

local mountains and in many other ranges of the world. Under the chairmanship of George Sainsbury our 1985 programs started with the annual banquet, attended by 200 members and guests. This nearly record crowd enjoyed Jim Wickwire's presentation—"Everest via The Great Couloir." Additional programs in '85 included: Mick Holt, AAC representative to the 1984 French Rassemblement in Chamonix, Scott Woolums, Great Trango Tower, North Face, Al Errington, Seven Expeditions to the High Arctic, and we ended the year with an interesting presentation/discussion on the tragic Grand Teton accident by Paul Johnson, one of the two survivors. All of these meetings were extremely well attended and we are grateful to the presentors.

Dee Molenaar and Pete Schoening organized a memorable repair and maintenance work party at the residence of Ome and Matie Daiber. The Daibers, nationally recognized for their contribution to mountaineering and mountain rescue, are well deserving of our attention. Twenty-five AAC and Mountain Rescue members donated their time and skills during two weekends in May. Our goals for 1986 are to continue our fine series of programs, increase communication between members, and increase our membership, now at 230, to over the 250 mark.

DON GOODMAN, *Chairman*

*A.A.C., New York Section.* Much of 1985 was dominated by preparations for the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Club, which was held in New York City on the weekend of December 6-8. A very ambitious, nonstop series of events was structured, all in different locations around Manhattan.

Commencing the festivities on Friday was "An Evening in Bhutan" at the Asia Society consisting of programs on the climbing and trekking potential of this remote kingdom followed by a champagne reception and buffet of Bhutanese delicacies. Saturday's events moved to the Essex House. The day programs featured a 50-year retrospective of climbing in the Shawangunks by Rich Goldstone, a training and conditioning seminar moderated by Jon Ross and composed of a panel of experts, an analysis and discussion of the historic live telecast of Ron Kauk's Lost Arrow climb in May, and the first American ascent of all six great north faces in the Alps in a single season by Eric Perlman. The dinner program that evening featured Nick Clinch and Dick Bass discussing the 1985 Chinese-American Ulugh Muztagh Expedition and the recent "oldest" ascent of Everest, respectively. The Heilprin Citation was awarded to Henry Hall, the Sowles Memorial Award to Jim Wickwire, and the Underhill Award to David Breashears. The weekend ended with an elaborate Sunday brunch at the Clubhouse hosted by Earlyn Church and Franc de la Vega.

In retrospect, the 1985 meeting was by far the largest such gathering in the East with over 500 present, many from out of town. In terms of spirit and good fellowship, it must certainly rank as one of the finest in recent memory. Many thanks are due to a hard working committee of Section members including Fran Allen, Jan and Angela Arnet, Jim Billipp, Priscilla Briggs, John Bruno, Mary

Jane Cross, Jeanne-Marie Gilbert, Jack Reilly, Mike Shor, David Swanson, Ron Ulrich, and Peter Wood.

Setting a new precedent, this year's Annual Meeting was run as a fund-raiser for the Club. Thanks in great part to both special individual and corporate patronage, it was a major financial success with all proceeds dedicated to the Clubhouse Renovation Fund.

Other Section events during the year included a September outing and barbeque hosted by Olaf and Gitta Sööt, a March ski weekend in Vermont at the Church's, and a number of programs at the Explorers Club with presentations by Doug Scott, John Harlin, Fred Jacobson, and others, as well as a live concert and slide show by members of the Juilliard School Climbing Club.

PHILIP ERARD, *Chairman*

*A.A.C., Sierra Nevada Section.* The Sierra Nevada Section has been active on the crags and peaks of the world, and in addition members have conducted the less glamorous day-to-day contacts with landowners and administrators that are so vital to the future of our sport. Our Section climbing activities took us from The Pinnacles, by way of the superb granite of Lovers Leap, and to the dazzling granite domes of Tuolumne Meadows. On the social side we again skied in the Sierra, with fine cooking and hot pools thrown in, had a barbeque by the San Francisco Bay, and logged our second Section Banquet, where the featured presentation was the ascent of the west face of Baffin Island's Mount Thor by Eric Brand and Earl Redfern.

At the end of the year we learned of a planned winter closure of Yosemite's legendary Camp 4. While of itself not welcome news, we have had assurances that this is a temporary measure. The Section's attempts to have Camp 4 recognized as an historic site have not so far been successful! On a more optimistic note, we are to meet soon with the Park Superintendent to discuss the long awaited implementation of Yosemite's Master Plan.

CHRIS JONES, *Chairman*

*Arizona Mountaineering Club.* The A.M.C. finished a typically standard year in 1985. We taught more than 60 people beginning rock climbing during our biennial basic climbing school near Phoenix. We also taught a small advanced rock-climbing school and several desert survival classes for members. Our climbing activities were primarily in Arizona, but there were several trips to Joshua Tree and Tahquitz in California and Red Rocks in Nevada. We ended another active year with just under 200 members. For information about the club and its activities, please write to us at Box 1695, Phoenix, Arizona 85001.

PAUL DIEFENDERFER, *President*

*Idaho Alpine Club.* Our club, located in Idaho Falls, engages in diverse activities that include cross-country skiing, rafting, kayaking, bicycling, and