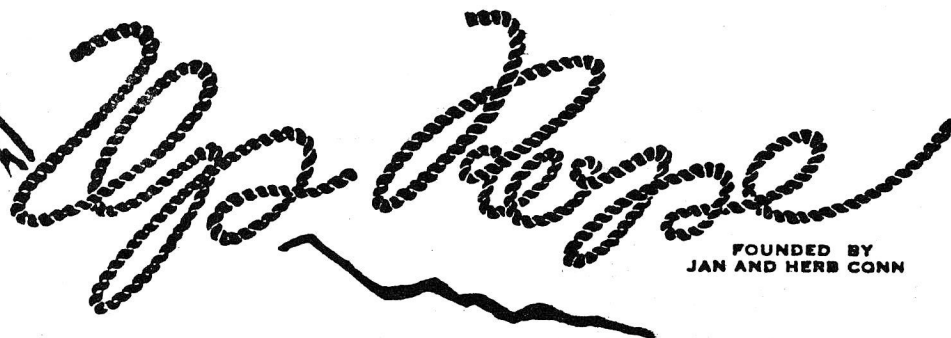


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THERE'S \$\$TAX IN THOSE HILLS

For years, aficionados of more conventional sports have been able to subsidize their personal interests through astute use of the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Hunters claimed deductions for their lodges, sailors for their yachts, golfers for their country club dues. Now, just in time (barely) for your 1978 return, Tax Planning For Mountaineers (Mountain Lode Press, \$17.50) shows you how Uncle Sam may help underwrite the costs of your climbing habit. This guide, which pierces the veil of tax practitioner legalese with piton-point precision, will show you how to maximize your business expense deductions. For example, did you discuss the market over chili at Trav's? If so, you meet the test under section 162 for a full three-beer supper deduction. Did you take a business prospect, satiated with football and hockey, out for a rappel at Carderock? If so, your rope, anchor, and carabiner costs may all be deductible.

As a workbook for the present, Tax Planning For Mountaineers may suggest money-saving last-minute deductions. However, its real value is its contribution to

your tax-climbing future. Tax Planning shows, with actual case histories, how enterprising climbers "climb free" — if they make a business of their sport. All the costs of ropes, shoes, carabiners, and painters' pants are deductible because they are the necessary and ordinary expenses of the business. And, if you are a professional, with time for only a part-time climbing business that loses money, so much the better! You have the classic (5.7) tax shelter. Tax Planning explains how a highly compensated professional can shelter his income with losses from an unprofitable climbing school. And, the costs of ropes, shoes, etc. are all deductible. Appendices to Tax Planning For Mountaineers contain detailed tables for depreciating ropes, slings, and PAs; EBs, and RRs, as well as for computing the salvage value of carabiners.

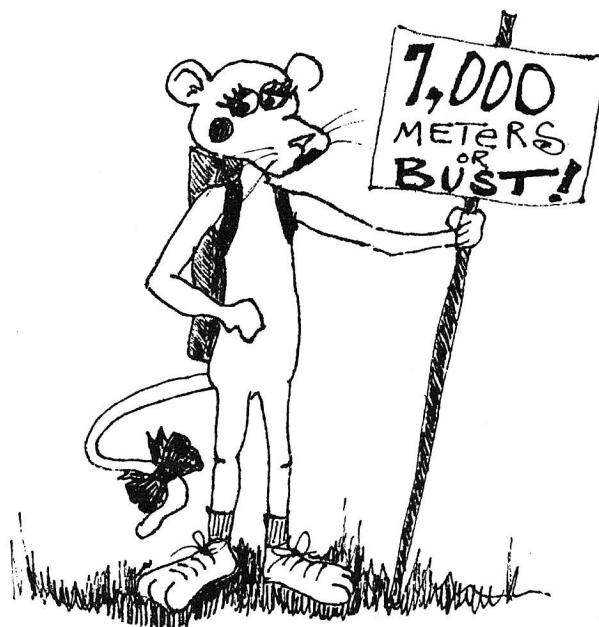
So, if you've been wanting to join the growing number of outdoor people who have turned a personal experience into a profitable activity, here's the book to get you started.

Reviewed by A. Prufroque, Esq.
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BACK IN THE USSR — YOU DON'T KNOW, HOW LUCKY YOU ARrrr

"Asked about serious women climbers, Monastyrski (Director of the USSR International Mountaineering Camps) said that no more all-woman ascents have been allowed since the accident on Pik Lenin in 1974 when an all-woman team of eight lost their lives in a storm (see AAJ 1975). Now women must climb with men. USSR experts in medicine, sociology, psychology, etc., claim that it is not possible for women to climb safely above 7000 meters without men. Asked how Russian women feel about the ruling, Monastyrski said that they now agree it is safer.

"He added that there are excellent women climbers in the USSR, including two who have received the Snow Leopard Badge given to persons who have climbed four peaks over 7000 meters." The American Alpine News, March 1979

**Meeting Report**

March 14, 1979

The long-Harolded potpourri slide show was presented.

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MOUNTAINEERING SECTION ACTIVITIES

The MS holds **monthly meetings** at PATC Headquarters (1718 N Street, N.W., D.C.) to conduct a brief business session and present a slide show, movie, or other form of entertainment. Sunday trips to nearby climbing areas and/or weekend trips to more distant areas are sponsored every weekend. Check the schedule on the back page for details on planned trips. Beginning and intermediate training is offered once a month. Any individual is welcome to participate in MS activities, although some restrictions are placed on participation on

club trips. The Sunday trips are usually to areas where there is a complete range of top-roped climbs, from easy to difficult; however, we ask that you have some instruction or experience prior to the trip. The weekend trips are usually for lead-climbers only, and you are expected to find your own climbing partner. For more information on trips, call Doug Howard, 736-6937, Chairman of the Trips Committee, or call the designated trip leader. For information on training, call Rick Todd, 460-4349.

ADVANCED FIRST AID COURSE

The Mountaineering Section is sponsoring an advanced first aid course at the PATC headquarters starting on April 17 at 7:30 p.m. The class will meet for three hours on most Tuesday and Thursday evenings from April 17 through June 28.

This course will teach first aid skills that should be known by every serious mountaineer and, most certainly, by every trip leader. It will provide a solid knowledge of first aid principles and skills.

This will be a very comprehensive 11-week (yes, 11-week!) course, which will have a special emphasis on mountaineering situations. There will also be one session in a swimming pool and at least one weekend practice session in an outdoors setting.

No previous first aid training is necessary; the course starts from the basics. Much of each class session will be devoted to practicing first aid skills, using both training manikins and classmates as "victims." Films, lectures, demonstrations, and discussions will also be used. Several hours of outside reading will be expected for each class. Informal quizzes will be given during the course to test both skills and knowledge. A skill performance exam and a written final exam will be given.

The course will begin with an introduction to first aid and spend three sessions on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) — learning how to rescue someone who has stopped breathing or whose heart has stopped. Several weeks will be spent on injuries and broken bones, with lots of practice bandaging and splinting. Several additional sessions will

cover emergency rescue and extrication from automobiles, as well as from mountains. Many other topics, including exposure to hot and cold conditions, burns, poisonings, animal bites, emergency childbirth, and water rescues, will be covered.

The primary textbooks will be the Red Cross Advanced First Aid and CPR books and their supplements. These will be available at the first class. Material will also be taken from Medicine For Mountaineering by the Seattle Mountaineers, which is available at several local outfitters.

MS member Harold Driscoll, who is a certified Red Cross first aid instructor, will teach the course with help from Doug Howard and anyone else willing to contribute knowledge and experience.

Two Red Cross certificates will be issued to those completing the course: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Advanced First Aid & Emergency Care.

Registration is on a modified first-come basis, with priority given to people who will lead club trips. The class size is limited to 16 people. There will be a fee of less than \$10 for the Red Cross materials and for manikin maintenance. Medicine For Mountaineering costs approximately \$10. The course will require a large commitment of time, about 60 - 75 hours of class time plus much outside reading. Please don't sign up unless you are prepared to follow through with this commitment of time and energy.

To register, call Harold Driscoll weekdays at 857-0540 as soon as possible. Many people have expressed interest, and the class is expected to fill quickly.

MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

Mountainfilm in Telluride, which describes itself as "A celebration of mountain-related film art," will be held in Telluride, Co., June 1, 2, and 3. Committeeman Lito Tejada-Flores reported that the program was still indefinite but would include "classic German Berg-filmen of the thirties." Other committeemen are Royal Robbins, Allen Steck, Bob Craig, and Bill Kees. The event is jointly sponsored by the National Film Preserve, the Telluride Council for the Arts and Humanities, and the American Alpine Club. Series tickets at an advance price of \$25 are available from Mountainfilm, Box 1088, Telluride, Co. 81435.

AAC PROPOSES MOUNTAINEERING CLINIC

The Blue Ridge Section of the American Alpine Club is considering convening a day-long informal mountaineering clinic in or near Washington the third or fourth weekend in April. The clinic would give younger climbers a chance "to hear about opportunities to join and participate in expeditions or consult more experienced climbers about safety practices, planning methods, and ways that the members and library and other sources of the AAC may help them to realize their plans." Write Philip C. Ritterbush, 3305 North 20th Road, Arlington, Va. 22207.

MOUNTAIN GAZETTE STOPS PUBLISHING

Yep, that's what we heard.

Climber's Calendar

April 1	Gunks	Parker Hill	931-7487
April 1	Great Falls	Clay Corry	525-5226
April 8	Old Rag	James Eakin (Friday pm)	598-6047
April 11	MS Meeting-8pm	PATC Headquarters	Bolivia
April 15	Sugarloaf	Vivian Prunier	527-3163
April 21,22	Seneca Rocks (work trip)	Doug Howard	736-6937
April 22	Leader's choice		
April 28,29	Hermitage, Pa.	Bill De Lano	5320650

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