

California—Sierra Nevada

Mount Russell, West Face. Alan Kouzmanoff and I climbed a new route on this face in June. It starts in a rotten, right-slanting crack about 40 feet right of the Rowell-Jones route, and climbs over two overhangs with a short hand traverse in between. The rest of the route follows a clean, right-facing dihedral to the summit ridge. (III-IV, 5.10.)

FRED YACKULIC

Dragon Peak, Northwest Ridge. In June, Claude Fiddler and I climbed the left of two arêtes on the northwest side of this peak. The route was six pitches and was done in a day, car-to-car. (II, 5.8.)

VERN CLEVENGER

New Routes on Grand Sentinel and North Dome, Kings' Canyon National Park. In July, Bruce Bourassa and I climbed *Cosmopolis*, a new route on the Grand Sentinel, which we believe to be the third route on the formation and the first new route in 10 years. Left of the Robbins-Chouinard route is a huge left-facing corner. This route starts left of that on a right-trending ramp and ledge system, which is followed for two pitches to a ledge below a block. Two more pitches involving some aid follow cracks up the left side of the block to a huge ledge. From here, cracks zigzag up past a large flake and over a roof, finally leading to a ramp and the top. (V, 5.10, A3.) *Invisible Nebulae* is also on the Grand Sentinel and starts near the northeast buttress on a ramp, hidden from below. Four free pitches lead to the end of the ramp. From here, two A4 pitches end with a pendulum into a corner. The rest of the route is free. Mike Stewart and I climbed it in September. (V, 5.10, A4.) Across the canyon from the Grand Sentinel, Bourassa, Stewart and I teamed up to climb *Dolphin Dreams* on North Dome. The route starts with 5.9 face climbing to the base of a ramp. From the ramp's end, four pitches of mixed climbing lead to two easier free pitches and the top. (V, 5.10 or 5.11, A3.)

CRAIG PEER, D.O.C.C.

Moro Rock, Pressure Sensitive. The massive west face of Moro Rock has a very conspicuous ramp which cuts the wall at mid-height when viewed from Amphitheater Point. This ramp comprises the center portion of this route, climbed by Dick Leversee, Ed Sampson and me in June. We started on steep slabs at the base of the wall, well to the right of the ramp. Five pitches lead to the ramp, and two more lead to a bolt and knob belay near its end. An 85-foot rappel gives access to another ramp and steep cracks leading through a 40-foot roof/corner, which end near a spacious ledge a pitch from the top. The rappel is the only aid on the route (IV 5.10+, A1.)

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