

MARCH MEETING: Willow Park Community Center, 9th & Fairbanks, 8:00 PM, March 15.
Chuck O'Leary of the U.S. Forest Service and Snow Ranger at Alyeska will present a slide lecture on avalanches. He will discuss types of avalanches, weather conditions contributing to avalanche build up, terrain on which they can occur, how to recognize avalanche hazards, and what to do if caught in one. Mr O'Leary has had considerable experience in this field and can give us a great deal of valuable information, so please set this date aside and plan to attend.

We wish to express our appreciation to Shiro Nishimae for his excellent slide presentation of the Mt St Elias climb.

CLIMBING & HIKING SCHEDULE

1. **ELLIOT PEAK** -- Tentative: March 20th or 21th: John Wolfe BR 2-4501
 2. **ALYESKA PEAK:** -- The first good-weather weekend on or after March 20 I expect to try a one day climb of the main peak of Mt Alyeska. Who would like to go? It will be arduous, but my guess is that it will be less arduous on one day than in two days with overnight equipment. We'll catch a chair up at 9:30 AM and climb the medial ridge to the false peak seen from the ski area. We'll drop down a couple hundred feet and cross the glacier at the head of Virgin Creek. There is an upper bowl and a medial ridge here too. Our route is up this ridge or along side it and then a traverse to the main peak. It is a thrill to be on the high ridges on a good day. A good day is here defined as partly cloudy or better, less than a 20 knot wind, and low avalanche hazard. Bring everything you can think of; we'll organize our equipment on the scene; you can leave the excess in your car. Minimally, all you need are climbing skins, sun glasses, and an appetite for high places. Don't call, look out the window, and be in the Alyeska lodge before 9:00 AM. Dale Hagen
 3. **EKLUTNA GLACIER** -- MARCH 27 & 28 A plane is available for transportation up the Eklutna Glacier. Fly up, stay overnight in the cabin and ski down the next day with Dave DeVoe. There will be a fee for the plane. Certain required equipment will be necessary. Some skiing ability is necessary. This should be an excellent ski tour.
 4. **INDEPENDENCE MINE - HATCHER PASS - WILLOW:** APRIL 10-11. This is an easy ski tour, all you need is some ability to snowplow. We will climb up to Hatcher Pass from Independence Mine and ski over the pass heading towards Willow or we can just go to the pass and return to the mine, whatever the group wishes.
 5. **SNOWBIRD CABIN** - Ski Tour - one or two days- This is an easy tour into the cabin, mostly walking. It can also be done on snowshoes.
 6. **O'Malley Road to Indian House** - Two days, May
 7. **Sheep Mountain** - One day, March
 8. **O'Malley Peak** - One or two days, May
 9. **Arctic Ski Bowl to Indian over mail trail** - Three days, May
- Trips in the Eagle River area call John Wolfe, BR 2-4501 or BR 4-9363. For information on the above listed trips call the leader or Ron Linder FE 3-4000 Ext 51 or 52. Sign up sheets will be available at the next meeting.

GUESS WHAT! The order for patches has been placed and they will be on sale at the next meeting

The 1965 American Alpine Journal will have a résumé of MCAs past year activities.

Jim Whittaker has been invited to Anchorage this spring to present his slides of the Mount Everest Expedition. Jim Whittaker and Nawang Gombu reached the summit of Everest at 1PM May 1, 1963. They were the third party to conquer Everest and Jim was the first American to reach the summit. We urge that all members give their support to this club endeavor. MCA members had a poor showing at the Hans Gmoser movie.

MCA TREASURER'S REPORT - MARCH 1, 1965

Balance Jan 1, 1965	\$591.38	
Income Jan- Feb	552.60	
(January \$487.60)		
(February 65.00)		
Expenses, Jan -Feb	410.50	
(January \$267.90)	\$733.48	Total Balance March 1, 1965
(February \$142.60)		

Late Sunday morning, my brother Dave and I left the Seward Highway at Falls Creek and climbed up the ridge on the western side of the creek. The sky was overcast and light snow was falling. After climbing through alder and devil's club for about an hour we finally reached nice solid glaciated rock. About this time the wind started to rise and the snow came blowing down much harder. Ice formed on the windward sides of our packs and clothes. At about 2:30 PM we took a break for hot chocolate in a shelter we hollowed out on the lee side of the razor-back ridge.

The peak with the moose horn (3,805 ft) was within about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile and about 500 feet up from our shelter. Not relishing the thought of a retreat in the dark over the steep icy rocks below, we started back. (We were also bushed!) There was some tricky rock climbing for a few minutes, while the wind ripped over the ridge and drove ice into our faces. The ridge broadened again and we played lost-and-found with our uphill tracks until we reached the woods. We were back at sealevel well before sunset.

GLACIER CABIN COMMITTEE REPORT

Ruth Schmidt, Chairman (Telephone report to Editor)

The incumbent administration discovered to the horror of Ruth Schmidt and others that the land use permit had not been filed for in Sept, 1963 as we had thought. Ruth, therefore volunteered as a committee of one to investigate. It was also discovered that the Army had made an application for the land on which our shelter cabin stands. The outcome of her investigation was that as a club MCA could not apply for a land use permit, because we have members under 21 and members that are non-citizens. Therefore a Glacier Cabin Committee of club members over 21 and citizens was formed. These members are: David R.L. Duncan, David DeVoe, Ron Linder, Marie Lundstrom, Perry Mead, Marjorie Prescott, Ruth Schmidt, and Rod Wilson. This committee has applied for Special Land Use Permits on 3 areas in the Chugach Mountains for the purpose of erecting shelter cabins for recreation purposes. These areas are the A-frame, already erected, and two sites between that shelter and crow pass. The land on which the Crow's Nest Cabin stands is in the National Forest and the committee has also applied to the U.S. Forest Service for permission to use this land. The applications are now being processed and we hope that we will hear favorably. (Editors note: If we're nice to the committee maybe they'll let us put up the other shelters)

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Editors Plea, would the leaders of trips please see to it that someone in the party writes a story for Scree. Some month we are going to have a Scree without any articles.

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