

Climbs and Expeditions

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Mount McKinley. Aside from the climbs noted elsewhere in this *Journal*, the following ascents were made of the main or south summit: *International Alaska Expedition*, J. Richard Hechtel, Kurt Bittlingmaier, Peter Hennig, Lowell Smith, Bernhard Segger on May 4 via West Buttress; *Minnesota McKinley Expedition*, Roland Fleck, Robert Stolzenbach, Sven-Olaf Swartling on June 8 and John D. Peterson, Bill Coats, John Frantz on June 9 via West Buttress; *China Lake McKinley Expedition*, Carl Heller, Ernst Bauer, Dennis Burge, Russell O. Huse, James R. Nichols, Charles D. Ringrose, Robert P. Stein, Robert E. Westbrook, Frank G. Buffum, Jr. on July 11 via West Buttress; *Western States McKinley Expedition*, Paul Gerhard, Louis Reichardt, Loyd Price, Roger Derryberry, Peter McGann, Steven Altman on July 27 via West Buttress; *Mountaineering Club of Alaska Expedition*, William H. Babcock, Gayle E. Nienhueser, Chester S. Hackney, Jeff Babcock, John Ireton on July 29' via Muldrow Glacier and Karsten's Ridge.

Mount McKinley Tragedy and Resulting Expedition. Two expeditions, the Colorado Mount McKinley and the Wilcox McKinley expeditions, joined to climb the Karsten's Ridge route. Seven members of the latter died high on the mountain. On July 18 Jerry Clark, Mark McLaughlin, Walter Taylor, Hank James, Dennis Luchterhand and John Russell radioed to Park Rangers from the summit; they had reached the top in a white-out after a bivouac the previous night. They were apparently

Note: All dates in this section refer to 1967 unless otherwise stated.