

on the Lowell Glacier because of fog. On May 3, we made what we believe is the second ascent of the north ridge of Pinnacle Peak (3714 meters, 12,186 feet) in a 16-hour round-trip. On May 7, we made the first ascent of P 3590 (11,778 feet; 4 kms northwest of Pinnacle Peak) by the northeast ridge. On the 9th, we made the first ascent of "North Lowell Peak" (3680 meters, 12,074 feet; 4 kms west of Pinnacle Peak) by the east face and north ridge. On May 12 we climbed a new route, the southeast face and upper northeast ridge, and made the second ascent of P 3570 (11,713 feet; 5 kms northwest of Pinnacle Peak).

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Canadian Rockies and Coast Range

Mount Edziza, 1992. Rocco Osborn, Ian Spooner and I explored and climbed in the Edziza Provincial Park, British Columbia, in July 1992. We flew from near Telegraph Creek to Buckley Lake, which is within the park. We then hiked to the central western base of Edziza (2787 meters, 9144 feet). We enjoyed good weather on the hike in, but we suffered frustration and delay in finding a bag we had airdropped. This had tangled in the floats of the plane and had overshot the drop zone when we finally managed to release it. The climb was completed from the broad volcanic plateau due west of the summit. We made an ascent of low technical standard between the glaciers to the crater rim. From there, we traversed the glaciated summit crater, about two kilometers across, to the eastern rock pinnacles along the rim. Most spectacular in our view of surrounding peaks was the long line of sharply glaciated Coastal Range summits. We finally spent time along the lower slopes, exploring the volcanic landscape of cinder cones and ash-covered glaciers. Once back at Telegraph Creek, we concluded the trip with a kayak journey down the Stikine River and out to Wrangell, Alaska.

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Mount Birdwood, East Face. On February 27, Keith Haberl and I climbed a new line of water ice, snow gullies and mixed ground that led directly to the summit of Mount Birdwood. The route is visible from the Burstall Pass parking lot, forty minutes from Canmore. We skied 2 1/2 hours to the base of the face. After 100 meters of easy mixed ground and a short vertical ice pillar, we reached the main ice pitches. Two pitches of thin grade 5+ waterfall climbing took us to an ice dagger out of reach. We traversed right on a very mixed ramp of snow, ice, and some aid to where a pendulum got us back on the ice above the ice dagger. Two more long grade-4 ice pitches put us into an easy snow gully and mixed ground where we belayed, questioning the snow stability. We topped out on the summit ridge at ten P.M. and called it quits. Twelve long rappels and a long ski got us back to the trailhead 22 hours after setting out.

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