

*Mount Morrison, Don-Julie.* In the summer of 1994 I climbed the *Hobbs/Slate* route on the north buttress of Mount Morrison with Don Lamson. From this route it is possible to view the central pillar, which appeared to have more compact rock than the choss we were climbing. A winter ascent of the north buttress with Brian Biega reconfirmed this: the central pillar has some clean looking stone.

In September I returned with Jim Howle. We carried a light free climbing rack with pitons and a bolt kit. The route begins at the left-hand edge of a conspicuous red band of rock. The permanent snowfield at the base of the wall was peppered with recent rockfall, prompting us to solo about 20 meters of loose rock to the first belay under an imaginary roof. A very long rightward traversing pitch, right above the yawning moat of the snowfield, put us at the base of a four-pitch right-facing dihedral. Square-cut edges were everywhere and, besides a few stones lying on the ledges, the rock quality is superior to that of the *Hobbs/Slate* route. We encountered a back-off piton and a stopper at the first sling belay in the corner. Good protection with Friends and nuts and the odd piton enabled us to utilize excellent face holds to the right of the main corner. Sunshine and a ledge arrived simultaneously, providing an incredible lunch stop; we followed the upper pillar to the top, which looked easier than it was. The setting sun hurried us to the summit, but not without a terrific trundle on the 10th pitch, the only shattered pitch on this climb. We named the route *Don-Julie* after our friends Donald Lamson and Julie Romweber, who perished on nearby Red Slate Mountain in the spring.

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*Inspiration Peak, Southwest Buttress.* On July 16, my brother Carl and I climbed the Southwest Buttress of Inspiration Peak. This buttress starts at the foot of the south face and sweeps up to join the standard West Ridge route. We started on the South Face route, which begins with a 5.7 pitch after bypassing the toe of the buttress on the right side. Above, where the South Face route angles right, we continued straight up, staying just left of a prominent scooped-out area of light gray rock. Two pitches of excellent rock led to the ridge crest. The second of these was the crux, a right-facing corner crack visible from below. A pitch or two along the crest led to the West Ridge route, which we followed to the summit. Besides being an enjoyable climb, the buttress offers a good rappel route off the peak, since it avoids the loose rock and snow of the West Ridge gully. Grade II or III 5.8, excellent views.

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