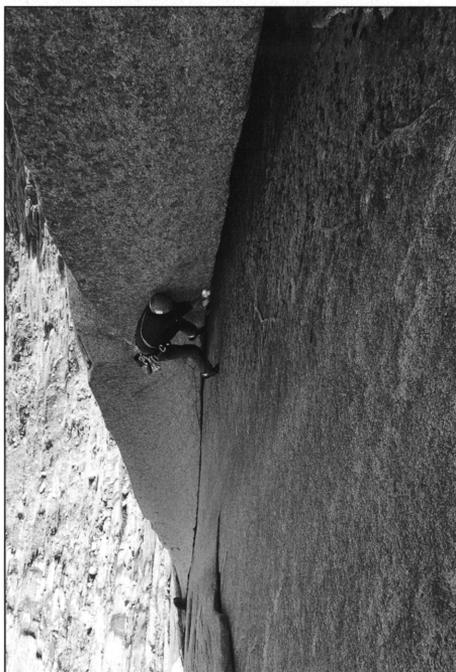




The new route on Ameghino's south face. *Ariel di Carlantonio*

the East Glacier and Southeast Route, also know as English Glacier (2,800m, MD). Galván also made a new route on the northeast ridge, climbing between rock walls and ramps to the right of the Polish Glacier. He went from Plaza Argentina to the summit alone, covering 2,800m in 14 hours. He encountered ice and mixed terrain, with grade 6 (UIAA) rock. He named the route Los Porters.

MARCELO SCANU, *Buenos Aires, Argentina*



Zach Harrison on the Flakes of Wrath, El Escudo.
Cullen Kirk

Ameghino, south face. On February 24, 2009, Fernando Arnaudi and I left Plaza Argentina (ca 4,200m) for Ameghino's (5,883m) south face and climbed 300m of 50° névé, then a very steep 220m cascade, and then another 500m, up to 80°. This last passage was rotten rock below a cornice, which Fer led, and I take my hat off to him. We arrived at a shoulder that connects with the normal route, left our rucksacks, and in 40 minutes reached the hypnotic summit. We returned to the base, where a reward of empanadas and wine awaited us.

ARIEL DI CARLANTONIO, *Argentina, as told to Marcelo Scanu*

NORTHERN PATAGONIA

Cochamó, El Escudo, Flakes of Wrath, and Cerro Trinidad, E.Z. Does It. In January 2009 northern Arizona climbers Cullen Kirk, Zach Harrison, and I established Flakes of Wrath (IV 5.11+) up the center of El Escudo, between the routes Pulso and Icaro y la Luna (AAJ 2007, p. 243). Rather than climbing the opening pitches

of the two existing routes we scrambled 500m up a fourth- and easy fifth-class ramp to the left. We climbed along the right side of the central flake feature and crossed over Icaro y La Luna on pitch five, before passing between the two prominent roofs at the top of the formation. The crux pitch required seven protection bolts along a seam and thin smears in a corner. We equipped the route over four climbing days, with a complete ascent on the last day.



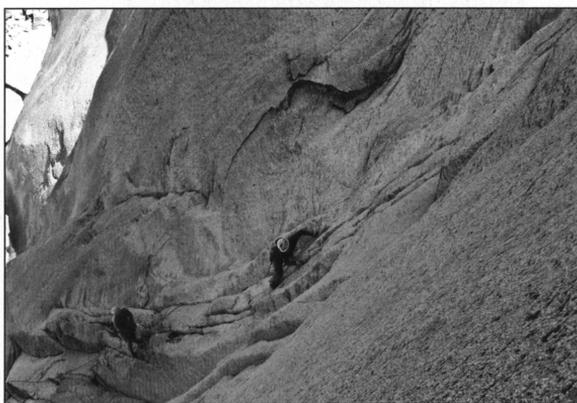
Flakes of Wrath, El Escudo. Cullen Kirk

In February 2009 Zach Harrison and I named a new line on the north face of Cerro Trinidad: E.Z. Does It (350m, IV 5.10+). The route begins a few hundred feet left of Vamos con Peto and right of an obvious roof system, about an hour's hike up Trinidad's descent gully. The route goes through a stunning left-facing splitter dihedral on the crux pitch. Originally we thought we were on a route called Velebit. We realized we were off-route a few pitches up but continued to the summit anyhow. There are information gaps and a lack of good references for locating routes on the north face. Some sources offer conflicting descriptions. We found none of the anchors shown on the topo for Velebit and believe ours is an independent line. Twice we returned to bolt better belays and add a protection bolt, and twice we were rained off. On the final ascent we placed one more anchor and two protection bolts, then descended before a huge rainstorm hit.

ERIC FRYE, *Flagstaff, Arizona*

Cochamó, Pared de Paz, Nueva Perspectiva and Joe's Pocket Monkey; Pared de Profetas, En la Senda de Gigantes. With the gracious support of a Mountain Fellowship Grant from the AAC, I organized a team—Benjamin Deering, Jonathon Estep, Chris Harkness, Tyler Overby, Jim Toman, and I—to venture into Chile's Valle Cochamó. From early January through February, 2009, different combinations of us worked on about a dozen routes.

Before most of us arrived, Jim blazed a jungle trail far into the Valle de Paloma, an unexplored area with untouched granite walls east of La Junta and behind Cerro Capicua. Upon entering the Valle de Paloma we were immediately drawn to the largest, most prominent, and obvious wall on the east side of the



Sevve Stember leads the second pitch of Joe's Pocket Monkey. Tyler Overby