couple of days hiking in the area. Take 2 to 3 days to backpack to Turquoise Lake (about 10 miles between the lakes) set up camp and spend a few days exploring this area and get picked up on July 9th. We may setup food cache at Turquoise Lake on the charter trip into Twin lakes. Leader: Don Hansen 243-7184 home. donjoehansen@msn.com

July 20-August 2, 2006 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
Class B Backpacking trip into the Spring Creek drainage. We plan to air charter out of Arctic Village or Fort Yukon with Yukon Air Charter. We will explore the tributaries of Spring Creek,

hike up some of the peaks and ridges in the area. Estimated charter cost is about \$440 to 587/person.

Leader: Don Hansen 243-7184 home.
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August 3 – 7 Rosie's Roost and Han's hut maintenance

trip, Glacier Travel, Gain ~6,000 feet, 40 miles RT. Leader Greg Bragiel, unknownhiker@ak.net

August 11 – 13 Annual couple's trip to Upper Snowhawk Hut, Barbeque and Climb. Class B/D depending on Saturday's hike, Gain 2100 feet, 12+ miles
Leader Greg Bragiel, unknownhiker@ak.net

Hiking and Climbing Committee

Let's fill up this summer's calendar with hiking and climbing! We need trips to look forward to, and folks to make them a reality! Come to the hiking/climbing committee meeting Wednesday, May 17, at 6:30. It's at the same location and date as our membership meeting, just an hour sooner! There will also be a leadership orientation meeting same time, same day; show up and learn how to lead club trips! If you can't attend, send us your ideas! E-mail Carlene at cvantol_1@hotmail.com, or send a message to "Carlene" on our MCA bulletin board. (put "club trips" in subject line) Let's make this summer the busiest yet!

Club Bulletin Board

Have you noticed the new bulletin board on the club's website? Go to www.MCAK.org and click "bulletin board" (on the left, 7th item down). This is a great way to post/find info on a variety of topics (You decide if you want to be notified by E-mail on certain topics or just log in and check new postings). After logging in it is easy to see new postings since your last visit, as those headings will have a yellow highlight to them. Sign up, try it out, and let our webmaster know what additional topics you would like to see for our use! (No new password to remember as you can use the same one you have for the club website). Carlene



**Sneaking a peek at next month,
Photos from this past winter's
Mountaineering Classes**



Three little Climbers

by Wayne Todd

Once upon a time there were three little climbers, or more politically correct, three slight climbers. They loved to climb. The first little climber had a large yellow pet bird to carry him around. He named his pet bird Bat.

Meanwhile, a mystical peak loomed up from deep within the western Chugach Mountains. All the climbers had seen this peak from afar and one had even tried an approach by foot. One day, the first climber flew to this mountain and while circling, he saw a magically simple route. As he became obsessed with climbing this tower-that-protrudes-into-the-lower-heavens, he could no longer eat or sleep.

Luckily for the two other climbers, Bat was just big enough to carry three slight climbers and a small amount of gear, (definitely not big enough to carry larger climbers, say anyone over 150 lbs).

So one day, even though the magical orb was calling for times of doom with clouds and possible

precipitation, the three diminutive climbers flew toward this mystical mountain anyway for they were all now infatuated with this peak.

They had a soft smooth landing on the powdered glacier, like nestling into the perfect bed after a bowl of porridge (oops, wrong fairytale). Unlike the landing on sastrugi two of the little climbers had a few weeks prior.

After tying Bat down (unfortunately Bat doesn't 'stay' well when the first climber leaves) the three skied down the glacier unroped into the blazing sun, all the while being menaced by the mystical peak. The second little climber, the blond one, was carrying an inordinate mount of group gear; like the rope.

Alas the downhill ski ended where the route headed west and suddenly the three were moving much slower. They were happy though as they were on route and no longer in the baking sun as other large rock sentinels were now blocking the harmful UVA

and UVB rays. As they skinned below precipice cliffs and hanging glaciers, two of the climbers began to wonder about climbing this peak. They didn't want to be huffed and puffed off the mountain, or fall, or be struck by falling rock or ice, or be caught in an avalanche or be attacked by a herd of marauding wolverines wearing red bonnets. Wolverines love lean little climbers.

A little later that day the three were setting up their nylon and aluminum hut above five thousand feet on the south flank of the mystical peak. They knew not to use straw from a previous trip. The three were excited as they could now see the magical gully yet also apprehensive about the wicked snow witch that sometimes sweeps climbers to their demise.

The Magical Gully



For the present though, soaking in the evening sun, telling climbing stories, and basking in the mountainous winter vista, they were quite content. That night the three were singing rounds of twinkle twinkle amidst the stars until one climber led into conversations about quasars, space travel utilizing gravity drives and such. Near bedtime, two of the climbers began hollering 'ELEEE, ELEEE' which had the third climber wondering if he should be climbing with these dudes, and later he heard birds fluttering about until he realized it was the first climber snoring.

Early to bed and early to rise puts climbers on the route early, 6:30 am anyway. The three exiguous climbers dug holes at route transitions to see what the 'snow pack' shaman predicted. The lore was good. A light snow had the climbers wondering if the weather was going to close as the orb had predicted. The route was quite sweet and the going steady except for a few spots of human trenching through unconsolidated snow. The trenching almost made the lead climber squeal. The orb prediction was denied; the sky blued and heated as the morning progressed.

The south gully led naturally to a SSE wider gully that led to the summit ridge. Here six eyes got buggy for the ridge dropped away steeply on both sides, almost vertical to the east. The 'second' little climber who was still graciously carrying the rope, now volunteered to lead the ridge. That now made him the first climber though he is the 'second little climber', not to be confused with the 'first' climber who was now second on the rope. All the climbers were happy again and their eyes resumed normal size, except for maybe the lead climber. Another part of his body was constricting.

Along the ridge they went tossing the rope this way and that hoping if someone fell; the rope would catch on a horn, rock or snow cluster. The lead climber placed one picket just shy of the summit where the rock completely gives way to snow.



sweeping glances of the ice, snow and rock comprised of glaciers, peaks, ridges and valleys.

Once off the ridge, the little climbers' hands and feet moved swiftly either down climbing or plunge stepping. Once on skis some slight legs worked better than others at making turns back to camp, for breakdown and brew. The third climber had light plastic mountaineering boots instead of randonee boots. He was a little envious of the others' boots and quite tentative about the ski down to the valley bottom. But the soft powder lent to a swell ski without injury or nary even a fall. Then there was a blurry time of trudging back to Bat.

Skybuster Summit

(A "YAHOO" and "YEAH BABY" and.... we were all on top of 'Skybuster', humbled by the views of the deep Chugach to the east and the Talkeetnas to the north. We shared special dark chocolate in memory of Kavik the wolf dog. Though the time was well before noon we did not loiter on the summit as Bat would be impatient to return home that very evening.)

So back down the ridge the three went roped; carefully stepping, planting an axe or whippet, or clinging tenaciously with hands, and scraping rock with crampons (especially the aluminum pair) while lowering themselves down. This was between

While preparing Bat for the flight home, the wind began to huff and puff down glacier which had the three slender climbers wondering if there was to be more to this fable. But the wind lulled and Bat took to the air.

Now all three little climbers eat like pigs, at least for a day or two, and sleep well, until the next mountain fantasy.

Skybuster: 8,765', Anch C-4 18N5E24, March 24-25, 2006. Paul Andrews, Cory Hinds and Wayne Todd. Landed at 5,000' on Metal Creek Glacier, skied to 2,800' then west to 5,200' on south flank for base camp. Ascended south magical gully to south ridge to summit.



A Visit to Greece By Marcin Ksok

In 2004 I visited Greece-the birthplace of Mythology, Olympics and Philosophy, explored the country and culture. I spent a total of one month visiting ancient sites, rock climbing on the island of Kalymnos, scuba diving Mykonos and hiking to the top of Mt. Olympus-home of powerful Gods whose presence is still felt there.

Mt. Olympus is 2918 meters tall, located in Macedonia region of northern Greece, first climbed in 1913 by a two person team. Part of a spectacular mountain range



towering over the western coast provides a moderate hike with spectacular views of Aegean Sea and a semi-technical scramble to the top of main summit called Mytikas.



thick deciduous forest that shrouded a view of the sea and after about two hours our group reached refuge A where I called for a lunch break, after all we were on vacation. The building was quite impressive, made of stone and brick it could sleep 140 and withstand the high winds encountered on the mountain. Continuing up the well maintained path marked by rocks painted with red stripes (what an eye sore), conifers gave way to talus slopes and lots of zigzagging, in another two hours we reached a ridge leading to the summit. That was the only spot where we met other hikers on the entire trail; from here it got steeper and more exposed. Two of them turned back, but a guy with long dreaded hair and a tie dye shirt followed closely behind. We dropped to the right side of the ridge, and traversed a steep, rocky slope leading to the main summit. Along the way we came up on a gentleman who reassured us in broken up English "easy, very easy", but the fixed bolts in the rock did not make me feel very comfortable, where is the rope when needed? In a few minutes a teenage boy came down the same wall, almost in tears he swore the scramble was dangerous and we should turn back. Although we had about a 300 meter drop below us, the footing was good and rock proved solid so I removed my pack and continued up the rocks, the other three followed cautiously; in about half an hour we reached the summit marked by a blue and white Greek flag. After a photo session we headed back, leaving a mantra chanting hippie in the solitude of the mountain. Rocky slopes let us through without much trouble and in a few hours we arrived back at the trailhead with a sense of accomplishment of conquering the highest mountain in Greece and being able to spend a few moments in the presence of ancient gods, whose good favors permitted this fulfilling experience.

Marcin and friends



I overcame difficulty of waking up after a bottle of cheap Greek wine sold at a local grocery store for three euros in a plastic, unmarked 1.5 liter bottle, ate a bowl of Greek salad for breakfast (we ate salad for every meal due to affordability of fresh produce sold by local farmers) and after a short drive together with three friends reached small town of Litorio. Unbelievably clean compared to other Greek towns it was nestled at the base of our mountain. After filling up on water and sandwiches we continued to village of Prionia, 18 km away.

At first I was intimidated by my three buddies-professional rowers, but soon I realized that when it comes to hiking my technique surpassed theirs and I became the leader. Hot Mediterranean sun made hiking quite a workout, luckily there was plenty of water either from a trailside faucet or in the refuge located half-way up the mountain. A fairly steep trail took us past

Chugach Ridge Walks

(Allison Sayer's contest)



Near Point 5430 on the ridge above Peters Creek looking southeast. The peaks in the distance from left to right are B's Heaven (in sun), Benign (in shade), Bellicose and Rumble. Hans Neidig pictured. Ross Noffsinger Photo

Hello, MCA folks! I wanted to have this contest to hear from Chugach State Park Lovers and to give other club members some ideas for the summer. Thanks so much to the respondents for doing just that! The "winner" is **The Penguin Ridge Traverse**, (drawn at random) and will receive homemade bread delivered to a location of their choice. I'd like to have another contest next month- What is your favorite rock climb *more than one mile from the stupid highway*- please mention whether it is trad or bolted, the range of difficulty, and the time of year it is typically snow free. (Email Allison and let her know: hineini2000@yahoo.com Ed.)

So here are some ridgewalks!

Joe Lestina: My favorite ridge walk in Chugach State Park is as follows: Park at Eklutna Lake. Cross the spillway at the outlet of the lake and hike up the ridge that parallels the southwest side of the lake. Follow the ridge in a south easterly direction until summiting Thunderbird Peak, the high point at 6575 ft. Then head southwest to the ridge that

parallels the Peter's Creek drainage. Follow this to the Peter's Creek trailhead. Total distance is over 20 miles, with the majority of it spent hiking at elevations over 4,500 feet. We hiked this in summer 2004, and there was still snow left in sheltered locations on the ridge so that we never had to descend for water [Important! Ross Noffsinger did not find plentiful water on the ridge-make sure you know the current conditions!]. The views (of the lake, of remote craggy peaks and valleys and lots of sheep), the isolation (no other people seen during the three day trip) and the limited bushwhacking (at the beginning and near the end of the hike only) make this the best non-technical ridge hike that I have found so far in the Park. I estimate that most fit people would want to do it in 3-4 days. (2 long days for people who travel really light and fast).

Ross Noffsinger did the trip in the opposite direction and extended the trip to include B's Heaven Peak. The trip was 29 miles (24 without B's Heaven), and 29 hours including a 6 hour bivy on

B's Heaven. He also found this one a favorite!

Ross Noffsinger:

Penguin Ridge Traverse

Premier ridge traverse from Girdwood to Bird (or vice versa) with no bushwhacking as long as you stay on route and do not descend the ridge early.

High points: Aside from the amazing view, the route ascends five true summits.

Low points: Traffic noise from the Seward Highway.

Suggestions: Be in shape. The traverse involves 9200 feet of elevation gain. Do not expect to find any water along route. I recommend bringing 3 liters minimum per person. Many people have dropped off early due to fatigue, dehydration and insufficient time. It took David Stchryba and me 13 hours to complete the hike.

Directions: Start at the California Creek trailhead (in Girdwood) and follow trail for roughly 2 miles to a large clearing in the alders. You will more than likely lose the trail at this point. Follow the clearing to above brush line, aiming for the ridge crest. You should end up near the summit of Gentoo Peak. Gentoo marks the start (or the end) of the traverse. The route continues over Chinstrap Peak, Crested Peak, Adelie Point, King Point and Penguin Peak, finishing at the Bird Creek trailhead. Expect to encounter some class 3 scrambling between Adelie and King Points and near Point 3481.

Pepper Peak, Salt Peak, Yudikench, Bleak Peak, return via Bold Valley.

Four true summits (of which Bleak is not one), 9000 feet elevation gain, no bushwhacking required.

Mount Eklutna to Peak 5505 and back via points 4826 and 4524

Peters Creek trailhead, 7100 feet elevation gain, no bushwhacking required.

South Fork of Eagle River Traverse over peaks 3980, 4219, 4603, 4656, 4764 to Triangle Peak and back via the valley floor.

No bushwhacking required.

Steve Gruhn weighed in as well...

- ? The ridge east of the North Fork of Campbell Creek between West Tanaina Peak and the pass between Koktoya Peak and Mount Williawaw.
- ? Bird Ridge from the trailhead to The Sail. Some deviations from the ridge are required, especially around The Beak and Tail Feather Peak.
- ? The ridge between Glacier Creek and Winner Creek and the West Fork of the Twentymile River from the Snow Cat track to Pipit Peak.
- ? The ridge from Flattop Mountain to Hope Mountain.
- ? The ridge east of McHugh Creek from North Suicide Peak to Rainbow Peak. The ridge from Paradise Pass to Paradise Peak.
- ? The ridge from East Kinglet Peak to West Kinglet Peak.
- ? The ridge between Pleasant Mountain and Peeking Mountain north of Ram Valley.
- ? The ridge from Kern Mountain to Hibbs Peak to Berg Peak.

OK Folks, We need some trip leaders to come forward and lead some of these as club trips this summer. Come to the Climbing and Hiking Committee meeting one hour before the next club meeting. Ed.



MCA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes for the MCA Board meeting held Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at the Snow Goose Restaurant.

In attendance Eric Teela, Steve Parry, Steve Gruhn, Sean Bolender, Debbie Arens, Willy Hersman, Hans Neidig, and Randy Howell.

1-Review of last board meeting minutes.

2- Talk of new Secretary

3-We discussed the proposed transfer of maintenance responsibility for an existing hut in Chugach State Park.

4-Use of paypal on website, Excellent Idea. Motion not to change dues to cover the cost of credit card use on site. 1st Steve Parry, 2nd Debbie Arens. 5 to 2 vote not to change cost.

5-Brief discussion on future website updates and training.

6- Use of MCA Equipment for Matt Needom in Valdez. Due to the fact that this was not an MCA approved trip or an MCA training event, MCA is unable to loan out equipment for this event. Use of MCA equipment is for MCA members only.

7- Brief discussion on trip participation and restrictions

- 8- No updated news on T-shirts.
- 9- Library- Sean is purchasing a shelf to help organize the library.
- 10- Next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11 2006 at the Snow Goose Restaurant.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Gruhn, 2nd by Steve Parry.
All in Favor

General Membership Meeting Minutes

**April 19, 2006
7:30 pm**

Sign up sheet for spring hikes/trips were up front. Many new members signed up and old members renewed their dues. Thank you!

The meeting was called to order at 7:30, by club president, Steve Gruhn.

New member/visitor introductions were made. It's good to see so many new people!

Treasurer's report

2006 revenue so far is \$2,774.00. Total Expenses have been \$3520.95. We have \$6186.95 in checking, \$17,649.34 in our money market account, \$1,000 in an 18-month CD, \$50 petty cash, bringing our total accounts to \$24,886.29.

Committee reports

Equipment – Steve Parry estimated that the club has about 30 ropes, 10 pairs of crampons, 12 helmets, many ice axes, and a couple of beacons for training classes and the Ice Festival. We need more ropes!

Hiking and Climbing

-- Randy Howell wanted to let everyone know that trip leaders can turn members away on hikes/trips if they do not have the right equipment, fitness level, personality, etc. Trip leaders are volunteers and we want to keep them happy! Steve Parry said this is not new; it is in the club's by-laws.

-- Interested in becoming a trip leader? Next month there will be a leaders training meeting at 6:30 before the monthly Membership Meeting.

-- If you have ideas for trips you want to see offered, get on the MCA bulletin board and email Carlene and she will submit to the hiking/climbing committee. We will try to make it happen!

-- Steve Gruhn announced various after work hikes he has planned for the spring; they are listed on the website and in the Scree. Be there on time!

-- Want to get your spouse involved? Greg Bragiel announced that he is planning another couple's trip for

August 12-13, since last years trip was such a success. He also is planning a hut maintenance trip sometime in the first week of August.

Huts - Hans Neidig reported that the huts need maintenance. We will need help hauling in supplies, hauling out trash and human waste bags, and painting. If you are planning any trips out to the huts, or just want to help out, give Hans a call. If you go to the bomber crash site, don't bring stuff back to the huts; contact Hans if you find any pieces from the crash site in the hut.

Parks Advisory – Cory Hinds called for support of the governor's 2007 parks budget and support for the move to resolve access in the Rabbit Creek area. For more info contact Cory. Rob Ripple talked to a spokesperson for Denali National Park regarding the recent talk of increasing the Denali climbing fee. He said it has not been officially decided and gave everyone the heads up that there will be a 60-day public commentary session soon.

Training – Carl Battreall reported that the winter mountain school was a success. Good times had by all.

Ice climbing festival -- Jayme Dixon talked about plans for the Ice Climbing Festival in September. We may have a rep from Petzl Charlet Moser to allow everyone to demo some gear and possibly an appearance from climber Rob Owens, to help out and maybe teach some clinics. There is also a proposal to purchase some rigid crampons for the Festival.

Library – Bill Romberg announced that the UAA library has offered to take in the Vin Hoeman collection from the MCA library that is currently being held in his house. It may be available at UAA in a few months.

Scree

John Recktenwald announced that submissions for the Scree were due the day of the meeting, April 19. Submissions for the June Scree are due May 17.

Awards

Bill Romberg presented two plaques for the Vin Hoeman Award to Tom Choate and Greg Higgins. Tom Meekin accepted the award on behalf of Greg, who could not be there. You can read about their extensive accomplishments in Mountaineering and contributions to the club in the Scree. Congratulations Tom and Greg!

Announcements

Amy Murphy will be selling MCA T-shirts, but she is in Nepal, if you are interested contact her when she gets back next month.

Steve Gruhn and Debbie Arens (treasurer) have patches for sale for \$5 apiece.

Julie Perilla has volunteered to be our new secretary for the rest of the term. The previous secretary SaraEllen Hutchison has moved to Washington.

No new business.

Slideshow presentation

Steve Parry presented a slideshow from this year's Winter Mountaineering Course. Thanks to the many volunteers and instructors for taking the time to teach the newbies!

Gear recall

Recall on CCH Alien cams

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06141.html>

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For Sale

Ski Skins, Black Diamond Ascension. I used them on my 190cm K2. They have new toe clips and are in great shape. \$40.

Dano 224-5575 (Seward)

For Sale

Koflach Degre Mountaineering Boots. Purchased in 2005. Used a few times and in excellent condition. Size-- E.U. 9.5, U.S. 10. \$200.

Mark 360-5935

Announcements

On March 17, 2006 Paul Andrews and Wayne L. Todd climbed Peak 7,095 (Metal Creek Glacier Peak?). Anch C-4 18N7E18

Film note

The Fatal Game, 52 minutes.
short review by Stu Grenier

A J.A.M. Films and Orana Films Co-production. My wife brought this one home from the Loussac Library where it can be checked out for free. As I started to watch it things started to look rather familiar, then I realized that this movie was about the same climb that was presented as a slide show at a MCA meeting a few years back. Alaska's own local and international mountain guide, not to mention big MCA Huts supporter, Dave Staeheli had given an excellent slide show about an Everest climb he was on. If you don't remember the slide show or the account I am not going to blow it for you here. Good call Dave.



'Somehow, I thought they would be bigger'

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Annual membership dues: Single \$15, Family \$20

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 will not forward the newsletter.

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Paid Ads may be submitted to the attention of the Vice-President at the club address and should be 'camera ready' and pre-paid.

Missing your MCA membership card? Stop by our monthly meeting to pick it up or send a self-addressed stamped envelope and we'll mail it to you.

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