

Tundra Tall Tales

You hear the joke about the Athabascan mountain climber who set a climbing record at Mr. Denali?

He climbed 42 feet over the peak during one of the densest white-out conditions there. Observers on the peak said he was doing fine until it looked like he began to slide down ever so slowly as the white-out conditions dissipated.

The climber said, "We knew the peak was some-

where nearby, so I told the rest of the climbing crew to stand by and rest while I searched for the peak. Apparently, I climbed over the peak right then and there.

"I thought the snow was feeling thinner for some reason," he said. "I should have struck a historic pose or something as I began to drift down to the peak once the white-out conditions began clearing."
