

Lake. It is a couple of hundred feet to the left of the West Face Route (which is on the most prominent feature on this face, a left-arching dihedral described in Joe Kelsey's *Climbing and Hiking in the Wind River Range*.) Our route was up a left-leaning, left-facing dihedral system which extends from near the base to the summit ridge. Though less obvious than the West-Face Route, ours is still easily recognizable from Shadow Lake and the second most dominant dihedral on the face. It was of eight pitches, most of which were about F9. The most difficult (F10) was the fourth, the center of three possible lines, a vertical and sustained hand-jam crack in abrasive rock.

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### Colorado

*Colorado Climbs, 1981.* A very warm winter led to a virtual explosion of rock-climbing activity in many of the more popular areas of Colorado, but the lack of snow and sufficient cold weather also greatly reduced that on ice. Nevertheless, a few winter climbs of note were made. Steve Mestdagh and Charlie King made the second winter ascent of *Hallet's Chimney*, taking two days in January. John Myers and Tom Luman probably made the first winter ascent of the *Arnold-Michael Route* on Crestone Peak, taking a direct variation over the huge chockstone at two-thirds height; this involved aid out a 10-foot roof and climbing an unprotected, 50-foot 5.9 corner. They were forced to bivouac just below the summit. Peter Hutter and Peter Lev climbed a moderate but pleasant ice route, *Avocado Gully*, near Redstone. Despite its proximity to the road, the climb is only visible after a short walk, hence its late discovery. Eldorado Canyon saw an extraordinary amount of activity, with 200 or more new routes being added over the past year. An energetic and aggressive group of locals, including Carl Harrison, Skip Guerin, Bob Horan, John Baldwin, Jim Stuberger, Mike Brooks, Dave Hague, Sandy East, Chip Ruckgaber, Mark Lane, Dave Kozak and Mark Rolofson, were mainly responsible, along with many others; details of specific routes are far too numerous to mention here, but can be found in the news section of *Climbing* #67, 69 and 70. Also of note are the first free ascents of two older Eldorado Routes: *Rock and Ice* (5.12) by Pat Adams, and *Wendego* (5.11+) by Jeff Achey and Leonard Coyne. A newly discovered area on the south side of Big Thompson Canyon was developed by various combinations of Mark Wilford, Randy Joseph, Bill Wylie and Skip Guerin; the routes are in the 5.9 to 5.11 range and, although short, are mostly of good quality. Jeff Lowe and Tim Kudo climbed a very hard new route on the Ames Wall near Ophir, *Seamstress Corner* (5.11+ or 5.12-). With three pitches of 5.10, two of hard 5.11 (or 5.12), and a finish through a rotten band, Lowe called the route "One of the hardest long free climbs in Col-

orado." This climb was done placing whatever fixed pins and bolts were needed (on the lead), and nuts only are necessary to repeat the route. Estes Park and environs also saw a big increase in activity, although heavy rains in the summer slowed the pace a bit. Lumpy Ridge predictably saw the majority of traffic, with Billy Westbay, Aaron Walters, Malcolm Daly, Bill Wylie, Randy Joseph, Tim Hansen, Scott Kimball, Karen Johnson, Doug Snively, Jeff Lowe, Sandy East, Mark Rolofson, Eric Doub, John Allen, Dan McClure, Mark Wilford and Skip Guerin all being active. Most of the routes were in the 5.10 to 5.11 range. (See the news section of *Climbing* #67, 69 and 70 for details.) An old area near the Twin Sisters, The Crags, has seen a renewal of interest, with Scott Kimball being the driving force behind development; the area should be noted for its large number of easy and moderate climbs on generally solid, knobby rock, although many harder climbs also exist. In the Garden of the Gods, a number of new routes were added by Bob d'Antonio, Pete Gallagher and Mark Rolofson, with various partners. Rolofson solved one long-standing problem with the first ascent of *Ninety-Nine Percent Pure* (5.11+). The climb is a direct start to *Cocaine*, and involves intricate slab climbing; due to the excellent rock and the puzzling sequence of crux moves, the route is destined to become a true Garden classic in years to come. Of note in the Black Canyon of the Gunnison was the second ascent of the *Hallucination Wall* by Lou Dawson and Rich Jack. The pair did the route with three bivouacs in early September; Jack broke a finger in a fall midway through the third day, and described the route as "Difficult, but with no real death leads."

MICHAEL KENNEDY

*Bookmark Pinnacle, Skid You Not, Lumpy Ridge.* In late June Doug Snively, Aaron Walters and I made the first ascent of *Skid You Not* (II, 5.11c). It ascends the slab immediately right of *Melvin's Wheel*. Two bolts were used for protection on the crux of the slab. It continues over the roof to the summit of the Bookmark.

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*Bookmark Pinnacle, Between The Sheets, Lumpy Ridge.* In June Bill Wylie and I made the first ascent of *Between The Sheets* (II, 5.11d). The route follows the thin crack on the wall just left of *Fantasy Ridge* but right of *Sidewinder Cracks*. Two bolts were placed for the belay after the first and crux pitch, which is protected mostly by small R.P.'s. The second pitch is only moderate 5.10 face climbing but would require a bolt to be safe. We would have placed it except for having left the bolt kit on the ground. The route took us two days (the first hundred feet took seven hours). It has only had one repeat, by Hidetaka Suzuki.