

Speed climber Karl Egloff breaks off world record attempt at Aconcagua, Argentina.

18.01.2018 Mendoza, Argentina. As part of his preparation for the climb of the highest north American mountain, the Denali, Alaska, Karl Egloff and his team-mate Nicolas Miranda had the plan to climb the Aconcagua (6962m), Argentina on Wednesday in speedrecord time. Climbing the highest mountain outside the Himalayas across the south face is one of the most demanding and deadly mountain routes in the world. But an avalanche on the planned route thwarted their plans. The world record attempt was then cancelled at the basecamp (4250m) before the start of the main ascent. Karl Egloff holds the world record of climbing the Aconcagua on the Normalroute since 2015. The Swiss Ecuadorian has taken up the challenge to climb the highest peaks of the seven continents in world record time, with the final destination Mount Everest.

"We had just arrived at the base camp of the Aconcagua and already saw a big avalanche coming down on the south wall. The next morning, when we opened our tent, only then did we realize the extent of the avalanche and our luck. Because if we had been up there, we would have been completely enclosed. We put security before the world record attempt, and broke off the attempt. I will now fully get prepared for the ascent of Denali, Alaska in May 2018. " explains Karl Egloff at his hotel in Mendoza after the arrival from the basecamp.

Karl, who had already defeated Mount Elbrus, Russia and the Nevado de Colima, Mexico in world record time last year, has come to speedclimbing by Nicolas. Both got to know each other in 2009 and have successfully climbed together since 2012 when they set the world record at Cotopaxi, Ecuador. Nicolas is an internationally acclaimed mountain guide UIAGM, who also competes in ultra-marathon alongside speed-climbing. Both were supported on site at the base camp by Kari Kobler of Aconcagua Vision and by Peru Expeditions.

In May 2018, Karl will try to climb the Denali, (6192m) USA in world record time. This is part of his project - 7 summits. More here www.karlegloff.com

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Karl Egloff, born on the 16th of March 1981, is a Swiss- Ecuadorian speed climber, the owner of an international mountain guide business as well as an aspirant UAIGM guide. He lives with his wife and son in Quito, Ecuador. Until 2014 Karl was a professional mountain biker winning international gold medals. As a highly professional mountain tour guide Karl has guided groups on the highest and challenging mountains of the world. Since Karl has taken up speed climbing, he has set various world records: Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa (5895 m/19340 ft.) in 2014, Aconcagua, South America (6962 m/ 22841 ft.) in 2015, Mount Elbrus, Russia (5642 m/ 18510 ft.) in 2017, Huascarán, Peru (6655 m/ 21834 ft.) in 2016 and Chimborazo, Ecuador (6267 m/ 20561 ft.) in 2012. As an outstanding mountain athlete he has set himself the challenge to climb the seven highest summits of each continent in world record time, including the Mount Everest until 2021. Karls supplier for mountaineering clothes is the Swiss company Mammut. Making sure he has the right clothes for his challenging climbs. The other main sponsor is Movistar Ecuador.

Videos

Aconcagua record, 2015

<https://vimeo.com/143074390>

Kilimanjaro, 2014

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5whCrapAJdg>