

*Blackburn and Saint Elias, 1993.* Ascents of Blackburn and Saint Elias by an international party are described in an article earlier in this *Journal*.

*Elephant's Tooth, Albatros and Caliban, Arrigetch Peaks, 1993.* On July 13, 1993, Lorna Corson and I were landed at Circle Lake in the Arrigetch Peaks. After hiking two loads up Arrigetch Creek, we climbed a 5.7 route on the south face of Elephant's Tooth on July 17. On July 20, we climbed what is probably a new route on the Albatros, following parallel cracks on the right side of the south face (IV, 5.9). We descended the southwest ridge by down-climbing and a few rappels. Next we attempted a route on the beautiful triangular orange south face of Caliban. Large, unstable flakes and exfoliated plates forced us to retreat. We then third- and fourth-classed gullies and slabs to Caliban's east summit. We concluded our trip with an eight-day float in inflatable kayaks down the Alatna River, encountering numerous bears and wolves.

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*DeLong Mountains, Brooks Range.* The cold spring and wet summer in the Alaskan Arctic caused floods that swept away villages in the Koyukuk. While studying the western arctic caribou herd with its record 600,000 members, we crossed the DeLong Mountains from the Kokolik River to the Naniviksak and descended the entire Kugururok to Noatak village. Copter Peak at the Naniviksak headwaters appears to be a volcanic plug. We made its first ascent from the east. The black chert and obsidian are a source area for the arctic small-tool cultures of the region.

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*Fairweather from the North.* On May 8, Dean James from Wales, Ian Berry and Andrew Allerton from England, and I from Alaska were flown to 3000 feet on the Grand Plateau Glacier by Kurt Gloyer of Gulf Air after six days in Yakutat waiting for flying weather. We camped at 4000, 6000, 8000 and 9000 feet before making a high camp at 10,000 feet. Between 4000 and 7000 feet the icefall was steep and broken. We climbed P 9250, just north of P 11,205, which allowed us to see the need to detour east around a large nunatak to avoid a troublesome icefall. At our high camp, we were hit by our third and longest storm, which lasted for seven days and dropped five feet of snow. On May 24, at the first sign of clearing, we skied towards the col between Fairweather and its west peak. The next morning, we reached the col and switched to crampons for the upper west ridge. The final 2000 feet were a mixture of low-angle blue ice and deep pockets of powder snow with bergschrunds and cornices. The last 500 feet had several icy and rime-coated ice mushrooms to surmount to the final summit (4669 meters, 15,320 feet). This route has had several previous ascents.

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