

visited summit. Other climbs of the German team included the West Face of Hanako (5500 meters, first ascent) and ascents of two, probably unclimbed, 5000ers, Sabe (5600 meters) and Tunto Potosi (5500 meters). The expedition ended in the village Totorapata where the young mountaineers planted 270 trees. The leader of the trip was Alexander Ritzer.

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Huanacuni, North Ridge, P 5550. Four British climbers who met up in a bar in La Paz climbed Huanacuni (5796 meters) by a new route up the North Ridge to make the second, and first British, ascent of the mountain (June 15-17). Basecamp was then moved southeast to the Lavandarani valley from which the first ascent of P 5550 in the same group was made (June 20-21). Basecamp was then moved to the north of the Pelechuco road and a first British ascent made of another P 5550 in the Katantica group (June 24-25). JG ascended the west face solo after a major communication breakdown. The next day GA and MF made a slightly different approach and then climbed the west face while YB had giardia at basecamp. Expedition members were Gerry Arcari, Yossi Brain, Mike Franklin, and John Garside.

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Central Andes

First Ascents in the Central Andes, 1993-1996. In the last three southern summers I did the following: Cerro de los Remolinos (3848 meters, first ascent, December 27, 1993, southwest side, easy) and two days later, Cerro Alto de Dolores (4110 meters, a third ascent). Both peaks are located in the neighborhood of the Carreñito Pass, Colina valley of Santiago. Back in the area I climbed on January 8, 1995, Cerro Andrade (4010 meters, first ascent, northeast side, very unstable rock). It is located west of the well-known San José volcano. In late December, 1995, I marched from the ski resort of Portillo north to the Portillo Gap, which I crossed and descended into the La Cañada valley, where there is a welter of unclimbed rock peaks rising to over 15,000 feet. On December 27, I made the first ascent of P 4521 (north side, broken rock, easy), located north of Contrabandistas International Pass. I named it Cerro Don Damasio, after a legendary Chilean hillman-climber. Weather was unstable. I retraced my way back to Portillo gap and from it I traversed horizontally in a southwest direction to reach a notch that gave me access to the upper Ojos de Agua valley. From there I made the first ascent