

sen, Ed Ehrenfeldt, and I made the climb on September 15, 1974. The climbing over and around a serrate crest of granite teeth is quite spectacular and provides a number of short problems. The nearness of the summit-route gully to the west offers escapes, and is therefore a detractor to any claim of boldness. NCCS II, F7.

FRED BECKEY

*Kettle Dome, West Face.* The first climb of this face was done on October 20, 1974 by Walt Vennum, Phil Warrender, and me; the route is on the right side (long side) of the face, near where it corners to the south. The route is all face climbing, much on small holds, with a shortage of protection opportunity, especially on the first pitch. About 6 pitches. NCCS II; F7.

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*Clyde Palisade, Primrose Ridge.* This prominent crest adorns the north face of Clyde Palisade to end on the west summit. It is very visible from Glacier Lodge and usually divides the light from shadow. Dave Black, Mike Graber, and I made the first climb in late July, taking most of the day from a high camp at about 12,000 feet where a rock outcrop breaks the glacier. Icy snow led to the lowest portion of the very thin crest (this is just west of the spur that continues north). From here 13 demanding pitches took us to the summit, with each pitch religiously staying on the crest; 3 of the pitches were a minimum of F9. NCCS IV, F9; all chocks.

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*"Hair-raiser Buttress," Granite Basin.* Vern Clevenger and I climbed this route in June. The route ascends the only prominent, pitted buttress in the middle of the Granite Basin group. We started off some boulders slightly uphill from the low point and center of the buttress and then took the central line for three pitches to the top, always following the area most solution-pocked. The final pitch is the crux, some F9 and considerable F8, all protected by bolts. NCCS II, F9.

THOMAS HIGGINS

*Sugarloaf Dome, Southwest Face.* This face was climbed in June by Fred Beckey and me. Sugarloaf is the prominent formation across the Merced River from Bonnell Point in Little Yosemite Valley. Leave the trail at a point where you walk next to a cascade and gain a bushy ledge below the southwest face. Starting just left of the left-most tree on the ledge, climb several difficult free pitches to a point where you nail a short crack to a tree. Climb up and right for a pitch and nail a small short arch