



Guidelines for submitting reports to the 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. We typically define "long" as a full day or more on the climb itself. While almost all of our reports concern first ascents, we occasionally report on second or third ascents when they are highly noteworthy. Some examples of noteworthy repeats: the peak or route has not been climbed in many years; there have been major changes in conditions on the mountain; the style is new (example: first free ascent); the ascent was exceptionally fast; it was the first winter ascent (but only of major routes); or you can supply vital information useful to future climbers. We do not usually publish reports on first "national" ascents (for example, the first American or Italian or Japanese ascent of a route or peak). We also rarely cover first women's ascents, handicapped climbs, or

other special recognitions for subgroups of climbers. We do make occasional exceptions to every "rule."

How to write a report:

Reports for the Climbs & Expedition section of the AAJ are typically 250-500 words long. The prime goal is 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 (we don't need everything listed here, but the more the better):

What?—name of peak and route.

Where?—exactly where is it? Country, mountain range, nearby landmarks.

When?—the dates of the expedition and the climb.

Who?—names of climbers on the expedition.

Why?—why did this climb interest you? What is special about it? Was there anything different about the way you climbed it?

How hard?—please describe the difficulty of the climb, using whichever grading system you are most familiar with.

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

Deadlines:

It is of great help to get the reports in as early as possible. Please try to send them as soon as you can each year, and by early January at the latest—we'll accept reports submitted after January, but we cannot promise timely publication.

Other news:

Did you learn of other new routes in the region where you climbed? We would very much appreciate leads to climbs and climbers we may not have heard of.

Submitting photographs to the AAJ:

We are particularly interested in pictures showing the peak and the route. Good "action" shots are also welcome but have lower priority. If we publish a photo

showing the route, we'll need to have the route line drawn in, preferably with any other existing routes that are visible on the photo.

Feel free to first email smaller low-resolution scans (.jpg are best). These "preview" scans don't need to have all the route lines shown, but if you have the computer expertise to indicate your line, please draw it in.

If you are sending scans, 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 6x9 inches (15x23 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 much smaller: 4x6 inches (10x15 cm) or smaller is typical. Feel free to send a bigger scan, but if you are emailing and have limited bandwidth, a smaller size is fine. If this is confusing, don't worry about it: ask us questions, or just send what you have, and we'll let you know if we need anything different.

Email images directly to:

johnharlin@gorge.net (or mail a CD or slides to the address below). You may also email preview low-res scans to Kelly Cordes at kellyaaj@yahoo.com (please do NOT send hi-res scans to Kelly's address). We will supply instructions for our FTP site for big photos if you prefer.

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—we will transfer the route line in our format if we use the shot. If other routes are shown in the image, please indicate this. If you know with absolute certainty where those routes go, please draw them in as well.

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. So, while maps are not required, we will be grateful when you feel like sending one. Photocopies and PDFs are fine.

Mailing address:

For CD's, slides, route topos, maps, and artwork, mail to: John Harlin, American Alpine Journal, 2912 Dee Highway, Hood River, OR 97031 USA. Phone: 541-354-6142. Fax: 541-354-6143. Email: johnharlin@gorge.net. Please send an email if you have not received acknowledgment of your work's arrival.

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We look forward to hearing from you!

Thanks,
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