



Guidelines for the 2009 American Alpine Journal's "Climbs & Expeditions" section:

(Please forward a copy of these Guidelines to everyone you know who might have climbed a new route recently! Thanks.)

What we publish:

The *AAJ* tries to be the world's "journal of record" for documenting significant new climbs. We seek reports on all new long routes worldwide ("long" means a full day or more on the climb itself). We sometimes report a repeat ascent if the peak or route has not been climbed in many years; if there have been major changes in conditions on the mountain; if the style is new (example: first free ascent); if the ascent was exceptionally fast; if it was the first winter ascent (but only of major routes); or if the report supplies vital information for future climbers. We do not publish reports on first "national" ascents (for example, the first American or Italian or Japanese ascent). We also don't cover first women's ascents, handicapped climbs, or other special recognitions. Sometimes, however, we break our own "rules."

How to write a report:

Reports for the Climbs & Expedition section of the *AAJ* are typically 250-500 words long. The prime goals are to document history and to provide information that helps future climbers in this region, but we enjoy a good story, too! Here is a simple way to remember what should be included in the report:

How was it?—please tell the story of your trip ... very briefly!

Be sure to include:

What?—name of peak and route.

Where?—exactly where is it? Country, mountain range, route line.

When?—dates of the expedition.

Who?—names of climbers.

Why?—why did this climb interest you?

How hard?—difficulty of the climb, using whichever grading system you prefer.

Deadlines:

URGENT! Please send your reports as soon as possible. The *AAJ* will be releasing earlier than ever this year, and this **REQUIRES** us to receive your reports right away. **PLEASE HELP US GET THE AAJ OUT ON TIME THIS YEAR BY SUBMITTING YOUR REPORT NOW!** Thank you.

Other news:

Did you learn of other new routes in the region where you climbed? Please tell us about climbs and climbers we may not have heard of. ***YOU are our most valuable source of information!***

Submitting photographs to the AAJ:

We want pictures showing the peak and the route. Good "action" shots are also welcome. If we publish a photo showing the route, we'll need to have the route line drawn in; if possible, please include other existing routes that are visible on the photo—but only if you're sure where they go.

Feel free to first email smaller low-resolution scans (.jpg/JPEG are best). Please draw in your line if you can.

We may later ask you to submit a higher resolution image for possible publication. Publication requires at least 300 dpi (120 pixels/cm) at the size the photo is printed. A full-page photo in the AAJ is 5x7 inches (13x18 cm). This can be accomplished with a standard 2400dpi scan (slide sized) at your local photo store. However, most photos in the Climbs & Expeditions section are smaller. If this is confusing, just ask us questions or send what you have, and we'll let you know if we need anything different.

Where to send reports and photos:

Please send reports and photos from **North and South America** directly to Kelly Cordes at: kellyaaj@yahoo.com

Send reports and photos from **Greenland, Africa, and Asia** to Lindsay Griffin at: lindsaylargefiles@hotmail.co.uk

Feature articles & photos go to Dougald MacDonald at: dougald@indra.com

Feel free to correspond with John Harlin at: john@johnharlin.net.

If you have FTP software and are sending big photos or many photos, please consider using our FTP site: **ftp.gorge.net**. Username: **climb**. Password: **explore**. Scroll down to server: **aaaj**, **Double click** folders to find "**AAJ--send to AAJ**." Double click on the editor you are sending to. Please send an email to the editor telling him the photos are there.

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To learn more about why ftp is worthwhile: www.ftplanet.com/ftpresources/basics.htm

If you are sending an original slide or image showing the route you climbed, please include a print copy of the image (laser scans work well and are cheap) with your route line drawn in. Do not draw on the original image. If other routes are shown in the image, please indicate this. If you know with certainty where those routes go,

please draw them in as well. Please contact us by email before sending anything by snail mail.

Maps:

Maps are welcome for more remote regions. We have limited space, but whenever possible we will include a map to less-known peaks. These can also be helpful to the editors even if the map is not published. Photocopies and PDFs are fine.

Topos:

The AAJ is building an online topo library. Please send your topos of new routes, preferably electronically.

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We look forward to hearing from you!

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