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#### INSURANCE FOR AAC MEMBERS

A GROUP INSURANCE PLAN FOR MEMBERS is reported in an article on page 9 of the enclosed issue of *The American Alpine News*. After the *News* went to press, the AAC concluded negotiations on an acceptable plan.

President Glenn E. Porzak announced that effective December 1, 1991, climbing insurance will be provided to all members as a free benefit of membership. This insurance will cover mountaineering accidents occurring anywhere in the world. The insurance includes \$10,000 in life insurance, \$10,000 in excess medical insurance, \$10,000 for emergency evacuation and rescue outside the lower 48 states, and \$2,500 for repatriation (return of the body to the United States from outside the lower 48 states). Additional amounts of coverage can be arranged on a per day or per trip basis by individual AAC members.

Any mountaineering activities within or outside the United States engaged in by then-current AAC members are covered. Mountaineering activities consist of hiking, climbing, or scrambling with at least one other person in any region previously used for mountaineering or climbing activities, but excludes activities on residential or commercial sites and transportation to or from the trailhead.

The insurance is provided to all members as part of The American Alpine Club's continuing service to the American mountaineering community.

In making his announcement, President Porzak specifically acknowledged the time and effort contributed by Director Mike Browning in negotiating this insurance plan.

EDITORS NOTE: THE ABOVE MAY BE ONE OF THE BEST REASONS YET TO JOIN THE AMERICAN ALPINE CLUB. MOST MEMBERS OF THE SKI MOUNTAINEERS WOULD QUALIFY FOR AAC MEMBERSHIP. IF INTERESTED CONTACT ANDY FRIED OR OTHER SMS \ AAC MEMBERS

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**NEXT MEETING**

JANUARY 21, 1992 7:30 PM GRIFFITH PARK RANGER STATION AUDITORIUM 4730 CRYSTAL SPRINGS DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA.

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**UPCOMING TRIPS:**

DEC . 29 -JAN 1 OSTRANDER HUT, YOSEMITE LEADER : NANCY GORDON

JAN 4 SAT. LOCAL INTRODUCTORY TOUR LEADER: PAUL HARRIS ASST: WALT BOGE

JAN 11 SAT. CROSS COUNTRY DOWNHILL CLINIC. LEADER HOWARD SCHULTZ ASST: MARK GOEBEL

JAN 18-19 SAT-SUN. MT SAN JACINTO SNOW CAMP. LEADER PETE MATULAVICH ASST: REINER STENZEL

JAN 24-26 FRI - SUN KELLER HUT SKI MOUNTAINEERS TRAINING CAMP LEADER: PAUL HARRIS, ASST: MARK GOEBEL

**Ski Mountaineers Section Management Committee Meets**  
The Management Committee of the Ski Mountaineers met Nov. 19, 1991, prior to the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The following subjects were discussed and agreed upon:

- \* Due to recent state legislation which levies a sale tax on newsletter subscriptions, the Mugelnoos will no long be distributed on a subscription basis. It will be sent free to those requesting it, and section operating costs will be covered by donations. See article elsewhere in this issue which more fully explains this change.
- \* Three ski trips which were received too late for the schedule will be submitted to the Mugelnoos as private trips.
- \* In appreciation of his dedication and hard work in printing the Mugelnoos, the Committee unanimously agreed to send Le Roy Russ a Sport Chalet gift certificate for \$75.00. Thank you, LeRoy!

Section Secretary and Treasurer  
**GREG JORDAN**

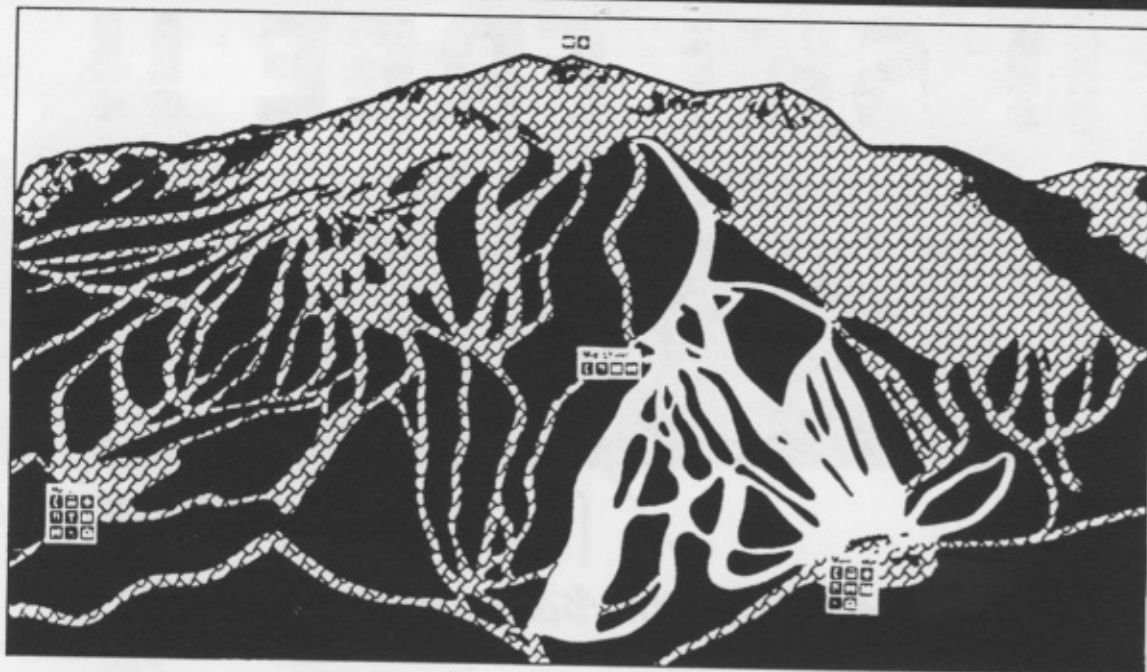
**SKIMOUNTAINEERS DONATE \$500 TO BALDY HUT**

The San Antonio Ski Hut (aka Baldy Hut) has new foam mattresses due to a \$500 SMS donation. The mattresses were purchased by hut committee member Dan Domancich. John Wedberg supervised the many volunteers that caried the mattresses up to the hut.

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The area in white shows the 200 acres covered by the snowmaking installation.

# Mammoth Mountain Installs Extensive Snowmaking System

**M**ammoth Mountain Ski Area installed approximately 200 acres of snowmaking this summer. "The project cost over five million dollars," stated Pam Murphy, Mammoth Mountain's spokesperson. "The system covers 22 trails, offering beginner, intermediate and advanced terrain. This area is serviced by 8 lifts, including our high-speed quad, Gondola, and Chair 3. The extensive snowmaking system is located at the Ski Area's Main Lodge facility. The lifts servicing the terrain include Chairs 1, 2, 3, 6, 11, 26, Gondola 1 and the T-Bar. The popular runs, Stump Alley, Fascination, Sesame Street, Broadway and Saddle

Bowl are among the many trails covered by the system. Along with the excellent skiing obtainable from these locations, skiers have access to Mammoth's famous race arena, the children's ski center, Mid-Chalet cafeteria, Main Lodge facility and beautiful Mammoth Mountain Inn. Mammoth Mountain's Clifford Mann directed the project. He spent several years researching various snowmaking techniques across the country. "We used Snow Engineering as our consultant for this project," said Mann. "We built our own system from the elements we felt were best for our area." Mammoth Mountain has some of the most favorable weather conditions for snow-

making in the world. Due to the higher elevation (9,000 - 11,053 feet) and north-eastern exposure, winter temperatures come early. This, combined with drier than normal air, creates ideal

conditions for making snow. The cooler temperatures also mean that once the snow is on the ground there isn't a problem with melting. According to Mann, the lower the humidity, the warmer the tempera-

tures can be. "With our elevation we will be producing snow of the highest quality," said Mann. "Our skiers will have a difficult time distinguishing our man made snow from natural snow."

**With Mammoth's ideal snowmaking environment, skiers may have a hard time distinguishing the man made snow from the natural snow.**



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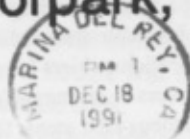
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