

*Fairweather, 1982.* At dawn of July 27, 1982 Dick Sletten, Warren Wilder and I attained the summit of Fairweather (4663 meters, 15,300 feet). It was a perfect day with spectacular views to St. Elias and Logan to the north, Glacier Bay to the southeast and all the peaks of the Fairweather Range. We had completed the second ascent of the west ridge, following the Gove party route of 1968. (See A.A.J., 1969, pages 304-7.) The ascent from the lake in Desolation Valley took eight days. The weather was mild by southeastern Alaskan standards. We had only one storm day when we were unable to travel. However, the late season presented problems for glacier travel on the approach and in sections of the icefall. The freezing line was at 10,000 feet, which resulted in weak and sagging snow bridges and avalanche conditions. The major climbing difficulty was loose unstable rock encountered while reaching the west ridge and at the 9500-foot notch, where the ridge drops off 400 feet.

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*Mount Bertha, Northeast Ridge.* On July 14 Kevin Haberl, Peter Mair, Bruce Blackwell and I reached the summit of Mount Bertha (3110 meters, 10,204 feet) via its northeast ridge. The lightweight expedition was entirely self-supported from kayaks. Our original objective was Crillon's north ridge. After finding no feasibly safe landing site in Johns Hopkins Inlet, we paddled back to Reid Inlet and gained access to the Brady Glacier via the Reid Glacier. In another attempt at reaching Crillon's north flank via a col in the divide separating Mounts Bertha and Abbe, we crossed the divide and made some westward progress until we got to a totally impassable icefall. In one day, a 21-hour push, we ascended Bertha from 3700 feet on the Brady Icefield. Two days later, on July 16, we climbed the west face of P 7103 (2165 meters; in the northwest corner of the Mount Fairweather Quad C3). We then returned to our kayaks in Reid Inlet and continued our adventure in the many wild inlets of Glacier Bay.

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*Mendenhall Towers Traverse.* In August 1982 Dick Ellesworth and Bruce Lulla traversed all the Mendenhall Towers from west to east in a seven-day period. They started with the Rabbit Ears Spire and continued along the ridge. The seven nights in bivouacs were mostly stormy and they were tied down for two days by storm with wet blowing snow. They reported the climbing as straight-forward, up to 5.9 and A2.

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*Michael's Sword, Second Ascent and Devil's Paw Attempt, Juneau Icefield.* On June 28, Dave Dahl and I flew by helicopter to the upper reaches of Hades Highway. After a week of inclement weather we repeated the original route on Michael's Sword (III, 5.7) on July 4. We found no evidence to indicate that this