

*Kokopelli Spire.* This intriguing spire, located across the river from Farmington, had seen several attempts before Mike Baker and I made the first ascent on February 3. Seven drilled angles were used as a bolt ladder and several pitons, ranging from bongs to baby angles, were placed. The rock was quite loose. (II, 5.9 R+, A2+, 1 pitch.)

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*Zuni Needle, Gallup Area.* Mike Baker and I made the first ascent of this beautiful 250-foot tower on April 7 and 8. Mike led a long pitch with a short section of 5.10. A second short lead (5.8) put us on a ledge two-thirds of the way up the tower. We rappelled off double ropes. The following day, after jumaring to the high point, I led a beautiful, overhanging A2 seam that quickly turned into 5.6 face-climbing. The descent required two double-rope rappels. We placed five drilled angles for rappel anchors and three knifeblades. (III, 5.10, A2, 3 pitches.)

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*Animas Spire* (I, 5.7+, A3) is located just 50 feet downhill from Ghost Tower. Mike Baker and I climbed it on February 15. Baker led the single pitch by first threading the lead rope through the middle of the spire, tying it off and then jumaring the fixed "sling" around to a stance on the northern side of the tower. An awkward off-width followed. Descent was made using simul-rappel techniques. *Crackerjack Tower* (I, 5.9, A2) is a tiny tower located up a canyon directly north of a rest area on NM Route 84, a few miles south of Ghost Ranch. Baker and I made its first ascent on February 25. He led, placing several pitons and drilled angles. *Coyote Pinnacle* (I, 5.9, A2) was climbed in June 1990 by Mike Baker and Leslie Henderson. It lies in a canyon west of Crackerjack Tower and is almost invisible to passers-by as it blends into the cliffs beyond.

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*Ford Butte.* Ford Butte is mentioned in Herbert Ungnade's *Mountains of New Mexico*, but precious little history of climbing on it is recorded. This volcanic plug has three separate and distinct summits, the highest being either the north or south summit. On April 6, Mike Baker and I made the first ascent of the south summit (II, 5.9, R). We then climbed the regular route to the north summit (5.7). The lower west summit remains unclimbed.

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*Angel Peak Correction.* In *AAJ 1991*, page 169, Angel Peak was incorrectly placed. It rises in northeastern New Mexico.