

on the final push) climbed *The Hazing* (5.8 A3) on the west face of the King Fisher. Also, Stevie Haston (U.K.) reportedly freed *Phantom Spirit* on the Echo Tower at 5.11-5.12. (*Rock and Ice* 81)

The Titan, The Wasteland. It was reported that Walt Shipley and Bill Lee nailed “what may be the Titan’s last natural line,” *The Wasteland* (A3+ 5.8), an 1,100-foot nine-pitch route that required roughly 35 bolts. It lies on the tower’s west face, in the obvious chimney left of Scherezade, and generally follows the gargoyle arête beside the Finger of Fate. (*Climbing* 176)

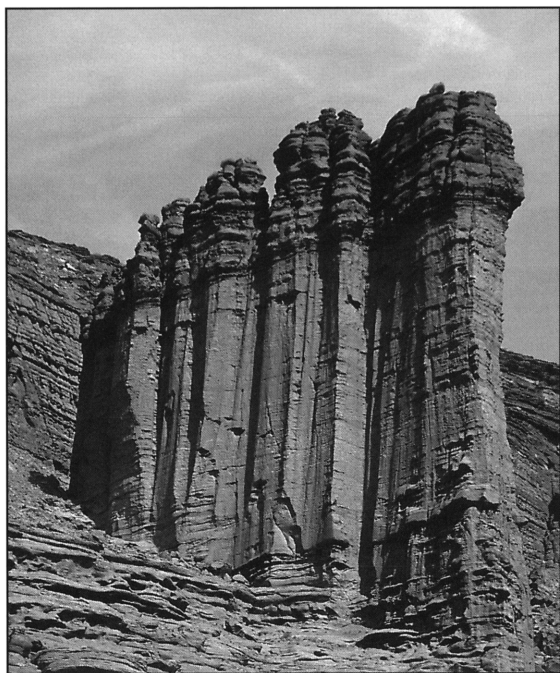
Doric Column, The Big Nasty. It was reported that Bill Lee and Walt Shipley put up a new 600-foot route via the “obvious” line on the Doric Column’s southeast face. *The Big Nasty* (A4 5.9R) was climbed over three days in November; ten holes were drilled for progress. (*Climbing* 176)

Fisher Towers, Various Ascents. In 1997, I climbed four small, “new” towers in the Fisher Towers with various partners. In April, Jon Butler and I made the first ascents of two towers, Large Marge and The Projects, below the Titan Trail. In December, Jesse Harvey, Mike Baker and I climbed two “new” towers, Putterman’s Pile and Rocky Top, which lie between Dock Rock and the King Fisher. Putterman’s Pile lies 300 feet south of The Great Googly Moogley, which saw its first ascent in November, by Walt Shipley, solo. Shipley and Keith Reynolds later free climbed *The Great Googly Moogley* at 5.10+. The Great Googly Moogley lies just east of Dock Rock, and is obvious from the parking lot.

In May, Mike Baker and I made the first ascent of the western prow of River Tower via a

four-pitch route called *The Flow* (III 5.8 A2). The 450-foot route climbs the tallest portion of River Tower and had been previously attempted by an unknown party.

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The River Towers. CAMERON BURNS

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Factory Butte, Clarification. I was a interpretive park ranger at Capitol Reef National Park from June, 1992, through October, 1994. During my time there, I set my sights on a prominent monolith called Factory Butte.

Rumors among the locals were that it had not been climbed, which I doubted because of its prominence and because of the famous climbers who got their start in the Torrey area. The approach and the base of Factory Butte are made of the clay/silt mudstone of the Mancos rock type, which erodes