

*Alaska Alpine Club.* Numerous week-end trips, particularly in the vicinity of the Club's hut on the Castner Glacier, were made during the past year. An attempt by a new route was made on the White Princess, but was stopped by severe whiteout conditions a few hundred feet short of the summit. Members of the party included Ron Dewitt, Kim Malville, Clem Rawert, Bucky Wilson, and Morton Wood. Late in the season two previously unclimbed peaks along the southeast branch of the Castner Glacier were climbed. One of them, tentatively named Crescent Peak (8400 feet), was climbed by Jim Mack, Clem Rawert, Jerry Roach, and Bucky Wilson. The other peak, named Summit Spire (8700 feet), was climbed by Claude Philoctete, Clem Rawert, and Jerry Roach.

During the year the Club was incorporated under the laws of the State of Alaska. This was done in order to allow the Club to file for the land on which the Thayer Memorial Hut is located, as a recreational site.

JOHN DAWSON, *Secretary-Treasurer*

*Alpenbock Climbing Club.* Owing to a general lack of snow in the Wasatch Range, some climbing was possible throughout the winter. A route on the "Tension Trap" in Little Cottonwood Canyon required the month of March to find. Fixed ropes were left on the route, and it was finally completed in April. The Club was active in the Tetons during the summer. Seven members did the south buttress of Mount Moran, and six ascents were made of the North Face of the Grand Teton. Several members spent a week in the "Cirque of the Towers" in the southern Wind Rivers in Wyoming. Ascents were made of Pingora, Pylon Peak, South Watchtower, Overhanging Tower, and the Plume.

Most of September was devoted to new climbs on the "Bell Towers" in Bells Canyon south of Salt Lake City. Fred Beckey and Rick Reese made a new route up the east face of Day Needle in the Sierra Nevada. In October Bob Irvine conducted a rescue session for club members on the mechanics of rigging and lowering a litter. This proved to be a highly valuable session, and it was agreed that more like it should be scheduled in the future. At the annual business meeting Bob Irvine was elected president and Rich Ream historian for 1964.

RICH REAM, *Historian*

*The Alpine Club of Canada.* The 1963 Spring Ski Camp was held in the Tonquin Valley of Jasper National Park, with the recently completed Wates-Gibson Memorial Hut at Outpost Lake as headquarters. Skiing conditions were not of the best owing to mediocre weather conditions; however, a most enjoyable time was had by those who attended.

Summer Camp was held in the Eremite Valley near the head of Eremite Creek. The weather was very poor, but many trips were completed despite this. Camp attendance was 151 members and friends. The trail for about the first six miles from the Edith Cavell Road to the crossing of the Astoria River was quite good, but from here to Chrome Lake the trail became a quagmire because of the very wet weather. Climbs were made of Alcove, Angle, Anchorite, Outpost, Memorial, McDonnell, and Simon. Poor snow conditions prevented climbs on the higher peaks.

An expedition of club members under the leadership of Lt. Col. P. D. Baird went to the Eastern Arctic and camped in Pangnirtung Pass, Baffin Island, during the first part of August. A second ascent of difficult Mount Asgard was made, a fourth of The Queen (7000 feet), and about 20 new ascents. Of 17 days in camp, only three were non-climbing; the others were mediocre weatherwise.

W. C. LEDINGHAM, *Secretary-Treasurer*

*Appalachian Mountain Club.* Growth in almost all phases of A.M.C. activity dominated its 88th year: membership showed the greatest gain in history with a net increase of 627 for a total of 8,858 members at year end; so many persons showed up for the beginners' rock climbing sessions in the spring that the fall and winter programs had to be changed in mid-season to permit intermediates and seconds an opportunity to perfect their techniques; for the first time in its five-year existence the summer workshop for hiking leaders was oversubscribed; sales of the 1963 *White Mountain Guide* that appeared in June were double those of the previous (1960) edition; and the Club's hut system, which celebrated in September the 75th year of its oldest unit at Madison Springs, was again busier than ever.

Positive progress in revamping these unique mountain huts was made during the year. A complete renovation, including three new structures, has been completed at Carter Notch at the eastern end. At the other end of the system the State of New Hampshire has built an entirely new hut on Lonesome Lake to replace the ancient log cabins the Club has operated on their behalf since 1929 on the opposite shore. Sub-surface improvements which have been completed at our year-round Pinkham Notch Camp are the first step in the ultimate renovation to the Club's White Mountain headquarters. Site selection has been approved and architect's plans are being perfected for the construction of an entirely new hut on Mount Clinton on the southern end of the Presidential Range in 1964.