

Climbing Resume

John Middendorf

General Info

- Born 1959 in New York City. Climber and adventurer since 1974.
- Graduated with honors from Stanford University, 1983 with BS degree in Engineering.
- Originator of A5 climbing gear (founded in 1987, sold in 1997).
- Well published in many worldwide climbing magazines, including major features.
- Co-author of How to Rock Climb: Big Walls, by John Long and John Middendorf.
- Keynote Speaker for 1994 annual American Alpine Club meeting in Salt Lake City.
- Board Member, American Alpine Club

Professional Experience

- 1979: Guide for Telluride Mountaineering School.
- 1980: President, Dartmouth Mountaineering Club.
- 1983-1986: Head member, Yosemite Search and Rescue Team.
- 1984: Rigger for Gillette Commercial with John Bachar, Yosemite.
- 1985: Rigger for Mike Hoover, ABC Sports special, "The Lost Arrow", Yosemite.
- 1992: Guide for the Nose Route on El Capitan.
- 1993: Guide for the Salathe Route on El Capitan.
- 1993: Head rigger for the ESPN Shield climb, a major rigging job which required managing five riggers and required eight days of big wall climbing with the cameraman.
- 1994: Rigger for Reebok Commercial: "Nancy Feagin's Dream", director Peter Nydrle..
- 1994: Rigger for TV Series, "Extreme" with Wiggins Aerial Rigging, Inc.
- 1995: Rigger for BASE jumping program with Micheal Graber.

Climbing Experience

- Extensive multi-day mountaineering and back-country trips worldwide.
- Rock climbing in over 150 areas in the Americas, Australia, and Europe.
- Ice climbing in over 20 areas, to grade 5+ (solo climbs to grade 3+).
- Onsight free climbing to 5.12-: first flash of Histoplasmosis & Pegasus, Mt. Lemmon.
- Bouldering to B1+/B2: "No Holds Barred", Yosemite & Center Route, Bachar Boulder.
- Expeditions to Baffin Island (1986), Pakistan(1992), Patagonia (1993), India (1995).
- Over 30 ascents of El Capitan, Yosemite, including 4 first ascents and 2 solo ascents.
- Over 75 multi-day big-wall ascents worldwide (many first ascents).
- Over 35 ascents of desert spires in the Southwest U.S (many first ascents).

Significant Climbing Ascents

- First Ascent of The Autobahn, SW Face of Half Dome, V, 5.11+.
- First Ascent of The Atlantic Ocean Wall, El Capitan, VI, 5.10, A5.
- First Ascent of Flight of the Albatross, El Capitan VI, 5.10, A3+.
- First Ascent of The Kaliyuga, NW Face of Half Dome, VI, 5.10, A4.
- First Ascent of Route 66, Yosemite Falls Wall, VI, 5.10, A4.
- First Winter Ascent of Zenyatta Mondatta, El Capitan, VI, 5.10, A5.
- First Ascent of Abraham, Zion National Park, VI, 5.10, A4.
- First Ascent of The Swiss-American Route, Zion National Park, VI, 5.10, A4.
- First Ascent on Issac, Zion National Park, V, 5.10+, A2 (mostly free big-wall).
- First Ascent of the West Face, Mountain of the Sun, Zion, VI 5.10, A3.
- One day ascents of The Nose Route on El Capitan in 1985 and 1992.
- First Winter Ascent of The Hallucinogen Wall, Black Canyon, VI, 5.11, A5.
- First Solo Ascent of Standing Rock, Canyonlands, IV, 5.9, A3+.
- On-sight Solo of NE Buttress, Higher Cathedral Rock, Yosemite, IV, 5.10.
- First Ascent of The Third Eye, Mt. Hooker, Wind Rivers, Wyoming VI, 5.10, A4.
- First Ascent of The Grand Voyage, Great Trango Tower in the Pakistan Karakoram.

Other Interests

White-water kayaking, skiing (downhill, telemark, randoneé), mountain biking, tight-rope walking, juggling, chess, caving, skydiving, hang-gliding and parapenting.

Climbing Resume - chronological

Telluride 1974-1979.

1974

Summer session at Telluride Mountaineering School. Dave Farny, director.

- many moderate Rock & Ice Routes in the San Juans
- many 17,000' etc.
- several ~~hard~~ routes on Ophir Wall & Cracked Canyon (to 510+)
- routes around Silberston. Wham Ridge.

1975

Summer session at Telluride Mountaineering School - "Guide schooler"

- Elk Park.

Started climbing at Carder Rock and Great Falls Park (Wash. D.C.)

- mostly top roping to 5.9. (Also 1976, 1977, 1978)

1978-1980

(sp?)

First trip to the Swangunks, N.Y. (also following years)

- Katzenjammer, first 5.7 lead (1977).

- Apoplexy, 5.9 lead (1978).

- On Any Monday, 5.11 lead (1979).

Also (1977)

Southern Areas - solo trip

- Looking Glass } All
- Linville Gorge } North
- Stone Mtn. } Carolina

Seneca Rocks - 1976-1978

Adirondacks - Polo Moonshine (1979)

Also local areas - East.

1978-1980

New Hampshire: Cathedral, Cannon Cliffs - first multipitch routes.

leads

- Recompense 5.9 (1978) ^{3 pitches} w/ Steve Chardon

- Down East 5.10R (1979) 6 pitches w/ Neil Cannon. (40' fall).

- Intimidation (1980) 5.10 6 pitches w/ Thom Englebach. ^{on crux.} subsequently led.

- VMC Direct Direct 5.10+ (1980) w/ Thom Englebach (Also 1978 w/ Ted Johnson).

Winter 1979

Huntington's Ravine - Ice Climbing

- Central Gulley (1+) Solo

- Odell's Gulley (2+) Solo

- Damnation Gulley (3) Solo w/ Thom Englebach.

Summer 1978

NOLS Course in North Cascades, Washington State - Rock & Ice Routes

Summer 1979

Guide at Telluride Mountaineering School (youngest guide ever)

Summer 1978 - 2 week trip to Yosemite Half Dome. Wash. Column.

Summer 1980 - President & Head Instructor, Dartmouth Mountaineering School.

to 1985

Yosemite Climbs - All Grade V's, VI's

- Grade
- Route
- Time
- Partner
- Notes.

1984

- VI (6) West Face ~~5.10a~~ 5 1/2 hours w/ Dave Schultz
- VI (2) The Shield ~~5.10a~~ 4 bivouacs 3rd solo Ascent
- VI (3) The Nose 2 bivouacs w/ Derek Hershey.
- Hockey Nite Start.
- VI (1) Mescalito 3 bivouacs w/ Alex Lowe (fastest ascent)
- VI (4) Iron Hawk 6 bivouacs w/ Russ Walling
- VI (3) Liberty Cap, Werner's Woot 3 bivouacs w/ Rich Albushcat
- VI (11) Greek Towers, Freestone - One Day. ~~w/ short lead guys~~ w/ Wayne
- VI (10) South Face, Wash. Column, Crest Jewel - One Day - w/ Dave Schultz (fastest ascent)
4 hrs. 20 min. (1 1/2 hrs)
- VI (8) Astroman w/ Werner - 4 1/2 hours.
- ~~VI (8) Astroman w/ Werner - 4 hours~~
- VI (7) Half Dome Reg. - w/ Mr. Suzuki - 7 hours
- VI (12) Steck Salathe w/ Thom Englebach
- VI (9) The Rostrum w/ Werner.
- Also. FA: Say Momma 2 pitches 5.10a

1985

- VI Zenyatta Mendatta w/ Walt Shipley 5 bivouacs (1st winter ascent)
- VI Magic Mushroom w/ Mike Corbett 4 bivouacs
- VI Astroman w/ Werner 4 hours
- VI Autobahn, SW Buttress 1/2 Dome w/ Charles Cole (F.A.)
- ~~VI Never Never Land Solo 4 bivouacs (1st solo)~~
- VI ~~Lost Arrow Direct~~ w/ Dave Schultz 8 hours } 1st one day ascent.
- VI Chovinard Herbert, Sentinel w/ Mr. Suzuki 4 hours }
- VI Pacific Ocean Wall w/ Werner 3 bivouacs (fastest)
- VI Shield - one day attempt w/ Mike Corbett (36 hrs.)
- FA's: ~~Young & Reckless~~, Crying for Mama, Deceldike, Blazo, Blazing Buckets, Simul-Crime, Fireside chat.
- VI Beggar's Buttress w/ Scott Cosgrove
- VI Atlantic Ocean Wall - F.A. w/ John Barbella
- VI West Face w/ Steve Bryne.
- VI Nose-in-a-day w/ Dave Schultz
10 hrs. 45 min. 12/21/85 - shortest day of the yr.

Pre-1984

- 1978 - 2 week trip
- VI Half Dome Reg. w/ John Ely ^{3 days}
- VI The ~~Shield~~ w/ John Ely ^{2 days}
South Face, Wash. Column.
- 1980 - Spring Term in Santa Cruz
attempted shield w/ Ted ^{3 days}
- VI The Nose w/ Steve Chardon ^{3 days}
- VI Leaning Tower w/ Grumby ^{2 days}
(epic).
- VI The Prow Solo ^{3 days}

1981

- VI Zodiac w/ Lydia Bradley 4 bivouacs

1983

- VI Salathe Wall w/ Austrian 2 bivouacs

Also of Note

Total Astroman: 7 times
 (1984: #4 & #5 done w/ only one day rest in between.)
 Also #6, #7 done successively (3 day period)

1985 - 20 pitches solo
 5.8/5.9 in Tivolumne one day.
 3-routes.
 Also Mt. Conness w/ Grant Fisher

Solos - unrope - Black is Brown area
 Sherrie's Crack, Maxine's, Bishop Terrace
 Nutcracker (8 min 47 sec) - fast.
 Sunnyside Jam, Commitment
 Manure Pile, Reed's Direct,
 Stone Grove, Wash Column, Direct S.F.
 Snake Dike, Cookie Center,
 Swan Slab Routes, Salengea
 N.E. Buttress, Higher (IV) w/ Werner. ^{Reed's Direct Blazing Buckets}

January, 1985
 100 pitches for the month.
 Solid Leading to 5.11b.

Sentinel Boulder Problem
 B1/B2 ✓ Many B1's around camp.

Ice Climbs in the Valley
 Attempted FA ~~Re~~ Lower Sentinel
 -FA Mr. Nevada Falls w/ Werner, Walt.

Also many Grade IV's ... free sites.

Yosemite Climbs - All Grade II's, III's

- Grade
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- Time
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- Notes

1986

- III N.E Buttress, Higher Rock & Braille Book - Solo
- II West Face, Sentinel w/ Dave Schultz
- II, II Astroman & Rostrum - one day w/ John Bachar
- II Astroman w/ Doug McDonald
- II Astroman w/ Chuck Wheeler
- IV Rostrum w/ Werner
- 8 min 47 sec. on Nutcracker solo
- FA's: Midnite Rampist, Jumbo go Away
- Rescue on Half Dome. - Farewell to Yosemite (for a while)

Many Leads up to 5.11t (some 5.12 TR's)

Notable Leads - flashes
Greasy but Groovy, Orange Peel, Black Primo, Shakey Flakes
Controlled Burn, Adrenaline, Soul Sacrifice, Cramming, Axis
Catchy, Finger Lichins, Manyana, ~~Blatter~~ Lunatic Fringe
Mark of Art, La Escuela, Good Book, Stoner's Hwy. Green Dragon

Summer, III West Face w/ Eve Tullman
1 day

1989 October/November

- VI Kaliyuga w/ Walt Shipley 6 bivouacs F.A.
- II Prow-in-a-day w/ Rich Lovdace 7hr. 15 min. ^{all clean.}
- VI Sheep Ranch w/ Xavier Borgard w/ new finish. ^{Cyclops} ^{Biggest} ^{Robt}
- VI Route 66 w/ Eric Kohl. 3 ~~4~~ bivouacs F.A.

1990

- VI The Cosmos w/ Jimmy Dunn 6 bivouacs w/ new Finish

1991 Climbs so far

- May - Tribal Rite
- May - New Zion Rte, Moonlite-in-a-day.
- June - Lizard Head, Standing Rock.

1992 Guided the Nose (4-days)

Nose-in-a-day w/ Jeff ~~Walker~~ (1 1/2 hours)

• Black Canyon.
• Grand Voyage.

- Tuolumne Summer 1986
onsight solos [Many leads up to 5.11]
- Great White Book
 - Golfer's Rte.
 - El Condor
 - Werner's Wiggle
 - Magical Mystery Tour, Fairview
 - Dixie Peach.
 - Dike Route
 - West Crack
 - Hobbit Book
 - South Crack
 - Reg. Rte, Fairview

Total Tuolumne Domes Climbed
→ 12.

Conness-New Rte w/ Grant Hiskes

Also Heart of Toads, Fairview w/ Scott Burke

Also solos in
the Needles, CA

Total El Cap
Routes = 20

Also references
in 1987 version
of Yosemite Climbs

Biggest Roof
on El Cap.

Writeups
for
climbers

Free Routes

"It's a Rap" 5.10c FA
East Ledger Descent.

Total Grade II's, III's

(46) - Yosemite only

CLIMBING RECORD

List significant climbs only and those that best describe the variety of experience.

Group climbs by country and range or area (e.g., Peru: Cordillera Blanca; USA: Tetons/Yosemite/Cascades; Switzerland: Alps, etc.), and by year(s) of individual climbs within each grouping.

Listing the name of a climb or peak implies a completed ascent; list incomplete ascents only if significant routes or peaks are involved, or if unusual conditions prevailed.

For the following terms, use the abbreviations noted: first ascent (FA), new route (NR). Indicate directions: N, E, S, W, NE, SW, etc.

- Rooster Rock • FA Alan Humphreys
- The Fang • FA Kyle Copeland

COUNTRY/RANGE or AREA	YEAR	MOUNTAIN OR ROCK CLIMBED	ROUTE	COMMENTS
San Juans, Colorado	1975-1978	many	—	Worked as guide for Telluride Mtneering School
New Hampshire	1978-1980	Huntington's Ravine, Mt. Washington	Odells, Central, Damnation gullies	First ice (all solos) Also, President, Dartmouth Mtn. Club.
Yosemite	1980	Washington's Column	The Prow	Solo, first big-wall.
Australia	1981	many areas	many, some 1 st	Six-month tour.
Great Britain	1983	many areas	many	led some E5, 6a's
Yosemite	1984	El Capitan	Hockalito	Fastest Ascent: 4 days, (3 bivouacs) No fixing.
Yosemite	1984	El Capitan	Shield	3 rd Solo ascent.
Yosemite	1984	El Capitan	Zenyatta-Mendatta	First winter ascent.
Yosemite	1985	Half Dome	Autobahn	First Ascent.
Yosemite	1985	El Capitan	Never-neverland	First Solo Ascent.
Yosemite	1985	El Capitan	P.O. Wall	Fastest Ascent (3 1/2 days)
Yosemite	1985	El Capitan	Atlantic Ocean wall	First Ascent (10 days)
Yosemite	1985	El Capitan	Shield	1 1/2 days (one-day attempt)
Yosemite	1985	Lost Arrow	Arrow Direct	First one-day ascent.
Yosemite	1985	El Capitan	Nose	One-day ascent (10 1/2 hrs) - on Winter Solstice
Yosemite	1985-1986	Yosemite Crags	Blazing Buckets, Midnite Ramist, The Viper, others	First ascents.
Yosemite	1986	Higher Cathedral	N.E. Buttress, Braille Book	On-sight solos.
Yosemite	1986	Ranger Rock	Nutcracker	... in 8 minutes, 47 seconds
Yosemite	1986	Washington's Column, Rostrum	Astroman & Reg. N.Face	Both in a day
High Sierra	1986	Mt. Conness	on the South Face	New route.
Tuscon	1986	Mt. Lemmon	Pegasus (S.11+) & Histo-P. (S.12)	First flash ascents.
Baffin Island	1987	none	—	Exploratory mission for subsequent expeditions.
Sedona, Arizona	1987	The Mushroom	Bandito Route	1 st Ascent (the "last unclimbed Sedona spire")
Monument Valley	1987	Desert routes	Agathalan, Totem pole	more to do!

Signature: John Holdgraf

Date: 9/22/87

89	90
Good valley walls trip	Abraham FA
Sandstone trip w/walk	Broken ankle in Chamanix.

1 Bjoern. 1991 Climbs Winter: 2 trips to Telluride for Ice Climbing.

2 pcp • Winter: FA, The Teapot 5.8, w/ B. Ward, B. Hatcher

3 May; Yosemite, 7th Ascent Tribal Rite w/ Steve Quinlan

4 02 May: FA in Zion, "Days of No Future" IV 5.9, A3+ w/ B. Ward. 3 days No bolts.

5 III May: Fast Ascent: Moonlight Buttress 1 1/2 hrs w/ B. Ward.

6 • cp June: First Solo of Standing Rock, 6/24/91 IV

~~Ward Head Peak w/ Chuck Kroger?~~

~~Trip to ...~~

9 July: Zion w/ Conrad, 2 Grade IV's in a day { Touchstone 3hr. 10mi. NE Buttress, Angel's. all free. ←

10 August: Climbing in Tuolumne, Deadman's Valley. (to Misc)

11 September: Wyoming ... Failed Trip. Zion - Prodigal Son w/ Darren. Misc

12 October - Weekends ... New Desert Spire w/ Karen • Canyonlands Trip - Roxxy

13 October - New Route on Angel's Landing w/ Toto. N. Face, - South Six Shooter - Canyonlands 5, 10, 11's

14 October - new route in Valley of Gods w/ Melissa & Xavier • Bill Williams Spire - Barry

15 November: FA: The Bear, Monument Valley w/ setting Hen. J. Dunn • Sedona w/ Pam

16 December: Weaver's Needle • The Dutchman's Gold • Shide • Trip to Idyllwild w/ Dierdre Burton.

• Lizard Head Peak w/ Chuck Kroger 6/22/91

• American Fork

• Enchanted Tower w/ Melissa

• Oak Creek Spire w/ Melissa

• Desert w/ Toto, Melissa.

• Josh climbing w/ Jim, Eve, Steve, Mitchell, Steve Hollywood

21 92 Schedule

22 • 1/2 days work 9:00 - 1:00

23 • @afternoons: ski, climb, hang-glide.

24 • weekends - climbing

25 Next trip: East Coast End Feb.

26 Spring: Zion - 2 week trips

27 Also Trade Show, Also Ice Climbing.

Climbs this year. (Significant) 1993

Trono Blanco - Giraffe w/ Jeff

F.A. Tricks of the Tramp, Zion w/ Bill, Brad

F.A. Birdbeak Spire, Zion w/ Will Oxx

F.A. in Independence Monument w/ Cameron

F.A. of the Tooth, Sedona w/ TNT, Carl

Ice Climbing - ascent of Bridalveil.

F.A. of Flight of the Albatross, El Capitan

F.A. of North Elephant's Foot, Navajo lands

other long ascents

Astroman w/ John

Porcelain Arete, Black Canyon, w/ John

Scenic Cruise, " " "

Salathé, El Cap - Guided

Touchstone w/ Wendy

FA The Third Eye, Mt. Hooker VI 5.10 B4

List by State

List of Areas Climbed

1974-1979

Telluride: Ophir, Cracked Canyon, San Juans, Silverton area.North Cascades - Rock & Ice Routes.Devil's TowerCarder RockSchwangunksAdirondacksNorth Carolina - Looking Glass, Linville Gorge, Stone Mtn.Seneca RocksNew Hampshire - Cannon, Cathedral, Huntington's Ravine.Smith Rock - also Beacon Rock and the Gorge.Estes ParkThe Needles of CaliforniaThe Needles of South DakotaHenco TanksGarden of the GodsLake Tahoe - 2 areasVedauvoHigh SierraTuolumneYosemite, Josh treeMt. LemmonBoulder: Eldorado, Boulder CanyonCochise's Stronghold - East & West.Bay Area - many. Also Pinnacles, Santa Cruz. Quarry.Las Vegas - Red RocksDesert AreasZionBouldering Areas

Stoney Point

Flagstaff Mtn. (Boulder)

Mt. Woodson (S.D.)

Deadman's Summit

Indian Rocks (Berkeley)

Also Colorado
~~Boulder Canyon~~
Eldorado
South Platte
Estes ParkAbroad

Great Britain

Australia

Chamonix

Baffin Island.

Partial list of articles written by John Middendorf

--Articles also appeared in climbing magazines from Japan, Russia, Norway, France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, and others.

- * The Grand Voyage, Great Trango Tower
--the epic tale of the hardest big wall route in the world. This article has been translated into at least 7 languages.(originally published in Rock and Ice, 1993)
- * The Mechanical Advantage (major 25 page piece published in Ascent, 1999)
- * Organ Rock with Walt Shipley (Rock and Ice, 1989)
- * Rescue on Half Dome (Climbing Magazine,1988)
--reprinted in the best of Climbing Magazine Anthology book, late 90's
- * Rock Anchoring article (Climbing, 1988)
- * "Garbology 101"-Keeping the Mountains Pristine (Climbing Magazine, mid 90's)
- * The Heroes of Yosemite Search and Rescue Team (Climbing Magazine, late 90's)
- * Big Wall Climbing Difficulty Ratings (Climbing Magazine, late 80's)
- * Big Wall Equipment (Climbing Magazine, late 80's)
- * Yosemite Climbs (several publications)
- * How to climb the Nose Route of El Capitan in a day (Climbing,late 80's)
- * Zion Climbs (Rock and Ice, mid 90's)
- * El Trono Blanco, Mexico (Mountain Review)
- * Mt. Hooker, Wyoming (Mountain Review)
- * Flight of the Albatross, El Capitan (Mountain Review)
- * Issac, Zion National Park (Mountain Review)
- * Big Wall Following, the Radiator in Zion National Park (Mountain Review)
- * Organizing an Expedition to Pakistan (Climbing, 1994)
- * The Troll Wall in Norway (Climbing, mid 90's)
- * Trango Review, (American Alpine Journal, 1999)
- * Yosemite Activism (Worldwide publications on international web sites)
--my work here represented the beginning of a successful worldwide campaign to save the original climber's campground in Yosemite National Park. Article was reprinted in American Alpine Journal, 1999.
- * Foreword for Paul Pritchard's Book, *Deep Play*
note: most of the above articles are available on the website, www.bigwalls.net

PROFILE Articles on John Middendorf

- Mountain Review major feature article,with cover photo, 1994. (Cameron Burns article)
- Climbing Magazine major feature article, mid 90's
- Outside Magazine, mid 90's (Craig Vetter article)
- El Capitan*, a book by Dan Duane profiles six of the greatest climbers of Yosemite.
- also featured in numerous Patagonia advertisements.

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GENERAL

- Born 1959 in New York City. Climber and outdoor enthusiast since 1974.
- Graduated with BS. in Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University, 1983.
- Proprietor of A5 Adventures, Inc., a manufacturer of climbing equipment, in business since 1987.
- Mountain Guide : 5 day vertical big wall guided excursions my specialty.
- Articles and photos published worldwide in magazines and journals: THE AMERICAN ALPINE CLUB JOURNAL, CLIMBING MAGAZINE (US), ROCK & ICE (US), MOUNTAIN REVIEW (UK), ROTPUNCT (Germany), VERTICAL (France), LES ALPES (Switzerland), ALPEN (Italy), DESNIVEL (Spain), MONTANA (Czech), IWA TO YUKI (Japan).
- Co-author of HOW TO ROCK CLIMB: BIG WALLS, by John Long and John Middendorf, Chockstone Press.
- Major profile articles in MOUNTAIN REVIEW #6 (1994) and CLIMBING MAGAZINE (August/September, 1994).

PROFESSIONAL VERTICAL CLIFF RIGGING EXPERIENCE

1984: **CLIFF RIGGER** for Gillette Commercial : "*John Bachar, 'The Essence of Shaving'*" (7 days).

Location: Yosemite Valley, California.

Producer: BBDO Advertising Company (NY),

Director: David Dwiggins.

Cameraman: Caleb Deschanel

Duties required expertise with vertical cliff and rope work, and included setting up many complicated vertical shots in which the cameraman was placed in various spots, with many ropes and anchors needing to be set up in order to keep the crew safe while working near the edge of high cliffs.

1985: **CLIFF RIGGER** for ABC Sports one-hour special: "*The Lost Arrow Free Climb*" (5 days).

Location: Yosemite Valley, California .

Director and Producer: Mike Hoover, Hoover Productions.

Cameraperson: Bev Johnson.

For several days we rigged a variety of cliff shots on the 1200 foot Lost Arrow Spire while Ron Kauk and Jerry Moffat climbed. I was the main rigger for the final live television shots when the climbers approached the summit; with careful timing and expert & safe cliff rigging skills, I ensured Bev's position above the climbers.

1993: **HEAD RIGGER** for the ESPN Shield climb: "*Rock and Road*" (11 days).

Location: El Capitan, Yosemite .

Producer: American Adventure Productions.

Director: Rick Ridgeway.

Cameraman: Dan Mannix

For seven days I climbed the Shield route on El Capitan with the cameraman, Dan Mannix, whom I continuously rigged in position above the climbing team. My job also involved required supervising 5 other riggers through radio contact. Rick Ridgeway has called this "the most complex vertical rigging job ever achieved for television", and Dan Mannix has received an Emmy for his footage.

1994: **HEAD RIGGER** for Reebok Commercial, "*Nancy Feagin, Rock Climber*" (3 days).

Location: Zion National Park .

Ad Agency: Leo Burnett USA

Producer: G.M.S. (John Marshall)

Director/Cameraman: Peter Nydrle.

MAJOR CLIMBING EXPERIENCE

- 85 multi-day big-wall ascents worldwide (many first ascents), including 28 ascents of EL CAPITAN in Yosemite.
- 35 ascents of desert spires, including two ascents of THE TOTEM POLE in Monument Valley.
- Ascents include an ascent of CERRO TORRE in Patagonia, and the first ascent with Xaver Bongard of *The Grand Voyage* on THE GREAT TRANGO TOWER, in the Pakistan Karakoram, recognized as the most technical and difficult ascent in the Himalaya to date.

OTHER INTERESTS AND SKILLS

Skiing, white-water kayaking, hang gliding, parapenting, mountain biking, tight-rope walking, skydiving, computers, business management, general leadership and organization of major projects.

°REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST°