

Residence (II 5.8 C1, 300'). March 7-8: *The Hand of Puttima* (II 5.9 A1, 300'). December, *McYetta's Loaf* (II 5.8 C1, 300').

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San Rafael Swell

Mexican Mountain Area, Lone Rock, South Face. We had long had our eyes on the prominent right-facing dihedral system working its way up the south face of Lone Rock. Despite Eric's guidebook and all the hoopla about it, the tower known as Lone Rock still had no additional routes. We saw more bikers and four wheelers than usual but no other climbers. On March 13, John Sweeley and I made the first ascent of the South Face (III 5.9+ A1)

The rock is generally superb. For the offwidth master, the free rating would be harder, the C1 would be minimal and the nailing may be necessary to protect only a brief rotten section. By no means, however, should it be considered only a wide climb. Fun finger and hand cracks predominate. Three long pitches take one to the south summit intersection with Owls Eyes. Here one may continue to the higher north summit via the last 5.7 pitch of the other route or descend by rappel to the west.

JAMES GARRETT

Canyonlands National Park

Dabneyland, Various Ascents. This area is just outside and south of Monument Basin. It is named after Walt Dabney, who began the Canyonland's "No New Fixed Anchor" policy in 1995. The policy was designed to stop any new climbing development, but I reckon it just adds to the fun. There is more commitment when the pins and bolt kit have been left at home, and it is very satisfying to leave no trace.

The Pixie Stick is the only tower previously climbed in the area. During 1999, three new towers were climbed. In January, Kath Pyke and I climbed *The Intemperate Bass* (5.11a) on the furthest tower east, which we named Captain Pugwash. Nigel Gregory and I climbed Captain Bird's Eye via the route *This Is The Place* in October; the route involved three excellent 5.10c pitches on perfect Cutler sandstone, with mostly face climbing on pockets and edges. In November, Ralph E. Burns and I climbed *Captain Collywobble*. This involved four pitches to produce *Dottyback Deamo Daydream*, another 5.10c free climb. The descents from these fin-like towers involved simul-rappelling. Two 60-meter 9-mm ropes pulled fine each time. On *Captain Collywobble*, the tallest of the group, we used one 60-meter and one 70-meter rope.

STEVE "CRUSHER" BARTLETT

Soda Springs Basin, Yum Kipper, Toad Rage. In the basin south of Candlestick Tower, and below the White Rim Trail, Fran Bagenal and I attempted the obvious large tower, which we called Yum Kipper, in April, climbing two pitches. We retreated, encouraged by a vicious sandstorm screaming through the imposing slot of the third and final pitch. I returned a couple weeks later with Strappo Hughes, Tony Herr and many large Friends. We each took turns on the slot. Strappo eventually summited after freeing the crack with one hang. He sat on top,