

Kane Creek, Cameron Burns and Jesse Harvey climbed a 200-foot tower named Shelbyville via *Mr. Putterman Goes to Washington* (II 5.9 A1). Approximately eight miles south of Moab is the popular Kens Lake. Just south, a dirt road approaches the Wingate cliffs prominent to the east. In April, Linus Platt, John Rzycki and Brad Bond climbed Old Dad Spire, putting up *Old and In The Way* (5.10c A0, 190').

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*River Road Area, Various Ascents.* Along the River Road (east of Moab), *O'Grady* (5.12+) was climbed in September by Jay Smith and Kitty Calhoun. This route is just right of Lighthouse Tower above Big Bend Recreation Area. In the same area in February, one crack system left of Dolomite Wall, Smith and Calhoun put up *Clearlight* (IV 5.11+R). At Mile Marker 12, *Nuke 'em Rafi* (5.11a A1), was established by Jay Miller and Andy Roberts in June.

In the Richardson Amphitheater area of the River Road, Brad Bond and Alden Strong climbed the East Face (5.9 A2, 200') of the Stinger. Indian Chief Tower up above mile marker 28, named after its distinctive profile, was climbed by a two-pitch 5.7. The first ascent was claimed by the FBI (Fat Bastards International) in March.

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*Moab Area, Various Ascents.* Sunshine Wall is an exciting Wingate buttress bordering the northern reaches of Salt Valley, just north of the border of Arches National Park. It is reached by a good dirt road that branches east from U.S. 191 approximately five miles south of I-70. To enter Salt Valley, take every major right turn after leaving U.S. 191.

Mike Baker, Leslie Henderson, and Wilson Goodrich first visited the area back in May of 1997 and established several routes. Development of routes from 5.8 up on cracks and faces on good rock has progressed steadily since then, mainly due to the efforts of Mike Baker and various partners, yet the place has the potential for many more routes. It is remote, yet accessible with a two-wheel drive, low-clearance vehicle, and is sure to become a popular climbing destination.

James Garrett, Pete "Big Billy" Keane and Brad England made the first ascent of Tower #143, the largest free-standing spire (at 250') in the main cliff area. The route was named *Burning Shoes* (III 5.9 A2) and was climbed in October. Brad Bond and Steve "Crusher" Bartlett climbed a 200-foot tower a few hundred yards to the east via the two-pitch *Dickfour* (5.9+ and A2+).

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*The Nuns, Various Activity.* Three new routes were established on The Nuns in Castle Valley. *Bad Habit* (5.11) climbs the east face and was put up by John Catto, Jay Smith, and Mark Hesse. *Holier Than Thou* (5.11c) weaves its way up a dramatic calcite curtain on the north face, and was climbed by Smith and Hesse. The two also put up North Face Right (5.10a).

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