Andrew McLean - Ski Mountaineering Resume

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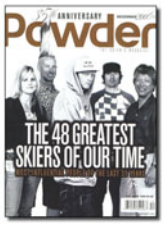
BACKGROUND

Born:	24 February 1961
Home town:	Bellevue, Washington - USA
Education:	Rhode Island School of Design – BFA Industrial Design 1985
Occupation:	Product designer, writer and photographer specializing in the outdoors.
Skiing experience:	• 42 years on snow & skis • 20 years of Ski Mountaineering • 16 years of USSA & FIS Racing - Juniors & Master - SL, GS, SG & DH • 3 years of Ski Racing Coaching

CERTIFICATES, AWARDS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Hans Saari Memorial Fund – Board of Directors
- United States Ski Mountaineering Association – Board of Directors
- Explorers Club - National Member
- International Ski Mountaineering Council (ISMC) - North American delegate
- ISMC International Judge
- Avalanche Forecaster - 2003/04 Utah Avalanche Center, SLC, Utah
- Polartec Challenge Grant 2002 winner - Baffin Island Expedition
- Polartec Challenge Grant 1999 winner - Shishapangma Ski Expedition
- American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education (AIARE) - Level II & III
- American Avalanche Institute (AAI) - Level 1 & II
- Wilderness First Responder (WFR) certificate – 2002
- Wilderness Emergency Care (WEC) certificate – 1994
- USSCA Level One Coaching Certificate



MEDIA

- ABC "Good Morning America" – Interview for the movie "Steep"
- Men's Journal profile, Sept 2007 – Style & Design Issue
- Voted one of "The 48 Greatest Skiers of our Time" Powder Magazine, Dec 2006
- Salt Lake Magazine profile, Sept 2005 - "10 Innovators"
- The New Yorker Magazine profile, April 2005 - "Dangerous Game"
- Outside Magazine profile, May 2005 - "Thrill Daddy Dreams of Powder Dawn"
- Skiing Magazine profile, Nov 2003 - "11 Reasons NOT to Ski With Andrew McLean"
- GreatOutdoors.com profile - "Andrew McLean"
- Voted one of "North America's Top Ski Mountaineers" - Powder Magazine, 2004
- "Best Ski Mountaineering Adventure" - Baffin Island. Nat Geo Adventure Magazine
- "Best Expedition of the Year - 2002" Arcs Over the Arctic - Baffin Island. Skiing Magazine
- Voted one of "North America's 25 Best Skiers" by Skiing Magazine - Feb, 2001
- Voted one of the "25 Best Outdoor Athletes in the World" by Outside Magazine - Dec, 2000
- Author "The Chuting Gallery - A Guide to Steep Skiing in the Wasatch Mountains"
- Couloir Magazine - Cover photo, Nov 2002 & Oct/Nov 1995. Numerous articles & photos.
- Powder Magazine - Photo Annual centerfold, skiing Mt. Superior, 1993.
- Black Diamond Equipment Ltd. - numerous catalog photos & articles
- Writing & photo contributor for Backcountry, Couloir, Powder & Skiing magazines

FILMS:

- "Steep" – A Sony Pictures Classics documentary on steep ski, 2007
- "Trapped in Ice" - WGBH & NOVA account of climbing Antarctica's Vinson Massif, 2002
- "Shishapangma - A Celebration of Life" - NBC Premier of a North Face/AAP film, 2000
- "The Greatest Snow on Earth: Utah's Skiing Story - 1999

RELATED INTERESTS & ADVENTURES

- Mountain unicycling
- Caving
- Sailing
- Rock climbing

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RACING & COMPETITIONS

- 24 Hours of Sunlight – Climbed & skied 37,224' in 24 hours
- Course setter, safety coordinator & judge – Black Diamond PowderKeg 2002-2007
- 2nd Place overall 2003 Life-Link Randonee Rally series
- 1st Place - Alaska Pipeline Raid 2003 - Ski Mountaineering Race
- Randonee Rally - Alpental 2002 - 1st Place. 2003 - 1st Place. 2004 - 3rd place
- Derby de la Meije 1994 - La Grave, France 7,000' free for all. 25th out of 500
- Saudan Couloir Ski Race Extreme - Blackcomb, Canada
  1st Place 1987 - Class 1 ~ 2nd Place 1988 - Class 1 ~ 3rd Place 1990 - Class 1
- Peak to Valley - Whistler, Canada
  1st Place Class 1 1989 ~ 2nd Place - Class 1 1990 ~ 3rd Place - Class 2 1991
- Ground Hogs Day 1994 - Telemark racing Alta, Utah, 1st place Men's Open
- Coaching - Team Alpental/Snoqualmie - 1988 - 1991, Juniors & Adults
- Head of Development & Evergreen Cup Team
- Coach of the Year Award – 1989
- Mission Ridge Ski Racing Academy - 1979/80

EXPEDITIONS & SKI DESCENTS

Mt. Damavand	Iran	Descent from Iran's high point
Wrangell-St.Elias Mtns	Alaska	Expedition Leader
High Atlas Mountains	Morocco	Expedition Leader
NZ Southern Alps	New Zealand	Expedition Leader
Trollaskagi Peninsula	Iceland	Expedition Leader
Southern Patagonia Ice Cap	Argentina	7 first descents
Cortex Couloir	Great Basin BP, Nevada	First Descent
Ramen Couloir / West Rib	Mt. Hunter, AK	First descent of Mt. Hunter
Messner Couloir	Mt. McKinley, AK	From 20,320' summit
Orient Express	Mt. McKinley, AK	From 19,500'
Mt. Mohl	Ellsworth Mtns, Antarctica	1st Ascent & Descent (solo)
Shastina - East Face	Mt. Shastina, CA	
Avalanche Gulch	Mt. Shasta, CA	Nonstop - 24 minutes
Mendel Couloir	Mt. Mendel, CA	2nd Descent
Northeastern Fjords	Baffin Island, Canada	19 First descents
Central Ice Bulge	Mt. Fay, Canada	2nd Descent?
The Gargoyle	La Grave, France	1st Descent
The Y Couloir	La Grave, France	
The Big Bang	La Grave, France	1st Descent
Mt. Reagan - SE Face	Sawtooth Mtns, ID	
Becky/Chouinard Route	Glacier Peak, MT	1st Descent
Project X	East Rosebud, MT	1st Descent?
Whitetail Peak	Beartooth Mtns, MT	2nd Descent
The Flashlight Room	Beartooth Mtns, MT	1st Descent
Piccolo Couloir	Sacagawea, MT	1st Descent
Terminal Cancer	Ruby Mtns, NV	
The Ice Tooth	Shishapangma, Tibet	1st Descent
Great White Icicle	Wasatch Mtns, UT	1st Descent
Lightning Bolt Couloir	Wasatch Mtns, UT	1st Descent
Medusa Face	Wasatch Mtns, UT	1st Descent
Montgomery	Wasatch Mtns, UT	1st Descent
The Triangle Wall	Wasatch Mtns, UT	1st Descent
Dromedary - North Face	Wasatch Mtns, UT	1st Descent
The Fang	Provo Canyon, UT	1st Descent
The Fuhrer Finger	Mt. Rainier, WA	
The Edmunds Headwall	Mt. Rainier, WA	1st & 2nd Descent
FordStettner Couloir	Grand Teton, WY	
Hossack/MacGowan	Grand Teton, WY	2nd Descent
The Enclosure Couloir	Grand Teton, WY	1st Descent
Molar Tooth Couloir	Grand Teton, WY	1st Descent

BIOGRAPHY

Andrew McLean has been pursuing steep skiing challenges in remote locations for over two decades and has accumulated over 100 first descents. In 2007 he completed a decade long quest to capture first descents on all seven continents when he traveled to Morocco to ski in the High Atlas Mountains. McLean's specialty is ski mountaineering, which involves climbing up peaks before skiing down them. This process allows him to ski mountains where motorized access is forbidden or impractical. His passion for this sport has led to him being voted as one of the "Greatest Skiers of Our Time" by Powder Magazine and a featured segment in the Sony Classic Pictures 2007 film entitled "Steep."

Outside of skiing, McLean's interests include design, writing and photography. After graduating from the Rhode Island School of Design, he worked at Black Diamond Equipment for thirteen years, creating products such as the Camalot, wire gate carabiners, Whippet, Peckers and Talon rock hook. His writings and photography have appeared in Skiing, Powder, Backcountry Magazine and numerous outdoor gear catalogs. He lives in Park City, Utah with his wife Polly who holds the world record for the greatest amount of vertical climbed and skied in 24 hours. They have a daughter named Mira, one good dog and one bad dog.

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