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**"Everything you want is on the other
side of hard."**

– Monty Williams

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"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."

This issue brought to you by: Editor—Gerrit Verbeek assisted by Dawn Munroe

Cover Photo

A tree gnome. Wayne Todd poses in a tree on Callisto Peak.
Photo by Carrie Wang

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Photo Contest

Submit photos by July 31st. Online voting will occur from August 9-16th. This year's calendar will be HORIZONTAL. A maximum of 4 photos per person. Photographers of the winning photos will have the opportunity to share about their winning photo at the September 2021 MCA general meeting.

Photo submissions and voting will be done from the membership page of MCA's website, mtnclubak.org. To access the submission and voting links, you will need to be a current MCA member.

We're looking forward to seeing all of your awesome adventures!

Article Submission: Text and photography submissions for *the Scree* can be sent as attachments to mcascree@gmail.com. Articles should be submitted by the 11th of each month to appear in the next issue of *the Scree*. Do not submit material in the body of the email. Do not submit photos embedded in the text file. Send the photo files separately. Send high resolution file photos separately, including captions for each photo. We prefer articles that are under 1,000 words. If you have a blog, website, video, or photo links, send us the link. Cover photo selections are based on portraits of human endeavor in the outdoors. Please submit at least one vertically-oriented photo for consideration for the cover. Please don't forget to submit photo captions.

For the MCA Membership Application and Liability Waiver, visit <http://www.mtnclubak.org/index.cfm?useaction=members.form>.

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Proposed Changes to MCA Membership Categories and Dues

Voting on this proposal will take place at the MCA General Meeting in September.

At the MCA board meeting on February 21, 2021, the Board voted to endorse the following changes to the MCA By-Laws regarding membership categories and fees. The next steps are to print the proposals in *the Scree* for the membership's consideration, and then to have a vote at a subsequent general membership meeting.

The proposals would, if adopted, take effect with the 2022 membership year.

The proposed changes in MCA annual membership categories and dues are:

(new) Basic ("Dirtbag") Membership: \$20.00

(open to full-time students, persons under 20 years of age, active-duty military, and persons who believe that they cannot afford Regular individual MCA membership).

(changed) Regular Individual Membership: \$30.00 (increase of \$10.00 over current individual membership dues)

(changed) Family Membership: \$40.00 (increase of \$10.00 over current family membership dues)

(new) MCA Life Membership: \$60.00 one-time payment for a MCA Life Membership.

Qualifications for MCA Life Membership: **a.** 30 or more years of substantially continuous membership in MCA **b.** Payment of one-time Life Member fee of \$60.00 **c.** Review: MCA Board to review each Life Member application before approving it, including review of MCA membership data, to the extent it is available.

Hard-copy monthly *Scree* newsletters for each of the four membership categories above is at an additional yearly fee of \$45.00, at the member's option.

(unchanged) Honorary MCA Lifetime Membership: No annual fee. This category remains unchanged. It is to be awarded, after nomination by the MCA Honors and Awards Committee, at the discretion of the MCA Board, based on existing criteria of outstanding service to MCA and/or to Alaska mountaineering. The Honorary MCA Membership Award comes with a Certificate, a lifetime membership in MCA, and a complimentary lifetime subscription to the hard-copy monthly *Scree*.

Online? Click me!



Check Facebook for last-minute trips and activities. Or, schedule one that you want to organize.



Peak 6252, Talkeetna Mountains

Text and photos by Kaleb Notte

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Summit picture

One evening on the way back from Panorama Mountain (5778 feet) I saw a very intriguing peak. I pulled over to figure out the name so I could start planning the climb. Two weeks later I am driving back north, stoked to see if my route would work. As per the usual, things do not go exactly to plan. The area I was planning to park was under construction so that caused some adjustments (and frustration). After multiple U-turns and readjusting my route, my new plan was set.

From my car I ran across the highway into the lovely bushes Alaska has to offer. Nothing like one moment being in the comfort of your car and the next you are in swampy bushwhack. After the solid road, the ground quickly turned into this wet trampoline-type marsh. This did not bother me much because I still had to cross the East Fork Chulitna River. After a short bushwhack I arrived at the river, and I think to myself, "how in the hell am I supposed to cross this?" I followed the river and persistently arrived at sections that looked crossable. I would get a third of the way and the water would become way too deep to safely cross. After multiple attempts I finally found a manageable place to cross.

After crossing the river, the shwack was surprisingly tame. I was able to walk around all the thick areas and within 15 minutes I was completely out of the trees. The travel up the drainage was quick going and the views of Denali were phenomenal. There were so many bones in this area, it almost felt like a graveyard. As I continued up the drainage, I kept hearing massive rockslides. Turns out it was a group of caribou moseying along just kicking rocks wherever they liked. We ran into each other, made eye contact and then we went our separate ways.

I arrived at the pass between Point 5750 and another peak named 6250. The pass was slow going as it was all loose dirt with giant boulders that were ticking time bombs waiting to go off. The nice thing about the pass is I only had to gain 500 feet and drop 250 feet. Quickly after I dropped down, I arrived at the scree field to

gain the NW ridge. Gaining the ridge was slow going as it was the same sort of dirt as the pass, but I knew it would be quick going down because it was that skiable scree.

On the ridge I came to a point do I go left up a 45-degree scree gully or do I go right and scramble around the gendarme. I went right and started scrambling. I ended up scrambling three Class 4 chimneys which placed me on a 25-degree ramp to the summit. The walk to the summit was quick from there. The views were incredible, one of the top summits I have climbed for sure. Before I head down, I did a quick jaunt up the false summit and the views of the north face were demonic. The face is quite impressive which is the side of the mountain you see driving south along the highway. On the way down I decided to downclimb the couloir located between the false summit and gendarme. It was loose dirt and scree so it was easier than scrambling down cruddy rock.

The way back was way quicker as I knew exactly where to go. I went back over the pass and headed down the valley staring at the Alaska Range. The moments of glory quickly faded as the hoards of mosquitos brought me back to reality. I arrived back at the river crossing, and it was deeper than when I crossed in the morning. I got across with no issues and the final miles were accompanied by hundreds of little friends I made in the swamps.

There are three peaks in this region of the Talkeetna Mountains labeled with an elevation of around 6250 feet. All those peaks are off in elevation compared to what is mapped. The one labeled 6200 with 3000 feet of prominence is the tallest one back there. The other two 6250s appear to be under 6200 feet, despite the USGS map indicating otherwise, [Ed. Note: This peak is being referred to as Peak 6220 based on a suggestion from Steve Gruhn, who points out two versions of the Healy A-5 map bracketing the peak between 6200 and 6240 feet.]

Summit block



Callisto Peak (3657 feet), Kenai Mountains

Text and photos by Wayne Todd



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The crew in alpine. Callisto Peak is in the center.

After two days of solo off-trail-schwacking mountaineering I'm very ready for some company, and a trail.

Our contingent, headed up by Harold Faust, includes another Sewardite - Cliff Reid, a Talkeetnan - Aubrey Smith, and the Anchorageites - Kneely Taylor, Carrie Wang and me, and Harold's mellow dog Gina. After a dispersed 8 a.m. start from Caines Head Trailhead, we all meet up before the second bridge learning interesting history from Harold and Cliff. At this key point over Tonsina Creek, we hike up the dry creek bed on the south side. One hundred yards up, hidden behind a row of alders, Harold finds the trail, his third time on this path.

I am quite relieved to know we'll likely have trail travel for our venture up Callisto Peak. The trail ramps up immediately onto a ridge running south. This heavily forested ridge of tall hemlocks allows a light blanket of verdant understory: moss and mushrooms, devil's club and rusty menziesia. Mountain and bay views filter through the trees. With the sun soon filtering in from our right, this natural mosaic could be a destination in itself.

The trail climbs steeply in a few sections but mostly angles at an efficient gradient, which my worked legs handle more readily. In a few spots we briefly lose the lightly-trodden path. Is it 10, or more like 50, to 1 animal vs. human use?



Hiking up the ridge trail.

A few hours after departure, the majestic views of nearby peaks are seen between stands of alders. Shortly thereafter we're in full alpine, with easy trailless traveling, and ever more glorious views, including the widening Resurrection Bay. After replenishing water stores from a high stream, we angle toward Callisto, west of the main north ridge. In our traverse on scoured rock we find numerous small tarns, which Gina utilizes.

At glacier's edge (about 700 meters), we snack, don various ice grippers, scan likely ascent routes, and "Are those voices?" Two people are descending our direction. They are Holly Brooks and Rob Whitney, friends of Aubrey. This is an odd encounter. They're returning from mini-Callisto. After getting beta from Harold about their additional traverse plans for the day, they instead join us on Callisto.

Now a group of eight, we easily hike the low-angle, snow-free Callisto Icefield. A segment of crevassed, slightly steeper ice creates some zigzagging before latching onto the rock tail of the mini north ridge. This small glacier has an inordinate number of moulins, which I would not want to navigate in the dark (and a heads-up for crossing when it's snow covered). Rockfall being a serious concern, we try to disperse on the Class III west flank of the ridge. We top out on the broad ridge at various places for the last couple hundred feet.

On this bluebird day, the views are stunning: light glistens off the iceberg-filled Bear Glacier Lake, the glacier tapers up to the Harding Icefield to dozens of beckoning peaks, all the rugged peaks and islands transition steeply into the Pacific Ocean/Resurrection Bay. Close underfoot, the summit drops vertically (or perhaps even overhangs) a few small valleys, which also flow into Bear Glacier Lake.

After a too-short hour on top, we head off and, after a short debate about altering our descent route, decide to use our known ridge route. Holly and Rob depart ahead for kids waiting at home. With alternate paths and communication, we make it off the rocky rib without any rock incidents. We're a bit concerned about Gina descending the ice, but she fares quite well. Harold tells of another dog he once put on a rope, and after encouragement, the dog walked down nearly vertical rock. That's trust.

Descending the high ridge and alpine is just as glorious with the sun now flipped, but we hope to get down before dark. With many eyes and collective memory, we efficiently find the route and trail, particularly key up high where mini-off-routes deviate from the ridge proper. Bets are placed on off time and positive statements tossed out.

With just adequate light, we make it to the wide Caines Head Trail. As darkness slowly envelops us, we hike back to awaiting steel chariots, a few utilizing headlamps.

Estimate 9-13 hours for a small, fit group. 16 miles, 4,000 feet of gain.



Aubrey with Resurrection Bay backdrop.



The crew just below the north ridge.

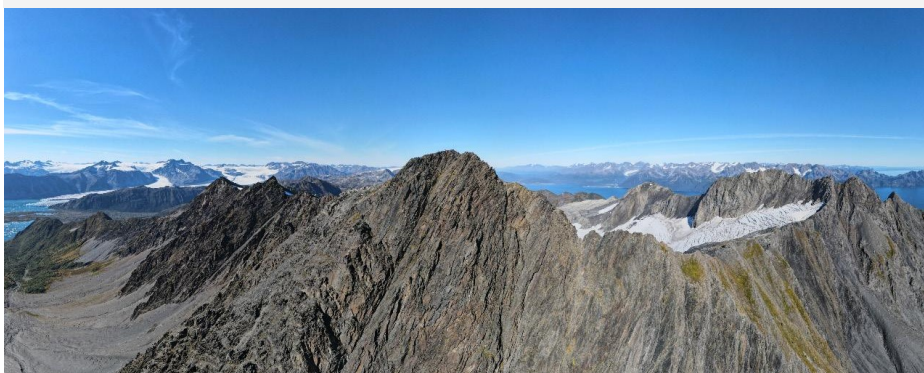


Aubrey powering up the north ridge.



Summit panoramas.

Below is south side.



Blueberry Hill (4531 feet), Western Chugach Mountains: Now and Then

Text and photos by Wayne Todd



Carrie descending Blueberry Hill

Numerous bumps await before the actual summit. The boulder/blocky travel is decent along the ridge proper. One last slight drop and skirt to the right from a backside cliff and

then we're on the summit.

Now:

We make our way upnorthward* through brush having crossed both the ATV trail and the railroad tracks (after looking both ways). Likely we're in for a bit of a 'schwacking' day but Matt Green told us it wasn't that bad. After a really short bit we happen upon a trail that is definitely used by humans as there's occasional flagging and cut alders. What a lucky break!

Fairly easily we make our way up ensuring we stay on the trail. The understory is much less dense than I recalled. Have the trees grown that much in the twenty years since my last visit? From spruce beetle kill topovers and micro openings which allow more tree toppings, this route will likely get more obstructed over the upcoming years. We also note fairly recent boot tracks. Are they days or weeks old? We also find a Clif Bar wrapper. I record our route, albeit in segments, on my Gaia phone app.

Sneak peeks of Carpathian Peak and the major valleys encourage us upwards. Once in alpine, the primetime blooming glades are bursting with color from columbine, lupine, forget-me-not, fireweed, cow parsnip, Sitka burnet, blue gentian, Indian paintbrush, chocolate lily, geranium...

The full spread of nearby ridgelines with many familiar peaks open up as we ascend. The major waterways of Twentymile, Portage and Placer River valleys splay out below us. Unexplored peaks tease from the distance. I notice the 'new' solar powered communication station even has jacks for legs for easy levelling.

The 'Berry' peaks are mostly visible but Glacier and Carmen Lake are elusive and glimpsed only through clouds. Our leisurely summit stay includes the normal picture taking, satellite messaging ("Checking in, everything is OK") via an InReach (fantastic devices for checking in and emergencies) and deploying a flying camera. Dang, no register is found as I'm curious who was recently up here. Visual perusing, eating and drinking is a longer maintained tradition. We descend toward the slightly setting sun. Lower on the ridgeline, water glistening off the inlet accentuates an already gorgeous landscape.

Once back on trail, we're a bit lackadaisical and so lose the trail here and there. Highway noise impedes the wilderness day before we make it back to our own noise producing vehicle at the fenced-off comm tower. I easily take well over a hundred pictures throughout the day.

July 27, 2020, 8 hours, 8 miles, 4700'

Wayne Todd with Carrie Wang

*ascent travel that is in a northerly direction

Then:

In the spring of 1996 on Mother's Day (faux pas), I make my way northward a bit further east, or maybe west from our recent route but despite being on snow I struggle with stout horizontal hemlock branches.

Above the forest on this gorgeous day in Alaska, I'm intrigued enough by an unknown monolith high on the ridge line that I take a picture (on slide film). Prevalent but obvious cornices dictate the ridge travel to the top. A bad selfie, complete with Wayne's World hat, is one of the other few pictures taken.

The views up the Twentymile River Valley perhaps plant seeds as to numerous adventures that are to be had in the future in those environs. I have no electronic devices (communication or navigation), just a largish camera, a rather long snow axe (almost alpenstock-ish by today's standards) and a paper map.

Working the snow, descent time is fast until tree line where I decide the trees are enough of a hindrance that I opt for the initially snow-filled canyon. This works well, even when the snow becomes water, until the stream becomes a waterfall and I'm forced back into the trees.

7 hours, 8 miles, 4500'

Comparing pictures of Twentymile Glacier from 1996 and 2020, as expected, there is appreciable loss of length and volume in just 24 years.



Turnagain Arm and Seward Highway from Blueberry Hill



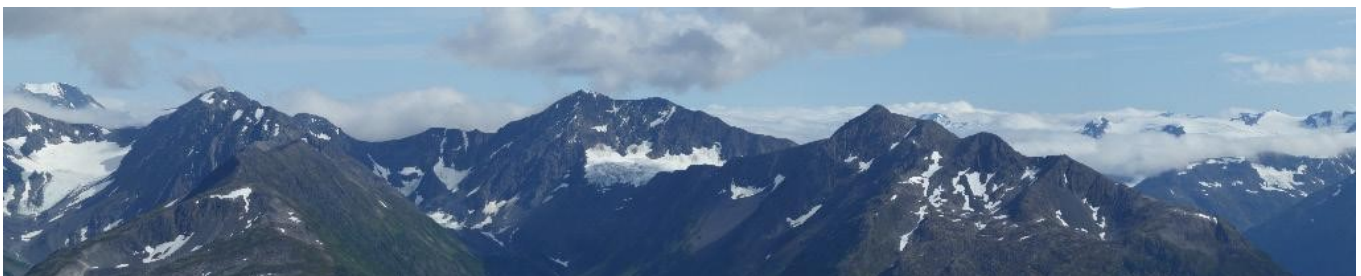
The major waterways: Twentymile, Portage and Placer



Almost to alpine



Berg Peak and Berry Peaks: Carrie is a dot on the right ridgeline



Learnard, Boggs, Begich and Portage Peaks

Crow Pass, Western Chugach Mountains

Text by Frank Baker

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*Goat spotted near summit at a distance.
Photo by Pete Panarese*



*MCA's Pete Panarese takes a break on the Crow Pass Trail.
Photo by Frank E. Baker*

Goat encounter livens up Crow Pass hike

"Okay, you can stop about now," I spoke nervously to a sharp-horned goat that slowly walked toward me, now about 10 feet away. "I'm just going to move over this way," I said softly, shuffling sideways.

June 30 of this year was a brilliant, bluebird day. MCA member Pete Panarese and I had been watching the weather for more than a week. This was the day. The plan was to hike with him to Raven Glacier, take a break, and then turn around. He would continue on the 26-mile route to the Eagle River Nature Center.

We started about 4:30 a.m. and picked the more gradual, upper trail that adds about a mile to the hike. There was no one hiking this early, but about halfway up we spotted four goats at the top.

Moving slowly, we reached the summit marker in about three hours. There was still quite a bit of snow this year at the top of the pass. There were only a few people this early in the day – a woman hiking solo through the pass with a dog, and some campers up on a hill. A hiker from Arizona approached and offered to take our photo.

After a snack and a few photos, Pete continued on. "Make lots of noise!" I urged. "You'll have a cold beer stashed at your car," I promised.

I threw on my pack and started back, lollygagging because it was such a beautiful day. Walking across snow toward Crystal Lake where the U.S. Forest Service cabin is located, I spotted the goat. The other three smaller ones that we'd seen earlier were not visible. As I walked toward the edge where the descent begins, the goat began to walk slowly toward me, with its head down.

"That's weird," I thought to myself. "It will stop or move away soon."

But it didn't. It just kept moving toward me, brandishing those seven-inch-long, sharp horns. On only one other occasion, in Stivers' Gully on a Bold Peak climb, had I ever been this close to a wild goat. I kept taking photos, but felt strange doing it.

I started talking to the goat the way I have during unexpected close encounters with moose. The goat kept approaching. Seeing that the hair on its back was raised, I realized this wasn't good. I finally managed to move away and over a hill out of sight. In more than half a century of hiking Alaska's mountains and backcountry, I never had a goat act that way.

I soon met another hiker who said he had seen a small kid not far away, and that the aggressive goat was probably a nanny in protective mode. A biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game later noted that it was a very rare situation. He concurred that the goat was probably a nanny disturbed by my proximity to the kid, which at that time was concealed.

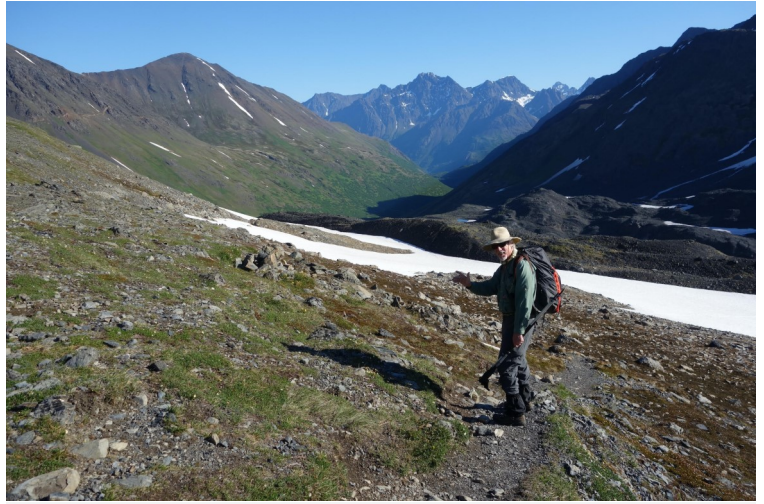
Joking to myself, I thought: "They always call MCA's Tom Choate 'The Goat.' Could he have taken over that goat's body and was expressing his dissatisfaction about something I wrote about him in the Scree?" I laughed out loud, thinking I should have asked the goat. "Is that you Tom?"

The hike back to Girdwood trailhead was uneventful, with about 20 hikers on their way up. The next day I learned Pete had completed the route with no injuries. He hadn't seen any bears and reported that the trail was in "good condition" compared to other years.

He found the beer by his car, on ice, and commented by e-mail: "It was the best beer I ever had!"



Pete Panarese and Frank Baker at summit marker, 3,500 feet, at top of Crow Pass.
Photo by Frank E. Baker



Pete bids "adieu" as he heads down to Eagle River Valley.
Photo by Frank E. Baker



Pete prepares to cross snowfield on descent through Crow Pass to Eagle River Valley.
Photo by Frank E. Baker



Summer came late this year to higher elevations, as flowers just beginning to bloom at the end of June.
Photo by Frank E. Baker



Without telephoto, I kept taking photos as the goat approached too close for comfort.
Photo by Frank E. Baker

Peak of the Month: Fox Mountain (2374 feet), Seward Peninsula Highlands

Text by Steve Gruhn

Mountain Range: Seward Peninsula Highlands

Borough: Unorganized Borough

Drainages: Christian Creek and Rock Creek

Latitude/Longitude: 64° 47' 20" North, 165° 9' 10" West

Elevation: 2374 feet

Adjacent Peaks: Peak 2665 in the Alfield Creek, Boldrin Creek, David Creek, and Monte Cristo Creek drainages; Peak 1585 in the South Fork of Fox Creek and Summit Creek drainages; and Engstrom Mountain (1787 feet)

Distinctness: 909 feet from Peak 2665

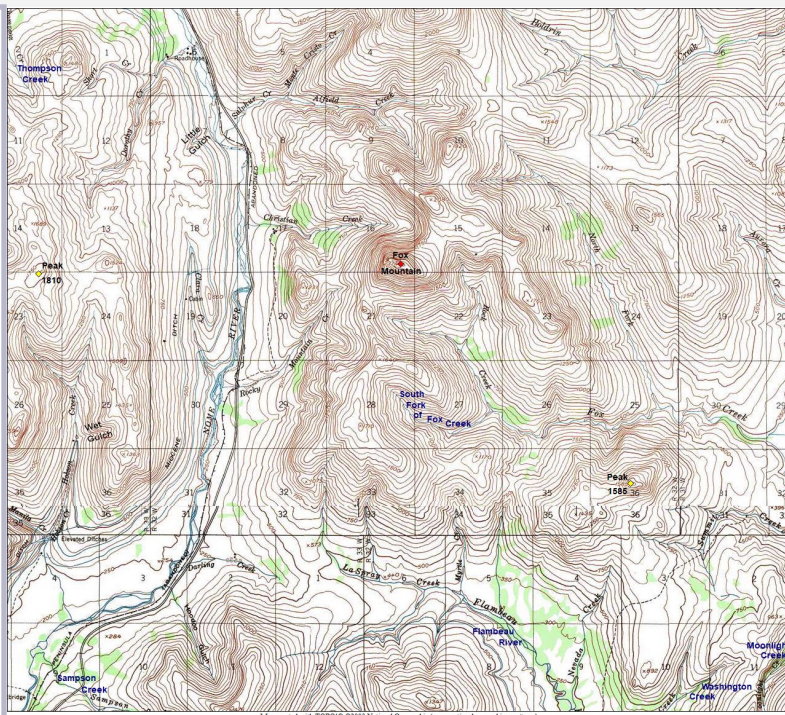
Prominence: 909 feet from Peak 2665

USGS Maps: 1:63,360: Nome (D-1), 1:25,000: Nome D-1 SE

First Recorded Ascent: 1944 by A. Newton Stewart and a U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey party

Route of First Recorded Ascent: Southwest aspect

Access Point: Rocky Mountain Creek railroad bridge



Southwest aspect of Fox Mountain in April 2010 showing recent avalanche activity.

Photo by Ian McRae

The name Fox Mountain is likely derived from nearby Fox Creek, which drains the south and east aspects of the mountain and was a name Edward Chester Barnard reported in 1900 that had been assigned by prospectors. The peak has also been called Rocky Mountain, likely in reference to Rocky Mountain Creek, which drains its southwest aspect.

In 1944 A. Newton Stewart led a U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey party to conduct a survey of the Nome River region. Setting out from Nome on the Seward Peninsular Railroad, a narrow-gauge railway commonly known as the Seward Peninsula Railroad, the team disembarked on the north side of the railroad bridge over Rocky Mountain Creek some 23½ miles from Nome. They

proceeded up the slope to the northeast and packed along the ridge northwest of Rocky Mountain Creek for two hours and 40 minutes, rounding the head of the creek and ascending the west-southwest slope of Fox Mountain.

On the summit the party erected a two-foot-high cairn and established a triangulation station. They marked the station with a bronze disk, stamped "Fox 1944," set in a drill hole in a boulder, and buried under four inches of rock and soil.

In 1949 a U.S. Army Map Service party visited the summit. The 1949 team also reported taking two hours and 40 minutes to reach the summit.

In more recent times the peak has routinely been hiked and skied. Ian McRae has reported some fun, moderate mixed-climbing on a bluff on the southwest aspect of Fox Mountain east of Rocky Mountain Creek (provided that the bluff is sufficiently frozen to prevent choss dislodgment).

The information for this column came from Barnard's *Topographic Map of Nome Region Alaska*, published in 1901 as Plate XVII of the USGS' "Reconnaissances in the Cape Nome and Norton Bay Regions, Alaska, in 1900" by Alfred Hulse Brooks, George Burr Richardson, Arthur James Collier, and Walter Curran Mendenhall; from a summary of 1944 U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey field notes accessible at <https://www.geocaching.com/mark/details.aspx?PID=UW3790>, from a summary of 1949 U.S. Army Map Service field notes accessible at

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from Murray Lundberg's 1997 "Rails to Riches: Historic Railways of Alaska & the Yukon," which was revised in 2021, accessible at http://www.railsnorth.com/rails_to_riches.html; from McRae's 2015 "Five Foothill Winter," and his 2021 "Early Winter Superposition," which both appeared on his "Kigsblog" blog at <http://kigsblog-allapa.blogspot.com>; and from my correspondence with McRae.

Ian McRae getting after some mixed climbing on the bluff on the southwest aspect of Fox Mountain.

Photo by Nick Treinen.



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2021, at 6:30-8:00 p.m., conducted online via Zoom

Roll Call

Mike Meyers (President) - Absent
Nathan Pooler (Vice-President) - Present
Curtis Townsend (Secretary) - Present
Katherine Cooper (Treasurer) - Present
Tom Meacham (Director) - Present
Heather Johnson (Director) - Absent
Andy Kubic (Director) - Absent
Luke Konarzewski (Director) - Present
Brenden Lee (Director) - Present
Josh Pickle (Director) - Absent

Scribe: Curtis Townsend

Committee Reports

President (Mike Meyers)

- Website hopes to go live June 10th
- By-Laws are getting a review/refresh by Tom
- Tiered membership payments Board approved. After running in Scree it goes for member vote.

Vice President (Nathan Pooler)

- July 14th is the MCA/AMH cookout. MCA will be supplying meats, buns, and are asking the members for any side dishes/chips.

Secretary (Curtis Townsend)

- BP Energy Center is closed through August 2021.

Treasurer (Katherine Cooper)

- Grant approved for Bomber Hut work: \$21,113, this is in addition to the \$5k grant for Bomber Hut repairs that was received last summer. Financial obligation to the club, as approved in 2021 budget, is \$5214 cash and \$5214 in-kind (labor).
- Club funds can currently cover spending on supplies before we get the grant \$\$.

Liability Committee (Tom Meacham)

- Ensure new liability waiver transfers to the new website.

Awards Committee (Tom Meacham, Charlie Sink, Max Neale)

- Nothing to report.

the Scree (Gerrit Verbeek, Dawn Munroe)

- Nothing to report.

Trips Committee

- Jayme Mack is interested in being involved in Icefest. She will start planning in July. Venue TBD
- Greg Bragiel needs help for his summer mountaineering school July 16-24th.

Training Committee

- Gerrit Verbeek is recording a video version of trip leader training.

Huts Committee (Jonathan Rupp Strong, Greg Bragiel, Cory Hinds, Vicky Lytle)

- Bomber remodel to happen this summer, need volunteers to help.

Mentorship (Lila Hobbs, Katherine Cooper)

- Nothing to report.

Communications Committee (Lila Hobbs)

- Active memberships can't be transferred directly to the new website, Board is discussing options.

Calendar Committee (Vicky Ho, Lila Hobbs, Heather Johnson, Mike Meyers)

- Calendar submissions will begin next month.

Date and Location of next Meeting

- General Meeting cancelled for summer months (June-Aug).
- Next Board Meeting on July 28th from 6:30-8:00 pm, Katherine offered her house off of Rabbit Creek Rd. half of the people present tonight said they would attend.

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Annual membership dues: Single \$20, Family \$30

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 Membership Committee at membership@mtnclubak.org.

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Paid ads may be submitted to the attention of the Vice-President at the club address and should be in electronic format and pre-paid. Ads can be emailed to vicepresident@mtnclubak.org.

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

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*Calvin Fry near the headwaters of Rocky Mountain Creek
with the southwest aspect of Fox Mountain behind him.
Photo by Ian McRae*

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