

*Frederika Mountain, Wrangell Mountains.* Frederika is a beautiful, snow cone just east of Mount Regal. The mountain was first named Mount Abercrombie but was later given its present name in honor of Frederick Schwatka, an early USGS explorer to the region. On September 4, Sean Ragain and Steve Mulholland flew to Skolai Creek to meet me for an attempt on unclimbed Frederika Mountain. I had just completed an eight-day hike up the Chitistone Canyon. We hiked to the toe of the Frederika Glacier that day at 3700 feet. For two days, it rained and the wind howled. Finally on the 7th, we were able to move up a glacier on Frederika's southwestern flank to camp at 6700 feet. September 8 started out rainy and foggy. September 9 was beautiful. We ascended the icefall to an upper basin at 8000 feet. Then we went up 50° snow and ice to the west ridge at 9000 feet. From there we ascended the west face up 45° snow and ice to the summit (10,356 feet). The view to Mounts Sanford, Tom White, Logan, Bona and the rest of the Wrangell and St. Elias Mountains was spectacular.

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*Caliban, Xanadu, The Maidens and Shot Tower, Arrigetch Peaks, Brooks Range.* In Late June and early July, Bob McGregor, Yan Marrand, Gary Brill and I flew to Circle Lake from Bettles and then hiked to an airdrop site near the head of Arrigetch Creek. We all pioneered a fine route on excellent granite (5.8) on the south buttress of Caliban Peak. We then made a foray into the deep cirque walls to the west. Poor snow-and-ice conditions and massive and exfoliated flakes made routes impractical. McGregor and Marrand did a new route on the east rib of the south peak of Xanadu. During unsettled weather, McGregor, Marrand and Brill made the second ascent of the impressive north buttress of the central peak of the Maidens (V, 5.9). This climb, perhaps the most impressive ever done in the Arrigetch, was first climbed by John Markel and Bob Duggan in 1982, but it was never reported in the climbing literature. Marrand and Brill made a marathon hike to Shot Tower, just managing to make the ascent and get back to the lake for the float plane. In a tragic aftermath to the expedition, several weeks later Bob McGregor died from injuries suffered when a snow bridge in the Tantalus Range of British Columbia collapsed on him.

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*Mount Fairweather, East-Southeast Ridge and "Sabine."* Gaping crevasses made it impossible to land near our chosen objective. A snap, mid-air decision left us at the base of an ideal consolation prize, the unclimbed east-southeast ridge of Fairweather. (This is clearly seen on the photograph on page 33 of *AAJ*, 1981.) With the weather unusually fair, Jim and Kevin Haberl, Alastair Foreman and I began climbing almost immediately. The first day took us up gullies, shattered rock, cornices and occasional towers over the summit (8860 feet) of the sub-peak which rises on the lower arm of the east-southeast ridge. On Day 2, we followed a spiny ridge leveling onto a hanging glacier, which then reared up