

have ever seen. We chose the northeast face, the largest wall on the peak except for a hopelessly slabbed face just on its right, across a glacier-scarred couloir. We climbed to a shoulder, where we roped, and then enjoyed three leads of fine and sometimes difficult fifth-class climbing. The rock was excellent. We endured a cool snowstorm, then came to easier terrain and followed a large boulder field to the summit.

FRED BECKEY

### *Eastern Wyoming*

*Devils Tower.* A record number of climbers ascended the Devils Tower on a record number of routes during 1964. There were 79 parties of 196 individuals on 19 routes. Ten first ascents (marked with asterisks below) were made. Statistics follow.

<i>Name of Route</i>	<i>NCCS Rating</i>	<i>Parties 1964</i>	<i>Individuals 1964</i>	<i>Parties since 1st ascent</i>
1. Durrance	F6	40	104	325
2. Wiessner	F7	12	28	28
3. Sundance	F7	4	9	7
4. Devil's Delight	F8	2	5	3
5. Bon Homme	F9	1	3	3
6. Gooseberry Jam	F9	1	2	3
7. *Danse Macabre	F10	1	2	1
8. Hollywood and Vine	A1	5	17	15
9. Walt Bailey Memorial	A2	3	6	6
10. Casper College	F7; A2	1	2	4
11. *Delta I	F7; A1	1	2	1
12. *Sabre	F6; A3	1	2	1
13. *NE Corner	A3	1	2	1
14. *Conquistador	A3	1	2	1
15. *Window	F6; A4	1	2	1
16. *Vulture	A3	1	2	1
17. *Direct SW	F9; A3	1	2	1
18. *NW Corner	F8; A3	1	2	1
19. *Belle Fourche Buttress	F8; A3	1	2	1
		79	196	404

One accident occurred. On September 6 a failing rock on the Durrance route broke two bones in the victim's hand. He was able to descend without assistance.

DAVID P. JOHNSTON, *Mountaineering Club of Alaska*

*Devils Tower, The Window.* In August, Pete Robinson, of Fort Collins, Colorado, joined me in an attempt to climb the "Window" of Devils Tower. This is a 300-foot high recess in the east face of the Tower. It had been attempted twice before. Rain fell all day, but did not hit us

until we passed the ceilings forming the top of the recess. Passing these ceilings was the crux of the climb. The last pitch was dangerous because of poor piton protection and slick rock. (NCCS IV, F6, A4.) A few days later we put up a new free route about a dozen columns east of the Durrance route. We named this "Danse Macabre". The hardest part is the first 30 feet, but it is strenuous for 75 feet, after which it becomes easier. (NCCS III, F10.) Complete descriptions for these climbs are available at the Park Service Headquarters.

ROYAL ROBBINS

*Devils Tower, The Sabre.* Tex Bossier and I made this new route on the west face in six hours of difficult climbing. It lies between the McCarthy and Vulture routes. It follows a thin aid crack for 300 feet, with belays in slings, passes a roof on the left and climbs left for 20 feet to another crack system. From here we climbed a diagonal chimney system to the summit. NCCS III, F6, A2.

LAYTON KOR

### *Colorado*

*Longs Peak, a new route on The Diamond.* On August 14, Robert Boucher, his wife, a five-man support party and I strolled up to Chasm Lake on Longs Peak. After lunch, we climbed the North Chimney to Broadway, the great ledge at the base of the 1000-foot Diamond. After a good bivouac on Broadway, dawn saw us nail the vertical and overhanging wall in four long, beautiful leads (mixed free and aid) to the Ramp, a sloping ledge at the base of a mighty inside corner. Two dark leads up this corner led us to a slender ledge where we stopped for the night. In one long pitch next morning we reached Table Ledge, a horizontal crack that spans the wall three-quarters of the way up. At this time, Bob made a difficult traverse 90 feet to the right across Table Ledge using pitons that varied from rurs to bong bongs. Suddenly the temperature dropped sharply and snow began to fall as the wind swept across in frightening updrafts. Soon the fog blocked the outside world. After two long aid-leads up a 200-foot overhanging headwall, and a 35-foot leader fall, we were hanging in slings just forty feet below our goal. Nightfall soon overtook us and the snow became worse, but with the aid of a headlamp, we struggled to the summit. The "Grand Traverse" rates as NCCS V, F8, A4.

PAT AMENT, *Unattached*

*New Routes on the East Face of Longs Peak.* Tex Bossier and I made several new routes on the east face of Longs Peak during June of 1963.