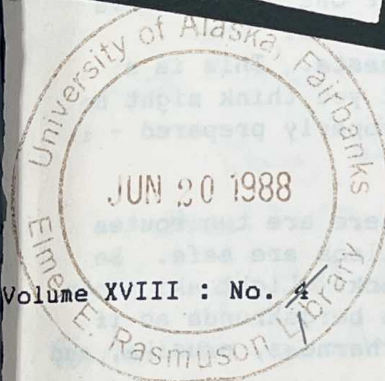




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Calendar

January 21	First Meeting of Climbing Class	Eielson 101	7:30 p.m.
February 2	Monthly Meeting	TBA	7:30 p.m.
Feb 14,15,16	Valdez Ice Climbing Festival	Valdez	
February 27	Avalanche Hazard Evaluation	TBA	7:30 p.m.
February 28	Avalanche School Field Session	Cleary Summit	TBA
March 2	Monthly Meeting	Brooks 204	7:30 p.m.
April 4 & 5	Glacier Rendevous	Rainbow Basin	6:00 a.m.
April 6	History of Climbing Denali by Jon Waterman	Brooks 204	7:30 p.m.
May 9	Pot Luck	Yak Estates Commons	7:30 p.m.

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Membership in the Alaska Alpine Club is open to anyone with an interest in the mountains. Meetings are open to the public and are normally the first Monday of the month, September to May, on the UAF campus. Tea and cookies are provided. The Alaska Alpine Club is a student organization of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

AKA

GLACIER RENDEZVOUS

RAINBOW BASIN

April 4th and 5th

Leave @ 6am from Patty parking lot **or** meet us @ 8am in the Evergreen in Delta **or** you @ 10 am at Rainbow Ridge.

The Glacier Rendezvous is a replacement for the Glacier Stampede which was dropped as a club activity when it became an event club members did not want to continue. It was considerable work to wand a safe path in and pack trash and excrement out just to have the hut trashed by a bunch of people who weren't even members of the club. The Rendezvous on the other hand is for **AAC members and their invited guests**. This is a great opportunity to get new members so if you have any friends that you think might be interested in joining invite them along. Please be sure they are properly prepared - it can be real winter that time of year as we found out last year.

Rainbow Basin is behind Rainbow Ridge on the Richardson Highway. There are two routes in, the steeper more direct of which we will use if avalanche conditions are safe. Be prepared to climb a long steep talus slope with your skis on your pack. Light ski boots will not work. The glacier is generally crevasse free but there are bergshrunds so if you plan on exploring off the main basin bring basic crevasse gear (harness, prusiks, and ropes).

In the past we have been criticized for pollution of the glacier environment and our actions will probably be scrutinized this time as well. Everyone will be responsible for packing their own trash out.

For more info call any officer.

POT LUCK DINNER AND SLIDE SHOW

Yak Estates Commons

Saturday May 9 @ 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to cook up their favorite dish to serve 6 - 8 **HUNGRY** climbers and bring it up to the Yak Estates Commons (building @ far east end of Yak Estates). So we don't end up with 30 freezer burned salmon here is a guide;

If your last name begins with:

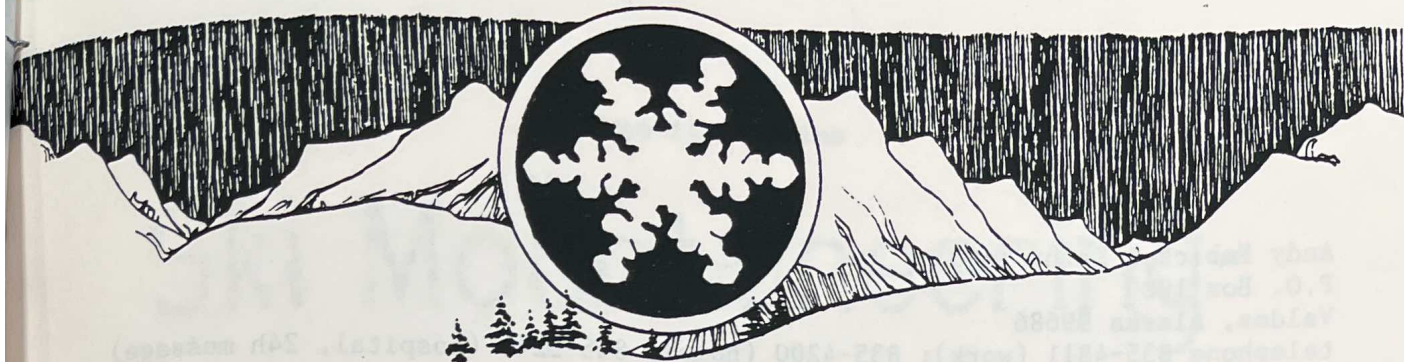
M - R....Bring....Main Dish

S - Z....Bring....Dessert

A - L....Bring....Salad or Vegetable

Bring your own Beverage.

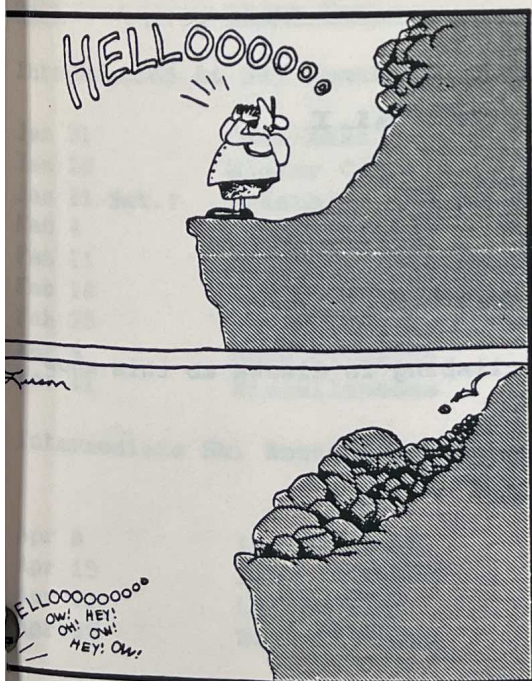
For entertainment bring 10 - 15 slides of people in compromised positions. We will provide a projector & stack loader.



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Dear Mike,

Doug asked me to write you a quick note (he is in Utah!) to encourage you and your cohorts to try and rattle up students for our Feb 27-28 workshop in Fairbanks. Enrollment has picked up considerably since the press releases hit town, but we still need more students in order to be able to hold the class. This is the only workshop on the schedule that hasn't filled quickly but if we can book it (12-20 students), it will be a good one! It will have a different twist than our usual 1 day course in Fairbanks as we'll spend a day in the field at Cleary Summit.



Also, we wrote Clarence several weeks ago as we need the room # of the classroom on campus where the Friday evening session will be held. So far, we haven't gotten a response so any moving & shaking you can do would be greatly appreciated -- we need to send out information packets soon if the workshop is going to be a go. Lastly (I promise!), if you have any extra bright yellow schedules around, it would be great if you could take them down to Glen's & Beaver ports.

Thanks, thanks, thanks! Hope to see you in February.

— Jill Fredston
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Alaska Alpine Club

Dear Fellow Members:

As in previous years, those who are contemplating coming to Valdez to climb ice are invited to stay with us. It's best to call ahead, to check if there's space and to check on ice and weather conditions. Expect to be recruited to shovel snow or do other chores on occasion, but the sauna, kitchen, spare mattresses, shower, bathroom and ice-tool sharpening files are all available. There is climbable ice now, and will be til some time in early April. This year's Ice Climbing Festival will be February 14-15-16, a good time to come if you want to socialize.

Cheers,

Andy

HISTORY OF CLIMBING DENALI

by Jon Waterman

Brooks 204

Monday April 6 @ 7:30 p.m.

Jon is in the process of writing a book on the history of climbing in Alaska so this should be packed with valuable information.

Alaska Alpine Club

Ski Mountaineering

Once again the Alaska Alpine Club will be offering instruction in ski mountaineering and climbing this spring. Two sessions will be offered.

Introduction to Ski Mountaineering For persons with cross - country skiing and cold weather camping experience. Will teach the basics of camping and ski travel in Alaskan mountains, including introductory crevasse rescue and safety topics.

Intermediate Ski Mountaineering and Climbing For persons having successfully completed the introductory course or with other mountaineering experience.

Tuition for each course is \$20.00. Additional expenses include \$17 for text, gas money, food, restaurant meals Sun eve. Anyone in the Fairbanks community with appropriate experience is invited to participate. These courses are a great way to get into the mountains and meet other mountaineers! Safety is everyone's individual responsibility. The club carries no liability insurance.

The course consists of weekly lectures or discussion sessions held WEDNESDAYS at 7:30 pm in Eielson 101 on the UAF campus and weekend trips (early Sat to Sun evening) to areas in the Alaska range.

TEXT - Mountaineering - The Freedom of the Hills By The Mountaineers of Seattle

SCHEDULE

Date	Class Topic	Weekend Trip
Introduction to Ski Mountaineering		
Jan 21	Gear-Make your own or buy	none
Jan 28	Winter Camping	none
Jan 31 Sat.!	Frostbite and Hypothermia	Saturday Workshop
Feb 4	Snow Shelters	Feb 7,8 Wickersham Dome Overnight
Feb 11	Knots, Ropes, Prusik	Feb 14 Skills workshop in town
Feb 18	Crevasse Rescue	Feb 21,22 Delta Glacier Ice
Feb 25	no lecture or trip due to Avalanche	Workshop
Mar 4	Snow Climbing	Panorama Area
Mar 11	Miscellaneous	McCallum Pk.
Intermediate Ski Mountaineering and Climbing		
		Apr 2,3 Glacier Rendezvous
Apr 8	Ice Climbing	Apr 11,12 Healy Ice
Apr 15	Snow Climbing	Apr 18,19 Panorama Peak Traverse
Apr 22	Leadership	Apr 25,26 Deltas
Apr 29	Rock Climbing	May 2,3 Local Cliff

For further information contact John Keller 479-3630 eve 474-6042 day or Stan Justice 479-5017 or Clarence Griffin 479-5635

Peter MacKeith Expedition Climbing Grants

The "Peter MacKeith Memorial Endowment Fund for Climbing" was established in 1981 by the family of Peter MacKeith, late president of the Alaska Alpine Club, in honor of Peter's love for climbing and of his climbing achievements in Alaska, Afghanistan, Greenland, and Iceland. The Alaska Alpine Club was given the responsibility of distributing the earnings from the endowment for the purpose of supporting worthwhile mountaineering ventures by Club members in Alaska or elsewhere in the world.

Requirements for submitting a proposal:

1. All expedition members must be Alaska Alpine Club members for at least a year prior to receiving the grant.
2. The proposal must contain the following:
 - a. Names, addresses, and resume of climbing experience for each expedition member.
 - b. A description of the climbing objective.
 - c. A description of how the party plans to carry out the climb and approximate dates of the climb.
 - d. A budget for the expedition explaining how a climbing grant will be used.
3. DEADLINE for submitting a proposal is March 1 of each year.
4. Send proposals to AAC, PO Box 81174, College, Alaska 99708

Obligations of the expedition upon receiving a grant:

1. Use the grant money for the original climbing expedition described in the proposal or return the money to the Alaska Alpine Club.
2. Provide an acknowledgement that the expedition has received a Peter MacKeith Climbing Grant from the Alaska Alpine Club.
3. Submit an article (with pictures if possible) about the climb for the Club's publication Descent.
4. Present a slide show about the climb for the Alaska Alpine Club.

NOTE: These obligations hold even when the objective of the climb is not attained.

General:

1. Grants will be awarded at the March Annual Meeting of the Alaska Alpine Club.
2. Expeditions are not limited to Alaska or to the United States.
3. Expeditions are not limited to first ascents or climbs of unusual difficulty although these aspects will be taken into consideration.
4. The financial need of the expedition's climbers will be given high priority.
5. The Alaska Alpine Club does not assume any liability for the expedition.
6. In any given year, the Club may distribute the entire earnings of the endowment, part of it, or none of it, depending on the merits of the proposals. Grants may be awarded to one or several expeditions.

