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NOVEMBER MEETING.....Wednesday, November 20th.....8:00 PM.....Pioneer Schoolhouse.....3rd & Eagle. Tom Meacham will show slides of his Brooks Range trip.

BOARD MEETING.....Time and place to be announced.

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### Ski Tour - Hiking Schedule

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, November 22, 23, 24th...Ferr Mine Cabin Ski Tour. Meet at Valu-Mart parking lot at 6:30 AM on Friday. Others may wish to join the group on Saturday.

Notes from the Hiking Chairman, Dona Agosti:

We will try to have a rough draft of next year's hiking schedule available at the next meeting. At that time you can let me know your ideas for new and different, on or two days hikes. In the meantime, I skied cross country near Gamsight Mountain Lodge on October 26th. We prevailed upon a couple of snowmachiners to take us to the plateau below Belanger Pass, then skied down a mile or more on good powder and a rather gentle slope. The snow is about a foot deep, and if you don't mind sharing with snowmachines, you can alleviate some of the strain of waiting for snow here in Anchorage. Also, if you're a hiker who converts to cross country skies at this time of year, here is the.....

NORDIC SKI CLUB SCHEDULE for November: (N.A.s are welcome on all Nordic Ski Club trips)

SATURDAY, November 16th.....WOLVERINE MOUNTAIN TOUR: Meet at Prospect Heights parking lot (north of Upper O'Malley Road) at 11 AM. Leader: Mike Hensberger.

SATURDAY, November 23rd....KINCAID PARK TOUR: Meet at Kincaid Park (at west end of Raspberry Road) at 11 AM.....everybody welcome, no leader.

SATURDAY, November 30th....ARCTIC VALLEY TOUR: Meet at 11 AM at the Arctic Valley parking lot.

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Minutes of General Meeting, MCA, October 16, 1974, 8:00 PM, Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd & Eagle, Anchorage, Alaska.

Meeting was called to order by Bill Barnes Jr. and was followed by Bill Quirk's slides of a climb near Summit Lake and a MCA ski tour to Kick-step Mountain.

Minutes of the September meeting as they appeared in the October Scree were approved. The Treasurer's report showed Income of \$27.00 and expenses of \$98.63. Total cash in savings, checking, and on hand was \$1164.23.

Climbing Chairman, John Pinamont, said that a ski-tour to Fern Mine Cabin was planned for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 22, 23, and 24th, which is the Thanksgiving weekend. Group will leave Valu-Mart parking lot at 6:30 AM on Friday. Others may wish to join the group on Saturday.

A week-long expedition to Mt. Sgt. Robinson is planned for Nov. 2-10, with John Pinamont leading. A meeting to discuss plans will be held on Monday, October 21, upstairs at AMH, Spenard Road. All participants will be asked to pay \$40.00 at that time which will cover communal food supplies.

Since the hiking schedule is contingent upon weather, MCA hikes will be planned on an unofficial basis. Check with Dona Agosti, 279-2901. Pam Stevens, Sierra Club, invited MCAers to join them on a one-day, 6-mile round trip to Lower Russian Lake, Saturday October 19. The hike will be led by Alan Sherry and hikers will meet at Valu-Mart at 7:30 AM Saturday.

Bob Spurr, Geographic Names Committee, had no report, but Helen Nienheuser reported that she had visited with Margaret Murray in Colorado last spring. The latter is a well-known ex-Alaskan and author of "Two In The Far North" who would like to see the name Mt. McKinley changed to Denali. She had written to the Board of Geographic Names who informed her that the request must come from within Alaska. She asked Helen's help in furthering this idea. In addition, the Denali Citizens Council, headed by Ev Orashner of Cantwell, has asked for legislative action through John Sackett to affect this name change. Motion was made by Helen Nienheuser and seconded by Robin Bowen that the Mountaineering Club of Alaska unite to John Sackett endorsing the name change for Mt. McKinley. Motion unanimously passed.

In answer to a query about the condition of Eklutna Cabin, a gentleman reported that as of three weeks ago, the windows seemed to be intact, but there was yet a considerable amount of garbage in the area.

Motion made by Robin Bowen and seconded by John Pinamont that we waive the requirement which states that names of nominees for office be published three weeks in advance of an election; also that the names of Raj Bhargava for Vice-President, Kit Kenney for Treasurer, and Bill Barnes Sr. for 2-year Board position be accepted for nomination. Passed with no opposition.

Kit Kenney was unanimously elected Treasurer.

Nina Faust was nominated by Bill Barnes Jr. for position of Secretary. Discussion followed, nominations were then closed and Nina Faust was unanimously elected Secretary.

Raj Bhargava was unanimously elected Vice-President.

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The names of John Samuelson, Gayle Nienheuser, Trent Swanson, John Pinamont, Leo Hannan, Bill Stivers and Dona Agosti were placed in nomination for the position of President, but all were either not present or declined. Bill Barnes Sr. then nominated Lt. Al Worland, who accepted and was then unanimously elected President.

Dona Agosti nominated Terry Reese for the position of 2-year Board Member. Terry Reese was unanimously elected to the 2-year board position. Bill Barnes Sr. was also unanimously elected to the 2-year board position. (Dave DeVoe had withdrawn his name previously.)

Under new business, Helen Nienheuser said that the Seattle Mountaineers, publishers of "55 Ways to the Wilderness in South Central Alaska" had indicated that the first printing was about depleted and had asked for revisions before the second. Helen asked MCA members for help in reporting changes, possibly on a form to be included with the next issue of Scree.

Robin Bowen asked if there were any further developments on the climbing wall and Bill Barnes Jr. said Mike Richardson had reported nothing new.

Robin also asked if there were any plans to grade climbs in the Anchorage area. Bill Barnes Jr. said he thought there was definite interest in a publication of this kind, and that Dick Montague might possibly publish it.

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Since Tom Meacham had been called out of town unexpectedly, the Brooks Range slides will be shown at the November meeting. In its place, the film "Americans on Everest" was shown.

P.S. I've enjoyed being Secretary  
for the past two years.  
Good Luck, Nina Faust.

Dona Agosti, Secretary

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### PRESIDENTIAL VACANCY.

Last week Al Worland, MCA's new President-elect, received word from his employer, Uncle Sam, that he has been permanently reassigned to Ft. Greeley for the duration. The club is sorry that we are losing Al, since he showed a real willingness to tackle the office of MCA President with vigor and new ideas. Please keep in touch, Al, and perhaps we can organize a trip up north next year.

The Club will be run by our vice-President, Raj and a volunteer "caretaker government" until new presidential nominations and an election can be held early next year to fill the vacancy in our top office.

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### HELGA MOUNTAIN

October 12, 1974

Dave & Carol DeVoe

Ten MCA members met at the Valu-Mart parking lot October 12th at 8:00 AM. The skies were clear when we started out at Rainbow Creek where we showed the members of the party the objective, the highest point of the ridge that divides McHugh Creek from Rainbow Creek.

The group consisted of Mike Sweet, Glen Bradford, Barry & Ruth Kirchen, Raj Bhargava, Marian Rainey, Terry Reese, Sharon, Dave & Carol DeVoe and "TD" DeVoe.

While still on the Rainbow Creek road and before coming to the gully marked by a big cottonwood tree, we stopped and had a short chat with Art Davidson, who lives in the Rainbow Valley.

We made our way up the gully through the trees and then followed the steep ridge to the top. The day was warmer than anticipated in the morning and several long rests were enjoyed, soaking up the sun and visiting.

Our nice warm day started to change as we approached the ridge top. Wind blown clouds moving in from the southeast were soon scudding over our heads. Fierce gusts blasted us along the ridge to the summit, filling our eyes with fine blinding snow. We picked our route along the ridge to the summit, trying to avoid the steep hard-packed snow on the McHugh Creek side and the vertical drop on the other. We huddled in the shelter of the large shattered rocks for a short log signing session before facing the windy ridge again.

The contrast in weather again pointed out to us the importance of taking adequate warm clothes on all day outings.

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### Bits & Pieces

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### Off Road Vehicle Regulations in the Mill For Chugach National Forest

Scott Harrison of the U.S. Forest Service is currently collecting information which will be used to formulate regulations for off road vehicle use in Chugach National Forest. Scott is asking for input from all those familiar with Chugach National Forest. He is particularly interested in specific data: hazardous areas (avalanche and rock slide areas, etc.) that would be adversely effected by moderate to heavy use, areas that are currently posing competitive use problems, and any other information that might be helpful in evaluating the area relative to off road vehicle use. Write Scott Harrison at U.S. Forest Service, 121 West Fireweed Lane, Anchorage, Alaska 99502, or call him at 272-4485. From the Alaska Center for the Environment News, October 30, 1974.

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On November 4, the executive board discussed the possibility of raising club membership dues from \$2.50 to \$5.00 for juniors and out-of-town members, from \$5.00 to \$7.50 for singles, and from \$7.50 to \$10.00 for families. Several reasons for the increase were discussed. First, the dues have not been raised since 1958. Second, the cost of publishing Scree has increased over the years. Just materials cost approximately \$600.00 per year. A years supply of paper costs \$160.00, ink \$37.00, Labels \$5.00, stencils \$15.00, postage stamps \$360.00, and inflation about \$23.00. Furthermore, unless some dedicated people volunteer to

help type and paste labels on Scree, someone may have to be paid to do this. The cost of publishing Scree would then be well over half the budget of the mountaineering club. The board feels that for the club to continue publishing Scree and to also have money for other projects such as maintaining cabins and purchasing equipment, an increase in dues is necessary. The proposal to raise club dues will be brought before the club for a vote at the November general meeting.

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Elsewhere.....\$7.50

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COULD WE HAVE YOUR HELP IN REVISING "55 WAYS TO THE WILDERNESS"?

The first printing of the book is nearly sold out. Before doing a second printing, the Mountaineers have asked us to make any necessary revisions. Please help us bring the information up to date by filling out this form. No postage stamp is needed to mail the form to us. Thank you!

Helen Nienhueser and Nancy Simmerman

TRIPS	Year Taken	Description Was Good	Description Needs Changing	Comments (Use other side for comments also)
1. Homer Beach Walk				
2. Swan Lake and Swanson River Canoe Routes				
3. Seven Lakes Trail				
4. Hidden Creek Trail				
5. Skilak Lake Lookout Trail				
6. Fuller Lakes				
7. Kenai River Canoe Trip				
8. Russian Lakes/Cooper Lake Trail				
9. Crescent Lake/Carter Lake				
10. Race Point				
11. Lost Lake				
12. Ptarmigan Lake				
13. Johnson Pass				
14. Resurrection Pass Trail System				
15. Palmer Creek				
16. Hope Point				
17. Gull Rock				
18. Turnagain Pass Ski Tour				
19. Byron Glacier View				
20. Portage Lake Ski Tour				
21. Portage Pass				
22. Alyeska Glacier View				
23. Winner Creek				
24. Glacier Creek Ski Tour				
25. Crow Pass				
26. Bird Creek Ridge				
27. Indian Valley				
28. Table Rock and Beyond				
29. McHugh Peak				
30. Rabbit Lake				
31. Flattop				
32. The Ramp				
33. Williwaw Lakes				
34. Wolverine Peak				
35. Knoya-Tikishla				
36. Rendezvous Peak				
37. Eagle Lake				
38. Dew Mound				
39. Round Top				
40. Thunderbird Falls				
41. East Twin Pass				
42. Bold Peak Valley				
43. Lazy Mountain				
44. Reed Lakes				
45. Hatcher Pass Ski Tour				
46. Craigie Creek				
47. Peters Hills				
48. Hicks Creek/Chitna Pass				
49. Squaw Creek/Belanger Pass				
50. Gunsight Mountain in Winter				

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	YEAR	U.K.	CHANGE
51. Slide Mountain			
52. Gulkana River Kayak Route			
53. Chitina Railroad Bed	BEING DELETED		
54. Worthington Glacier Overlook			
55. Mineral Creek			

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