

that was unaesthetic and slow. We went up a gully that splits the buttress and offers three really good pitches up to AI4. Subsequent ascents this year went our way as well.

Above the buttress previous and subsequent parties have gone left on snow slopes to reach the base of the dreaded Horizontal Ridge. We went straight up the rib and had four more pitches of primo mixed climbing up to M5. Recommended.

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*Mt. Hunter, Moonflower Buttress, fast ascent.* From May 16 to 19 Doug Chabot and I climbed The Moonflower Buttress, to the summit, in a record "fast and heavy" 83-hour round trip. Our strategy included juggling difficult pitches and hauling, among other things, our garage-sale tent, which we couldn't set up on two of the three nights. We both agreed the route lived up to its reputation as The Nose of ice climbing.

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*Mt. Hunter, Mini-Moonflower.* In May two new routes were established on Mt. Hunter's north buttress, which has become known as the Mini-Moonflower. This spur peak is actually a facet of the northeast ridge, and previous ascensionists (1999 AAJ, p. 252) have also called it the northeast buttress of Mt. Hunter. The pyramid-shaped subpeak is northeast of Hunter's north buttress, just past the large, obvious icefall. New routes were established in 2001 by Kenton Cool and Ian Parnell, and by Stephen Koch and Marko Prezlj. Accounts from each party appear earlier in this journal.



Paul Figg in a snowstorm during day 2 of The Prey, on the east face of Mt. Hunter. *Malcolm Bass*

*Mt. Hunter, east face, The Prey.* It all happened rather fast. Paul Figg and I arrived in Alaska on May 13, and two days later we were on the West Fork of the Tokositna, watching Paul Roderick's plane disappearing down-glacier. We were the second climbing party ever to land in the cirque under Mt. Hunter's east face, the first being Tackle and Donini en route to Diamond Arête. The cirque is a serious place, swept by avalanches and tight for landing. We did as Tackle advised, and, dispensing with any sort of base camp, landed, packed, and racked, intent on going