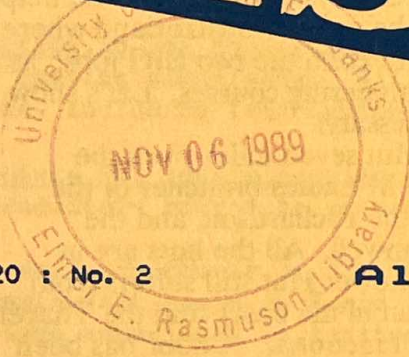




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### Calendar

October 22	Map and Compass Workshop - Bob Groseclose (Call Bob or Carol for details)		
November 13	Monthly Meeting Watch for Details	Schaible Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
December 11	Monthly Meeting Watch for Details	Schaible Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
January 24	Climbing Class Registration	Schaible Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
	Frostbite Hypothermia Lecture		
February 16	Valdez Ice-Climbing Festival	Valdez	
thru 19			
March 31	Glacier Rendezvous	T. B. A.	
May 4	Reunion and Graduation Party	Yak Estates Commons	7:30 p.m.

The **DESCENT** is published 1 to 4 times a year on a hit or miss basis. Copies are sent to members of the Alaska Alpine Club. Non-members may receive **DESCENT** for \$0.50 an issue.

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 second Monday of the month, September to May, on the UAF campus. Tea and cookies are provided. The Alaska Alpine Club is a campus organization of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

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President's Corner  
by John Keller

*Officers.* This year's slate of officers was elected at the annual meeting last April. Besides myself (I am a UAF chemistry professor), they are Joyce Restad, vice-president, Carol Hsieh, secretary-treasurer, and counselor Buck Wilson. Joyce Restad is an biology major from Palmer. She and her infectious grin may be encountered in the genetics lab on campus or peaking out from behind an ice-encrusted parka on the Canwell Glacier. Luckily for the club Carol agreed to serve a second year; we really appreciate her expertise with database computer applications. Buck Wilson is a UAF physics professor who helped found the Alaska Alpine Club in the 1950's. This summer he went to Switzerland where he climbed the Jungfrau. In addition Stan Justice has agreed to continue two BIG jobs: as editor of *Descent* and director of the springtime ski mountaineering courses. Let's show our gratitude by helping out with these functions when necessary!

*Hut Status.* The club owns three huts, the Thayer Hut seven miles from the Richardson Highway at the confluence of the Silvertip and M'Ladies branches of the Castner Glacier, the Lower Canwell hut seven miles from the Richardson, and the McKeith Hut, fifteen miles from the Richardson on the Canwell. All the huts are in generally good shape, with the possible exception that the Lower Hut still suffers from some rodent chewing and dung build-up (but much less than in the past), and the Thayer hut needs a new door, although the old door is still on and functional. A door has been built and a trip to carry it in on sled and skis is planned.

After years of allowing the Canwell huts to technically trespass on state land, we are negotiating a land use permit with the state of Alaska Department of Natural Resources. We have applied for one-year renewable land use permits for the huts for \$50 fees. When I last spoke with DNR personel it appeared likely the permits would be granted. The club has a good case for continued use of these lands. We have maintained these huts for over twenty years for the benefit of the mountain-going public. The huts remain a valuable recreational and safety resource in the area.

The Thayer hut is on BLM land and we recently applied for a new ten-year lease on that property. An application to by that land was shelved due to the high cost of surveying the land coupled with the fact that BLM may survey the land themselves within the next few years. The BLM ruled that we do have a right to purchase this land since there is no evidence that we have mistreated it so far. Nor is BLM concerned about a dedicating the land for use by a private organization: the land is already so dedicated by being leased.

*Monthly Meetings.* We are holding monthly meetings on the *second Monday* of each month this year due to the later-than-usual start of UAF classes in September. We have been able to return to Schaible Auditorium which is really a nice venue for slide shows and movies. The September and October programs were well attended. In September Ed Speer showed slides of last spring's attempt on the North Ridge of Hayes by Ed, Stan Justice, and others. The October show was by Tim Redfield on a scientific expedition to Antarctica. The president and vice-pres are now scrambling to organize the November show; stay tuned.

*McKeith Peak.* Last year Stan Justice submitted a request to name a peak along the north side of the Black Rapids glacier after Peter McKeith, a member and past president of the Alaska Alpine Club who was killed in a fall while climbing Old Snowy Peak in the Deltas in 1980. That request was turned down because we did not include enough information about what Peter did for Alaska. He did plenty for Alaska; we will re-apply soon with the appropriate documentation.

*Articles of Incorporation.* Bob Groseclose has drafted new articles of incorporation which will be voted on at the annual meeting next spring. We will need *significant participation* in this meeting to pass these articles.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND AND VOTE.

# 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 equivalent experience.

Tuition for each course is \$20.00. Additional expenses include \$17 for text, gas money, food, restaurant meals on field trips. 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 P.M. in Schaible Auditorium on the UAF campus and weekend field trips some of which are long day trips and others are overnight excursions.

**TEXT** - "Mountaineering - The Freedom of the Hills" By The Mountaineers of Seattle (available at Clem's or REI)

**CREDIT** - Available for 3 credit hours as independent study.

## SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class Topic</u>	<u>Weekend Trip</u>
Introduction to Ski Mountaineering		
Jan 24	Register, Frostbite, Hypothermia	none
Jan 31	Gear-Make your own or buy	Feb 4 Telmark Workshop @ Cleary
Feb 7	Snow Caves, Ice Axe, Crampons	Feb 10,11 Wickersham Dome Overnight
Feb 14	Prusik, Rappel, Z-pulley, Anchors	Feb 18 Skills workshop in town
Feb 21	Glacier Travel, Crevasse Rescue	Feb 24,25 Fels Glacier Cracks
Feb 28	Avalanche safety	Mar 4 Panorama Slopes
Mar 7	First Aid, High Altitude Effects	Mar 10,11 Triangle Pk.
Intermediate Ski Mountaineering and Climbing		
		Mar 31,1 Glacier Rendezvous
Apr 4	Snow Climbing, Igloos, Fly ins	Apr 7,8 Silvertip
Apr 11	Ice Climbing	Apr 15 Healy Ice
Apr 18	Leadership, Expeditions	Apr 21,22 Institute Peak
Apr 25	Rock Climbing	Apr 29 Angel Creek Rocks

For further information contact Stan Justice 479-5017, John Keller 479-3630 eve 474-6042 day, Carol Haich 457-3093, Bob Groseclose 457-5498, or Bob Thompson 452-2234.

Editors' Note: This information was not confirmed with the organizers. It is last years info sheet with only the dates changed. With the severe impact that Valdez has experianced it is likley that changes have occured. Call one of the listed Valdez numbers to check details if you intend to go.

## SEVENTH ANNUAL VALDEZ ICE-CLIMBING FESTIVAL - 1989

Sponsored by the Alaska Section of the American Alpine Club, and by the Valdez Alpine Club, the 1989 Ice-Climbing Festival will be held on the Washington's Birthday Weekend, Friday through Monday, February 16-19. The festival is an occasion when ice-climbers from all over Alaska gather, along with some out-of-state and foreign climbers. Originally just a sociable climbing weekend for members of the Alaska Section of the American Alpine Club, the event grew as interest spread. Past years have seen visits by Japanese, Austrians, Canadians and New Zealanders as well as those from Washington, Colorado, California, Kentucky, Arizona and elsewhere. Floor space, and use of kitchens and bathrooms, is available in the homes of several local residents, though there are motels available as well. During the weekend, climbing slide shows, films, and videos are shown, and a potluck spaghetti dinner is traditional on Saturday evening (participants should bring items to put in or go with spaghetti).

The appeal of Valdez is partly that it contains some of the best and most highly concentrated ice climbing anywhere on the world. For example, in or near the city limits there is more climbable ice than in all of Colorado, Montana and Wyoming, and as many routes as are listed in the guidebook for the entire Canadian Rockies. In addition, climbing conditions are exceptionally consistent, Moderate temperatures (20 to 30 F), sea-level location and lots of precipitation ensure thick, relatively plastic ice and greater comfort than in most places. Especially in Keyatone Canyon, approaches are minimal (100 yards or less from the road). More than 160 routes have been climbed, so far, in or near the city limits, of all ranges of difficulty from the easiest to several of the harder routes anywhere. Several are longer than 600 feet, and there are new route possibilities. There is also some skiing available, both cross-country on a course up Mineral Creek, and downhill at Thompson Pass.

Those interested in coming to the Festival this year are encouraged to do so, and no registration is required. Those hoping to stay with local climbers must, however, call in advance as space is limited. Those wishing to check on conditions, should call ahead as well. The traditional center of activities (slide shows and films, mountaineering library, and sauna) has been the home of Drs. Andy Embick and Kathy Todd (see below). Other local contacts are John and Karen Weiland (835-2626), Bob Shelton (835-5127), and Brian Teale (835-5182). For motel reservations, contact the Village Inn (835-4445).

The actual ice climbing season is from some time in November or late October, to March or early April. Before February, thin, brittle ice, short days, cold and wind can be less than idyllic, but climbing is very feasible.

Andrew Embick M.D. / Festival Chairman / P.O. Box 1889 / Valdez, Alaska 99686 / (907)835-4200(home) / (907)835-4811(work)

## 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.

### 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 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.

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RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF

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ALASKA ALPINE CLUB,  
a Non-Profit Corporation

WE, the undersigned natural persons, being at least nineteen (19) years of age or more, acting as the duly elected officers of a non-profit corporation, hereby adopt the following restated Articles of Incorporation pursuant to Alaska Statute 10.20.196.

ARTICLE I.

NAME:

The name of the non-profit corporation is the Alaska Alpine Club.

ARTICLE II.

PERIOD OF EXISTENCE:

The period of existence of this corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III.

PURPOSES AND POWERS:

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are for any legal purpose whatsoever. Without limitation, the primary focus and purpose of the corporation is

fostering sound mountaineering practices and promoting an understanding and appreciation for mountaineering and other outdoor recreation activities.

ARTICLE IV.

ENUMERATION OF POWERS, NOT LIMITATION:

All powers granted herein to this corporation are in furtherance of, and not in limitation of, the general power conferred on non-profit corporations by the laws of the State of Alaska.

ARTICLE V.

MEMBERSHIP:

The non-profit corporation may have one or more classes of members as shall be set out in the corporation by-laws. In accord with Alaska Statute 10.20.051, the directors, officers, employee, and members of the corporation are not liable on the corporations obligations.

ARTICLE VI.

REGULATION OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS:

Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation shall be set forth in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII.

ADDRESS OF REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT:

The address of the initial registered office of the non-profit corporation is \_\_\_\_\_, Fairbanks, Alaska

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997\_\_\_\_; and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is \_\_\_\_\_.

ARTICLE VIII.

NUMBER AND NAMES OF DIRECTORS:

The number of Directors constituting the Board of Directors of the corporation is not less than three (3) and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors until the next annual meeting of the membership or until their successors are elected and qualify are:

Name:                      Address:

Consistent with AS 10.20.151(d) and otherwise consistent with Alaska law, no director shall be held personally liable for monetary damages for the breach of fiduciary duty.

ARTICLE IX.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF INCORPORATORS:

Name:                      Address:

ARTICLE X.

ADOPTION:

The foregoing restated articles of incorporation correctly set out the provisions of the articles of

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incorporation as amended of the Alaska Alpine Club and they have been adopted as required by law. These Articles supercede the original articles of incorporation and all amendments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1989.

STATE OF ALASKA                      )  
  ) ss  
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT        )

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1989, before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, who, being each first duly sworn, declared that they each signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as an incorporator, and that the statements therein contained are true.

WITNESS my hand and official notarial seal on the day, month and year in this certificate first hereinabove written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for Alaska  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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## MAP AND COMPASS WORKSHOP

Instructor - Bob Groseclose

Sunday, October 22

Location - T. B. A

Bob Groseclose, navigator extraordinaire, has agreed to teach us how to use those compasses we dutifully pack around. The details are being finalized and it looks to be a lot of fun. Call Bob at 457-5498 or Carol Haieh at 457-3093 for details.

### END NOTES

The FNSB is accepting nominations for trails for the Comprehensive Trail Plan. Many of the major trails are already included in the plan but there are many feeder trails that could be added. Call the borough at 452-4761 and ask for Community Planning to get more information.

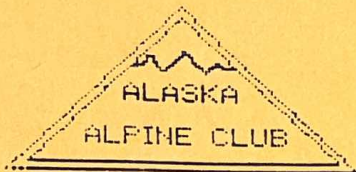
FOR SALE - Pair of little used Raichle climbing boots - leather, size 10. Asking \$ 95. Call Rich Kedrowski at 479-2116

AVALANCHE SCHOOL - Normally we include the Avalanche School schedule in our fall Descent but they are a little late and we are a little early so it is not here. Watch Clems or come to our monthly meetings and we will try and have the brochures available.

RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION - For years we have been under articles of incorporation that were different from the way we do business, mostly because it is difficult to change them. The articles Bob drafted has only the bare minimum and refers to by-laws for the details of how the club operates. Get your comments to Bob on the articles he drafted. The next step is to write the by-laws. Any volunteers?







# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## Dues

Individual	\$6
Family	\$10
Student	\$3

(circle one)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ /  
days evening

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

### UAF STATUS 1985 - 86 (check all that apply)

		Spouse	Sex
Student (3 credits or more)	[ ]	[ ]	Male [ ]
Faculty	[ ]	[ ]	Female [ ]
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(4 or more semesters)	[ ]	[ ]	
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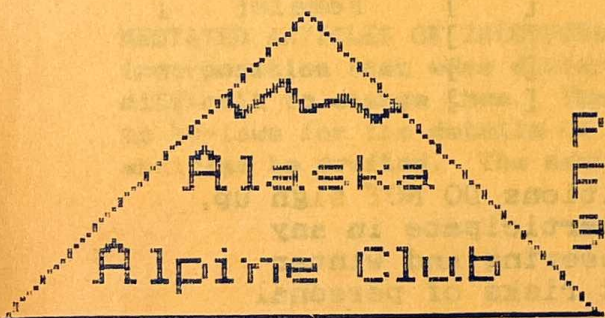
If you do not accept fully the following conditions DO NOT sign up, attend training sessions or in any other way participate in any event. I under signed, know that ski mountaineering and winter camping are action sports carrying significant risks of personal injury. Ice climbing, rock climbing or mountain climbing is even more dangerous. I know that there are natural hazards such as crevasses, avalanches and environmental conditions, and risks which in combination with my actions can cause me very severe or occasionally fatal injury. I agree that I, as a participant must take an active role in understanding and accepting these risks, conditions and hazards. I also agree that I and not the Alaska Alpine Club or its officers, or its instructors, or other participants, am responsible for my safety while I participate in or train for these events. This statement of risk and the signatures thereto shall be valid for all Alaska Alpine Club events.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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