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AUGUST MEETING

The meeting will be held Wednesday, August 20th at 8:00 PM on the top floor of the Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd & Eagle, Anchorage.

TRIP SCHEDULE

August 16: Powerline Pass to Indian. The hike begins at Glen Alps, goes down onto the poerline road and up over the powerline pass. Elevation climb of approximately 1,000 ft. The hike continues down an old path into Indian, a distance of about 12 miles. We will need to put pick up cars at the Bore Tide. Meet at Carr's parking lot on Dimond at 8:30 AM. Leader Lavonia James, 349-4748.

August 23-Sept. 1: Chitistone Valley, Wrangells. (20miles East of McCarthy.) We will fly in from Gulkana (about \$130. each). We plan to set up a base camp and take hikes from it each day. My main objective is to look for and explore caves in the 3000 foot thick limestone, but caving experience is not required. There are 1000 foot cliffs that may interest climbers. Contact Rich Hall, 333-2090 home.

August 23: Club picnic. Obtain final details at the August general meeting.

August 30-Sept. 1: Lost Lake. This is an easy three day hike on the Kenai Peninsula, and is well suited for most families. Sign up at the August meeting or call for details. Leader John Nevin, 349-1707.

Sept 6: Berry picking and day hiking, Glen Alps Area. Meet at 8:00 AM at the UAA Sports Complex. Pierce and Emily McIntosh, 337-7418.

Lavonia James may have some hikes scheduled for Sept. Anyone interested in leading climbs, hikes, etc. in Sept. or Oct. should contact Lavonia, 349-4748.

MINUTES OF JULY GENERAL MEETING

July 16, 1980 Pioneer Schoolhouse, Anchorage.

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 PM by President Neale. Minutes of the June meeting were read by the Secretary and approved with one correction. Paula Quering gave the Treasurer's Report as follows: Cash \$58.; Checking Account \$346.; Money Market Fund \$2,014.; Total \$2,418..

Committee Reports:

Equipment: Club ropes have not been returned yet. They and other equipment can be borrowed only for one day or a weekend, but must be returned immediately thereafter.

Program: The movies expected in July should be here in August.

SCREE: Material for the August issue needed to be in early. Volunteers are still needed by Pauline Chase to help assemble, label, and stamp. Give her your name and phone number.

Trips: Basic rock climbing class is scheduled here in Pioneer Schoolhouse the following evening, July 17, 8 to 9 PM. Bring your own ropes. Field trip for practice will be Saturday, July 19. The basic mountaineering class will also meet here on July 31, 8 to 9 PM, with an overnight field trip on August 2-3 to climb O'Malley Pk.

New Business: The Board decided at its last meeting to use up to \$100. to finish purchasing material for summit registers with nearby areas of the Chugach and Talkeetnas. Greg Higgins is in charge of this project, as explained in the July SCREE. Marty Bassett gave a brief verbal report on the kayak trip he led with 12 persons for 14 days on the Porcupine River from Old Crow to Ft. Yukon. A slide show on this will come in the Fall.

Program: After the intermission, Greg Higgins showed a dozen slides of Alaskan wild flowers common to this area. John Carlin, a member of The Mountaineers from Seattle, showed a series of slides of Mt. St. Helens taken on a commercial flight from Seattle to Walla Walla the day after the first eruption of May 18, 1980. Tim Meale gave the main slide show of some climbs he and five others made in May 1980 in the Mt. St. Elias area. Gear was towed on sleds and part of the trip was made on skis. The summit of Mt. Hubbard was reached, and good views of Mt. Seattle and Mt. Kennedy were obtained.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Al Robinson, Secretary

REPORTS ON CLUB EVENTS

Bird Creek Ridge May 10, 1980

Tenderfeet and sourdoughs turned out for the May 10, 1980 MCA hike up Bird Creek Ridge. Under partly sunny skies the group headed for Bird Creek from Anchorage. Foilage and some flowers were out along the lower parts of the trail. The trail was in good condition, not mucky or dusty, but straight up. The group quickly split into hotshots and slowpokes. Although clouds were above, there was a clearing up the inlet for the sun to shine through. As usual the view of Turnagain Arm was spectacular. The temperature was in the mid 50's and there was a fairly constant 15 mph wind. The hotshots found it rougher going once the edge of the ridge was reached. There was substantial snow on the lee, West side of the ridge. The trail skirted occasional snow patches when possible. The wind was blowing around 30 mph with occasional gusts. The lead hikers stopped at about 3000'. Above, the trail was covered with snow, requiring either a tiresome detour or ice axes and careful walking. There was also concern that hypothermia may find some of the slower and less prepared members of the group. After due deliberation, it was decided to retreat to the relative calm and warmth of the lower elevations. The Ridge will have to wait for another day.

The group consisted of: Margaret Nemmers, Andy Deitrich, Marty Bassett, John Van Hoesen, Gene Klymko, Margaret Moore, Ester George, Lavonia James, Bob Freer, and Bob Hume.

Resurrection Trail Trip July 4-6, 1980

The week preceding the July 4th weekend was overcast and rainy. More of the same was predicted for the weekend. Nevertheless, Loren Pahlke, Mike Ellis and Bob Hume headed for Hope early in the morning of July 4. A car was dropped at Schooner Bend and we were on the trail at Hope by 7:30. The day was blue sky with occasional wisps of cloud. The temperature was in the high 60s. At the lower elevations the trail went through luxuriant forests. As the trail began to climb, we traversed several avalanche paths. It appeared that there had been a lot of new avalanche activity in the lower valley last winter. We stopped for a leisurely lunch on the edge of one avalanche slide. The trail slowly climbed through spruce, birch and mixed forests and passed several of the forest service cabins. The cabins all looked inviting, but surprisingly they generally appeared unused. We found only a few cabins with people in them. We finally stopped for the night on an overlook above timberline about a mile and a half from Resurrection Pass. The view was marvelous. Although there were a few mosquitos, they respected Cutters. We went to bed that evening with the sun in our eyes. The next day was overcast when we awoke. The mosquitoes were worse, one made Bob lose a contact lens in the tundra. We packed up and headed out. The Pass area had large snow patches around, some up to 8' deep. Rounding the bend, we could see down the broad valley containing Swan and Juneau Lakes. This side of the trail was relatively crowded. We hadn't seen anyone on the Hope side of the Pass but saw 5 or 6 groups on the Schooner Bend side. Occasionally it would sprinkle, but we didn't have raingear on for more than an hour or two during the entire day, and the temperature was mild. Although we made satisfactory mileage the second day, the pace was slower. Loren and Bob were bothered by blisters on their feet and Mike had a sore knee. We hobbled to Slaughter Creek by mid-afternoon and set up camp. The valley is broad and not heavily wooded. The mosquitoes were plentiful, we had to walk while eating in order to avoid them. To them Muskol was an aperitif. The next day was overcast but dry. We packed up and walked through heavy forest to Schooner Bend.

Conclusion: The flowers along the trail were fantastic. Probably 3 or 4 dozen different types were observed, and lupine were in bloom everywhere. Moose, marmots, and mosquitoes were seen. The companionship was good and the pace comfortable. It was a trip that should be considered by all.

Bob Hume

July 19 Basic Rock Climbing Class

Eleven people showed up for the July 19 climbing class. The weather man gave us clear skies, sunshine and no wind, a perfect day. The class was held at Boy Scout Boulder near McHugh Crk Wayside. The following people participated in the class: Lisa Speer, Paula Quering, Pat Murray, Nev Lewis, Sandi MacDonald, Dave Boe, Reggi Buchanan, Billy Murray, Nancy Blanck, Dave Bristow, and Cass Arley. The folks helping to put on the class included John Lohff, Greg Higgins, Ernie Borjon and Tim Neale.

Rendezvous Peak, July 20

On a warm sunny Sunday, 27 members and guests started from the Arctic Ski Bowl parking area shortly after 10 AM. They enjoyed the easy trail and flowers up the valley to the pass (3,498') between Rendezvous Peak and Mt. Gordon Lyon. From here to nearly the top of Rendezvous there are now signs every 200 feet warning winter skiers this is the boundary of the ski area, since the

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drop of to the South Fork of the Eagle River would leave a skier stranded until late Spring. The steeper ascent of the last 582' to the top of Rendezvous (4,050'), like climbing the Washington Monument's 555', was taken leisurely. On top lunches were munched, sunbathers tanned, nappers dozed, and Greg Higgins pointed out the numerous peaks and ridges visible from northeast to southwest. Seven children, ages 5 to 14 all made the top, some for their first ascents. Pat Murray and Greg Higgins decided to add Mt. Gordon Lyon (4,125') to their day's efforts and Robert Murray almost made it also. The others descended Rendezvous down the ridge on the south side of the ski bowl, most of the way on soft heather, returning to the parking area by 2:30 PM. The party included Loretta and Greg Higgins, his mother, Agnes Ely from Ohio, Pauline Chase, Brigitte Ressel, Jane Meacham and sons Brian and Scott, and their friend, Eric Pavey, Jim and Julie Morrison and their two children, Jani and Jamie, Tony and Betty Bockstahler, Reggie Buchanan, Rick Severn, and daughter Beth, Pat Murray and son Robert, Ron Rhodehamel, Dianne Miller, Sylvia Elliot, Larry Nelson, Meg Leonard, Al and Liz Robinson. The good weather made this a pleasant family outing for three generations.

Al Robinson

Eagle River to Eklutna Traverse

(With 2nd ascent of Mt Soggy (7190), 4th ascent of Mt Yukla (7535), and 1st ascent of Pk 5775' enroute)

Rick O'Kelly, Shawn Wilson, and I set out Sunday night to camp along Eagle River on this trip that I had planned after viewing spectacular Thunder Gorge on the Club Crow Pass trip earlier this year. Under blue skies on Monday we hiked into the Gorge (the prominent drainage across from the Raven/Camp Creek complex) on the NW side to eventually address the terrible underbrush above VAEW 2070 gaining only one mile in 3½ hours of hiking to camp below the S Wall of Pk 5775' just beyond its Western drainage.

Tuesday dawned clear and after watching a flop-eared black bear foraging, we moved camp up to Lake 4209 (dubbed "Blue-eyed Lake" from the profusion of Blue-eyed Grass, Sisyrinchium angustifolium Mill., found on its drainage slopes lower down). Amongst breath-taking alpine scenery, we set out at noon for Mt. Soggy, gaining the SE Ridge via the huge snow chute shown on the map. The ridge beyond was an obscure collection of broken blocks and chutes requiring much route finding and an occasional roped pitch until we reached the summit snow field at 3:40 PM. A survey marker sits due North of the 1st ascent cairn of Art Davidson and John Bousman (July 16, 1964 via the S Ridge). Their entry was water-soaked and illegible, but on drying became readable. We placed a new register and brought out their paper for the Archives.

The next day also was fair and while Rick climbed the steep SW snow chutes of Pk 5775' (dubbed "Vertigo" because of the view from above looking down on Rick's ascent), Shawn and I went West to eventually rope onto the hanging glacier SE of Yukla to gain the E Ridge at Pass 6250'. Steady scrambling brought us to the tower above 7100' where our ridge became a nightmare of crumbling exposed debris necessitating a protected traverse to the NW to gain the NE Ridge and the twin summits shortly thereafter at 1:15 PM. The higher W Summit has a nice cairn, but the register was in poor shape because the last two parties lacked a pencil. The following was noted: 1st ascent, Art Davidson and John Bousman via the E Face and NE Ridge on July 15, 1964; 2nd ascent, Robin Bowen, Jeff Morehouse, and Keith Anderson on Aug. 2, 1974 "from Eklutna in 3 days"; and 3rd ascent, Brian Okonek, Dirk Bodnar, and P J Stuart on May 13, 1976 via the S Face. We replaced this register also, and brought the originals down for preservation.

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The weather was changing, so early Thursday morning we hauled our packs NE of Blue-eyed Lake to gain the saddle and the W Fork of the Eklutna Glacier. From here we made excellent time to Pichler's Perch picking out routes for prospective climbs on Beelzebub, Peril, and Bellicose on the way. We hiked up the ridge E of the cabin towards White Lice (6650') in the afternoon, but rain and a lowering ceiling sent us back down.

On Friday after cleaning the cabin and packing up Hut Book #1 for copying, we picked our way down the glacier to camp near the road where it joins Eklutna Lake. On our walk out Saturday we visited with MCA'ers John Lohff and Steve Van Goor on their way into Stiver's Gully, as well as John Dillman who had just returned from a very good trip to Little Switzerland.

Greg Higgins

Porcupine River-Old Crow YT to Ft Yukon Ak
June 28-July 11, 1980

MCA's first river trip turned out to be a delightful blend of sun, relaxation, wildlife and the varied scenery of the Porcupine River. Paddling five Klepper folding kayaks, two rigid kayaks, and one 17' canoe, our group leisurely travelled the 300 river miles in twelve days. Included were Dona Agosti, Marty Bassett, John Curtis, Gary Halsey, Duncan Kerst, Duncan's father Dick Kerst, Donn Liston, Kathy Mills, John Nevin, Craig Renkert, Bill Salmon, and Chris Tower.

Saturday, June 28: Everyone gathered about 2:30 PM at Metro Field in Fairbanks for our Air North DC 3 charter flight to Old Crow. All communication to Old Crow had been out for two days so we had no idea what the weather would be like. After a two hour flight, we arrived at 7:45 PM. We were affably entertained by Stewart, the new manager of the co-op store, while we waited in the plane for the Mountie to arrive for the customs inspection. Customs consisted of only a few questions, and we were soon setting up camp next to the river. Stewart had asked us over for tea, so at 1:30 AM (local time) with the sun still shining, we stopped by his house. He was waiting with refreshments and regaled us with native history until the wee hours.

Sunday, June 29: Since it was Sunday, several of us elected to visit the local Anglican church for services conducted by Father Brown. Part of it was read in Kvitchen or Illiusha. This latter is not spelled correctly but was the French name given to the Athabascans by the French and is supposed to mean cross-eyed.

Old Crow is a neat, old log cabin village on the banks of the Porcupine and is the furthest north village in Yukon Territory. The residents still hunt and trap as they did hundreds of years ago when it was a Hudson Bay town. Stewart showed us beaver and muskrat skins which had been brought in by locals.

We set up our Kleppers and struggled to stuff all our gear in every corner. Most had excess affixed to front and rear tops with bungee cords or tire tubes. The canoe owners had no problem with space, but the fiber glass kayaks provided a real challenge in logistics. We were off in the hot, sunny afternoon about 2:30 PM. Porcupine is wide and slow here, and off in the distance we could see Old Crow Range (4000'). We camped about 8 miles downstream a short distance from Bill Smith's Fish Camp. He honored us with the gift of an 8 lb northern pike that evening which was cooked over an open fire. Then he entertained us with stories about the area, about Old Rampart and the struggle between British and American Indians in the boundary dispute days. We told him the Mountie planned to travel to the

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Border that day to pick up some peregrine falcon smugglers. Then Bill told us about a man who had a permit to take some birds to a zoo; Bill drove the boat, and the man used a 410 to shoot swallows all the way down the Porcupine. He fed them to the baby falcons and Bill shuddered every time he watched the birds tear the swallows to shreds. Our campsite was a large sandy beach; temperature was around 79 F. A wind came up later, but luckily there were no mosquitoes.

Monday, June 30: Several of the group were up at 6 AM; another bright, sunny day, with brisk breeze. A couple started at 9:15, others at 10:00. This was the day we saw a bald eagle. We paddled strong waves on northward logs of the stream, and our shoulders and elbows got a workout. We arrived at the Bluefish River where Donn and Kathy had already set up camp and done some fishing. Most of the group moved to the upstream side of the delta to avoid soft, wet sand. About that time, Bill Salmon spotted a grizzly agitatedly trying to fish and find food across the stream. We were glad it was a wide river. We set up tents in a high wind, but when it quit, the mosquitoes took over.

Tuesday, July 1: 70F. and no breeze at 6:30 AM. Black and white loons fishing at the mouth of the Bluefish River. Someone caught a burbot the previous evening. We also saw a dead grayling with a round lamprey hole in its side. Dead lampreys were very much in evidence. The biologist at Old Crow was quite confused about this migration, but Bill Smith said he'd seen them about five or six years before. Clouds have moved in, which is probably a good thing because we were all sunburned. Very beautiful scenery today. We're getting out of flats and into ramparts. Many eroded spires; you can have a field day finding shapes and forms among them. Several miles down from camp, we saw a griz on shore, oblivious to our passing. He was too busy fishing. However Donn and Kathy said he swam across the river when they came by later. He was of average size, not the Katmai or Kodiak size. Saw also a peregrine falcon attacking raven's nest, what a battle. Sounded like a screeching contest. There was also another golden eagle soaring that day. Hot, hot sun. We stopped to swim and cool off near a cliff. Many wild flowers, and always bear and wolf tracks along the beaches. Arrived at New Rampart on the Canadian border around 6:30 PM, almost a thirty mile day. Wind was at our backs, which helped. We did lots of drifting. Temperature about 80F- 24 hours of daylight. Buildings at Rampart are picturesquely perched on a high cliff near a wide bend on the river. There were about 7 buildings, all part of an old trading center. The most interesting was a two story home, with hand made furniture and also the commissary where furs were probably traded and commissary items sold. Some camped at fresh water stream coming in here, others on island across the way. Water very warm, around 70 degrees.

Wednesday, July 2: Up at 5:30 because of hot sun beating on tent. The day started with an exciting run through the rapids, not really white water, but enough to get the adrenalin pumping. Lots of rapids today where streams came in or where sandbars narrowed the channel; White, Campbell and Rapid Creeks were worst. Then came a sanbar just a mile or so below Halfway Pillar. We classed it White Water 1, deep troughs and high waves. Fun. Arrived at New Rampart, the site of the original Hudson Bay Trading Post before the international border was changed. Only a couple houses left, because, according to Bill Smith, the Americans burned down the houses to keep British Indians on their side of the line. Bill Bell, a trapper who lived up the line a mile or so joined us for dinner. He had been alone all Winter with his dogs, and was hungry for company. He talked a blue streak all evening. Fishermen had grayling and pike on the line. Very hot (about 85) and lots of mosquitoes. By the way, the name of the creek here is Salmon Trout Creek.

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Thursday, July 3: Our trip through Howling Dog Canyon and Red Gate was accompanied by headwinds that made paddling difficult. Stopped at Canyon City to look at old cabins; one had this puzzling assortment of memorabilia: Gideon bibles, encyclopedias and black undergarments. Planned to stop at Fish Hook Bend, but elected instead to camp on the soft sand across from the bend. The sand along this river is the pink, finegrained Hawaii stuff. Saw a redhead hawk and scooter ducks today. Out of ramparts no sand into flats. Did about 25 miles.

Friday, July 4: Experienced high winds during night which dissipated into rain and gray skies during morning. Since it was a holiday, most elected to sleep in. Several started around 11:00, others around 1:00. High winds had us paddling back upstream. The day was saved when arrived at Colleen Creek and pitched camp in the nicest area thus far. Fishermen caught many sheefish and pike and the day ended with Chris preparing a delicious fish fry. The holiday ended with the sighting of a bear upstream on the Colleen flats. There was quite a scramble for assorted protective devices. Last event of the day was eating of a birthday cake baked by someone on Bill's MSR.

Saturday, July 5: Temperature dropped to 58 this morning, probably because of clouds. However, they soon dissipated and day turned hot. We passed what seemed to be an archeological dig in Lower Ramparts. It was located near the only stream coming into the Porcupine from north in the vicinity of Eagle Mt. (VABM1907). We had seen a float plane anchored upstream and later, a second plane landed on the gravel strip across the way. Most of us were more interested in the fabulous swallow subdivision set up on the cliffs across from the camp. They are made of mud affixed to overhanging rock and it is marvelous to see the birds fly straight to the hole with never a collision. About 8 miles downstream we came to John Herbert's village after passing Deacon's Rock and found old cabins recently occupied by Simon Francis and Mary Paul, probably during the previous caribou season, if the fresh skins were any indication. Typical log building, with sod roof and yukon stove. Some camped on the sand bar near here, others went on to Graphite Point. The later group told about a sow and cub at Colleen that morning.

Sunday July 8: Bright hot sun, temperature 85 at 9 AM. Since the river at this point begins to meander into sloughs, Marty waited at the entrance to Henderson Slough to make sure all found the shorter route. Some stopped at twenty mile point, others wanted to go another hour to Joe Ward Camp. Easy day, lots of drifting. Coffee cake with Bill Salmon.

Monday, July 7: Temperature 85 degrees and cloudy, thank heavens. Stopped at Shuman House. Joe Ward Camp was not visible from river. About lunch time the route became very tricky. Then came a lightning and thunder storm. We raced for shore and cover and found shelter under fallen trees. Heavy pelting rain. Started again in 45 minutes, but lightning frightened us. Using the four miles to the second theory, we estimated it was some distance away. Caught up with two of the party at the entrance to 9 mile slough. Thence followed a two hour paddle until we finally caught up with the lead group. 28 miles today. Almost to Carl's cabin.

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Tuesday, July 8: Because of long and complicated route today, most were off to an early start. It was cloudy, which helped get us through the 34 miles. Stopped at mouth of Sheepjek. Rain started about 8 PM, and continued all night. Stopped in time to let us pack up the next morning.

Wednesday, July 9: Donn Liston aroused the crowd at 6:30 AM by playing revelry on his harmonica. Dona Agosti helped with her famous whistle. Most started by 8:20. Had some navigating to do at Joe Carroll Camp, and somehow Dona and Marty got swept down the wrong channel. The rest continued on to Black River Slough where a conference was held to determine if it was deep enough to get us through. The entrance had quite a build up of sand, but after getting out and looking it over, we found a narrow entrance. Imagine the shock, after thinking we had lost Donn and Kathy to a 15 mile detour, to find that a new channel had been cut and they came out to Black River Slough ahead of us. The day was a monotonous and steady paddling through the Yukon Flats. 35 miles downstream, Chris and John hailed down a riverboat to ask the whereabouts of Homchren (sp?) Island and the portage. They were elated when he pointed right across the stream. We set up camp at the portage. John Nevin, Mary, and Bill hiked the trail to check out Hospital Lake. It was a shock when they discovered it had dried up. They came back about midnight with very long faces.

Thursday, July 10: Marty, John, Bill, Gary, and Donn hiked to Ft. Yukon through the woods. We are located about three miles upstream from the confluence of the Porcupine and Yukon. The village is six miles upstream on the Yukon and impossible to paddle or line, so it was important that we find some way to get our many pounds of gear to the air strip. We had planned to carry it to Hospital Lake and paddle around to the airstrip which borders the lake. No lake.

The men returned with the good news that Jim Alexander, an Air North employee had his own Lutterman fishing boat with a 25 HP motor. This is a very deep, short, dory-style boat. He offered to ferry us in three or four trips at a cost of \$80.00. Air North used its pickup truck to carry the gear to the airstrip. We were further cheered when we learned the fare to Fairbanks had been reduced to \$27.00. Then, about that time, the DC 3 cargo plane came in and took all the canoes, kayaks and gear to Fairbanks so those who thought they might not see their boats for several weeks were much elated. The cost for excess baggage over 40 pounds was 22¢ per pound.

Some of the group left on the afternoon plane, others on the 6:15 PM flight. The later flyers used the day to visit sites and people around Ft. Yukon and eat "real" food at the Sourdough Inn. Five of the group ended the day at the Fairbanks Big Boy with a raid on the salad bar. Thence down the 372 miles of highway to Anchorage arriving at 5:20 AM in rain and wind. Memories of the hot, sunny days on the Porcupine were pleasant indeed!

Dona Agosti & Marty Bassett

BITS AND PIECESTreks in Faraway Lands

Among the mail in MCA's box lately have come two announcements which may interest some MCA members with plenty of spare time and money. One is a seven month mountaineering, diving, overland, and river expedition of the Andes, Amazon, and Pacific Coast of South America (sounds like the second voyage of the Beagle). April to November, 1981 cost about \$8,500. For information, write Jirj Janecek, 817 S Bishop, Chicago, Ill. 60607. For the month of May 1981 and only about \$8,000 you can represent MCA in the first trek to Tibet with the final destination camp #3 at 21,450' on the ascent route up Mt. Everest (called Mt Chomolongma by the Chinese). For further info and application, see the President or Secretary. (NOTE: Check these prices with them as it was difficult to tell 3's from 8's on this copy.)

Register Project Update

Since the last issue of SCREE, the project has progressed well and we now have 34 completed ABS pipe registers, historical sheets on 27 summits, and a tentative list of area peaks that we will maintain official registers on. My thanks to the following people for their most welcome assistance: Valerie Herschberg (S Suicide); Rick O'Kelly (O'Malley & S Suicide); Pat Murray (Williwaw, Wedge, and Hidden Pk); Steven Earle (Knoya, Tikishla, and the twin Tanaina Pks); Priscella Legg & Loretta Higgins (Wolverine); and Ted Laska (Ptarmigan, Blacktail Rocks, and Roundtop).

There is still much to be done. To participate one needs only to call Loretta or myself to arrange to pick up material for one of the peaks listed below, and then when on the summit to construct a good cairn and place the material securely. The following have materials ready to be placed: Bold Pk, Byron, E Twin, W Goat Mtn, Gunsight Mtn, Hidden Pk, Homicide, Powerline Pass Pk, Indianhouse Mtn, Pt Kanchee, Mt Magnificent, Montana, Pioneer, the Ramp, E & W Tanaina, Tikishla, Williwaw, and Wolverine.

Peaks that I still need original data from include: N Suicide, Significant, Cantata, Calliope, Hurdy Gurdy, Flute, Organ, Eagle, W Twin, Matanuska, Pinnacle, Lower Tower, Higher Spire, Didilkama, Granite, E Goat Mtn, Temptation, and Bird Pk. If you bring out one of these registers, be sure to leave a temporary one in its place with a note explaining why and where the originals went.

As a side note, on July 16, Agnes Ely, Greg Higgins, and Rick O'Kelly hiked up the Ramp (5240') to confirm the loss of the old register. The current "Pickle Jar Register" was replaced with a Club pipe register and a substantial cairn built. Loretta Higgins meanwhile hiked up the Wedge and reports that the current register is in good shape.

Greg Higgins

MCA LIBRARY

The MCA Library is located at Tom Meacham's home, 1410 "H" Str., Anchorage. Telephone 277-2129, if possible, prior to visiting to make certain someone is home. The Library is open to all MCA members.

HELP

We need volunteers to help in the production of the SCREE. This would involve only one evening per month and could be a group effort. If you have one or two hours per month to spare call Pauline Chase at 277-1176 or Paula Quering at 277-3982.

FOR SALE: Never used double boots: Asolo-Pro's, size 7 mens. \$200 or best offer. Will bargain, trade, dicker, etc. 337-4141 eves.

NOTE: This reprint of the August SCREE has been prepared because of the poor quality of the original. The following page was added at the request of the general membership at the August meeting.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

It's that time of year again! The Executive Committee will meet prior to the next general meeting to prepare a slate of nominations. President Tim Neale has requested that volunteers contact him to place themselves on the list for consideration. You don't have to be a 5:12 climber to be a club officer, just be willing to put in the time that is required to get the job done. Below is a list of the responsibilities of the various officers. Tim's number is: 274-4952

President: Presides at the regular & executive meetings. Coordinates the efforts of the officers and committees.

Vice-President: Assumes the duties of the President in his/her absence, or at the President's request. All other duties assigned by the executive committee. Traditionally organizes the monthly slide shows.

Secretary: Records the minutes of all regular and executive meetings. Maintains complete business & historical records. Initiates & answers correspondence as directed by the President. All other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

Treasurer: Receives & disburses all club dues, fees, and other monies. Maintains complete financial records. All other duties as assigned.

Directors: Act as advisors to the Executive Committee on matters of policy. All other duties as assigned.
(NOTE: There are 4 Directors who serve 2 year terms.)

Corrections and Additions to Club Events

Sep. 7: The berry-picking trip listed by Pierce & Emily McIntosh has been moved back one day to Sunday rather than Saturday as listed on page one.

6-7: Powerline Pass to Indian with climbs of Homicide (5th ascent) and Powerline Pass Pk enroute. Some steep scrambling is required on Homicide, but Powerline is a walk-up. Leaders: Greg & Loretta Higgins
278-1384

13: Wolverine Peak hike. About 11 miles roundtrip beginning at Prospect Heights off Upper O'Malley. Meet at Sports Complex at 9 AM.
Leader: Pat Murray 243-1836

The Aug. 23rd picnic has been rescheduled to Sept 20 and will be held at Eklutna Lake. The details will be in the next SCREE.

Sep. 24, 27-28: Annual ice-climbing class. The 1st day is a classroom theoretical session; the second days will be practical experience on one of the local glaciers to be decided. Contact Tim Neale 274-4952 or sign up at the next meeting.

ON ROLLING ROCKS: CARELESS EV SAYS,



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ON THE TRAIL BELOW...
THERE'S AN URGENT PARTY SEPARATION!



Mountain Rescue Association Outdoor Safety Education

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What SCREE said back then department; from Oct. 1971.