several of the pitches are bolt-protected face climbing as well. The climbing is spectacular and varied, with many fine crack pitches in addition to the face climbing. This route can be done as a hammerless aid climb at a 5.8 C2 standard, or it can be done mostly free at 5.11 A0 (a few points of aid on bolts). With a little cleaning and work it will probably go all free. Regardless of how it is climbed, it is one of the best long routes in the Southwest. It's probably the best descent route for climbs on Paria Point, too. IV, 9 pitches.

CHARLIE FOWLER, *unaffiliated*

Monument Valley, The Stagecoach, Bandito Route. Carl Tobin, Dan Langmade, and I climbed the first ascent of the Bandito Route on the Stagecoach in Monument Valley in the summer. This fine, mostly-free four-pitch route climbed the east ridge of the 600-foot formation.

JOHN MIDDENDORF

Bridger Jack, Indian Creek, Still Alive at 35. The route climbs the east face of the mesa beginning in a shallow chimney on the right side of a prow. A large roof near the top of the landform (bypassed on right) is the best landmark. The first ascent party suggests the route may go free at 5.12 with bolt protection. First ascent Dougald MacDonald and Dave Goldstein. III 5.11 A2, six pitches, 500 feet.

ERIC BJØRNSTAD

Taylor Canyon, Aphrodite, South Face, The Rotor. Mike Pennings and I completed a route on the south face a month-and-a-half after first attempting this line. The route (IV 5.10 A3+) starts in a straight-in splitter and reaches a rightward-trending, right-facing corner system, followed for two pitches to a horizontal that traverses right to a hand crack in a roof. After the initial 5.9+ C1 pitch, two sustained pitches of thin nailing follow, both of which involved several long falls on the first attempt. The 5.10 roof hand crack trends right and joins the Webster-Drieman route on the east ridge where a short pitch brings one to the summit. The crux third pitch used several Rurps, hooks, blades, and Beaks. Fixed anchors were placed at belays only.

DOUG HALL

The Fortress, South-Southwest Face. Mike Pennings and I explored an area down around Mineral Bottom and climbed a free route on a tower that was narrowly separated from the rim. We did not know any history of this

tower and found no evidence on top for a descent. An initial pitch starting with fist cracks to off-width was climbed up a left-facing corner. The 60-meter pitch ended after a beautiful hand crack section. Here, the route splits where we first went left but reversed some ground and eventually went right (A0), which led up a moderate chimney and a final, moderate third pitch with great exposure. (III 5.11 A0).

DOUG HALL

Canyonlands National Park, Airport Tower, Sky Pilot. Mike Baker and Leslie Henderson climbed a new route on Airport Tower in September. Their route, *Sky Pilot* (IV 5.9 A3), was probably the second ascent of the tower, and the second route on the large formation. It lies about 35 feet right of *Wind Shear*. In May, 1995, the duo also climbed Sunset Tower (II, 5.8 C2/3) located about 1.5 miles west of the junction of Highways 313 and 191.

CAMERON BURNS

Arches National Park, Miss Rosa Coldfield. The tower is the first landform south of the Phallus and was soloed in August (5.8 A2, 140 feet) by Dave Gloudemans via the south face. Tower of Babel, *The Secret Journey* (IV 5.5 A3+, four pitches, 550 feet). The route climbs the east face of the tower, right of *Zenyatta Entrada*. First ascent by Tony Wilson solo.

ERIC BJØRNSTAD

Moab area, New Routes. Stairway to Heaven (III 5.10, five pitches, 410 feet) climbs to the rimrock via a crack system in the center of the Fourth Tombstone. First ascent by Jimmy Dunn, Bob Novellino with Betsi McKittrick, Peter Verchick, Bret Sutter and Jay Smith on lower pitches. *Forgotten Fun (*II 5.10, 4 pitches, 300 feet) is on the Cutler Walls north of Moab at Powerline Crag. First ascent by Jimmy Dunn, Betsy McKittrick, Kevin Chase.

ERIC BJØRNSTAD

Tusher/Mill Canyon Area, The House of Putterman. In October, Jon Butler and I made a free ascent of The House of Putterman. Brian Takei and I had made the first ascent of the butte in 1994 with one rest point, on a short finger crack on the third pitch. Jon led every pitch on the first free ascent. Snowstorms were a part of both ascents as well. The route, called *Walden's*