



## AAC Publications

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### Europe and Scandinavia Summary (2013)

#### Europe

Most of the following climbs appeared on the "Super Big List" of ascents prepared for the 2014 Piolets d'Or jury by Claude Gardien (Vertical magazine) and Lindsay Griffin (AAJ/Mountain INFO).

#### PYRENEES

Pyrenees traverse. Eloi Callado made a complete traverse of the Pyrenees, traveling 1,200km on foot over 67 days. During this odyssey he climbed 55 routes, including the Spigolo Sur of the Aiguilles d'Ansabe?re (7a+/7b), the Pilar del Embarrade?re (6c+ A1), and the north face of Vignemale (800m, V+). He did a total of 25,000m of climbing, with most routes graded between 5c and 6b.

#### NORWAY

Trollryggen (1,740m), not to summit. Tormod Granheim and Aleksander Gamme (Norway), and Andy Kirkpatrick (U.K.), did the first calendar- winter ascent of Suser Gjennom Harryland on Norway's celebrated Trollveggen (Troll Wall). Over 12 days, climbing in capsule style, they completed 18 pitches up to A3 on left side of the wall. They reached the east ridge at half-height and then descended.

Senja Island, Finnemannen. On a small peak on the island of Senja in northern Norway, Bent Vidar Eilertsen and Ines Papert established the 400m Finnmannen (M9+ WI7) in a 19-hour push, after an approach by kayak.

Lofoten Islands, new routes. In August, the international team of Simon Kehrer and Helmut Gargitter (Italy), Federico Pisani and Iván Calderón (Venezuela), and Fernando Gonzalez Rubio (Colombia) completed an old Italian project on the southwest face of Gaitgaljen (1,085m) to create Trolls Meet Latinos (350m, Norwegian 7/7+). They also established One Hundred Years Later (500m, 7+) on the Breitflogtinden (750m), above Kjerkefjorden. [Follow the link above to download a PDF of photos and topos for these routes.]

#### SWEDEN

Raitatjakka (1,934m), Dreamliner. In April, Jan Axelsson and Krister Jonsson did the first ascent of Dreamliner (9 pitches, WI4+ M8) on the northwest face, ca 3km east of the Nallostugan cabin, in the Kebnekaise massif. Jonsson called this "maybe the best mixed route in Sweden." [Follow the link above to download a pitch-by-pitch route description.]

#### MONT BLANC RANGE

Grandes Jorasses (4,208m). Max Bionnet and Sebastien Ratel climbed a new route, Borat, on the east face between Groucho Marx and the Boivin Diaferia. The third pitch of the 750m route was led free at 7b, while the fourth was led at 7a with some aid, but followed free at 7b.

Mont Blanc and Matterhorn speed records. On July 11, starting in the center of Chamonix, the Catalan ski mountaineer Kilian Jornet Burgada Jornet and French skier Matthieu Jacquemond ran to the summit of Mont Blanc, via the Grands Mulets route, in 3 hours 30 minutes. During the descent, Jacquemond was injured and Jornet continued alone, returning to Chamonix in a total of 4 hours 57 minutes 40 seconds, more than 13 minutes faster than the previous record. On August 21, Jornet broke the record for a round-trip on the Matterhorn by over 20 minutes. Starting in the Italian village of Breuil-Cervina, Jornet climbed and descended the Lion Ridge (southwest ridge) in a total of 2 hours 52 minutes.

## **BERNESE OBERLAND**

Eiger (3,970m). On the north face, Robert Jasper (Germany) and Roger Schall (Switzerland) made a rare repeat and first free ascent of the Ghilini-Piola Direttissima. The two climbed the 1,400m route in a 14-hour day at 7b/c.

## **ZILLERTAL ALPS**

Hohe Kirche (2,634m). In temperatures down to -10°C, David Lama climbed a new route, solo, on the north face of this peak in the Austrian Alps at the start of December: Nordverscheidung (400m, VI/VII WI4 M4/5 90°).

Sagzahn. First winter ascent of the Sagwand via the 800m Schiefer Riss by Hansjörg Auer, David Lama, and Peter Ortner, at VI M7 80°, over two days in March.

## **DOLOMITES**

Piccola Civetta (3,207m). A new mixed route on the north face was established over four days in May by Stefano Angelini, Alessandro Beber, and Fabrizio Dellai: Argento Vivo (1,200m, WI6+ M8 A2 5+).

Sass de la Crusc (2,907m). Josef Hilpold and Ulrich Viertler climbed Wu?stenblume (400m, VIII+), using only trad gear. The route was climbed in sections, and with some fixed ropes.

Sassolungo (3,181m). First ascent of La Legrima, a coveted winter line up the north face. The 1,000m climb was carried out over two days in early January by Adam Holzknicht and Hubert Moroder, using natural gear: WI6 M6 V+, with two sections of A0.

Sass Pordoi (2,952m). A winter line based around the classic Fedele route on the northwest face was climbed by Jeff Mercier and Korra Pesce to give Ghost Dogs (750m, WI6 R/X M5 5+/6a). The climb was done over several days, using some fixed ropes at the start.

Molignon di Dentro (2,852m). Philipp Angelo and Andreas Tonelli opened a new route on the northeast face in two stages, climbing 11 pitches on March 5 and the final two on March 16 (650m, WI5+ M3).

## **SLOVAKIA**

Tatra speed-solo and winter traverse. In early 2014, the well-known Slovakian alpinist Jozef "Dodo" Kopold traversed the full length of the Tatra Mountains, crossing 72km and more than 130 peaks in 72 hours of nearly nonstop running and climbing. Kopold began on January 5 with the Belianske Tatras, spent nearly 48 hours crossing the rocky High Tatras, and finished with the 42km snow-covered ridge of the Western Tatras. Kopold slept less than 30 minutes during the three-day effort, and was supported only by some drinks and a bit of company from a mountain rescue team near the

end of the traverse.

The full Tatras traverse had only been done once before solo and unsupported in winter, by Pavol Pochyly, over 14 days during the late 1970s.

## Images



Ines Papert leading Finnemannen (M9+ WI7) in Norway.



Robert Schali on the Ghilini-Piola Direttissima, Eiger, Switzerland.



David Lama on the first winter ascent of the Sagwand in the Zillertal Alps.



Stefano Angelini leads the sixth pitch of Argento Vivo, Piccola Civetta.



Pitch 19 of Argento Vivo, Piccola Civetta.



Dodo Kopold at the end of his 72-hour traverse of the Tatras.

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