

cleaning, Craig sent the pitch. However, the wall then steepened, with thin, bottoming cracks forcing us to resort to aid for 20m. After 15 sustained pitches, we found a comfortable bivy directly below the summit of the Incisor and fell asleep under a clear sky, with warm temperatures.

The next morning we continued along the Jawbone, a knife-edge ridge that connects the Incisor to the upper ridges of Mt. Combatant in eight chossy pitches. We exited this section after lunch and continued to the base of the Toothless Tower, where we stashed gear and simul-climbed a mostly independent line to the summit. (We descended the gully to the northwest of the Toothless Tower in eight rappels.) The rock on the Toothless Tower, in contrast to the Jawbone, was some of the most spectacular rock either Craig or I had ever touched; we padded our way up scooped dishes of bulletproof granite to the summit. After 20 hours of climbing, we sat on the summit enjoying the fruits of our labor: a warm breeze, a jaw-dropping view of Mt. Waddington, and a route to remember. Defiance (4,500', ED2 5.12 A3). Thanks to Mountain Equipment Co-op for making this trip possible.

JOSHUA LAVIGNE, *Canada*

Mt. Bute, School of Rock. In mid-August, Jimmy Martinello, Jay Sinnes, and I flew northwest out of Squamish for the head of Bute Inlet. Once there we transferred for a quick bump to the head of Galleon Creek, below the 6,000' west buttress of Mt Bute. The next morning saw us simuling and rope-stretching up a few spooky pitches of slab, aiming for a single corner system



Mt. Bute, with (1) the 50-pitch School of Rock (Kay-Martinello-Sinnes, 2009), and (2) West Face (Foweraker-Serl, 1986). The Northwest Buttress (Down-Fletcher, 1991) roughly takes the left skyline. Soon after the Foweraker-Serl ascent, starting just left and joining it at the first big ledge (where (2) traverses right), is the Beckey-Lewis-Nelson 1986 variation. *Jimmy Martinello*

breaching the lower wall. Numerous pitches put us at our first bivy with glorious views of the Waddington Range and down the Inlet.

Next morning Jay solved our lower crux with some tricky routefinding and mixed free and aid, putting us at a snow patch for rehydration and R&R. We really should have brought a few beers.

Then it was up and over Point Steffannie to bivy 2, below the upper buttress, which had largely been solved by Mike Down and Greg Foweraker on a previous attempt. The following day gave further spectacular granite ridge-climbing, until we tagged the summit in the evening light. We were finally caught by darkness on the descent, at Rat Terrace, where we spent the night in remarkable comfort though occasionally tormented by an enormous, prehistoric pack rat.

Next day we rapped the ridge and bailed down the huge slope below the West Face route (Foweraker-Serl, 1986). The west face is certainly one of the finest pure rock features in the Coast Range; it deserves a free ascent. Next day after consuming all consumables, we hammered our way out Galleon Creek, taking a vague but highly recommended trail located on the north side and traversing high above the creek. If you find it, stay on it at all costs!

A brief but tranquil evening, enjoying Chuck and Sharon's hospitality at Homathko Camp, was followed by a return flight to Squamish. It all happened so fast it seemed like a dream.

School of Rock (Complete West Buttress, 50 pitches, VI 5.11 A2), with much appreciation to the Mugs Stump Award and Mountain Equipment Co-op.

BRUCE KAY, *Canada*



Sendero Norte and Labyrinth, on the east face of Snowpatch Spire. Dots are belays (fixed on SN). *Jon Walsh*

BUGABOOS

Bugaboos, various ascents. On the next tower right of Fingerberry Tower (and bordering the Pigeon Feather access gully), in an August snowstorm Christophe Dumarest and Ben Rosenberg made the probable first ascent of the steep west face, via the Tiffen Route (6 pitches, 5.10 A2). They propose naming the formation in honor of recently departed friends: Lost Friends Pinnacle.

Desnivel.com reported that Martin and Florian Riegler established the Flying Penguin (300m, 5.12b A3), in the middle of the south face of a tower in the Pigeon Feathers. The tower, between Fingerberry Tower and Lost Feather Pinnacle, was dubbed Snaffle Puss Pillar by Nick Martino and Renan Ozturk after their likely first ascent in 2003, via Ride the Snafflehound (6 pitches, 5.10a), which takes the left side of the tower.