

an error in the report on the Romanzof Mountains. What appears as "P 7800, the westernmost high Alaskan Arctic peak" should read "P 8700, the easternmost high Alaskan Arctic Peak."

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*Baird Mountains, 1992.* During an archeological survey, I made a number of ascents in the Swatka, DeLong and Baird Mountains, including the prominent limestone peak 11 miles up the Nakolik, whose north face comprises two pitches of class-5 rock.

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*Brooks Range, Endicott Mountains.* Working for the Park Service, Walt Rogers and I trekked on snowshoes this spring from the upper Negu across the entire Killik basin to Okomilaga and Chandler Lake. The significance of the Killik depression as a snow-free fauna oasis was noted. We encountered 9 grizzly bears, a wolf pack of 5 hunters, 2 lone wolves and a vixen with 3 pups. I concluded that it is elevation rather than the wind pattern that is responsible for the oasis. We made four modest ascents.

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*Phillip Smith Mountains.* We made a new route from the upper Ribdon to the headwaters of the Wind River, traversing the ridge west of Windy Glacier and descending onto the ice. The upper Ribdon is endowed with alpine meadows, limestone buttresses, tunneling rivers, pools, falls and a natural arch. We continued east through a succession of passes leading to the upper Ivashak. High on the Ivashak, we found Clarence Rhodes' plane. The last entry in the flight journal was for September 19, 1958. We made three ascents during the traverse including P 8025 above the west fork of the Ribdon.

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*Devil's Thumb and Kate's Needle.* Eric Trouillot and I spent three weeks in May skiing and climbing in the Stikine Icecap area on the Alaskan-British Columbian border. Our major climbing objective was the Devil's Thumb (2767 meters, 9078 feet), whose summit we reached in a 24-hour day from a 2100-meter camp on May 23 after two aborted attempts. On our second attempt, we climbed the lower two buttresses of the east ridge and were traversing around some pinnacles where the southeast snowfield meets the ridge when bad weather and time (five P.M.) forced us down. On our successful climb, we reascended the right (east) margin of the southeast snowfield on 45° snow and ice to our previous highpoint, a rock buttress directly below the first tower beyond the prominent lower two buttresses of the east ridge. We climbed three