

from the desert frontage. The route was free except for one aid portion (several bolts placed here). NCCS III, F8, A1.

FRED BECKEY

Arizona

Mace, Sedona. Molly Higgins and I completed the second route, Wind, Sand and Stars, on May 3 on this beautiful formation: some of the best desert sandstone I have climbed. Our route is on the north face with two aid pitches followed by an overhanging, off-width fissure, which Molly led in good style. NCCS III, F10, A3.

LARRY V. BRUCE, *Elk Mountain Climbing Club*

Idaho

The Prow, Steamboat Rocks. Steamboat Rocks are a large group of quartzite buttresses, ten miles from Kingston on the Coeur d'Alene River. At least six of them are over 500 feet high. The south-facing apron of the first buttress provided possibly the first technical route done in the area. Darcy Droste and I climbed the first two pitches in late June. The first (F6) ended on a mossy ledge. The second pitch was a difficult jam-crack and chimney. Poor protection and difficulties forced our retreat. I returned alone in October and finished the route. The final pitch ascended an overhanging wall and turned a roof on the left. NCCS II, F9, A1.

R. DANE BURNS, *Equipe de Danse de Coeur d'Alene*

Mount Heyburn, North Buttress of the East (Third) Summit, Sawtooth Mountains. On October 15 my wife Shari and I climbed an obvious buttress on the north face of Hayburn's east summit. Difficult climbing involved crack climbing. On the fifth pitch I let loose a large rotten flake, which fortunately missed Shari. Some of the rock was extremely weathered and rotten while other parts were quite sound. There was a short overhanging finer crack on the summit spire. NCCS III, F9, A1.

ALAN KEARNEY

Cirque Lake Peak, Southwest Spur, Warbonnet Peak Area, Sawtooth Mountains. On August 9 Paul Helmcke, Al Schmidt and I completed the first ascent of the southwest spur of Cirque Lake Peak. From the Warbonnet Lakes we ascended to within 300 feet of the col west of the west buttress of Cirque Lake Peak. We scrambled diagonally right to a steep headwall 100 feet to the right of a rotten cleft between the west

and southwest spurs of the peak. We continued diagonally right up the wall to a roomy platform and diagonally left on the second lead to a steep dihedral with a large flake. We climbed the flake until we could exit right to a ledge and the spur crest. The third lead followed the spur crest to its junction with the west ridge. The fourth and fifth leads continued along the west ridge to the base of the summit tower. We climbed a chimney on the south face to ledges and thence to the summit. NCCS III, F9.

ALLAN ERRINGTON

Big Baron Spire, Sawtooth Mountains. Dave Davis and I did the first ascent of the east face of this striking peak. The climb begins directly below the imposing summit capstone in a chimney/crack system. It is five pitches long with the crux a large roof that we passed on its right side. NCCS III, F9.

GREG MARKOV

Montana

Ross Peak, Northeast Face Direct, Bridger Range. On June 28 Gary Skaar, Kurt Martinsen and I packed via the middle fork of Brackett Creek to this relatively unknown face, which is hidden by a lateral moraine. In the afternoon we climbed two short and one long free pitches and bivouacked 250 feet up. The next morning Gary led an A4 aid pitch up an arching crack on which I had taken a zipper the day before. At the top of this pitch we were forced off by rain and snowfall. We scrambled up 100 feet and traversed ledges to a snow couloir, which we then descended. On August 19 Skaar and I returned, ascended our previous descent route to where we could belay down to our last belay on the ascent route. The next lead went up a dihedral and was followed by two easier pitches. A lead of difficult mixed climbing had two aid placements and the most demanding free climbing of the route. One more easy rope-length took us to the top. NCCS IV, F9, A4.

JACK E. TACKLE, *Unaffiliated*

Beehive Mountain, South Face, Spanish Peaks. On October 18 Craig Zaspel and I packed into the Spanish Peaks Primitive Area from the Big Sky Ski Resort. We approached the peak via Beehive Basin, which led us directly to the base of the rock. Our route started near the center of the face, just left of an obvious dihedral-chimney. The crux was the third pitch where we climbed two overhangs free. The angle then lessened and gave easier climbing to the summit. Six pitches. NCCS III, F9.

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