

unclimbable for me, forced a traverse and rappel into the funnel feeding the waterfall. I did escape to the top of the face from there, but it was wet, loose, vertical and difficult.

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Colorado

Longs Peak, Diamond and Twin Owls. Chris Reevesly and Bill Rouse took advantage of a good day in early July to make the second ascent, but the first all free one, of the Obelisk, a long vertical white crack at the left edge of the Yellow Wall on the Diamond. It was not until July, 1975 that this much-tried route was first climbed by George Fowler and Phil Fowler. While discussing the climb with Hurley, Reevesly learned of a thin crack inside the double overhanging 4- to 4½-inch crack. Acting on this information, Reevesly and Rouse decided to have a try at doing the route free. Their hunch was right, but barely so. The 130-foot stretch of crack below Obelisk Ledge proved a vicious crux. Roger Briggs and Bob Candelaria did a new free variation on the route done by Wayne Goss and Jim Logan on the Yellow Wall side of the Diamond. They traversed to the right side of the Yellow Wall bivouac ledge, having climbed the lower part of the face as Goss and Logan had, and then finished on the Yellow Wall route. The significance of this is that it adds three more pitches of difficult climbing above where the other free routes finish. The Epitaph route on Twin Owls was done all free (F11) by Earl Wiggins and Dan McClure.

MICHAEL COVINGTON

Diamond, Diamond Lil Route, Longs Peak. During two July days Michael Covington, Dennis Hennek and I climbed a new route on the highest part of the Diamond Face of Longs Peak. It is a line wholly independent of others on this face and goes up between the Grand Traverse Route and Diamond 1. Of the 12 pitches, three were free at HVS, three were free with some aid and the rest were steep, sometimes overhanging, all-out aid.

DOUGLAS SCOTT, *Alpine Climbing Group*

Winter Climbing, Colorado Rockies. Despite the mild winter season of 1975/6, little was achieved. On December 21, 1975 Brad Johnson and Dick Jackson made the first winter ascent of Hallet's Chimney on Hallet's Peak. Mild conditions enabled the climbers to complete the climb with just one bivouac in a cave at half-height. Dakers Gowans and Mike Monger made the first winter ascent of the Northcutt/Carter route on Hallet's Peak. Both climbs had been attempted unsuccessfully on numerous occasions as winter climbs. Duncan Ferguson and John