

*McKinley, Entire South Buttress.* Parts of the South Buttress of McKinley (Denali) have been climbed before, but starting from the airstrip on the Kahiltna Glacier on May 4, Mark Asprey, Ron Bauer, Marcus Brown, Tahoe Rowland, Mike Vanderbeek and Tom Whalen ascended the mountain along its entire 12-mile length. They took three weeks to complete the route in very unsettled weather.

*McKinley North Summit, Telemark Ski Descent of Wickersham Wall.* Starting on May 5, Tyson Bradley and John Montecucco made a ski descent of the rarely climbed Wickersham Wall. They dropped down from Kahiltna Pass to the Peters Glacier. They climbed the Canadian route on the Wickersham Wall. They had a unique approach by ferrying loads up to each higher camp, skiing back down to their camp and then moving up the next day, in effect skiing the route bottom to top. On May 24, they skied the final section from the north summit. They descended the West Buttress route.

*McKinley, South Face, Milan Kriššak Memorial Route.* Mark Bunker and I completed the second ascent of this route, taking nine days Base Camp to Base Camp. Unlike the Koreans, who were on the American Direct, we climbed without fixed ropes alpine-style. They left ropes hanging all over the face. We climbed the upper crux pitches free, where the first-ascent party resorted to aid. We descended the southeast spur and the ramp route.

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*Hunter and Deborah, 1993.* Holly Samson and I climbed the west ridge of Hunter to 9200 feet on May 20, 1993. The next day, in deteriorating weather, we climbed the spectacular corniced ridge and reached the summit (4442 meters, 14,573 feet) at ten A.M. On May 27, we were flown to the Yannert Glacier in the Hayes group and climbed up the broken icefall and glacier to camp at 9000 feet. The following morning, we climbed the beautiful, straightforward west face of Deborah (3761 meters, 12,339 feet), which involved 3300 feet of ice up to 70° and some unconsolidated cornices on the summit ridge. We reached the summit at three P.M. Our descent down the original 1953 Beckey route was a fearsome affair with horrendous, sun-baked cornices and a temporary setback when a section of the ridge collapsed and sent Holly on an 80-foot flight over the east face. We returned to camp after an 18-hour round-trip. We spent the next three days slogging across wet glaciers and muddy tundra and reached the highway on June 1.

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*Mount Hunter, North Buttress.* Two articles on remarkably difficult new routes up the north buttress of Mount Hunter appear earlier in this *Journal*. One