

A1 difficulty. This same pair had previously made the first all-woman ascent of the peak in the 1991-2 season by one of the 1968 French routes on the east face.

*Poincenot, East Buttress, "Whisky-Time."* Working from a bivouac on the Paso Superior, with many interruptions because of the weather, we climbed the first half of our route and fixed it with rope. Finally, on February 10, 1994, we succeeded in climbing the last ten pitches to the summit. From the Paso Superior, it took us an hour to the bergschrund, which was at the point where the Whillans route branched to the left. We continued up mixed climbing and 50° ice to the bottom of the east buttress. After five rope-lengths of difficulty up to 5.11, A4, we got to the prominent crack, which began with off-width breadth and ended after 45 meters in a fist-crack. The next four pitches were up a hand-and fist-crack (5.10 and 5.11). From the head of a small pillar, from which one can leave easily to the left, one reaches after the next two pitches (5.10, A1) a small snowfield. From that point, there are two more pitches (5.8 and 5.6) to the summit of Poincenot (3002 meters, 9849 feet). We rappelled down the same route. Belays were secured by two bolts and one fixed carabiner.

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*Aguja Saint Exupéry, South Face, "Le Petit Prince."* Gaël Bouquet-Deschaux, Emmanuel Pellissier, Benoît Robert, Jérôme Arpin and I made a mostly aid route on the unclimbed south face of the Aguja Saint Exupéry. We could climb on only eleven days in a month, starting on December 15 and finishing on January 10, 1995. Because of Patagonian weather, we fixed rope on the whole climb. We used bolts to attach the fixed ropes. The cracks were usually filled with ice or snow. This face is well protected from the wind, which blows from the west off the Continental Icecap. I would have preferred to climb alpine-style with portaledge. We dedicate our climb on the 50th anniversary of his disappearance to Antoine de Saint Exupéry, author and pilot famous for flying mail in the notoriously treacherous Patagonian winds. Our friend Lionel Daudet soloed our route alpine-style two weeks after our ascent.

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*Aguja de la S, Two Solo Routes, and Saint Exupéry Solo, 1994-95.* I climbed solo two new routes on the Aguja de la S. [It is not clear on which face the climbs were made, but it is believed they were on the east face.—*Editor.*] *Qui Se Souvient des Hommes?* (Who Remembers Man?) rises 450 meters and was climbed with fixed ropes and self-belays (ED-, 6c+). I reached the summit on December 24 after three days of preparation. I opened the crux pitch with the help of Jérôme Arpin. Five bolts remain in place. *La Femme de ma Vie* (The Woman of my Life) also rises 450 meters and also was climbed with fixed ropes and self-belays (ED+, 7a, A1). I reached the summit on January 9, 1995 at 11:30