

around the bases of the various ridges, Hornby discovered relics of wooden boxes that may date from the original Fake Peak expedition.

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*Mt. Johnson, The Escalator, New Route and Tragedy.* On May 17 and 18, in warm and unsettled weather, Seth Shaw and I climbed what we believe to be a new route on Mt. Johnson. It started on a 50-degree ice runnel on the east face, left of the prominent east buttress, which led into a snow bowl and then up the southeast couloir. It was mostly moderate snow and ice and gained about 4,000 feet from the glacier. We did it in a 31-hour round-trip, but were pinned down for a while in the middle of the night during a short snowstorm while spindrift avalanches poured down the route. The descent from the summit took about 12 hours down the large gully to the south. Unfortunately, Seth was killed about a week later by serac fall.

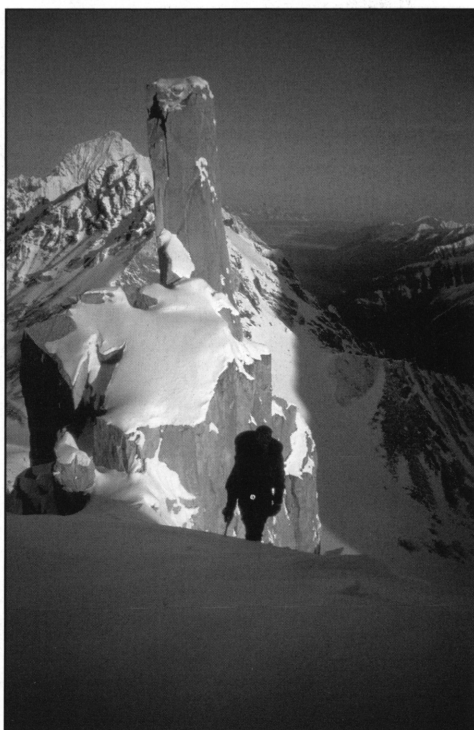
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## REVELATION MOUNTAINS

*Peak 9,650, Ice Schooner, New Route, and Various Activity.* On May 18, Rob Jones and his Super Cub deposited Fred Beckey, Ryan Hokanson, and I among the many other erratics on a small glacier in the Revelation Mountains, at the southwestern end of the Alaska Range. With good weather and perfect snow conditions, we excitedly moved camp to the base of our main objective, the northwest buttress of Peak 9,650'. Beckey had dubbed this peak the "Ice Schooner" during his first visit to the area in 1982.

The weather promptly deteriorated and with it went the snow conditions and our morale. In spite of this, Ryan and I remained optimistic. During one clear spell, we made a scouting mission and climbed the North Ridge of Goose Peak (a.k.a. Peak 8,215'; see *AAJ* 1996, p. 179).

More snow and bad attitudes followed, but patience, perseverance, and the time to use them prevailed. Finally it dawned clear and we headed for our primary objective. Ryan and I postholed up the initial 2,000-foot couloir thinking that conditions would be better on the ridge crest. Wrong. We continued to the summit via a snow trench, utilizing running pro where surface instability and lots of exposure made us espe-



Ryan Hokanson on the first ascent of The Ice Schooner route. KIRBY SPANGLER