

glacier travel in the Cascades, oil painting mountain scenes, and a Steve Matous video. Other club functions included social events, programs on mountaineering for other local organizations, and the unanimous formulation of a public statement denouncing the placement of fixed protection on Mid-South cliffs, a very limited resource. Club members also assisted the National Park Service and Memphis State University in the production of two videos demonstrating rock climbing and rescue techniques. Members were notified of club activities through the monthly newsletter *Memphis Mountain News*.

Club officers included Jim Detterline, President; Robin Daniels, Vice President; Richard Bennett and Cynthia McKinnon, Treasurers; Jay Tomlinson, Secretary; Larry Mallory, Zion expedition leader; and Skip Daniel, Rocky Mountain expedition leader.

The Memphis Mountaineers will celebrate their 10th anniversary in 1988 with numerous activities including a banquet with special guest speaker in September. Anyone with an interest in promoting climbing in the Mid-South is encouraged to join Memphis Mountaineers. For more information, write Memphis Mountaineers, Inc., P.O. Box 11124, Memphis, TN 38111.

JIM DETTERLINE, *President*

*Mountaineering Club of Alaska.* Membership in the club slipped below 300 this year as the state lost more population, but we were still an active group. The club conducted its popular ice-climbing school in September and several other classes during the year to help others enjoy the outdoors during the long winters. It also sponsored various hikes and climbs locally, including the fourth annual Harding Icefield crossing, and the club also did much work on its remote glacier huts.

Members reported on several climbs of note this year. Todd Miner and two others made the second ascent to the summit of Amulet Peak, Chugach Range, in February. Mike Miller, Charlie Sassara, Karl Swanson and Brian Cannard made the first ascent of a Grade V waterfall, Mitre Might, in the Chugach in March. Leo Americus made the first winter ascent of Mount Palmer, a solo. Members also made the second ascent of Paradise Peak, Kenai Range, first ascents of Icicle Peak, Benevolent Peak and Sunlight Mountain in the Chugach, and new routes on Bellicose Peak and Benign Peak, the latter an impressive climb considering the nature of the rock in the Chugach.

WILLY HERSMAN, *President*

*Potomac Appalachian Trail Club.* The PATC's Mountaineering Section again had a big year during 1987. Climbing, access, and conservation were the three major activities. Climbing was really good. Over the winter of 1986-87 members climbed in New England (Lake Willoughby and the White Mountains) and locally, rock when weather permitted and ice when it was too beastly

cold to contemplate rock. Skiing, with emphasis on mountain technique, was also very popular. Spring unleashed rock-hungry hordes, and the Section spread its members from Stone Mountain, North Carolina, north to Maine and west to California over the course of the year. A big trip to Peru was highly successful, and other members climbed in the Bolivian Andes as well.

Access work continued at Bull Run Mountain in Virginia. The Mountaineering Section now manages a trail easement to the climbing area. We ask that climbers interested in climbing there either a) climb at Bull Run during one of the Section trips or b) join the Section to help cover the administrative costs of managing the property. The Section also worked with local climbing activist John Gregory to persuade the National Park Service to permit a volunteer work project at Carderock, one of our local crags. It took six months, but we were finally successful! Work will begin in 1989. Other projects included climbing instruction to nearly 200 people during the year. Several Boy Scout Troops also requested and received instruction in various climbing and rope-handling techniques. The Carderock guidebook neared completion, with publication scheduled for early 1989.

One project was started in response to an alarming number of local climbing accidents (none of them on Section trips, fortunately). An ad hoc group was formed to develop a three-part response: 1) provide, through local retailers, climbing seminars with an emphasis on safety; 2) develop and distribute an analysis of local climbing accidents, similar to the A.A.C.'s *Accidents in North American Mountaineering*, and 3) coordinate our instruction program with other local groups and national groups to ensure that climbing safety measures are being emphasized and taught properly.

The coming year should be fun—a film festival is scheduled for February 1989, climbing plans are shaping up with lots of different objectives being listed, and who knows what else the year will bring. Climbers interested in participating in Section activities are encouraged to contact us: PATC Mountaineering Section, 202-638-5306, 7-10 P.M. weekdays.

STUART PREGNALL, *Chairman*