

*West Annapurna, Stuart Range.* Using an approach from Ingalls Creek, Dave Beckstead and I made the first ascent of the south face in June. We began on broken granite at the lowest portion of the face, then followed a slight rib on the face. Most of the climb was class 4 and easy class 5, but one slot had 5.7 moves. The rock is very solid.

FRED BECKEY

*Bridge Creek Wall, "Wet and Wild."* In December of 1983, Matt Kerns and I climbed the waterfall that forms in the gully system to the left of Bridge Creek Wall. The approach from the Icicle Creek Road took four hours. The first pitch was 100 feet of thin 60° ice. Snow led to the second pitch, 20 feet of vertical icicles followed by 60 feet up a steep ice ramp. More snow led to a 300-foot granite wall bisected by a thin strip of ice. Two pitches of steep ice and poorly protected mixed climbing up the strip led to the top. We descended the east side of the upper pitches with a long rappel, and downclimbed to the west of the lower pitches. The climb gets a lot of sun and is wet even if the air temperature is below freezing. Piton protection is possible; bring knifeblades. (Grade V ice.)

TOM HALL-HARGIS

*Winter Climbing in the Snoqualmie Pass Area.* Winter climbing has become quite popular on these small but rugged peaks. The area sports many excellent, short alpine climbs possible in one day from Seattle. The north face of Chair Peak and the south face of the Tooth are especially popular. In December, Jim Nelson and Scott Fischer climbed the east face of the Tooth. The steep face provided several pitches of difficult mixed climbing.

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*Mount Snoqualmie, Northwest Face, First Winter Ascent.* In January, Greg Colum and I decided to attempt the route first climbed by Dan Davis. The northwest face, not visible from the road, is one of the largest and steepest in the Snoqualmie Pass area. From camp at 5200 feet on the west ridge, we descended to the base of the climb, which begins at the left edge of the face. We found a steep snow gully leading to the top of the face. It was enjoyable climbing on frozen snow up to 55°. We were surprised that a climb of this quality, so close to the road, had not been done in winter before.

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*Cutthroat Peak, East-Face Couloir.* In April Tim Wilson and I made the first ascent of the prominent gully system that splits the east face of Cutthroat Peak. It was five pitches of enjoyable snow and ice with one long steep pitch of ice at the bottleneck of the couloir. We descended the north ridge. This is a recommended early season climb, feasible in a single day if the North Cascades Highway is open.

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