MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT

LOGBOOK

Year: 1984

Season: summer

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

Resume of Previous 2 weeks.

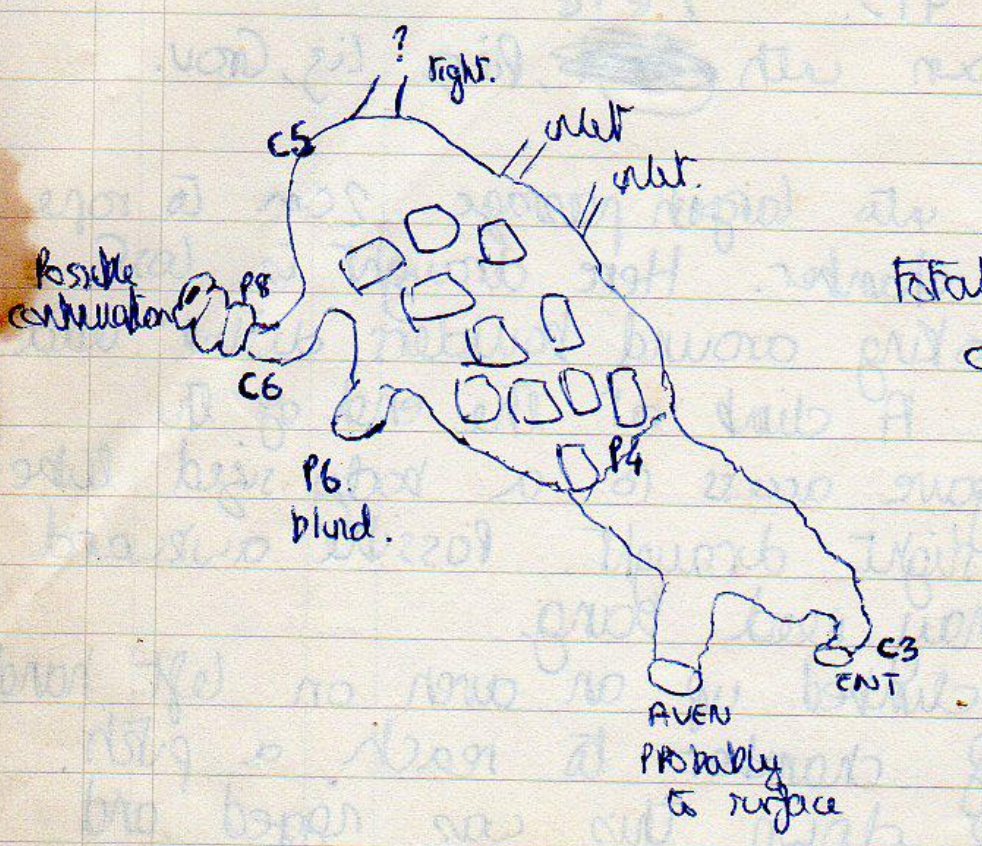
Hole no. 415. PETE

2 trips down with [redacted], Piers, Liz, Grov.

Short climb into largish passage, 20m to rope pitch into chamber. Here draught is lost. Mucho poking around boulders didnt lead to much. A climb at the end of the chamber gave access to a body sized tube with a slight draught. Possible awkward dig but may need bang.

Piers free climbed up an aven on left hand wall of chamber to reach a pitch. Next trip down this was rigged and descended. ~~Window~~ the Pitch is blind but window led to parallel shaft also blind, but climb over led to another ~~#~~ with a small lift at bottom. Need very thin person or very large hammer.

Grade 1 survey. 415



Total length approx 60m.

Mushroom field Hole that leads to Uzueka. Drop down 2 short climbs, along crawl down 2 more short climbs to and look along 3" wide rift with draught howling out.

MATIENZO '84

See Piers Log for the 1st 2 weeks. and everything exciting / boring / intimidating that happened.

29th July

Super dooper short trip down Mostajo. 4 pushing down 2nd hole on left. Pitche followed pitch in a typically foreign way and popped out into a chamber of continental proportions (smaller than the Dales). More pitches found and left undescended. About 100m-150m surveyed, ~200m unsurveyed. Liz had a wee in wee chamber. - The only water in the whole of wee stuff!!

29th July

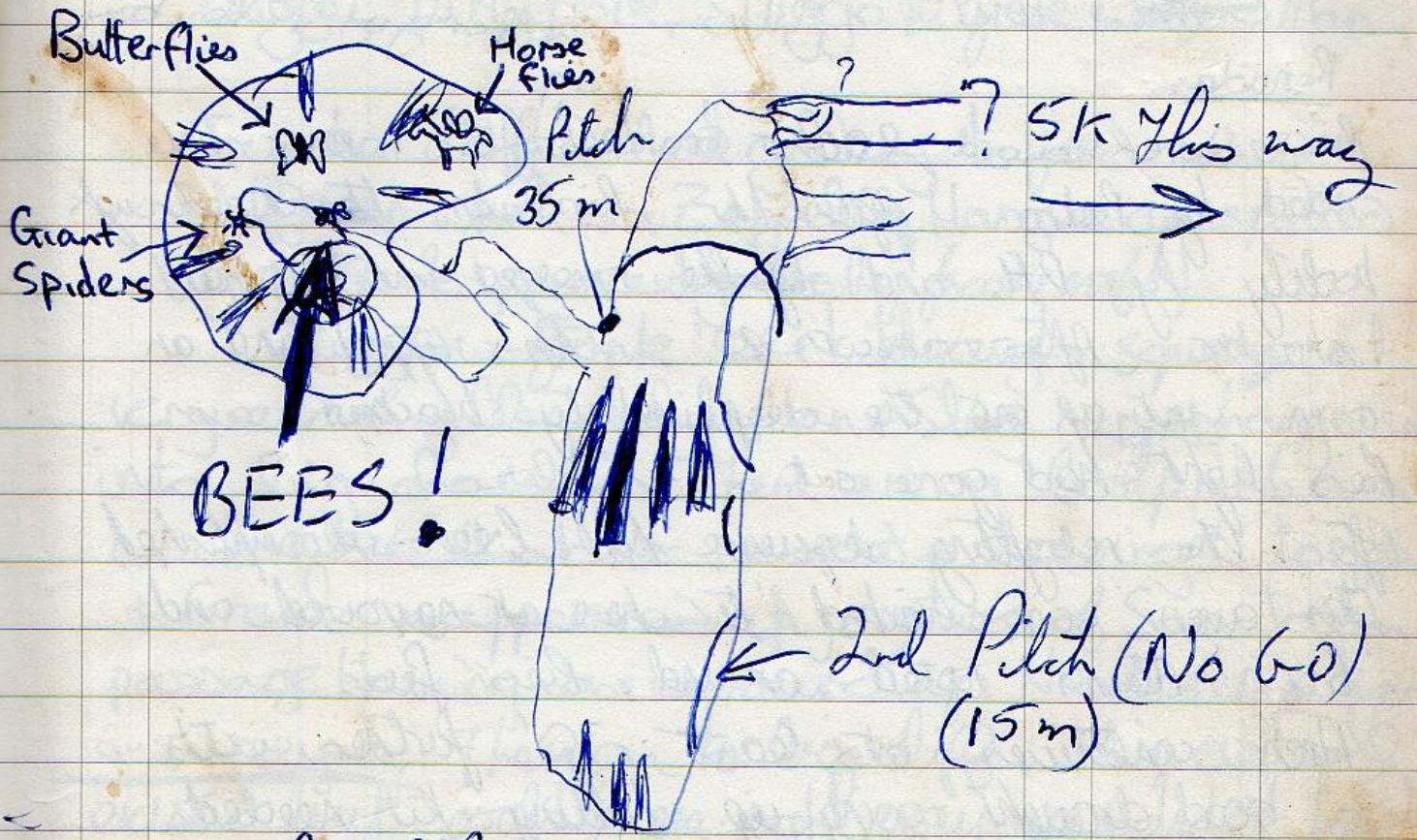
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Cueva del Abejas

Decided to wait until 1:30 / 2:00 in the afternoon before setting off for a walk to the top of hill up Vega valley. Temperatures in excess of 100° caused a rather slow ascent with everyone (Phil, Hilary, Pedro, Dave H & Jane) collapsing at top — Jane found friendly boulder half way up to crawl under before dying!

Swarm of bees in entrance to hole in shakehole with small inward draught. Short dig (stabilisation) allowed access to small chamber. Further dig in side lead directly to loose 50ft pitch in rift. Phil & Pedro to bottom. Main rift blocked with boulders, small rift at side of main rift dug out and found to be blind. Dig at bottom of main rift found to be draughting in, after digging realized it was too tight. Possibility of entering this rift higher up pitch via a short traverse needing a ladder and a few slings; a bolt may be needed. Still hot on surfacing, sweated our way to car to find that Hilary had left drinks in spring to cool.

Shrimps had attacked the Solaros water bottle label but had left the Kas alone!



B.C.R.A 1/8 C

P. PASSMORE 1984

Earth Quake.

Seismic record of Slugs in bed consuming of earthquake in SAC FORA.

27. July 81. (Town of Big Brother)

Slugs Attacked DCC. Big Steve, Sergie Woogie, Squirrell and Alan.

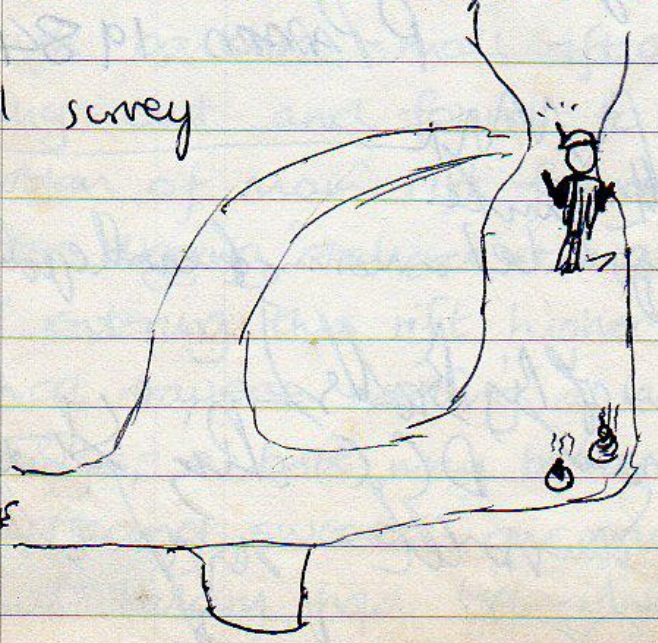
~~Shit Shit~~ doctor

30th July 1984.

Renada.

Piers, Dave Howard, PDG + Frances/ ← ♀ for girl ♂ for boy.
to hammer hole noted by Pedro. After 1hr Pier was thrust through bodily by D.H. and ~~by the~~ squeezed into a small chamber. After about 20', this stopped and an aven went up into the deep velvety blackness as Piers light had gone out.
After the relighting sequence had been accomplished this aven was climbed to where it narrowed and boon stains noted around Piers feet.
Aven continues at least 30' further with a good draught going up. bolting kit needed or a Bolter expendable such as Slug.

Grade 1 survey



30th July 1984. Ronada.

Jugger, Dirty Frank, Slugg & Greek ~~Wessel~~ Waste Alan.

Trip to Stuffed Monk gallery to find massive cliff up which is a Zeppelin Hanger as spotted by D. Frank previously. (Too big for aircraft)

Jugger + Frank went through squeeze at very end of gallery (while Alan + Slug nursed hangovers) into big chambers. There are a Boot prints around in chambers but no ~~recorded~~ drawings. Jugger + Frank ~~reappeared~~ at junction of Sanatogen passage having done a round trip. Needs revisiting & surveying. Then on to big cliff. This actually existed but couldn't see right way up + didn't have any proper tackle. Used Bolton Expandable to get near top of cliff many ways to go but no real passage visible. Had another look around, this stuff surveyed last year ~~but nothing new~~. Came out to base of cliff only, above needs surveying into Zeppelin hanger

P.S. Managed to salvage expendable without too much damage. Might be able to use it again.

30th July Mostajo

Pete Ward, Pete O'neill, Steve Whitehead, Glen Parry
Trip down to previous years extension to look at shafts left undescended (as noted in entry 29/7/84)
The bottom pitch which was the one left the previous day, this turned out to be an arduous crawl into the passage leading to the pitch. Once the connection was certain ie actual sight from one end to person at other end. Afterwards on way out looked at various inlets to no great effect and so deviated admiring the beautifull lines at the base of the entrance pitch.

VEG BAR.

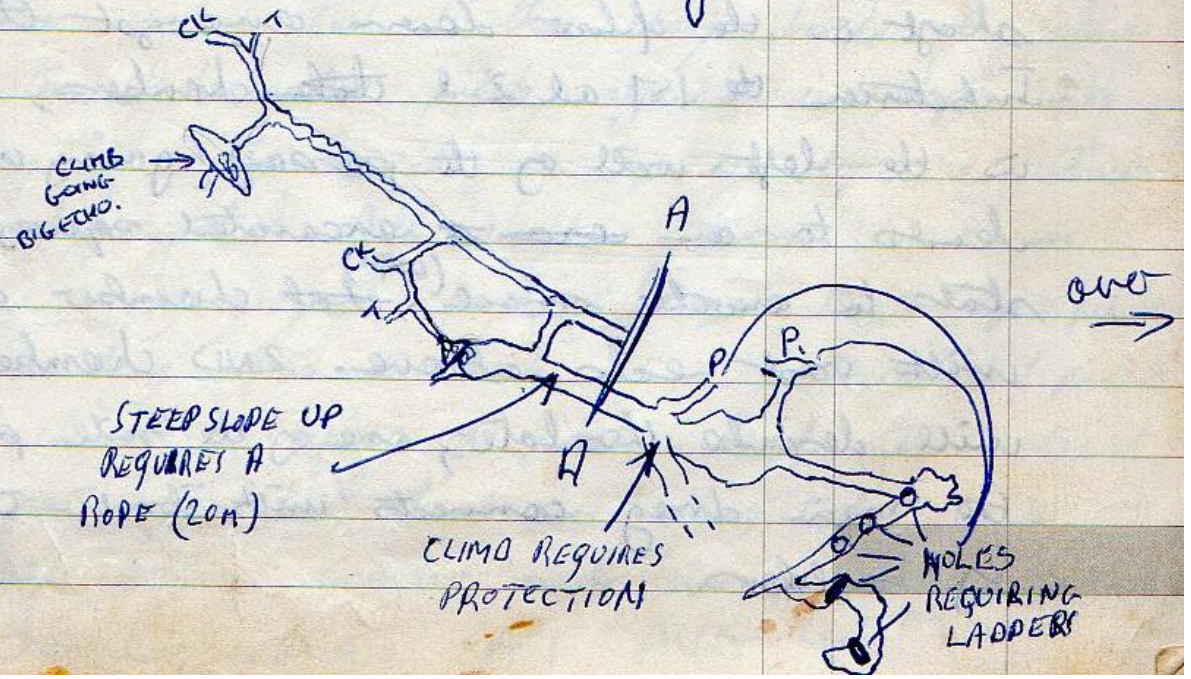
AFTER SPENDING THE DAY ON THE BEACH, BUILDING SANDCASTLES, AND CONTEMPLATING TONIGHTS SESSION, I DECIDED WHAT AN AWFUL PLACE THIS WAS, AND THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO GET BACK TO WORK. (LIAR)

31ST JULY RENADA

JANE FRANK & LUGGER. INVESTIGATING AREA GOING OFF ON RIGHT AT END OF STUFED MONK GALLERY



CK=CLIMB
T=TIGHT



and enclosed survey.

see log book for 15/8/82 & then read on.

did systematic check of passages shown on old (1974/5) survey. Investigated to 3 chambers shown + found a 4TH smaller one. All have climbs up leading to big echoes from above. These climbs will be quite easy to continue with aid of ropes etc and non-toflon wellies. It looks like there is a biggish passage running across the top of this lot. One of the climbs (from the 1ST chamber going from Slutched Monk) lead up to a phreatic maze which is still going. At the opposite end of this chamber another climb leads to big (really) stals and 25' shaft blocking way on which is seen as a ~~hole~~ heading right on the other side. The same chamber has a 60'+ shaft in the floor down amongst the boulders. Inbetween the 1ST & 2nd ~~chamber~~ chambers, a window in the left wall of the passage (going inwards) leads to an ~~excavated~~ excavated squeeze between stals to another main (4TH) chamber and climb with vast echo above. 2ND chamber — Hugger will describe this later, one of the side passages from the main drag connects with it in the middle of boulders.

3rd chamber. — small circle right above, easy 30'+ climb in narrow rift then opens out to easy but exposed climbing with loose echoes from above — this may have been climbed to the top in '82 but it doesn't look like it —

Luggers bit'

Climbed steep slope out of chamber veering big Jane for protection. Slope 20 mtrs to where it levels off short passage on left ends at pitch 10m? Large passage on right in roof has not been entered but would require a rope to reach. Passage straight on passes further undescended pitch on left to enter shading rift this enters chamber after 15 mtrs straight on is very narrow and ~~stony~~ muddy on right of chamber sharp bend enters rift passage with holes in floor undescended. Further sharp bend has climb down to undescended pitch opposite is slope with 15th Aug 82 written on it. At top of slope is further undescended pitch. All shafts between 10 & 20 mtrs. Needs surveying and pushing. (Before 15 mtr rope pitch on main drag close to duck is a 8 mtr blind pitch to water climb on right of pitch leads to vertical section needing bolts 2-3 above is shading tube with tremendous rolling echo. needs doing soon. — been done see SAT AUG 4TH.

31st July 1984. Renada.

Salford Phil, Big Stepen — Slightly Soiled Bolton
sung the Greek? Expendable

Went to start of Boatbox passage to look at possible climb up as seen by Phil and attempted by Steve on past trips.
Used expendable to get up crumbling mass of boulders. Expendable went on up into roof of passage but because of lack of brain didn't do anything so went back for Phil. Phil retireted expendable up new climb which took us right to roof of passage. Large Steven could see our lights from his dossing place in Mega Hall about 200' down. Not very interesting place.

Because of really, really rough belay for ladder as arranged by the expendable instructions to Phil for climbing ladder were "think light... try not to pull on the ladder."

On way out expendable slipped down calcite slope and got a stal right up his bum. Very painful but jolly exciting!

MOSTAJO ~~FAILED~~ 31 JULY

GLEN PARK PETE WARD PETE O'NEILL

descended big pitch ~~after~~ estimated 150' turned out to be 121'. Seventy (approx) Pitch found in floor to lower levels not descended due to lack of gear. Huge passages followed at base of main pitch approximately 1000' followed leaving ends everywhere. Return tomorrow.

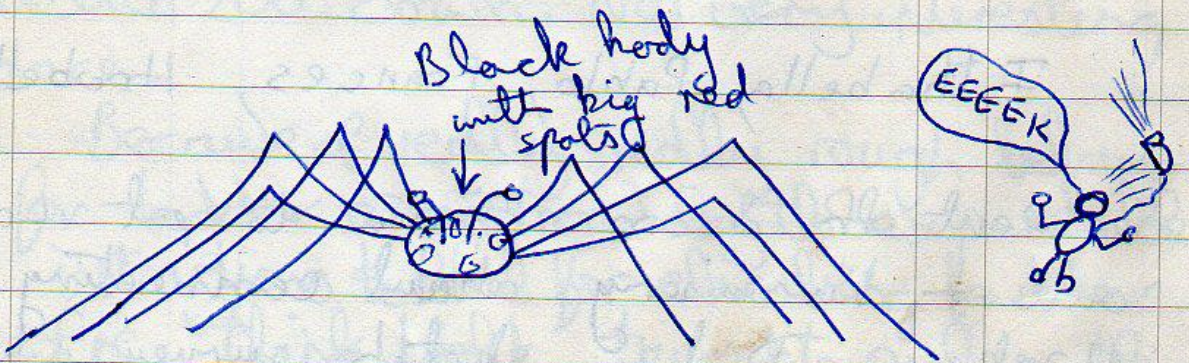
Riaño 1 31 Julio 1.984

Ithabella, Pablo, Frances, Hrobel

Went dR down Riaño to put Lamp out of his misery about connecting it to Uzeka. Did a sketch survey which Pablo carried down. The rest of us never saw him so didn't know that we were going the correct way. Dash!! By trial and blunder found ourselves

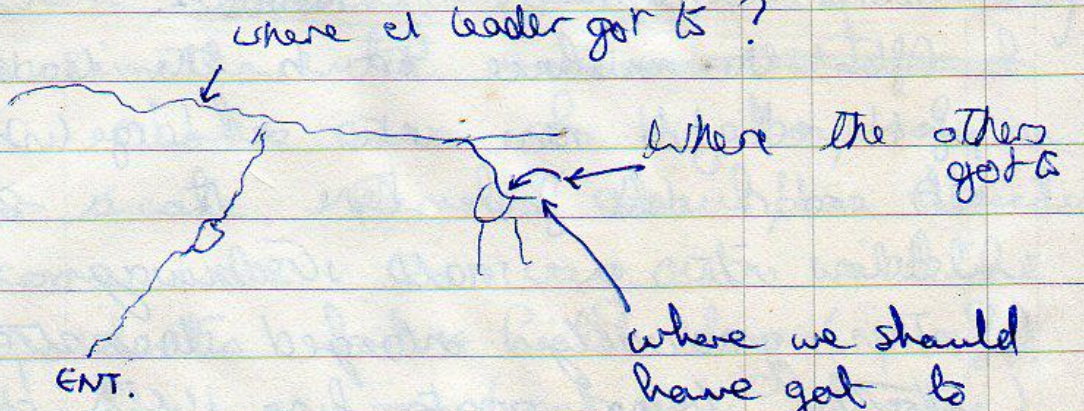
at the end in the correct area, but didnt find the exact end we were looking for. Very interesting as is similar to ~~entrance series of~~ Green Chalke area of Uzeka, only on smaller scale. Ferreted about then decided to come out. On way out mild the correspondents had a field day (pun?)

Lith found a worm (not very interesting) but Frances found some winner big spiders as shown below life size. Got out to find our leader (?) had gone of at a tangent, found a new way to an old passage, and was compleatly flumaxed.

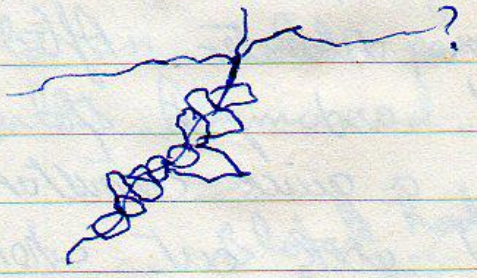


This is a leader now writing about his novel experiences in Rising 1.
After the entrance crawl the leader (moi) followed his nose into a large (ish) chamber. A crawl led from here to a 20' climb down into a small streamway.
This gradually enlarged downstream and started being great fun with cascades, deep pools etc etc. A real must for every caver. Arriving at ~~an~~ t an unclimbable climb a ~~ladder was promptly thrown down~~ traverse over the top led to phreatic tubes of approx 1·5m diameter. After 150m of this I returned and put the ladder down the pitch. After a quick consultation with the survey I couldn't work out where I was. A quick recce of the situation led to the 3 water flowing out of the chamber in 2 opposite directions. After waiting for the others to catch up which they didn't, the way was made out getting totally lost only twice.
~~Scale~~ PTO.

Cave Survey.



Actual Cave.



1/8/84

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MAD DOGS AND ENGLISHMEN.

WENT JUNGLE BASHING UP TO THE CLIFF FACE. OPPOSITE HERMANS BAR, ~~[illegible]~~ MATIENZO AREA MAP. 9800 — 5350 OR THERE ABOUTS. — LA SECADA FROM THE ROAD ONE CAN SEE CAVE ENTRANCES IN THE CLIFF FACE, BINOCULARS CONFIRMED SOME GOOD BLACK LOOKING HOLES. AFTER HACKING THROUGH GORSE AND CLIMBING THE LOWER CRAGS, WE WERE ABLE TO TRAVERSE ALONG THE BASE OF THE CLIFF INVESTIGATING EACH RECESS IN TURN, CLIMBING TO THE CAVES WAS RELATIVELY EASY, BUT EACH RECESS PROVED TURNED OUT BLANK, A COUPLE OF CAVES GOING IN ABOUT 4FT WITH BLANK WALLS, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CRAG A LARGE OPEN RIFT APPEARED, SUITABLY DECORATED WITH ITS SHARE OF TREES, GORSE AND BRAMBLES AT THE BACK OF THE RIFT A SMALL CAVE ENTRANCE WENT IN FOR ABOUT 4 FT A CLOSING DOWN TO A CRAWL OF ABOUT 2 FT BEFORE BECOMING CHOKED, AS WE TRAVERSED FURTHER LEFT ALL WE COULD FIND WAS ROCK SHELTERS THE ONLY EVIDENCE OF INHABITATION WAS WOOL & SHT FROM GOATS, ONE RECESS

PROVIDED A 6FT TUBE WHICH SOON CLOSED DOWN, WE SOON CAME TO THE END OF THIS BENCH SO WE DECIDED TO CONTINUE ALONG THE BENCH ABOVE THE CLIFF FACE, ON THE CLIMB UP WE IMMEDIATLEY FOUND AN OPEN RIFT THIS WAS DESCENDE TO PRODUCE ABOUT 12 FT OF PASSAGE, THE OBVIOUS WAY ON WAS REALLY BUNGED UP, RICK FOUND ANOTHER POT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS BUTRESS. I DESCENDED DOWN A TIGHT POT FOR ABOUT 10 FT, EVENTUALLY IT BECAME TO TIGHT FOR FURTHER PROGRESS, WE CONTINUED ALONG THE BENCH TO THE RIGHT, AND SPOTTED A LARGE CAVE ENTRANCE, ABOUT 4FT HIGH, WITH SUITABLE BLACKNESS I DIVED IN IT PROVED TO BE A STRAIGHTISH PASSAGE, BODY WIDTH, AND GREW TOO 20FT HIGH RIFT, BOOT MARKS WERE IN EVIDENCE, THE LENGHT OF PASSAGEWAS 130 FT APROX BUT ENDED IN A DECAYING CALCITE CHOKE, WE WERE RAPIDLY RUNNING OUT OF WATER, AND HARMANS SEEMED LIKE A GOOD PROSPECT SO WE FOLLOWED THE BENCH ASCENDED TO THE NEXT BENCH, AND RETURNED TO WHERE WE HAD LEFT THE BAGS, NO RECESS OR CAVE WE LOOKED AT PRODUCED ANY DRAUGHT See M.1

PHIL BOARDMAN / LENNY GEE

RICK LAWTHWAITE

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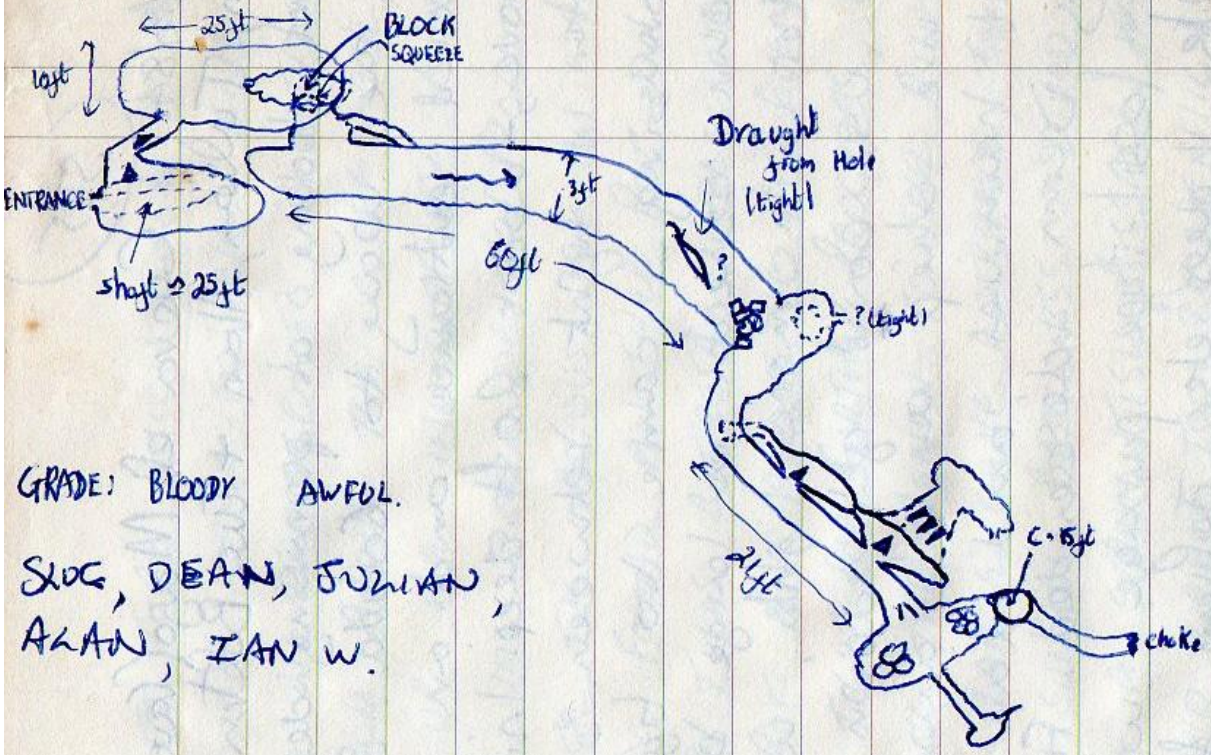
1/8/84 Cueva el Mazo (Cave of the Big, Fat Winging Dean, Julian, Alan + two Bolton expendables Bastard).

Went looking at promising depressions on the way to Kolada. Slug found a blocked entrance and an open entrance above, - about 20ft deep. Initial explorations with 1 light between 3 looked promising - came to tight squeeze, down beneath a large blocks. Returning later with more lights, we found none of us could get down the squeeze, - we chip* a bit away with bolt hammer and Ian Wood followed by Dean descended. Found 100 ft of fossil-type passage with several inlets, holes etc. Julian followed, and they made a mental survey of cave, but could not locate the draught that was roaring at the squeeze. A couple of climbs were looked at but all were choked, and loose. Exit via squeeze with much grunting etc. (N.B. - Slug too large for the squeeze).

Named Cueva el Mazo.

* chipped (?)

CUEVA EL MAZO



GRADE: BLOODY AWFUL.

SLOG, DEAN, JULIAN, ALAN, IAN W.

See Over

Wed 1/8/74 (21)

CODISERA. Phil Lugger Jane Squirrel Dfrost
Joe Tony

Looking around + photos. Found roof tube needing investigation just inside entrance on left hand wall. Phil started bolt route up to it, this will be finished on next trip. Took photos of big passage full of mist + goats. Saw big piteh + "traverse" done by Spaniards checked with Juan Carlos at Hermanos - they bolted it years ago. Other piteh still need re-checking. The description in the Matarraza guide book + the M.U.S.S. journal looks suspiciously like a rip-off translation of Quadrenos Vol II.

PS Just downhill from Codisera entrance on east side of dry valley, & on roughly same altitude, is obvious entrance (by tree) leading to dry fossil cave series of chambers, standing height, leading to passage lowering in height, to flat-out section. Not followed due to lack of caving gear (at time) - appears to open up other side. Must be known, but not on records. Entrance & first sections appear to be well-visited by locals. No draught.

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GLORY!!!

Mostayo has gone big.

Pete, Rollo, Pies + Little Steve into Mostayo down the 37m (121ft.) pitch to survey stuff found yesterday and to descend pitch found below other pitch.
Pies + Steve surveying.
After 4 hrs surveying standard passage started surveying the unobvious route and found GLORY!!!
~~Hs~~ Strong draught in Mega passage. Just kept walking for a while to

we started getting agoraphobia (For the ignorant it means frightened of big holes)
Stopped ~~at~~ on a medium sized chamber and went out up other passages noted on the way. Eventually meeting the others who had come a different route. V. complex area and would need one hell of a lot of arrows to find way out.
Over to other party for their account of GLORY
Pegged series explored on entry dated 29/7/74
descended pitch in floor below 12 FOOTER
approx 50 FOOTER No obvious way on except in floor 30ft free climb lead to cross rifts to small to descend, after derigging moved over to 30ft pitch found yesterday. Descended into blind shaft climb up lead to another pitch in floor estimated 30-60ft then a ramp-ass needs descending. Moved over to passage explored yesterday and shot off right into unexplored stuff passages blasted off all over the bloody place with various drafts ~~etc~~. after covering maybe a Kilometer met other two and returned via seperate routes to base at 12 0° pitch.

Mon 2-8-84 Diving trip to Pennys Cave La Vega

Team

Susie Woozy + Oben Gruppen Fuehrer Big 'N'

Hot and sweaty carry to sump pool tho Suzie Woozy complains of being cold. Difficult getting up with knees under chin. Sump pool can clear until entered. at end of sump pool draught streaming through rushing waves on water. Way on in sump is through hole in R+L wall to low sandy squeeze a 1m depth Reeds ~~and tho~~ another look at with 2 valves and bottles etc. Hot and sweaty carry out with Suzie still grumbling Retired to Bar German to continue surface controlling

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2-8-84 Cueva Superfostata situated 40yds off road to Fuente Las Varas. Jane, Dave, Paul 20ft long cave located by Salford Phil, ~~about~~ A good strong draft. Dug down 5ft. needs more digging

Tues UZEIN 7/8/84. Geordie, Helen, Rollo.

On return from Armageddon, made match of going up with river inlet. Passage ~200 long ends (?) in low crawl/choke. Very strong draught coming in. Has this been pushed? If not, why not? If so, what happens?

TUES. 31/7/84.

BOLTING TRIP TO UZEKA.

Baz, Dave, John, Helen, Rollo, Dave Tringham.

Went to Astrodome, where John, Helen & Rollo went off to Armageddon. Daves Howard & Tringham and Baz returned to last year's bolt route. Dave spotted a dubious looking stal and lassooed it but refused to use the rope to ascend further. Baz put in a bolt after climbing up to the stal and then did an ice climb up horrible slippy mud to a dead end right up by a flat bedding plane roof. The other's then came up. and prospects for reaching the end of the chamber by the inlet examined. Everyone decided it was too suicidal so a retreat was made using a boot lace for a disposable belay. Whilst trying to rescue the hangers from the bolts, the dubious stal came off depositing belay, ladder and Baz into Dave Howard's arms. No-one was hurt and a retreat was made to the Riaño bar which Henry had kept open.

Thursday 2nd August. Reñada

Baz, Ken Ric Martin & Bobby

This started as a post Bar Tomas + Snows quiet trip for Baz, Bobby & Ken. Others realizing it was quiet joined in! The quietness was spoilt by Dirty Frank & Lugger giving instructions to go and investigate this and that to the right of the far end of Stuffed Monk. Tackle was accordingly collected. We reckoned without reliable memories & 10 minutes was spent finding the entrance & once in 1 hour finding the Blowhole. The memory was a one previous visit in drunker stupor following someone elses Boots.

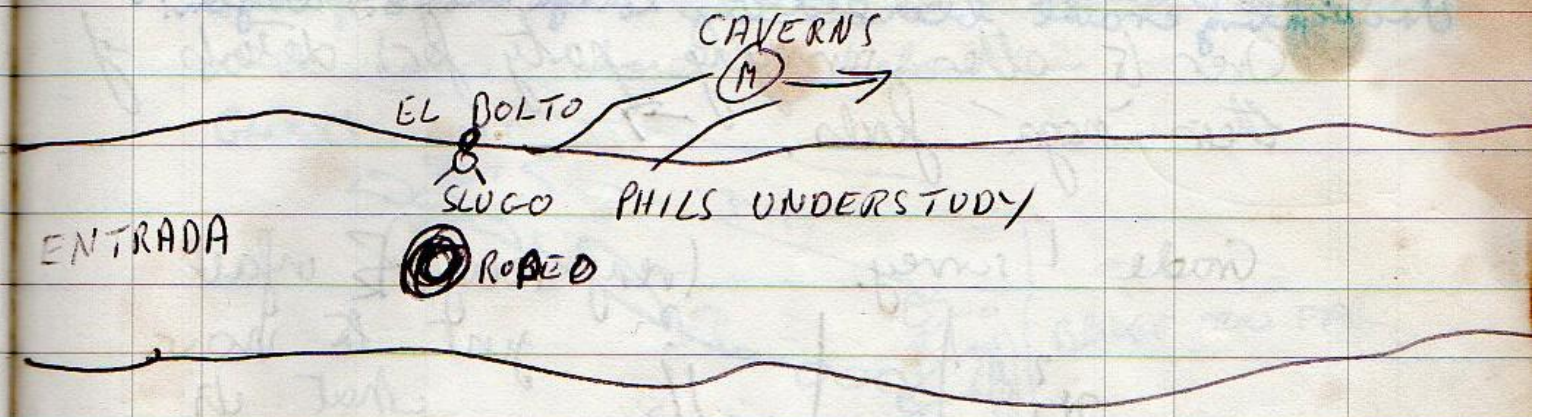
Eventually the bypasses to the pitches, the rope pitch & duck were found, followed by eagle passage & stuffed monk.

At the far end on the right the narrow passage was found & sure enough chambers to the left at the far end do have large echoes in the roof (aircraft hangers in the sky)

We left the tackle to return on Saturday and headed back to Hermans for Beer.

Bobby

Thursday 2nd August Codiscera.
Dear Julian. Bolta Expendable № 1



Mostajo.
Frank, Lugger, Crow, Pies, Dave Tringham, Pete, Jimmy Geordie.

Down to bottom of 'Golden Void' uneventfully. Showed Frank what had been surveyed. When asked 'where do those passages go', the reply was 'I don't know'. Literally passages everywhere needing surveying.

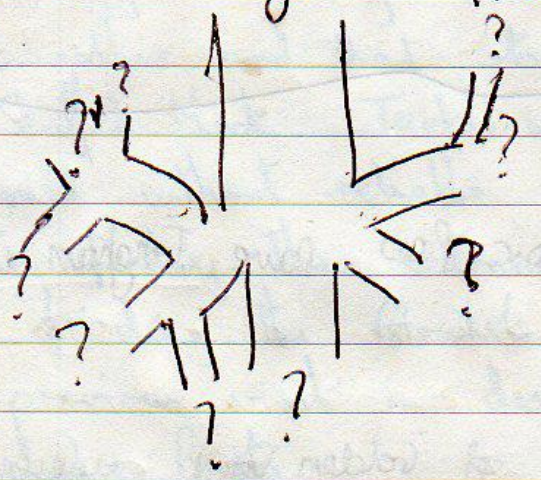
Surveyed approx 600m and found approx 2Km of new passage. Length now stands at ~4Km. No lead yet pushed to an end.

~~Couldn't~~

About 6 x 100' pitches also found which need descending. Could be bigger

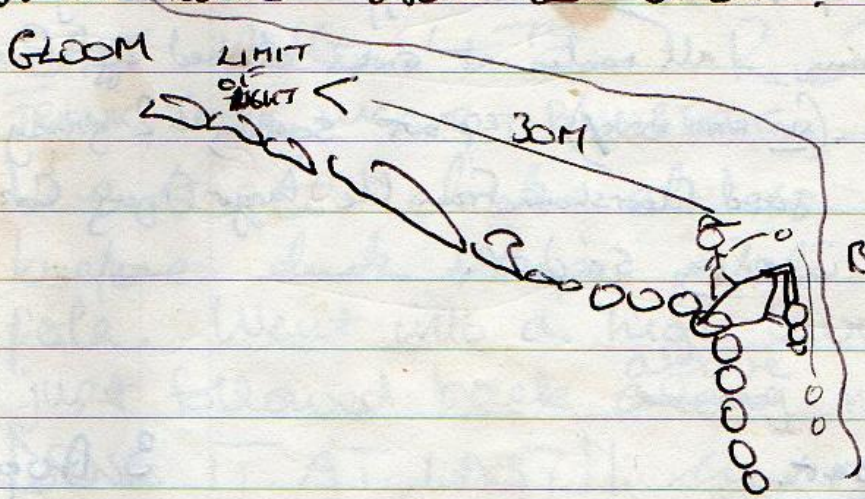
than Cateos Reneda / Uzueka put together!!
Roof passage began ~~servey~~ 46 walked to a ~~dead~~ strongly
draughting crawl ~~blocked by~~ tough stals!! Wayon.
Over to other surveying party for details of
their 'mega' finds. →

Grade 1 survey. (very rough & unfair just to show what it's like.

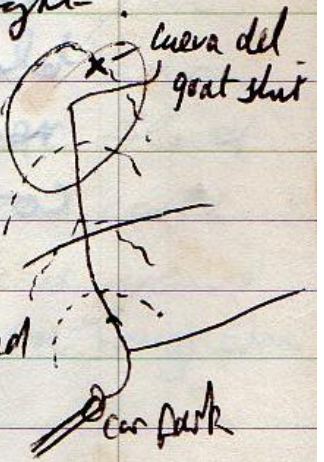


Lugger + Frank - started surveying from station 5 up nasty short low ½ mile passage into big passages all sloping on 20/40° and cluttered with big boulders, saw 1st wall after ½ hour, lots of red crystal sand about - like Cayenne pepper, spent more time trying to find way than surveying, "passage" over 50 m wide in places. Junctions and side passages everywhere. Lugger: "Christ it's like a cathedral roof" to describe large sloping block leading to edge of deep pit

Saw + heard a few shafts, nearly fell off rock bridge leading across one "the Bridge too far" More red sand and mud with holes above and below :—



got really hungry after surveying 400M and went home. Did lessons 3 and 4 of S.R.T. Lugge did a special lesson of his own. Made bar at midnight.



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?? 1/8/84. Dave + all the Brigham, Jimmy + Jim Rathray walked up track at end of vega valley, followed tracks up valley to left to circled area where we had a quick look round the shake holes. Found small cave in wood at side of valley 20m long, named goat shit hole. Finished all our beer, and then returned

Where have all the ladders gone?!

Simas Du Picon

Lugger Paul (g) Squeaky (d) Big R Big J Julie M

To check end of survey ferreti about Abi.

Pleasant trip in to end with Lugger + Paul checking draughting avens - nothing, all routes at ends closed off found sweet F.A. (not Frank Addis) Trip out scaling 2 greasy avens for nowt. Good Floorshow from the lugger flying Corvos entrance pitch is only 50' deep.

German's bar. 3 Aug 84.

Frank, Piers, Gravel.

Had realy strenous day drawing up kilometers of passage on survay. 'Tis great drawing squigly lines across blank graph paper then inventing ~~reasons for~~ survay notes to ~~correspond~~ correspond.

"Never have so many people, been fooled by so much bull, shit for so long!"

Now sitting in bar giving guided tour around cave for price of a tinto.

I am now getting verily pissed.

Next tour in 10 mins.

We need a whip-round for a pot of paint for Frank and a slug for Big Steve's ear.

SAT AUG 4TH. Reñada.

FRANK, JANE, MUGGER - BIG STEVE

Went to deck climb above pit before duck + Rope pitch with scaling pole. Went into a high level rift which just followed back ~~along~~ above main passage. DONE IT AT LAST!! Underground for the first time in over two years. Dave took me to see the pretties in Reñada. Passed the above team working Lard' and followed Jane's directions to avoid large drop! Great fun slithering over mud even the duck was OK - not as cold or wet as I expected. Blessed Alley and stopped Yanks passage was worth it. Hope I don't have to wait another two years before the next trip!! Carol and Dave Tringham

ROY - JULIE - SUE.

THE FIELD ABOVE THE MUSHROOM FIELD HAS BEEN ALTERED BY GOD. THE OLD DIG DOES NOT EXACTLY NOW STILL NO OBVIOUS WAY IN TO - RIFT. LOTS OF FUCKING HORSE FLY

3/8 Cuevas Superfosfato

Dave, Joe, Tony, Rob, Alan

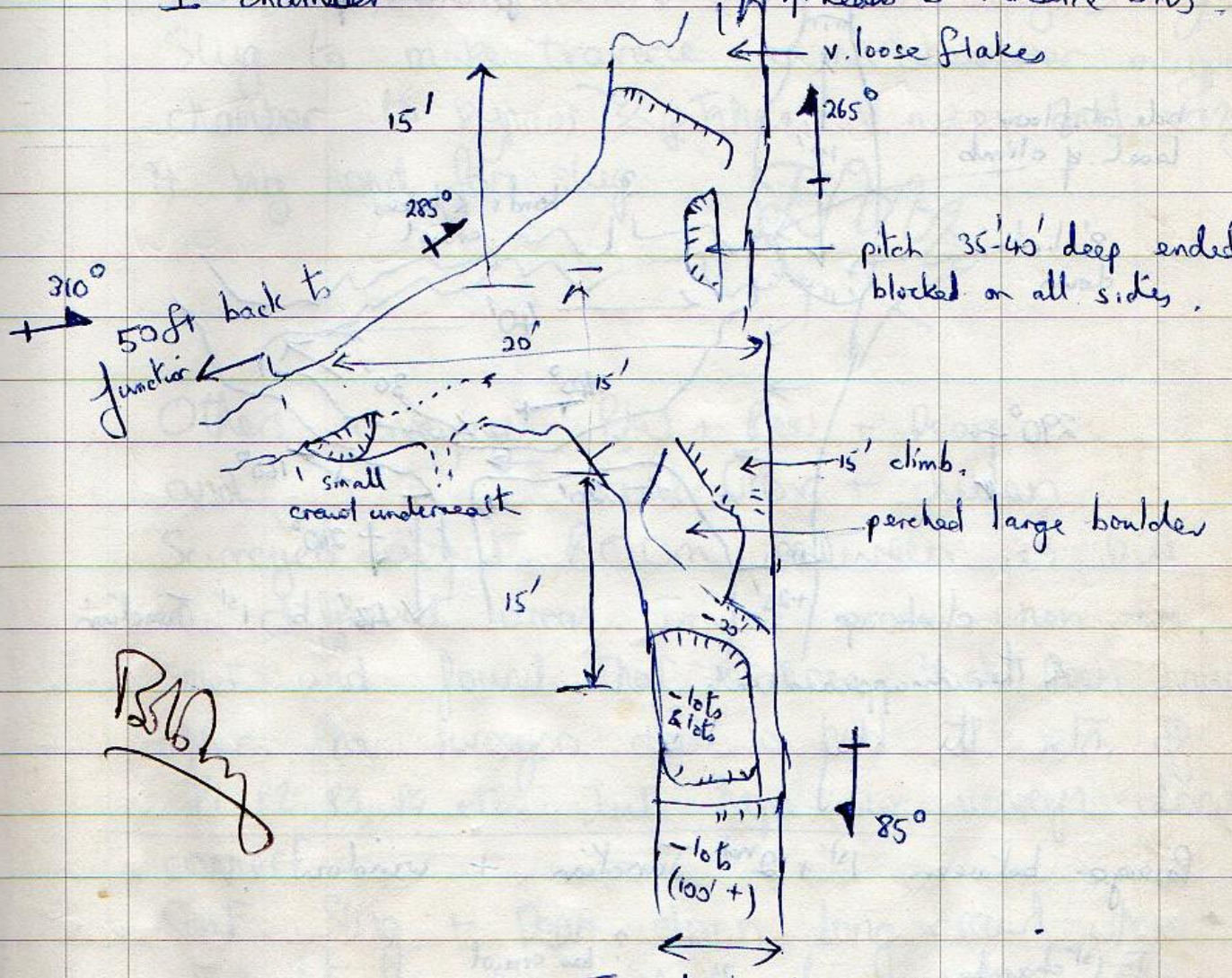
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Continued digging in floor of clay & boulders. Rift narrows up where draught comes through. Lump hammer & chisel broke up some stalled-up rocks - slow progress Probably best to continue downwards, as rift appears to belly out below constriction.

Reñada 4th Aug

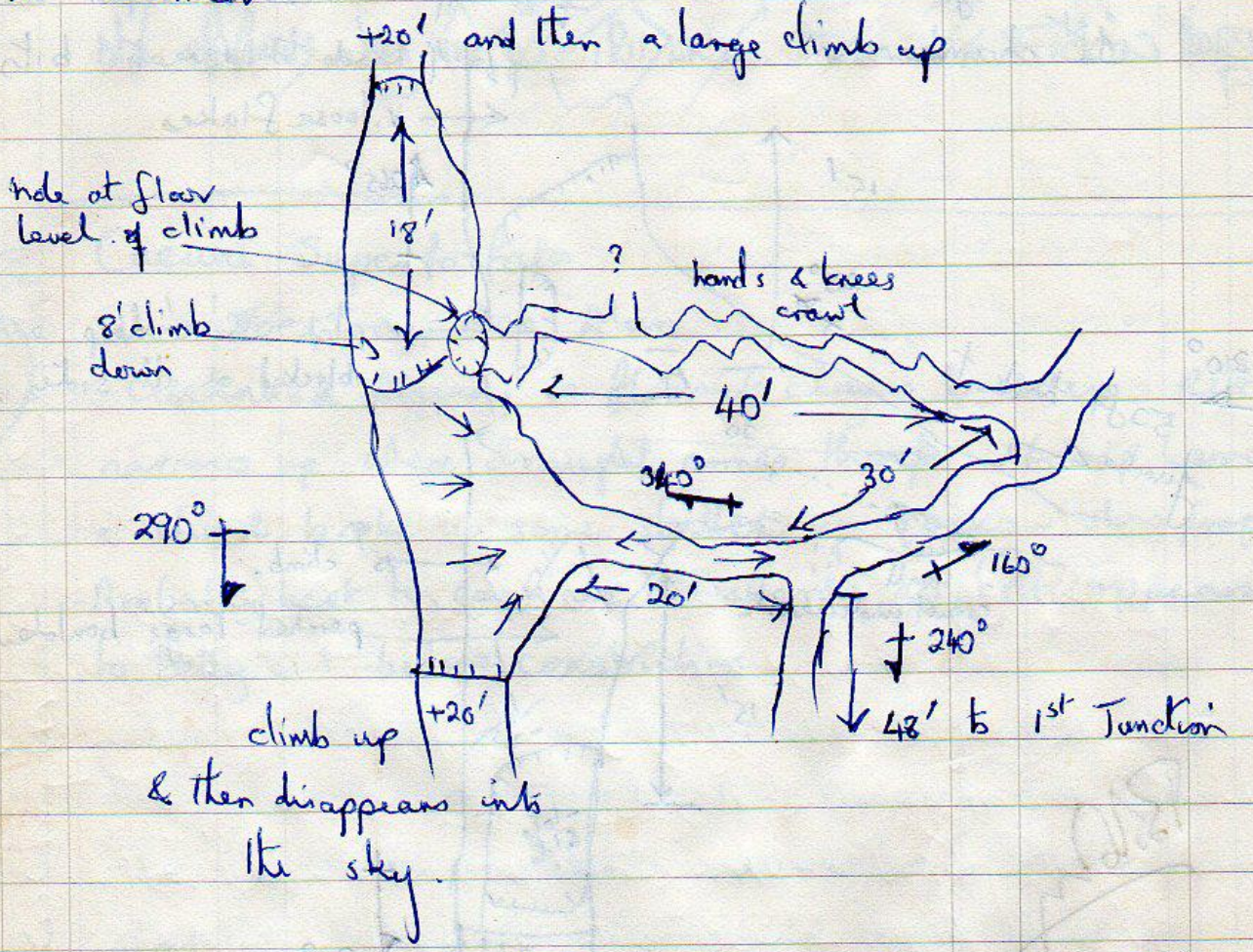
Passage at R.H end of Stuffed Monk as per 2nd Aug

1st chamber

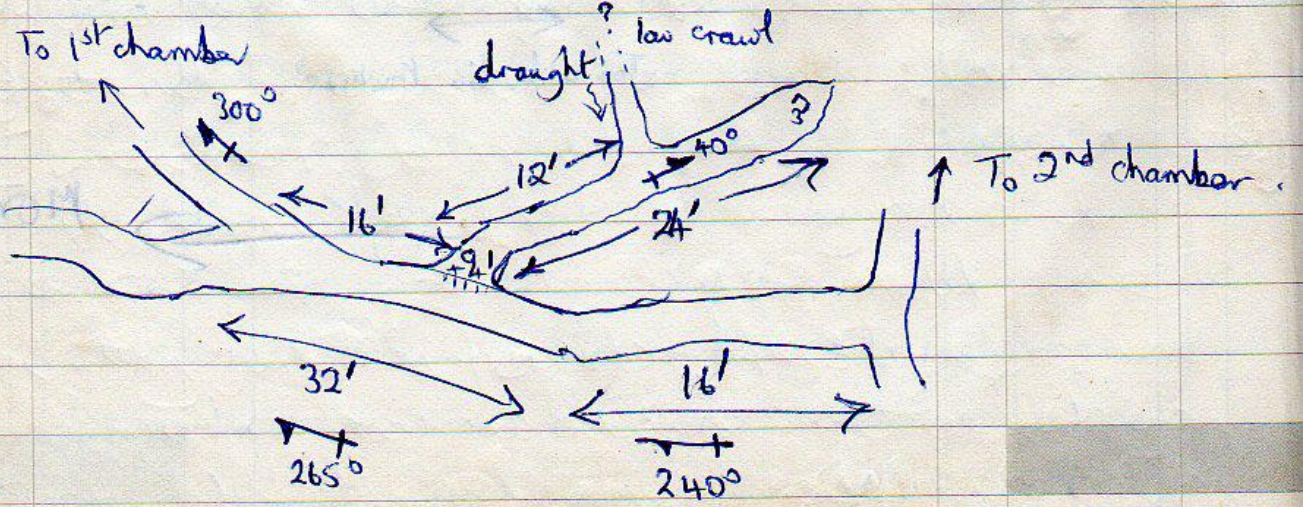


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2nd Chamber

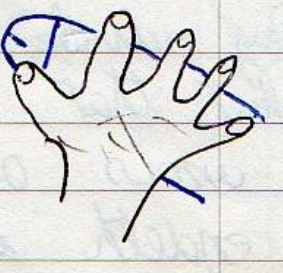


Passage between 1st + 2nd Junction + window.



4 Aug Mostyn

Piers, Phil, Gror, Paul, Julian, Dean, Slug. Jimmy.
Slug to make traverse round ~~chamber~~ mayore chamber to bypass 2 pitches. V. nice and easy
A big hand for slug.



Others surveying Phil + Piers + Dean
and Paul + Gror + Julian.
Surveyed about 800m between us but in different areas. Trouble arose when we met and found that stations had been named after the surveyors and so had 2 sets of P1, P2, P3, P4 etc. Just hope our surveys don't connect.
Sent Slug + Dean down long crawl where draught is blowing to hammer at stal obstruction.
Taking much delight in smashing the glittering twinkling stalactites into millions of little pieces they passed the obstruction and continued crawling with the occasional chamber.
~~Then~~ After approx 3/4 hr & crawling they

Found Hedgehog in Hedgehog crawl. Alan Dawson 1980 ish

Sluggo Sluggo Sluggo Sluggo Sluggo.
Ego Trip Man!

turned round and with the way on still obvious as the call of Bar Tomas was too strong and food mattered more than glory.

They arrived back 2 hrs later due to the fact that Piers had plastered the cave with arrows all pointing out.

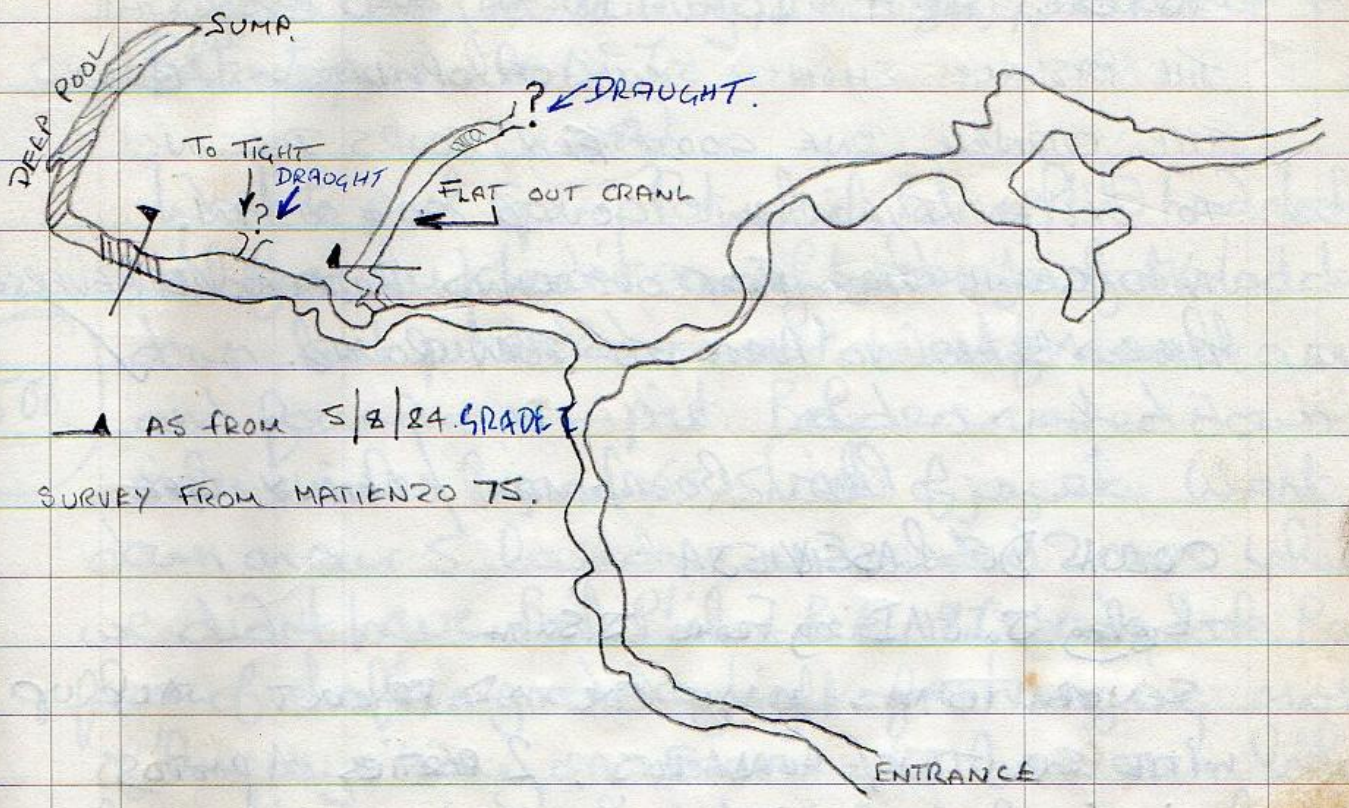
Here endeth Perth's tenth trip down here this year.

Sluggo + Deans description of stuff we got into:

Smashed stalgrill (Great Fun!) (Tubbs crunch) continuing hands + knees crawl with occasional small chamber - only one way one - strong draught - float out bit approx 300' - came to pit which ~~linked with crawl in chamber~~ went into large well decorated chamber - crawl round pit also links to chamber. Carbide dump in chamber. Down into main chamber easy slope on left marked way on with arrows etc following draught until come to 3 way junction - hands + knees type passage stopped for reasons outlined above. Way on Wide open. Well done to Dean for salvaging Bolton Expendable No. 1. in time for Blow Out at Mrs Thomas (

CUEVA DE VOLVO 5/8/84.

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WENT TO HAVE A LOOK DOWN VOLVO, I WOULD PRESUME THE WATER LEVEL IS LOWER THAN PREVIOUS YEARS. THIS ENABLED US TO PUSH THE PASSAGE ANOTHER 30ft TO ANOTHER SUMP, ON RETURNING BACK UP THE PASSAGE A HOLE WAS PASSED THAT WAS DRAUGHTING, THIS WAS FAR TO TIGHT AND WOULD REQUIRE CHEMICAL PERSUASION, BACK UP THE PASSAGE I CLIMED OVER ONE OF THE MANY MOUNDS OF MUD AND SLID DOWN INTO A WATER WASHED TRENCH, A CRAWL OF TWO FEET BROUGHT ME INTO A SMALL CHAMBER LEADING OFF FROM THIS WAS A FLAT OUT CRAWL WITH A HOWLING DRAUGHT COMING DOWN IT

THIS I PUSHED UNTIL IT BECAME TO DIFFICULT TO DIG (ABOUT 30 - 40 FT IN) AND AS USUAL THE PASSAGE SHOWED SIGNS OF OPENING OUT ROUND THE CORNER, ONE GOOD ~~FEW~~ HOURS DIGGING TO DEEPEN THE CRAWL COULD SEE US IN. THE CRAWL WAS ~~FLAT~~ OUT AND HAD TO BE REVERSED THERE BEING NO PLACE TO TURN ROUND. ✓

PHIL BOARDMAN / LENNY GEE

COLOA DE RASCIKIEJA

Big Log Julie Dirty Frank J. Smith

SENORA TOMAS MADE FOR A DIFFICULT WALK UP WITH SPLITTING HEADACHES, 2 PARTIES 1 PHOTOS 1 Digging. CHOKE DRAUGHTING STRONGLY FOUND WHERE PREVIOUS EXPORATION ENDED. DIFFICULT JOB SPLITTING Rocks TO ALLOW JULIAN TO DESCEND 7' CLIMB TIGHT AT TOP (WILL REDUCE TO RUBBLE) FLAT OUT CRAWL ROUND 2 BENDS TO 4' DROP INTO CHAMBER UNDENEATH CHOKE 2 OR 3 POSIBLE WAYS OUT UNEXPLORED DUE TO Fuck up WITH LAMPS HENCE SLOW EXIT. MUST RETURN.

5th Aug 84. Spaar Pot + others.
Salford Phil, Kettle Thug, D.C.C. Nigel, Pedro Smith + Bolton Coperdale No I.

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Went to push Spaar Pot which Pete + Phil had looked at before but hadn't enough ladders for. Got 4 ladders down but pit ended in nowt. Went for a walk around and found a new pit. Boulders crashed down for miles + miles big echo's, shrieks + joy etc. Went down on our 5 ladders and needed 2 more which we didn't have. Both Phil + B.C.N. No I had a look. Boulder floor of shaft in good daylight free hanging most of the way. Way on seemed to be down boulder (!) slope through arch into (God knows what!?!!) Needs bottoming and looks promising.

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Entrance looks like a smaller version of Cistern. and is 100 yds up hillside from tree lined, fenced shaft which is 100 yds up from brick barn which is easily visible from road. Looked at other things but didn't find any passage. Shaft is approx 170' ± 10' and there are good ledges at top.

Done it 200' to choked shaft.

6TH AUG. TRIP TO BIGGO.

DAVE T., JULIAN, NIGEL, STEVE W., DEAN, JANE, BOBBY, BIG STEVE, SALFORD PHIL, LITTLE SQUIRREL, ROB THE THUG, ROLLO.

I think it would have been better if we had all stayed at the bar. After technical difficulties we eventually arrived at the parking place. Kitted up Salford Phil directed his troops to find the entrance. He gave us a half hour lead then he came and rescued us from the jungle. Eventually we entered Biggo, we then had a truly epic traffic jam for the pitch.

After everyone had landed Salford Phil showed us how to traverse the railway tunnel passage — at a slow run! — buggers the people hauling tackle. However Left hand By pass arrived for the stragglers only to find when we got down no apparent sign of a positive way on or any sign of the others.

No problem after a while the others realised we were lost and came back to show the way.

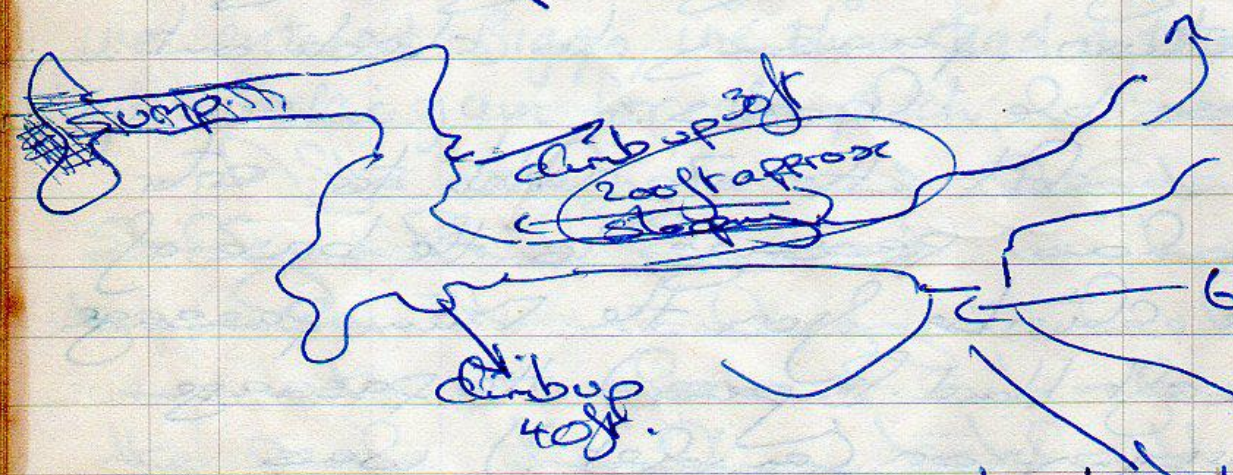
At the surface the party split between those diving the sump and those returning back to the surface after having a general nose around.

The party returning to the surface straightaway began the return, pausing to check out possible leads.

At the 7' climb to enter the Cow passage to the base of the climbs for the main passage (Left Hand Bypass) the passage carrying on (Ahead!) was investigated. After some 200ft of stooping but fairly straight passage a chamber was encountered for which two climbs were checked but both closed down. The passage

continued Covering all Notice till a sump was excavated.

The party then returned to surface after leaving from there on their way to the surface that the dive had been abanded due to loss of equipment - However no doubt the diving party will write their own about their problems!



Sump may be a canal left as part of a flood overflow. Passage to 'd' is quite stream washed.

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DEEPENED CRAWL, SO ONE CAN NOW LIE ON ONES BACK AND LOOK AT THE CEILING, PASSED THE PREVIOUS TIGHT BIT. AND WHILE LYING IN 5" WATER YOU CAN LOOK ALONG A ROOF ~~[illegible]~~ FILLED UP WITH SILT WITH 3 TO 4" AIRSPACE, AND DRAFTING STRONGLY VERY DIGABLE, BUT NOWHERE TO PUT THE FILL,.

PHIL BOARDMAN/RICK LEWTHWAITE.

6/8/84

Uzueka

Lugger, Piers, Pete, Pete. + Slug (nearly)

Fairly early start, underground by 10.30.

Slug promptly got lost in the entrance series. At the Corilla walk he decided he went very well and went out. (Ahh).

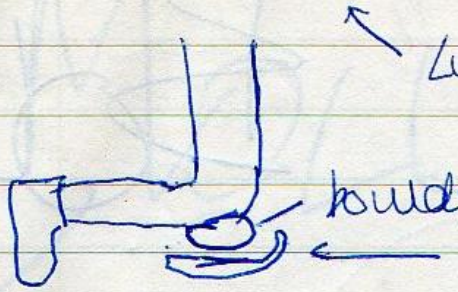
4hrs later arrived at Armageddon.

3/4 hr later we left Armageddon.

Arrived at Sandstone passage on Trident Series at 3.50 pm. Made contact via molephone with surface party and got a positive location of 30 metres vertical from surface.

Proceeded to hammer sandstone run in so

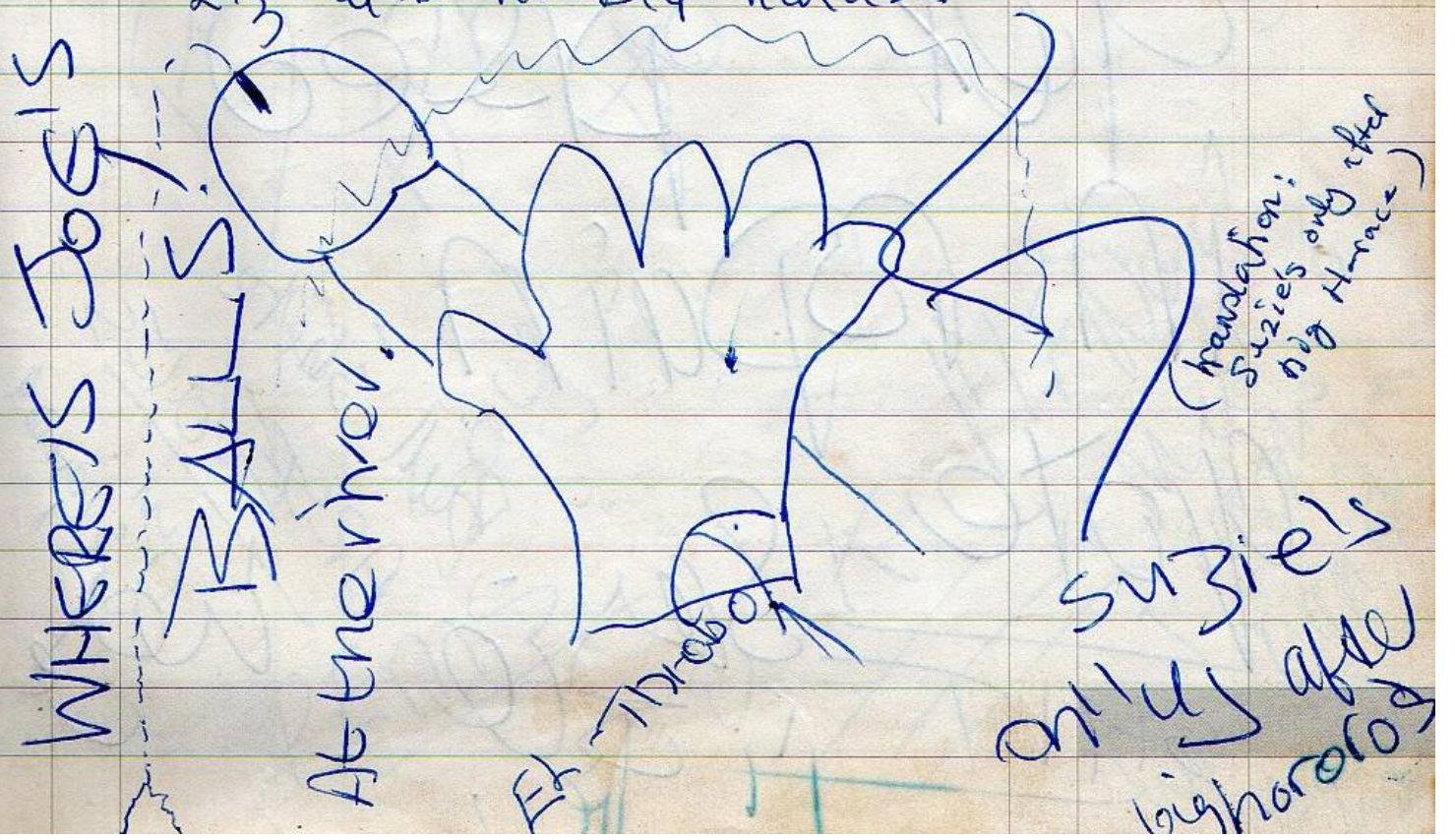
The noise was made by a Spaniard hammering his rung + threaded back to us.
If NO noise coming.
surface party could hear us.
When told they could hear us, Pete went wild and started pretending he was a JCB pulling boulders out everywhere.
Lugger + Pete (II) found an aven. (~60' high).
This was located and smoke bomb set off.
No positive visual sighting of smoke so far.
The aven is situated at the end of a flat out / Hands + Knees crawl which is reached by turning right 30 metres before the sandstone ran on.
In this area are numerous holes in the floor up to 100' deep, some draughting.
Possible way into Carcavero?
Left the sandstone run in ~~and~~ at 6:40 and got to the surface at 10:40, after a quick look at the entrance.
Lugger, pretending he was hard wedged a ~~boulder~~ between his knee and kneecap, and pretended to be surprised when he showed it to us telling us that he 'wondered why it hurt'.
See diagram for lucid details.



PS. Just before sandstone run, on, is
even with small amount of water. Aven
or at least 10 m high, would need a
Bolton expendable or 2 or 3 bolts.

GUESS WHAT THE WOMEN GOT UP TO TONIGHT:—

LIZ and Sue, ~~NOTHING~~ Suzie woozie ~~dozed~~
get pissssed. ;) in Spain.
Liz with no big hands.



THE BAR PAGE

Bella

Donts

get pissed

in Spain

Vote

Sex

SHIT

Bull-shit-

ARSE

olives

in Spanish.

I MOLLSKS

O.K.

What Jim.

Barry is.

Barry Mollis

DON'T NIPE YANK FACE ON THE GREEN TOWEL IN THE LADIES. (TONY'S WIPED HIS WILLIE ON IT)

To. Says

PENIS. O. K. // If Ward me u

Person? I

Who can I

Dollar

I'm still pissed.
Swallow it.
And Sit!

In August! — Suke you'll waken the morning (a.m.)

WILL PEOPLE WHO LEAVE THE Bog in Germany SMELLING like a Shit House PLEASE leave the window open!

Game of three card Brag. Julie ^ to caution
Phil you only stack good cards to Bluff me.
what happens when you want to see your cards. reply from player: pick them up.

J.C.

My Husband + I would like to thank the D.C.C for the contribution towards our love of our wardrobe with full length mirror (10 years) see you in (15 for the Bedroom suite).

7th Aug - CUEVA DE RASCIVIEJA.
JULIAN, + 2 MARKS FROM L'POOL UNIV.
PUSHED DRAUGHTING CHAMBER WHICH ROY + JULIAN HAD GOT TO PREVIOUSLY. FOLLOWED DRAUGHT THRU' A CONSTRICTION, (WHICH IS MORE EASILY BY PASSED BY TAKING FIRST PASSAGE ON LEFT AFTER ENTERING CHAMBER) SCRAMBLING ALONG FOR A FEW MORE YARDS, CHIMNEY UP 8FT CLIMB (WATCH LOOSE BOULDERS) ACROSS TOP THRU' A CONSTRICTION, MORE SCRAMBLING FOR FEW MORE YARDS ENDING IN SMALL HOLE. THIS WAS SMASHED AWAY, TO ALLOW JULIAN TO GET THRU' (NB. IF YOU GO HEAD FIRST, THEN YOU HAVE TO SOMERSAULT TO GET TO THE FLOOR ON YOUR FEET) HE REPORTED THAT HE COULD GET INTO A SMALL SANDY CHAMBER, WHERE YOU COULD KNEEL. AHEAD

DRAUGHTS AND ARBARS TO BE LARGE ENOUGH FOR "HUMANS" (NONE HERE THO'!) AT THE MOMENT IT NEEDS SMASHING OUT WITH CHISEL. FURTHER BACK BEYOND SQUEEZE INTO SANDY CHAMBER, MARK STARTED DIGGING ON LEFT WHERE IT WAS DRAUGHTING, - THIS WENT UP TO ANOTHER CONSTRICTION; BUT IMPASSABLE AT THE MOMENT - BEYOND IT ENLARGES & LOOKS THE MORE PROMISING OF THE TWO WAYS ON. HAD TO RETURN COS NO CHISELS - ON WAY OUT TRIED TO ENLARGE SQUEEZES TO "SLUG-SIZE" DIMENSIONS BUT TOOK TOO LONG.
WILL RETURN!

Quote from Bez.

" Lank Milk was caving when G.G. was only a clint".
HE MEANT IT ON A FRENCH LETTER WHEN A FRENCH LETTER WAS A PIGS BLADDER,

11-30 Morning after Bar-B-Que!
in Barnursing hangovers.

Suddenly a frenchman Arrived .....

RATHER.

FRANK WOULD GIVE HIS LIFE THAN
LOSE A PACKET OF RIZLA.

BARBQUE, MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES
ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED OUT
SPECIAL MENTION STUART THE BARMAN

DAWN PATROL
GEORDIE, PHIL, HELEN, LUGGER, STEVE, ROLO
LENNY.

QUOTES
· LENNY, COCKSUCKING MOTHER FUCKER
LUGGER, SI.
PHIL, I WISH I HAD ME CAMERA.
STEVE, I DONT LIKE MUSIC REALLY, JUST THE BEA

??

8 AUG

Went Bramble bashing in the woods from the Barn at the gate in the mushroom field to the point where the top fence meets the wood. We zig zaged easterly up the hill through the wood and found 4 small caves longest about 20'. They were marked JM1 TO JM4 with charcoal and a stick put across the entrance. There were no draughts detected. We then walked around the hillside to the dig near the radio location in Eureka and that ~~we~~ draught had dissappeared as well.

JIMMY + MARTIN.

A small dig in the large chamber went into a smaller chamber also filled with loose rocks.

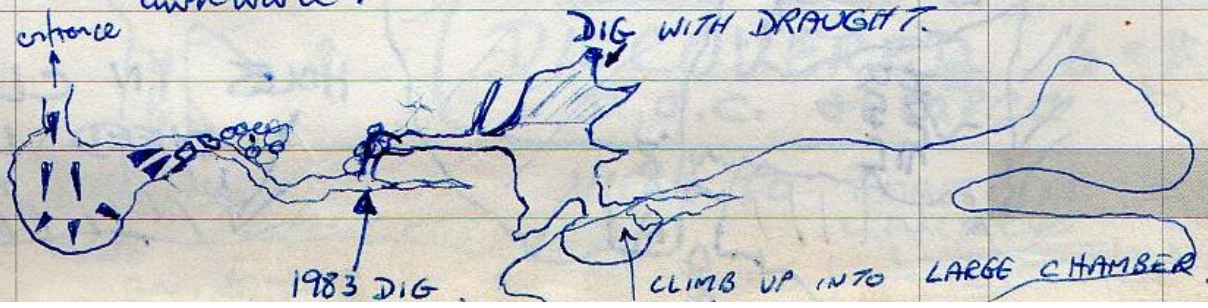
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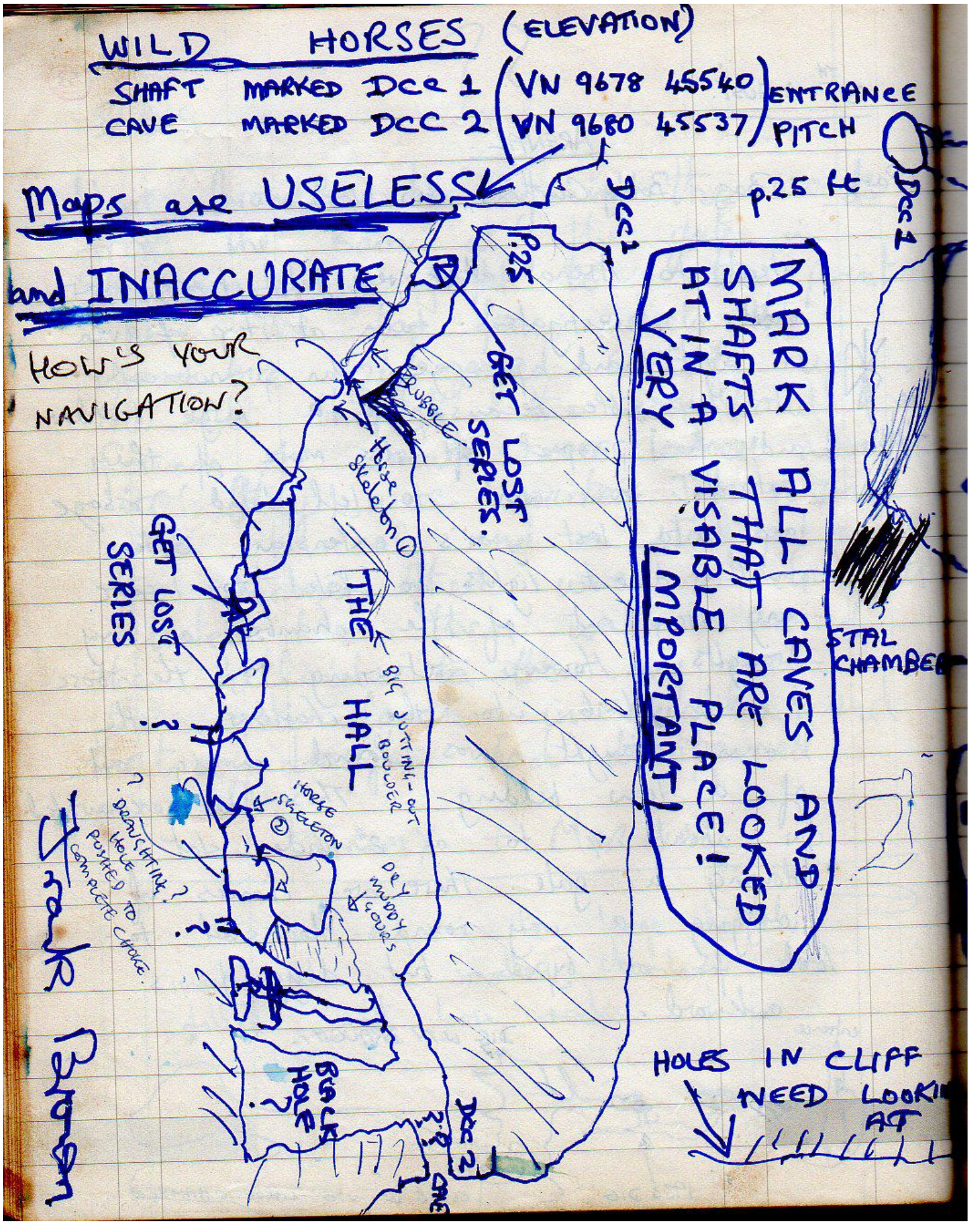
ARENAL.

Party. Baz, Bobby Cawthorne, Ian Wood.

Went to Arenal after very late hung-over start. Investigated tube at top of aven in right-hand passage. Ian pronounced it impossible because of a large boulder and the prospect of lots more of them ahead. So, went to left-hand passage and into last year's extension. Even with decent lights we failed to locate any way out of the chamber or any draughts. However, returning to the base of the climb into the chamber, the main draught was found coming out of a low bedding. This was excavated for about 4' to a 2" wide slot blowing a gale. There are chances of digging a way round the slot to look for a bypass, but digging is awkward.

See 7/8/83




WILD HORSES (ELEVATION)
SHAFT MARKED DCC 1 (VN 9678 45540) ENTRANCE
CAVE MARKED DCC 2 (VN 9680 45537) PITCH
Maps are USELESS
and INACCURATE
HOW'S YOUR NAVIGATION?
DCC 1
P.25 ft
DCC 2
P.25
GET LOST SERIES.
RUBBLE
Horse Skeleton ①
THE HALL
GET LOST SERIES
BIG JUTTING-OUT BOULDER
Horse Skeleton ②
DRY MUDDY HOLES
DEAD CUTTING? HOLE POINTED TO COMPACTE CHOKE.
BOULDER CHOKE
BOULDER CHOKE
DCC 2
P.25 ft
ONE
MARK ALL CAVES AND SHAFTS THAT ARE LOOKED AT IN A VISABLE PLACE! VERY IMPORTANT!
STAL CHAMBER
HOLES IN CLIFF NEED LOOKING AT

WILD HORSES (PLAN)



SHAKEHOLE + PITCH
40 ft. approx

THE ~~HALL~~ CAT DOOR
200 ft x 120 ft
40 – 60 ft high

FRANK BROWN DCC
NIGEL MUSSON. DCC/DUG
GLEN PARRY. (MPCC POLY

DERBYSHIRE CAVING CLUB & MANCHESTER POLYTECHNIC CAVING CLUB

PLEASE MARK ALL THINGS THAT ARE LOOKED AT. AS THERE ARE NO REFERENCE POINTS ON THE HILL

DISCOVERED 6.8.84
D.C.C. & MPCC + D.U.G.

MOSTAJO
PCC's own tackle.
A DETACKLING TRIP.

JOHN / HELEN / LENNY / PHIL

THE CLUB TO WHOM I BELONG TO, IS IRRELEVANT. THE PERSON THAT WROTE THIS IS A CONGA HERE WE ARE ONE BIG TEAM.

WILD HORSES — THE STORY.

~~ART~~

CAST. FRANK BROWN
NIGEL MUSSON } D.C.C. ~~BIG~~ TEAM.
GLEN PARRY

Got some impressive hills round are aren't they but there's some drafts worth barking — An innocent enough start after the fourth beer on arrival naive but innocent. O yes said Bolton Pete we read plenty of drafts being barked — Heres a map with references and everything you need to know grid references etc etc.

Next day the innocents

departed for Muella armed to the teeth SRT gear 150m string - definite siege tactics.

Okay Lets locate these undescribed holes and get them knocked off.

Five hours later and many holes later we still didn't have any bleeding idea which was which. What looked very nice on a plan is no way translated to the location - a majority of the map references were inaccurate and worst of all no-one had seen fit to mark the shafts with paint or other marks.

Two days wandering around finding named holes but no bloody markings

Finally we located 301/302

At least we thought so N.M descended the soft hole to check out the description — The hole was more than soft — nearer 100ft but it did seem to fit the description

On the next day Colin Parry descended with more rope and confirmed that the description tied in with 302. The shaft next to it was not descended but dropped stones confirmed a shaft circa 100m. Therefore note that 302 requires 100 FT. of rope and not soft. It has a bolt covered by red tape and there is a ring of red tape round a knob of stone!!

The story continues Monday NM bowed out to haul tackle for the Biggo diving team so the other two sneaky buggers decided

to descend the hole at the back of our top camp.

Eureka ! ! !
it goes ! ! !

The next day the Skeleton of three went into push / photograph — wow ! and on our final caving day we handed over to Bradford University C.C. to push.

Here follows a reasonably accurate sketch plan type survey

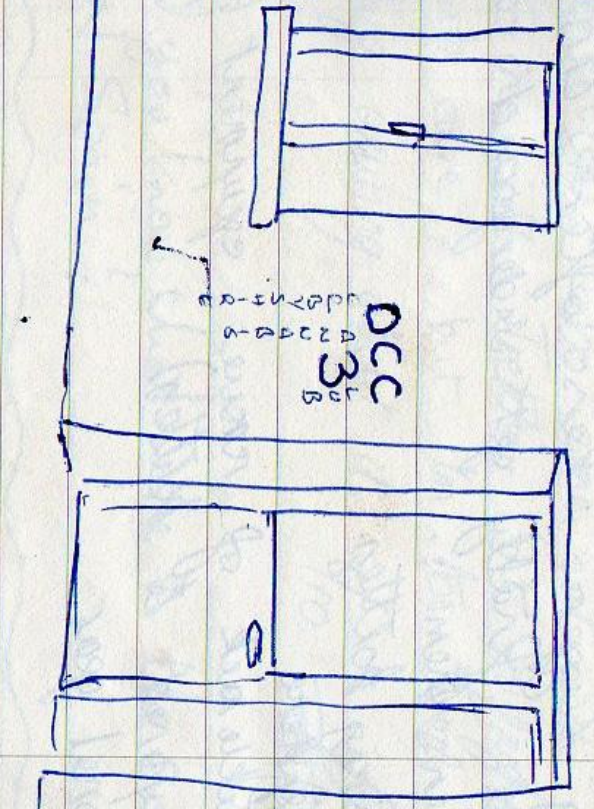
* N.B. The cave entrance at cliff face requires a descent from the top of 15' or so — A bolt has been put in and C.J. Lie will crab to assist as a fall here would find you pissing down the hill at considerable speed.

WILD HORSES

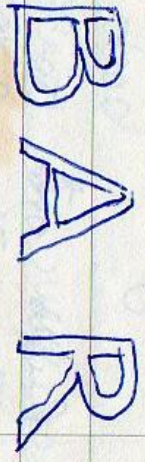
STAT CHAMBER.
CHOKE CONSTRICT.
DESCENDING HOLE
BLOWHOLE
BLACK HOLE SERIES?
ENTRANCE
CLIFF FACE
CRAWL THRU
CHAMBER
CRAWL
STATS
MAIN CHAMBER.
HORSE SKELETON
ENT PITCH
25'
CRAWL LOST SERIES?

"WILD HORSES" Definative Account (Editorial) by Martin Spicer
– Sober + Sane. The Cave/Pot/Hole is not the Mega big find of the year as described by Mr F. Broom (O.O.P.E + bar) It is an old clapped out stream/ inlet cave at top of Nuela. Only worthwhile lead is the 2nd horse skeleton in the main Chamber (v. impressive) – Horse is well in + must have been flooded in in flood – skeleton is embedded in gour stuff.
If you had 10 years + JCB you could follow this presumed soakaway.
Marty Spicer

FRANK WAS HERE"
(GOT A BREW ON ?)









Continuation from

"One day a Frenchman arrived"....

Mucho Rusho over to Resvies to rescue the French diver. Arrive to find lots of Generals and no Indians.
Slug, Lugger + Piers after 2hrs hanging around finally get underground carrying.
Between them :-
4 diving bottles
1 telephone
1 tackle sack of rescue equipment (quite light compared to bottles)
Personal gear.

After 5 hrs arrive at Camp I find that the Spanish also brought in their charge of clothes and the French brought diving weights, all unnecessary.
Arrive at end at ~ 11.00 pm
Try telephones - no answer.
Feel absolutely wrecked, but must carry on.
Go back to the river and eat the French

out of house and home.
Started back out at 2:00am with the news that diver is dead.
(Last ¾ hr caving to scrap is horrible).
Got out at 7:30am after ~17 hrs hard caving to be welcomed by Pat, Mel, Hilary with brews + food. (Dean also came out with us after he went in with stretcher at midnight).
Superb cave - but I'm too tired to write anything amusing about it. 8/10

Did you know that wire is the scarcest commodity in N. Spain?

The Checking Up on Wild Horses Trip
9/8/84.

Cast. E. Rees, A. Smith, A. Greenwood, D. George (Mildred)

Having had Wild Horses passed over to us as THE thing to do in Matienzo, We thought we ought to check it out. Basically it is ROUGHLY like the maps/plans shown on the previous pages (actually more like the "drunken sketch" than the "official" version).

All the ??? marked passages were followed to conclusions which most of them do within about 10 cm. The chamber through is much more impressive than the surveys show, being quite deep. The best chance of pushing is through the blocks close to the lower of the two horse shifts, with a discernable outward draught.* The place is worth being accurately surveyed — there's more to it than the plans suggest. "Black Hole Series" consists of several routes down a boulder slope to arrive at a flat "mud" ice-rink which slops in both directions (and includes a shaft of about 10 ft to a dried mud pool). The blow hole consists of two routes between what would otherwise be seperate systems. All holes in the floor either choke or get tight. "Get lost" series is a set of gravels off to one side which all close down — one has unattainable daylight reported at the end of it.

* I went down there it doesn't go. Martin Spicer best dig would be at the dead horse.

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On the way up we found a new pot (481) at VN 5429740. Drop through blocks to an

5?. or 542?. 54259742

impassable squeeze with a further chamber visible beyond. Also descended 305 ~~which is numbered on the Map but no description is printed.~~ It consists of an obvious fenced off shaft beside the track. This is about 25ft to a sloping muddy ledge with dead horses on it. A further 15 ft drop down the most obvious hole (there are a choice of three) lands on a further 900 dead horses complete with bags and ropes for hauling or hanging them. At the bottom it chokes. From the ledge a decorated grotto can be entered, with a couple more holes in the floor. The whole place is filled with maggots.

A couple of other caves were entered on the way up including "Shepherds Cave" ( ) the description of which could be better since it makes no mention of the well decorated ramp and the scrambles up off the top of it.

Also, entrance around the Wild Horses one in the cliff face were all investigated — none of them go anywhere.

9. August. 84. Pete Mostaje.

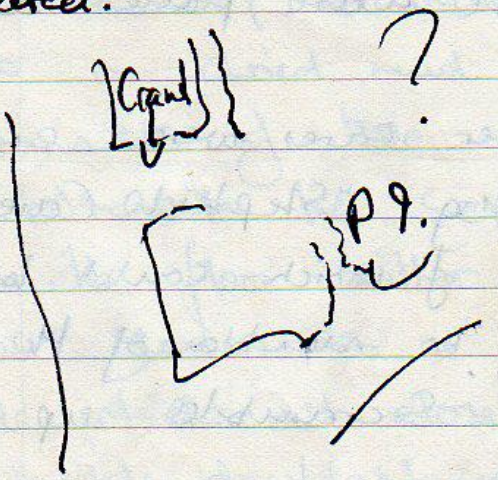
Gravel, ~~Pete~~ Dave, John, Nick, Mark B Mark D. Upc.

To survey & push end. Wet morning so glad to be underground in WARMTH by 3.00pm. Started surveying at corner ..... little there just need for ~~30m~~ 30m.

Then on to pretty chamber white & grey stal popped up a few holes not much. ~~Pete~~ disapeared with Liverpool Uni lads. Nick John & Grav survey various Q?.

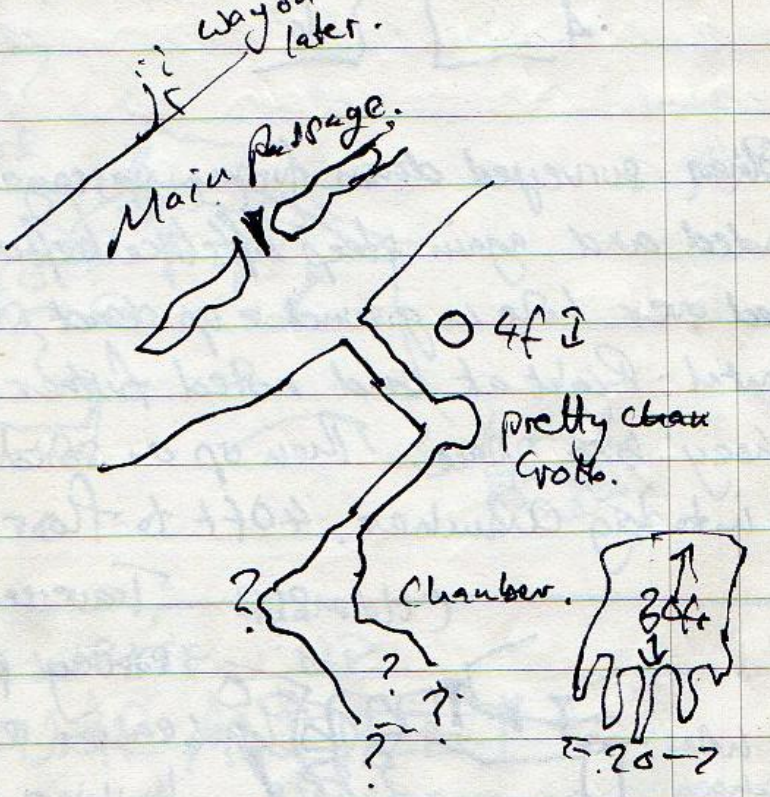
I looked down one hole at ..... sift with a few little holes higher [sketch: 20ft. for 100ft to small holes with stal around q. also of wind. Too tight] ← No personal problems

Others gravelled in sand [sketch: wet stal → ← 1ft.] but unpleasant crawls so gave up vague possibilities. We checked others on opposite side no joy. Short bedding plane crawl joins up as suspected.

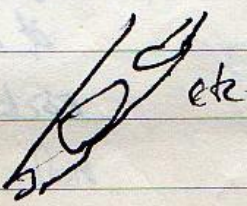


Then to main survey point. We mistook other main part of passage so I took a look. Realised it ~~was~~ what it was but I noticed a ~~pit~~ tube directly opposite survey

Small pebble floor
point easy crawl in circular tube ⇒ straight to pretty Gte grotto, white/grey calcite floor mixed tights. Passage turned right at 90° same level another 100ft or so. Opened into chamber 30' high × long 20' wide. Floor filled with boulder like rest of area + sand gravel × loose. Looked like various ways on adrenalin slight fear cos cut off from others, dodgy carbide so returned.

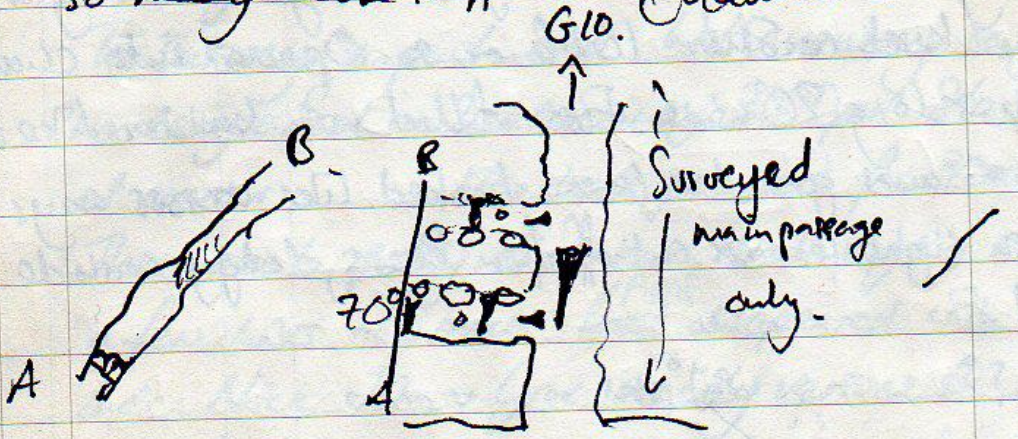


Then on opposite surveyed up winding passage. (disappeared down holes on left. Decended possible ways on ↓ in floor × roof boulders sand × gravel. Steep dip in ~~dir~~ ~~direction of~~

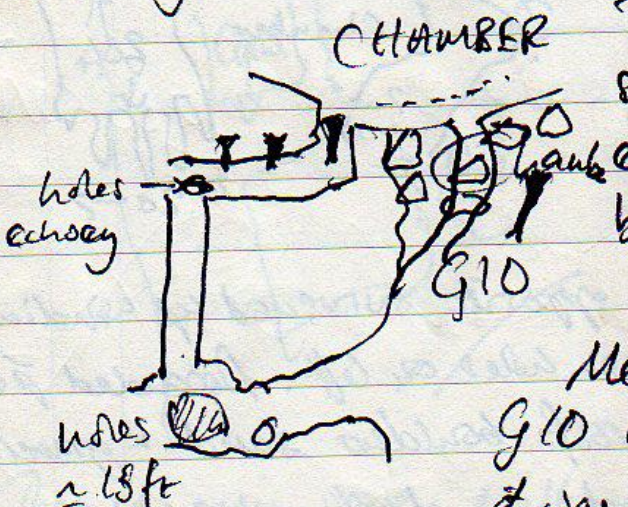


typical etc. cross section

passages seemed to connect but pretty hairy with so much loose stuff.



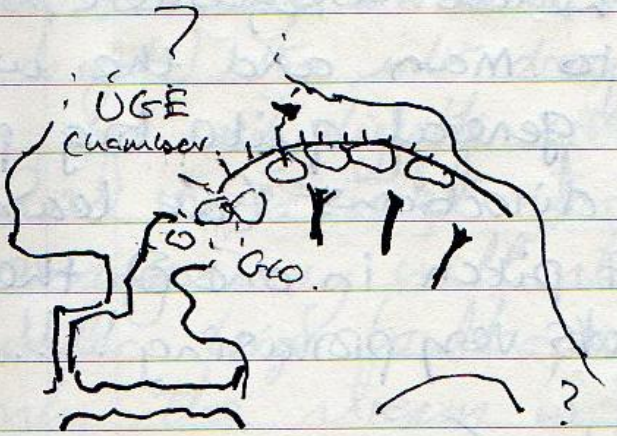
Others surveyed down further passage on left. Again descended and again steep iffs like before prepr connecting. Stepped over hole in ground & up dead straight rift horizontal. Right at end noted further holes in ground to echoey big space. Then up on solid rock to hole & out into big chamber. 40ft to floor.



Traversed round made survey point & found easier route back through boulders to G10.

Meanwhile I explored G10 boulders chamber seemed it was filled with one big rock same top as rest its pass. not solid. Up to ridge I peared

4 sec stone drop.
down to same hole as before. 60ft below aven. Aven in roof
UGE. I circuited chamber it seemed to rejoin main passage
This big lump of rock formed widening rift against wall
but to opened to drop 15ft so stopped.
Running out of Carbide for pictures returned



Nick.

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MARK B, MARK D. (LUPC) PETE O'NEILL (DCC)

9th August 84 Mastiago (cont.)

After leaving the tapes and compass boy's (ladder & lifeline freaks). We headed off to Hedgehog Crawl to push past previous limits (pushed by Slug etc.). 100 ft approx after Slug's limit glory became imminant. Total confusion followed in passages afterwards. Leads everywhere, cavens measureless to man and the usual bullshit. In general quite big passages going in all directions (at least 7). Found 100' foot pitch in one of these passage v. big stuff, looks very promising !!!!.

Pete will return.

This is your friendly BOLTON

EXPENDABLE

Signing off

(I'm going home (?) now)

P.S. There are many fat bolts lying around use them or ..... they may die out.

NEW PAGE

8th August – Uzuka.

Dave + Carol Cunningham, Bill, Mark Murray, Cardenil Martin, Ellen Reece.

Decided it was time to show Carol more of the real caves of Spain so went in as far as 2nd river inlet to have a look and check it out. On way in up Gorilla walk Bill noticed a low wet inlet (about ⅔ rds along, low down where main way ~~off~~ goes off to right) This inlet draughts well and ends too low, but easily diggable with an entrenching tool.

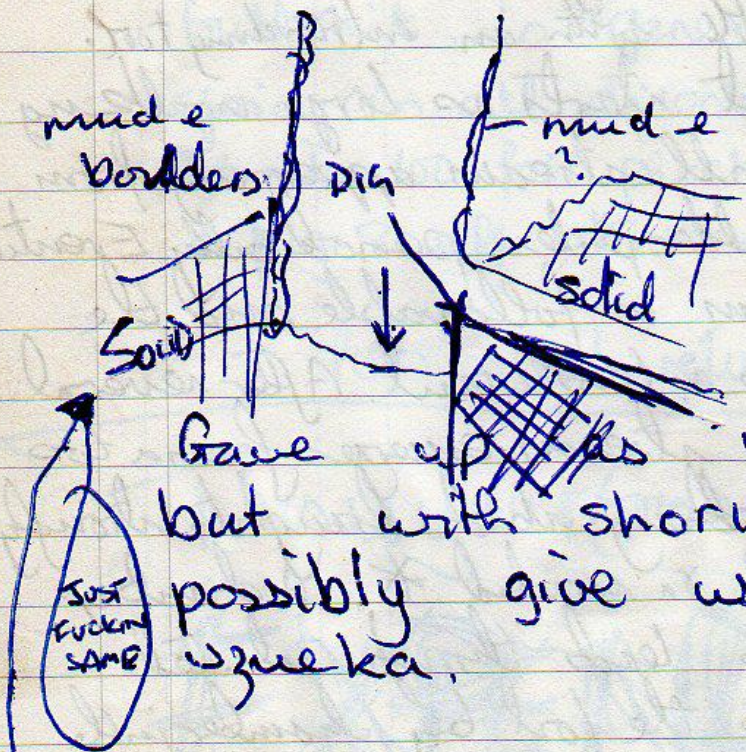
2nd river inlet starts as large walking passage way with stream appearing from under large boulder piles periodically. Eventually only the stream is followable and the passage becomes a low crawl. After several constrictions the stream emerges from a too low gravelly bedding which draughts strongly. (marked by dff carbide as regched *. A climb up just before this leads through calcited grottos back to the last big chamber in the 2nd river inlet.

9TH? AUG.

'TRADES MANS ENTRANCE' TO ~~O~~UEKA.

Roy + Julie, D.T., WD40, John (DISASTER) LALLY

Yet again went back to the back door dig. Removed sandstone & limestone dossers, both roof of passage and ~~wood~~ are solid which is more than can be said for the 12 foot climb down. Still slight draught.



Gave up as walls kept falling in but with shoring & work could possibly give us our way in to ~~U~~ueka.

9th AUG Mostaje Surveying + Photos

Photos (Spastics + Cripples Trip) to main railway tunnel between Jajce + Golden Valley, Grand D. Trench, B. Slade Martin + Cpl (Bradford), New Traverse + old Mostaje is quicker but much more frightening. Took lots of pics. white beers, + went surveying :-

TO Survey

RESCUE MISION STAR DATE 8TH AUG

A mixed group of Spanish French e English were led down Cueva canal tres de ojebar by Jimmy the Basque to locate french caver reported mising in Syphon. English trio of Sky, Piers and Hogger were loaded up suitably with all the diving bottles while the Spaniards took sacks suitably filled with clother they had just changed out of by mistake the french being clever bastards managed to carry the food & valves sweaty entrance series with just a little cursing at Jimmy who's only piece of vocabulary seemed to be Cattenione) large stomping passage for 50 mtrs then a bleeding 20 mtrs proxic jeff like going out dive to hangover starting

TO SURVEY

to take effect. Lots of stomping passage with a few pitches and traverses over nasty holes eventualy a sporting traverse over a bare wall yon with bottles as pics found out having to carry two large packs. Super fit pot bellied Spaniard called it a day after complaing of his heavy sack Sdug offered him his but as Sdugs sack was twice as heavy he declined. Every one got changed at a camp just past the traverse, all in yarcy wadeing gear English still in sweat retaining wet suits. Pool!, one English, Two could be three Spanish wet, more Attencione. French perplexed more pools more Attencione last pitch Attencione more pools Attencione! French pips in with mad Englaise there all bloody wet English make a point. wetsuits O.K. camp two meet a frenchman who says radio location spot only ten minute caving away. Syphon only half an hour. half ~~an~~ an hour later radio spot found 1½ hours later ~~sum~~ Syphon reached. Wazak French. Slipped of back to radio locate as French were wanting us to carry bottles out then back to camp two to eat all the food before a bunch of greedy French arrived, decided to go home to Matienzo so set off out met a English man* on his way in with two French Cavers. English man turned round

To Suevey

* "GLEN

leaving two French stretcher cases. Much grumbling from Logger whos light was nearly as bad as Silegs. Made entrance around 4 daybreak to utter confusion, no transport, no radio contact what a balls up set off walking the 10km or so back to ~~base~~ base met land rover on track stopped him then jumped in made him turn round and back to base where we met Phil bollocking the French Hillary who fed us and Patrick who said Fucking Wankers- 5/10. ~~Punc~~ Punctuation could be better.

10 August 84. Mostajo.

Piers, Mark & Nick (Bradford Univ.) & Steve

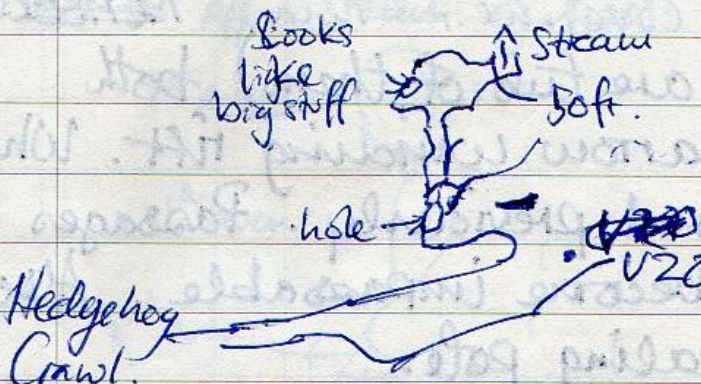
To survey ~~cave~~ Hedgehog crawl & new passage. Down by 2.30 we lost poor Steve at 125ft pitch he returned to surface feeling ill. Rest of us surveyed cave. A ~~near~~ close shave ~~was~~ happened when Piers burnt his survey notes half way along but relief when he managed to decipher them. Wasn't too hard but relieved when out.

We looked around bit at the end. A bit disappointing not many ways on & no big stuff. Loo was very ~~loose~~ loose. Feeling a little peeved accidentally ~~pissed~~ pissed through hole in floor ~~near~~ crawl got to passage to holes in ground to stream below. Climbed 20ft to survey to pool another 25ft needs ladder. Possibly

to survey

blocked upstream. Also some big pwerstic stuff down there.

Returned with dodgy lights & rapidly disintegrating clothes to surface



10 August. Renada.
Object :- A previously undescended 60ft near start of Sanatogen.
Actual :- Something the Spaniards had been down a couple of years ago.
Cost :- Millions.
All got pissed afterwards

10 August. Lugar La Cuevara Del Player
A late start for Lucyer at 14.00 pm saw the intrepid team away for Fuente Las Veras. A quick thrash over the hill without leaving the tarmac on Approx 40 mins saw the team arrive at Nojer. The lights up to Noja had not been playing up due to the brilliance of "El Sol

To Survey

To be continued

10TH AUGUST

TRIP TO RENADA TO CHECK 50' PITCHES AT ENTRANCE TO SANATOGEN PASSAGE.

TONY, GEOF, JANE, JOE, DEAN, SQUIRREL JR., ~~H. BRADFORD~~ Andy Scott, Dave G, Caroline. + Ten. ~~MEMBERS~~.

THE PITCHES (There are two of them) both descend into a narrow winding rift. Which have been explored previously. Passages close down and become impassable. Also retrieved MUSS. scaling pole.

P.S. One pitch draughts upwards strongly. We noticed that "Pedro's Dig" draughts into strongly, then, presumably, up caves above.

ARRIVED.

11/8/84. Discovery of Green Van Series – Uzueka.

Dave Tringham Dean Edwards, Julian Smith.

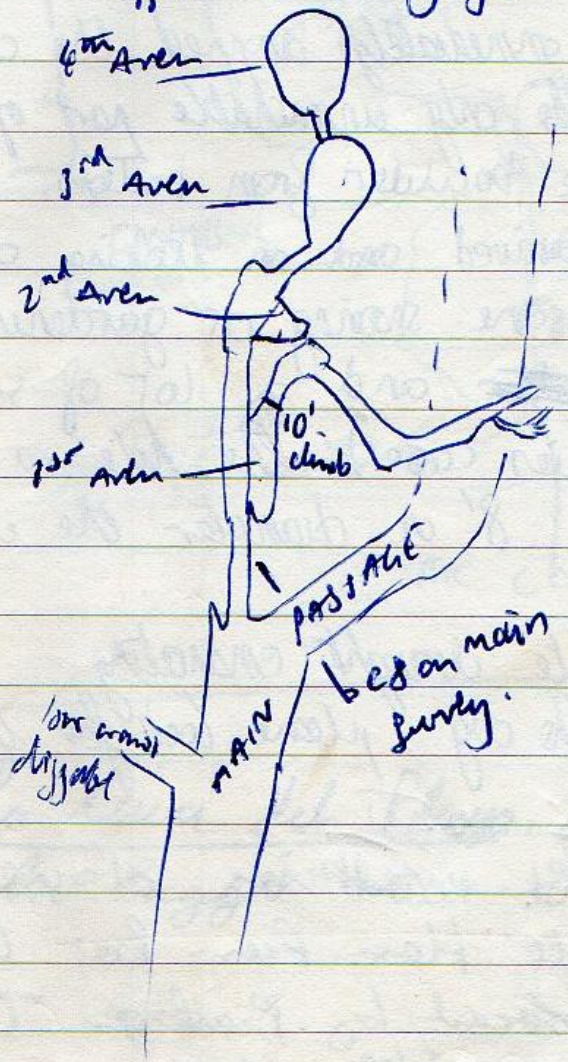
Went in to dig inlet noted on trip of 8th August. Still draughting well, and dug through in 10 minutes. Main passage is an inlet and continues for 200' through 4 avens; last 2 avens are 60' high, clean washed and 15' wide by 20-25' long. Both could be climbable with suitable aids. 1st aven was climbed into 160' passage going up about 60'. Julian explored some gravels at the end of this going upwards for about 70'. The draught was lost

To survey

up the avens.

The main passage comes off Gorilla walk at ~~C~~ C8 on main survey, and another low diggable inlet was noted 30' back.

Approx sketch of find:



The Bolton 'Tour de France' expert has arrived today. Mucho cycling up a high pass in Pyrenees delayed him a little.

(TO SURVEY)

11th August.

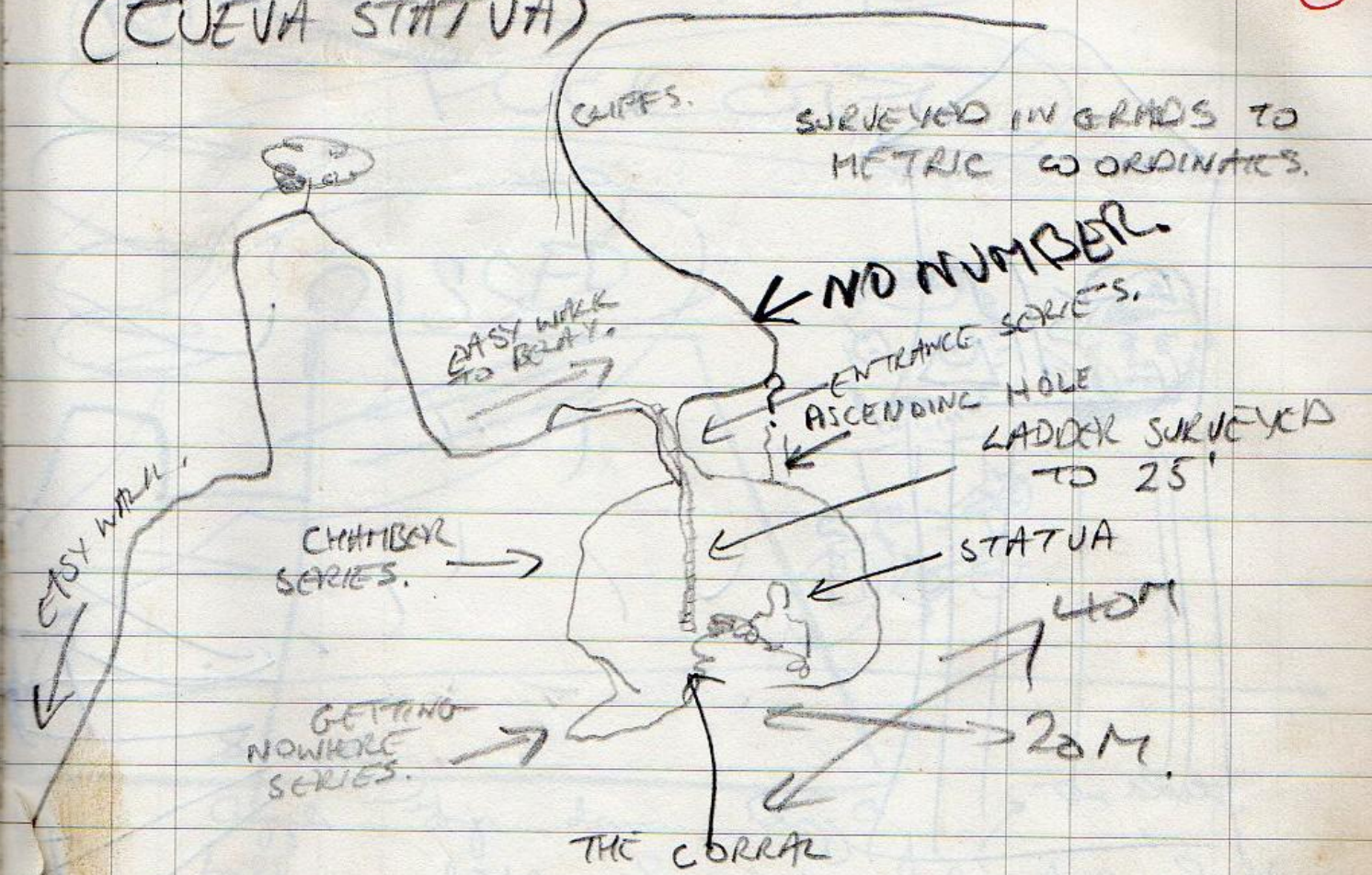
Ukaeka Back Door. — TRADITIONAL ENTRANCE ?

Piers + Julie to start with set off to mushroom field to enter Ukaeka by the back door.
Piers started digging and immediately dropped the chisel between boulders into the only unreachable part of the dig. Then removed large boulder from bottom.
Crorel + Roy then arrived and on looking at the walls decided some shoring or gardening was needed. 3 hrs ~~[illegible]~~ and a lot of sweat later (diving in Julies case) the hole is the same depth but is 8' in diameter the whole way down !!
Left with a definite draught emanating.
If people return to the dig, please look for the chisel.....

11th. Pedro + Frank walking above waterfall opposite Hen Peen Bar to look at cave noticed by Pedro. It is near to PD5 and is to be marked on map by Pedro.

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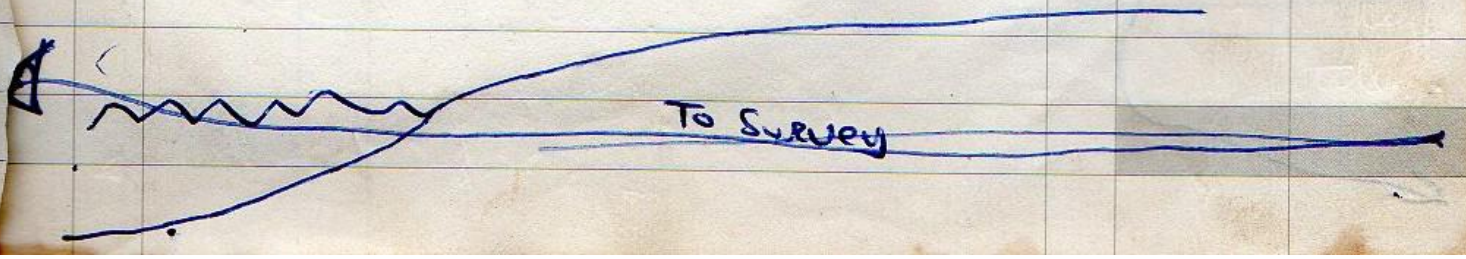
HORSETRANKCHAMBUS = II CAVE
(CUEVA STATUA)



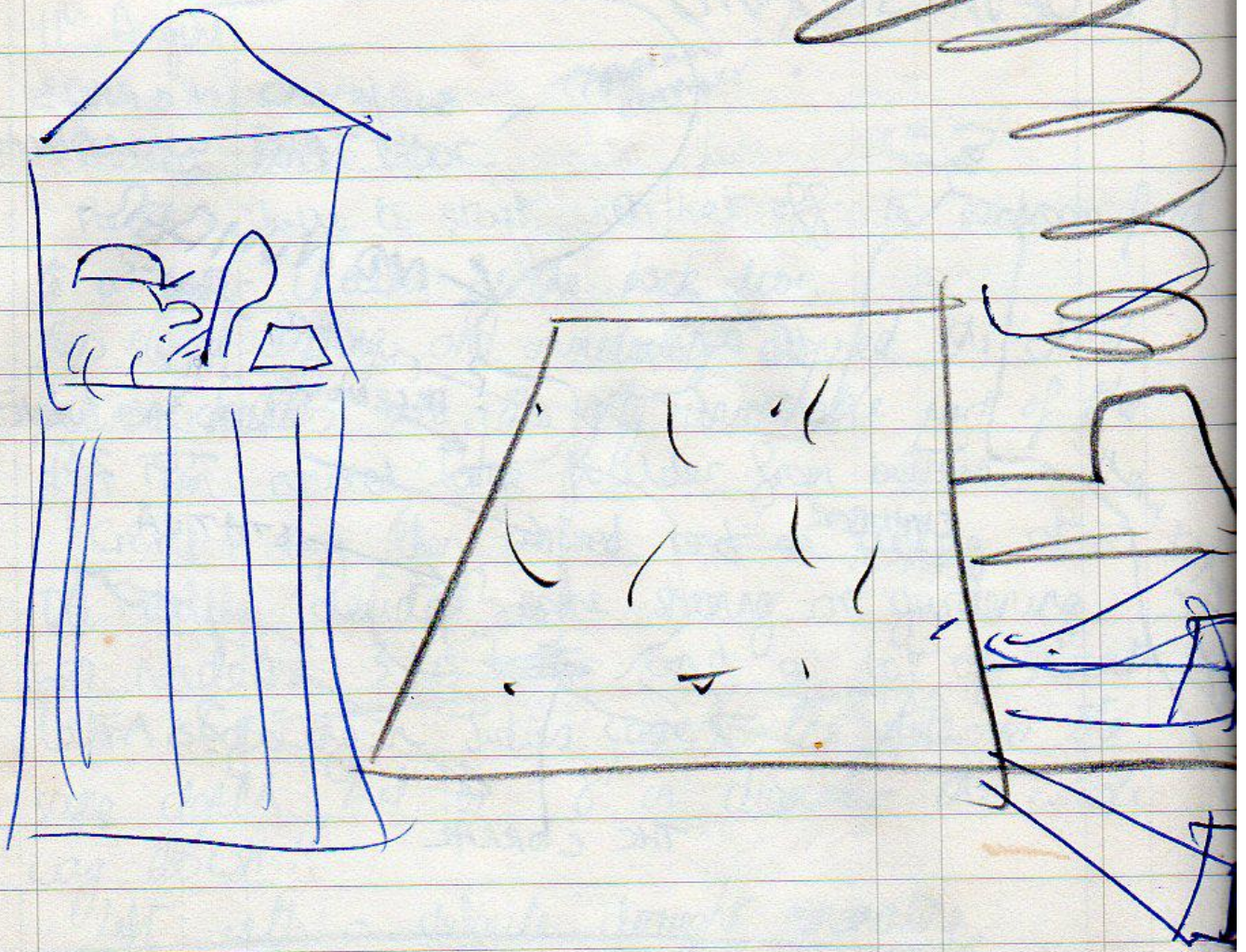
La Cueva del Playa. cont

La Lugar built lots of Sand castle's





THE LUGGAR & ? SHOW.



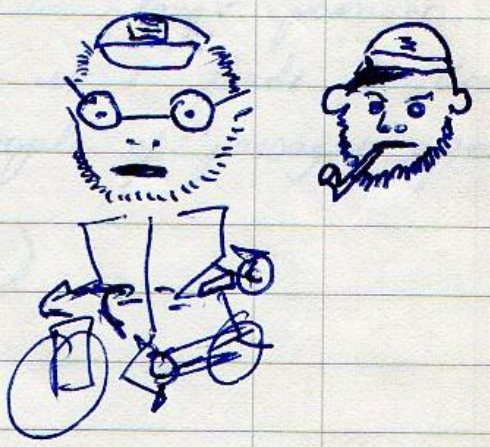
TRADESMANS ENTRANCE WEST
Slide-Bay, Piers, Gro.
For Survey Sees.

STABALISED HOLE LALLY PROOF STILL Drawn
AND SOLID Roof TO BE SEEN going OFF

HAVING A NICE DAY

FUCK OFF

PISSED



Saturday.

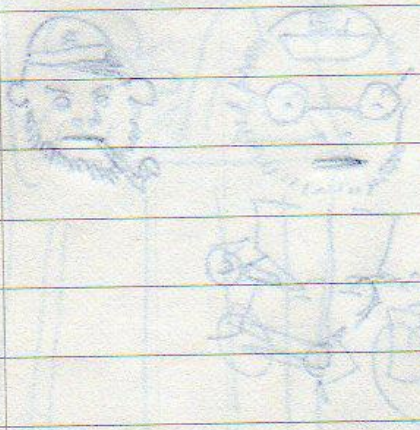
Cryzis trip down Bigg O. The Slut.
Sally, little Squirrel, Julie, Andy Scott,
Ellen, Ann, Martin, Jesus, the Belgrano.

After 8 months I no caving went to see if a cripple can cave.
Took the Belgrano which made a good attempt at sinking. Took some pieces on the way, with exploding flash bulbs.

The slut.

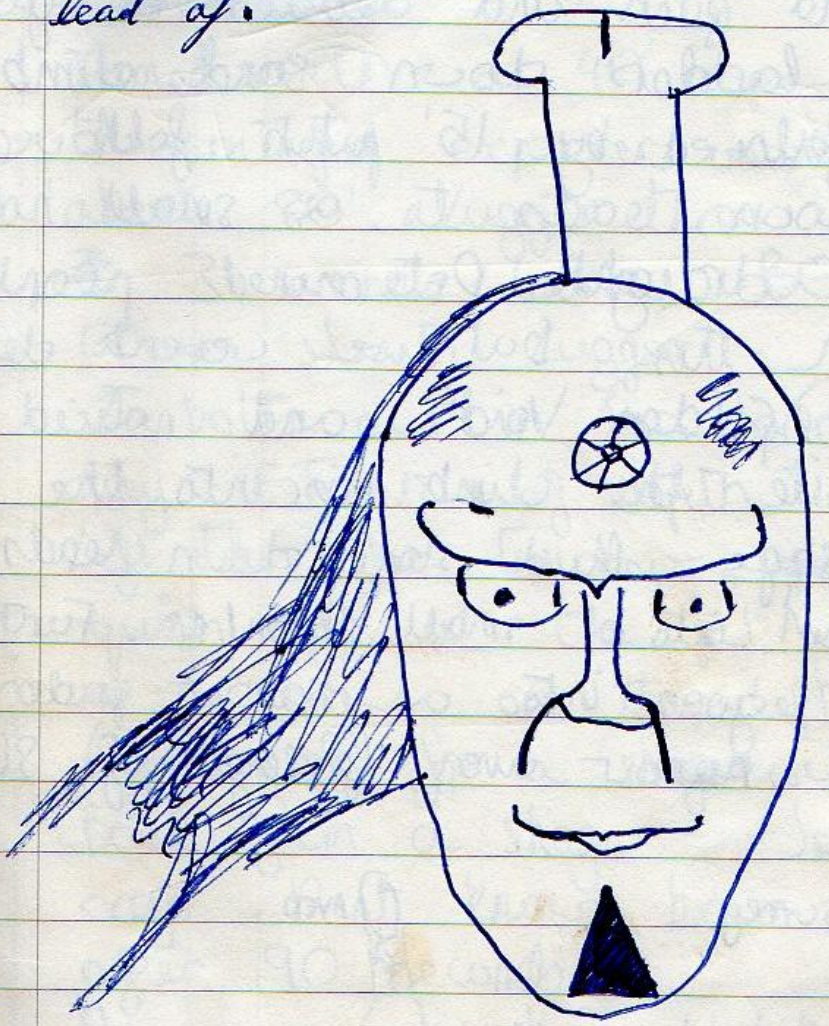
12 August.

The day of the Football Match !!



11TH AUG MOSTAJO

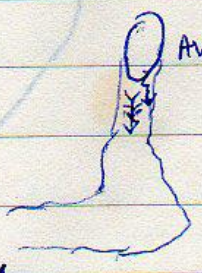
BAZ THUG & LUGGER. Found a wall in Cayenne series and surveyed round to Railway St inlet Hole in roof at St 9 needs mayboleing up to large passage also route down on right near st 7 leads to draughting hole requireing rope a couple of passages apear to lead of.

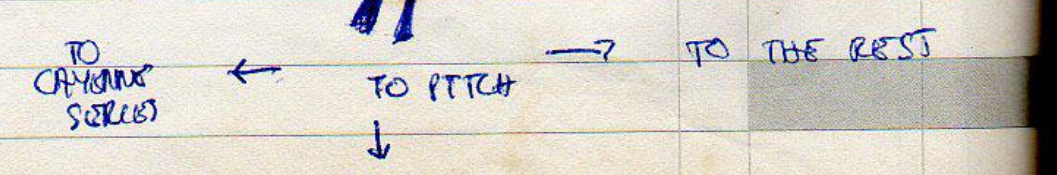


THARG THE DICKHEAD

13 August.

Mostajo (again!).
Piers + Zugger to look at a climb across a pit just off the main passage in the lower series.
Got to 2nd pitch, and decided to go and throw ladder down and climb.
12' pitch followed by 15' pitch followed by climb down leads to a small hole with slight draught. Determined people could push this but we weren't determined. Back down 'Golden Void' and noticed a hole opposite the climb up into the main passage. Mud slope down leads to a crawl into a small chamber. Further Thatch ~~leads~~ goes into a narrow rift/one trench with ~~narrow~~ aven leading off. Slight draught.
Grade 1 survey.





TITLES ONLY UP HERE.

Off to look at this climb. On the way stopped to look at a pitch. Lugger asked where does it go to. Piers replied hasn't been looked at yet. Lugger promptly drops his gear and starts getting ready to go down.

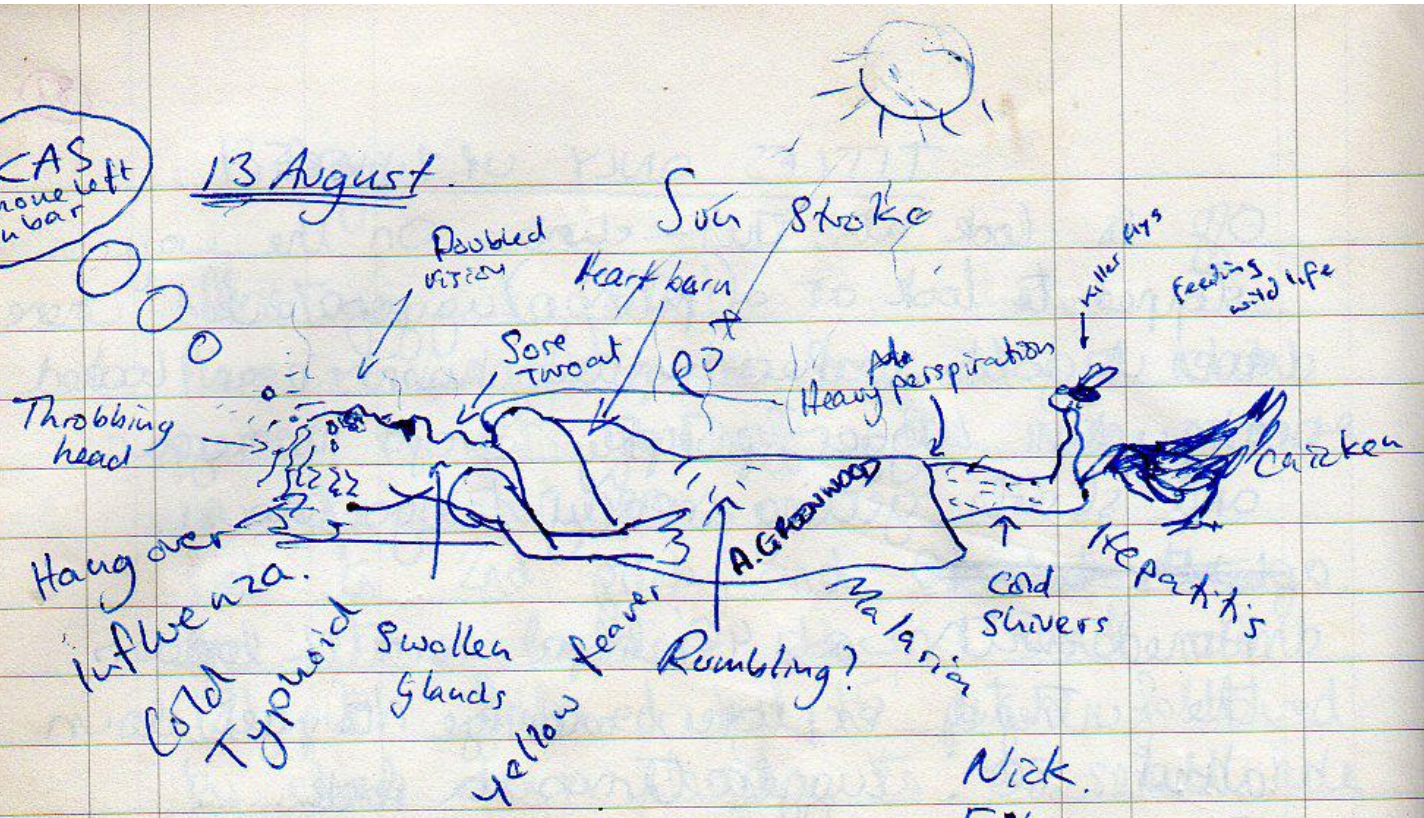
~~Tooth ... 40~~

Armed with a 40' rope and 2 ladders, the intrepid explorers manage to get down about 80'. Lugger throws a rock....
3 seconds later, BOOM!!
Wow shouts Lugger - Help shouts Piers.
2 bolts put in for ladders for the next day. Estimate of depth is 100 - 125'.
Left this for tomorrow. ~~quit~~ Went for a quick look at the pit. Lugger starts up a crawl on the left hand side (Cope off for a shag with Julie)
Back from a shag. - Julie said I was crap. Dont know how she can tell after 90 seconds!!
Anyway enough bullshit - we also found about 700 metres of passage.

3/10. boring.

KAS (crowe left in bar)

13 August.



Come on you lazy bastard why aren't you coming potting today.

CUM OHN YOO LAY-ZEE BAR-S-TUD, WIE ARNT YOO CUM-ING POT-TING TOD DAY.

Nick.
Eden
Dave.
Bob.
Mark
Mike.
[redacted].
Dean.

WE'VE ALL CAUGHT HELICTITIS.

Mostayo

Pete, John + D. Frank photographing on lower series along main drag to Chamber 46.
Took some pretty pictures in Roof chamber. John disappeared up a little hole to the left and promptly found 100m of new stuff. (On the survey this passage was marked 'choke'!)
In the 100m of passage are the best formations in Mateingo. 2-3 ft long helictites and also 'clumps of white pubic hair'.
Took lots of pictures and took John to the end of chamber 46. Wouldn't let him [illegible] on the way back in case he found anything else.
Came out without seeing the others. Never want to see another bloody helictite again.

13/8/84 MONDAY.

Boz & Martin Delaware to Axeral digging draughting crawl seen on 8/8/84. Digging extremely slow in very thick glutinous mud and calcited boulders. However can now see on into larger bit where stones fall about 6' to lower level. Stopped by largish boulder and lack of muscles but will go with a bit more work.

13.8.84 ✓

AZ PILICUETA

SALFORD PHIL, ANDY, DEAN, JULIAN, LITTLE SQUIRREL. C (TOAD)

Left late (as usual) due to finding that there isn't really 15 hangers, etc. Cut rope to fit pitches. Arrived as far as vehicles allowed us, to find that we had brought 72m too much rope and left behind our ladders so Andy set back to alter situation. IT'S A BLOODY HOT WALK!!??

After mucho ~~zero~~ recovering and shitting session the intrepid explorers set off underground only to find that none of the pitches had been rigged for S.R.T before. Lots of swearing and time later (we also dropped a rope down the pitch it was supposed to be rigging. N.B it was still in the tackle bag).

Phil and Dean arrived at bottom around 5.00 pm. No voice connection made with team in Renâda even though we were in the final chamber a good hour.

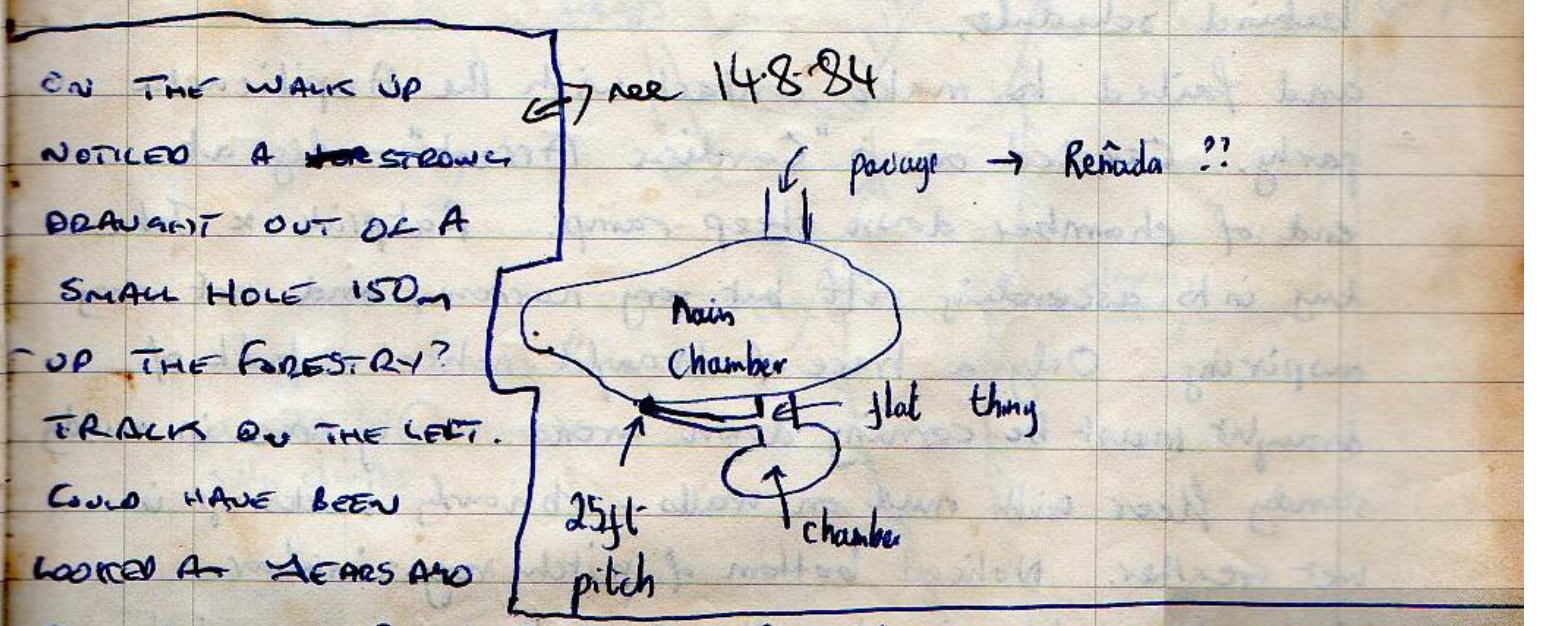
Phil was equiped with a mega light and so as soon as he arrived at the bottom of the final pitch he spotted a large passage in the northern wall of the chamber, heading towards Renâda. This passage could not be reached because it involv

an exposed climb (above a 50ft pitch) but this right like passage was seen to be at least 100 ft long.

Also found in the Southern corner of the chamber was a 25ft pitch which entered a 4. Sandy chamber. This entered into a round passage with a 30ft Sanded floor which carried on for about 200ft to end up on a rock plateau about 30ft above the floor of the main chamber, in the South-East corner. To the right of this plateau is another large chamber which requires a 30ft ladda to enter it. Going back tomorrow with some tackle.

(fucking great flat rock thing)

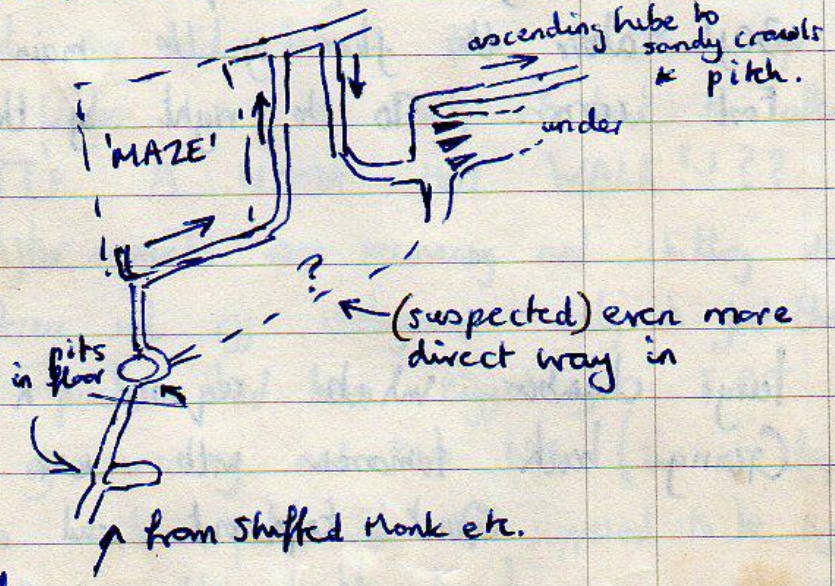
Quick trip out and back to bar.



13/8/84 REÑADA

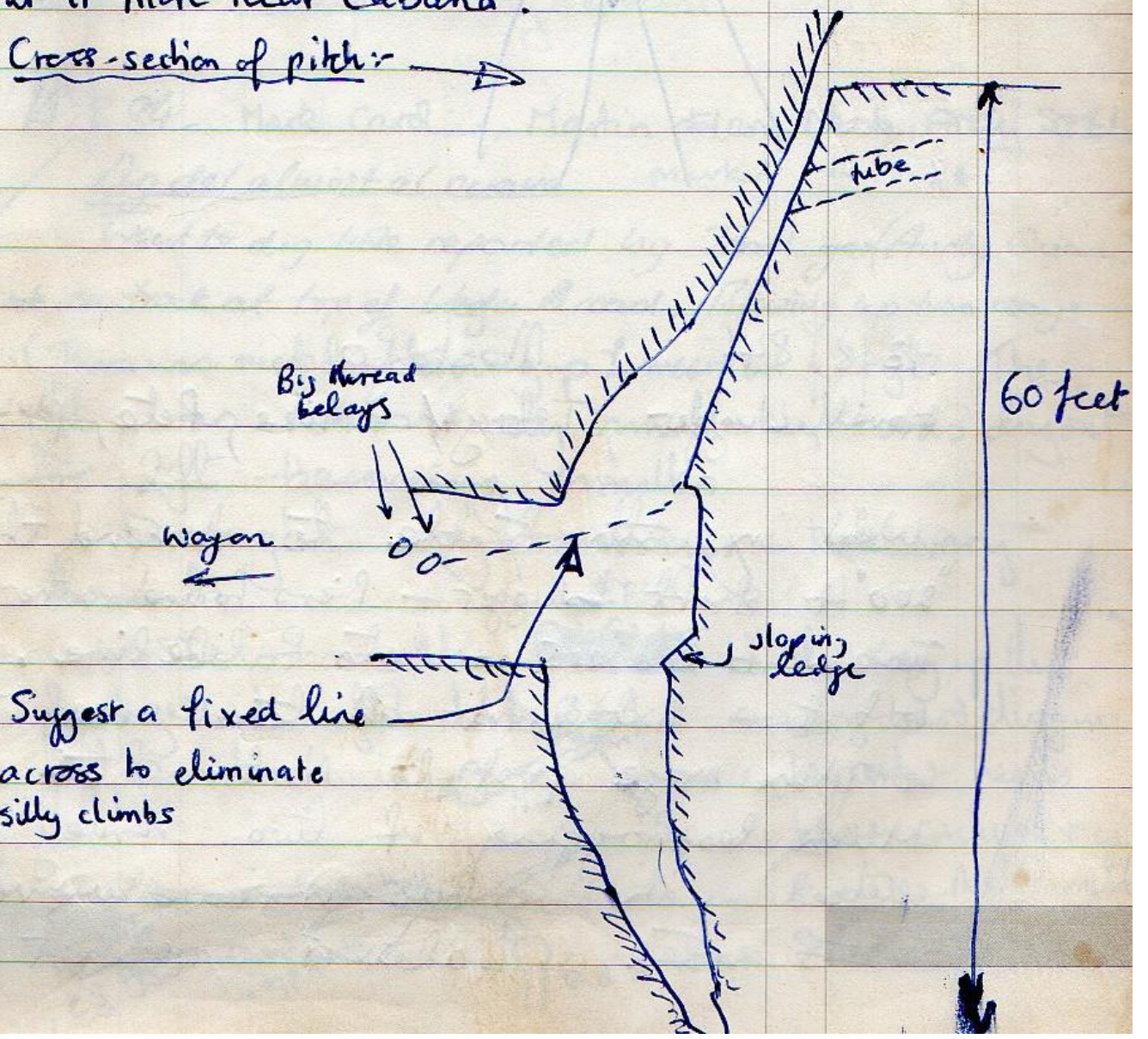
Jane, Joe, Ann, John L., Bob, Ratprick

Uneventful trip to Sanatogen, to "maze". Had lots of trouble trying to find way through. Directions involving keeping left are a bag of shit, as are several of the carbide arrows. Keep right as are eventually found, and the "maze" is completely avoided. Having wasted about an hour on the maze, arrived at the pitch well behind schedule, and failed to make contact with the Azpilicueta party. Carried on to "Cardiac Arrest" — dig at end of chamber down steep ramp. Ratprick & John dug into ascending rift but very narrow, and not very inspiring. Only a trace of draught noticed - bulk of draught must be coming down arena. Dig was in muddy sandy floor with mud on walls - obviously backs up in wet weather. Noticed bottom of pitch very similar. Pitch should be rigged with separate rope or similar



across h passage on opposite wall, (h big thread belays) to save climbing down & back up horrendous climb. (Used lifeline for protection) Ratprick reckoned he was having a heart attack on way out but as he is still alive I don't think it was one. Gives the place a good name though. We reckon the existing survey of Sanatorgen is wrong - it isn't as straight around the "maze" as shown, which could put it more near Cabaña.

Cross-section of pitch :-



14/8/84

Goldie [redacted] Got fanny out in bar.
By mistake she said.



13/8/84 Mostajo

Gravel, Lugger, Terry W, Mike, Pete, plus one.

Went in with tackle to descend the "200" ft shaft Lugger + Piers found other day. Took in 6 ladders + lots of lifeline. Got there but went off to survey the complex maze just to North of this area. Much leapfrogging of two survey parties caused much confusion in survey ~~notes~~ notes. Ladders are at

co-ordinates X= 335 Y=230 so don't forget to de rig them.

While rummaging around in floor Pete found he could drop down a long way to a small dribble of water. Is this the water ~~heard~~ heard on Lugers 200ft shaft?

Everyone came out after much puffing and panting on pitches by 10-30 pm + walked back to campsite by 11-45.

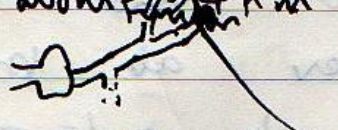
14.8.84 - Mark, Cardie, Martin, Ellen, Nick, ~~Andy Scott~~

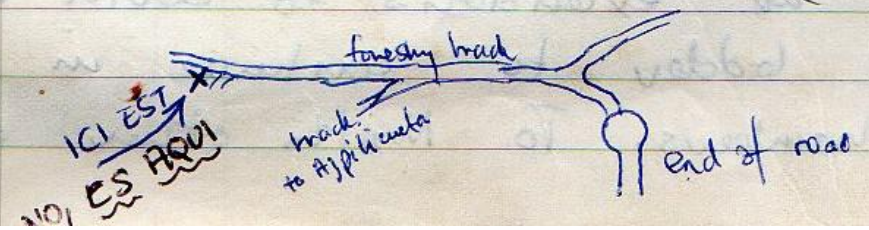
Dig del almost el cravo.. Marked 14.8.84.

Went to dig hole reported by Toad ~~got~~ (Andy Quinn) ~~at~~ on track at top of Vega Road. Blowing up two ways (This was needed - blowing up I mean) in a rift. The rift was excessively small but was dugout for 2ft - becoming smaller.

Draught very promising - hole very dismal.

N6. It is on the ~~RIGHT~~ LEFT on the way up the forestry track after about ~~3/4~~ 1 km





very hard digging in rock - needs hammer + chisel + is v. slow. No discernable end in sight.

14.8.84. CRUZ

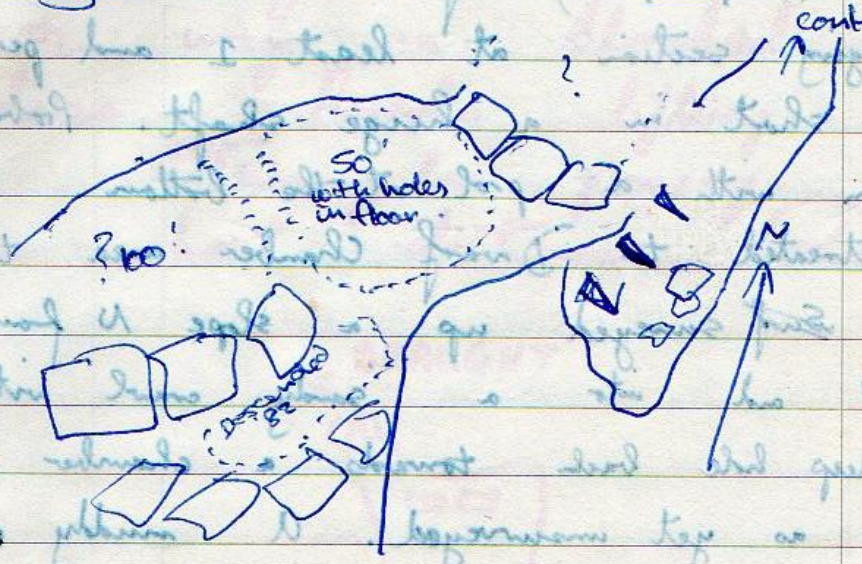
Scouts Barking' UZANO - Bob T., Dave George. (URUPC)

Cruz Uzano - at top, logging track intersects road from Matienzo → River. North of this track used to be eucalyptus grove. Recently been burnt clearing all undergrowth and making easy going. Having nothing better to do, we inspected terrain in area ~~[illegible]~~ bordered by roughly 1km of logging track along southern side. Found 2 short caves 30' long choked etc. Interesting depressions, blocked shafts etc. N.B. Inspection could have been more thoroughly done. Anyone at a loose end might find it profitable to look at rest of burnt area before undergrowth returns. B.T.

14.8.84 AZPILICUETA. Little Squirrell, Mark & Mark Julien & Dean, Big Nose.

Had a good look round the big passage below the 90'. All the passage we could find upstream gets too tight In chamber at bottom split up some to look at extensions to south which need a ladder to continue in dry sandy chambers. To North other group

traversed round pits in floor. First pit descended in 1982. Descended 2nd. 50' deep further. Holes in floor about 50' head going down



20' down ladder its possible to swing into new sandy passage. Explored for about 300 - 400m still going. Possible climb up through boulders into passage spotted by phil on 13.8.84. No sign of Reinada. Needs surveying. Cave left tackled.

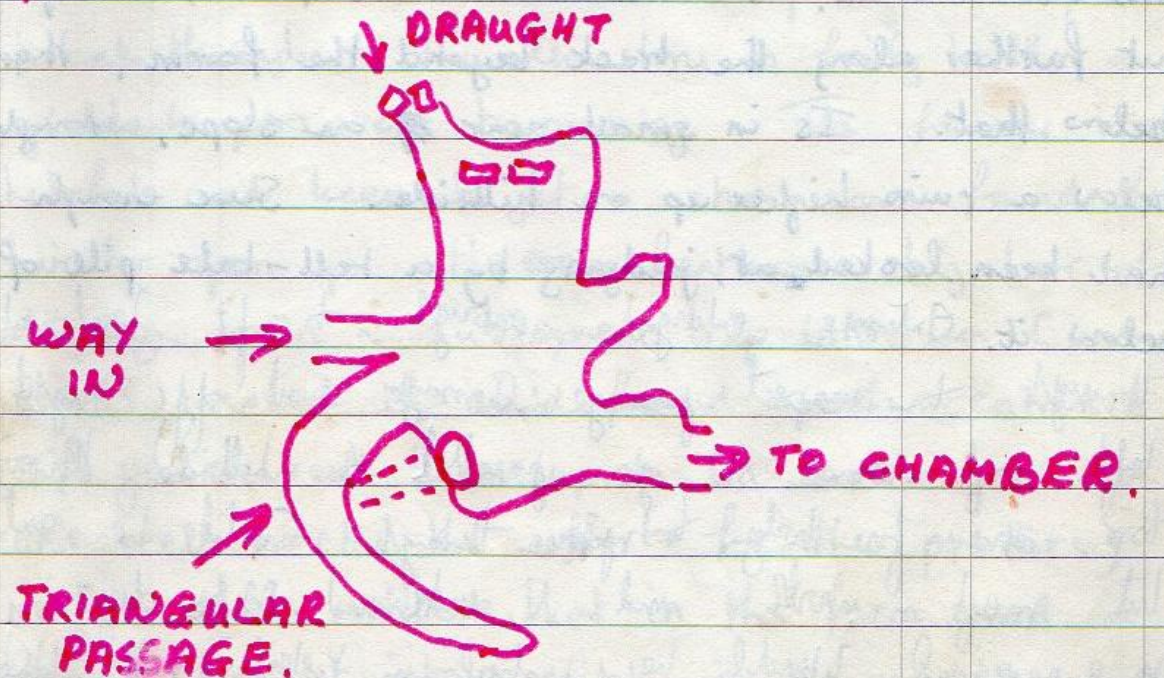
16TH AUG MOSTAJO

Terry W & Lugger.

Went to descend the 200' pitch and with 8 ladders (or perhaps 9) found the bottom free hanging section at least 1 and perhaps 2 ladders short in a huge shaft. Probably 30m x 30m with a pool at the bottom.

Retreated to Dwarf Chamber area to look around. ~~Surf~~ surveyed up a slope N from station 31 and into a sandy crawl with a 15m deep hole back towards a chamber East of station 34 as yet unsurveyed. A muddy phreatic rift led revoltingly upwards to emerge in some of the best decorated tunnels yet found helictites 2ft long. About 1km of passages explored from a chamber with 3 branches where surveying stopped. 2 branches need digging with a trowel 1 stopped by a stal grill beyond which is more helictites and a 5m slope.

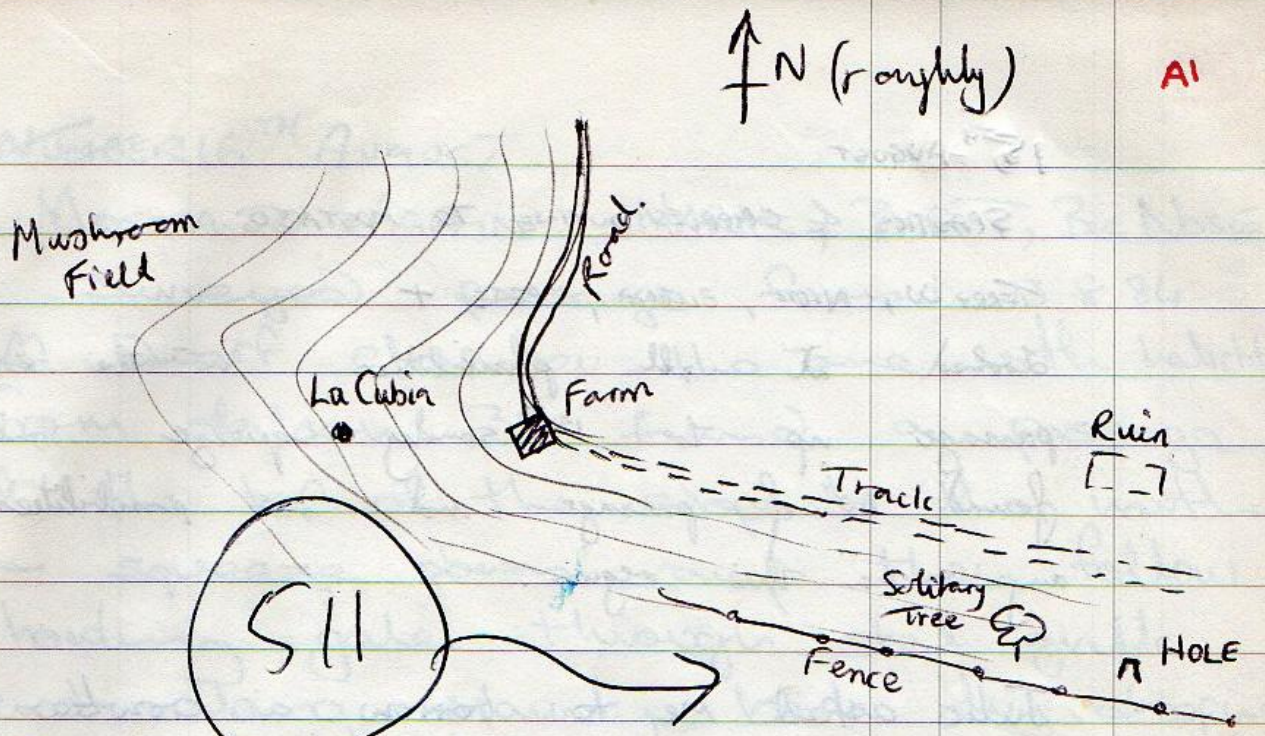
Wed. 15th August. ARENAL.
Martin Delamare, Bob & Lan.
Went back to the draughting crawl of 13.8.84. Shifted boulder easily and several more. However, way on blocked by more boulders. Needs lifting gear.
Triangular passage explored for a short distance. Does not go.



BACK A BIT IN TIME – 7/8/84.

Joe, Tony, Bob.

Whilst up at Farm on shoulder of hill above Mushroom Field on day of hoped Uzzeka-Backdoor connection, got talking to farmer. Went on about draughting hole on his land, very enthusiastic about us looking at it. Seemed to be saying that Lank had seen it last year. Afterwards checked last year's log book, but no reference to it. So next day, went back up. Sure enough, a draughting hole was shown to us, but not next to the farm, as expected, but further along the track beyond the farm, then below that. Is in small scar on slope, roughly below a ruin higher up on hillside. Sure enough it had been looked at, judging by a tell-tale pile of rubble below it. Entrance enlarged enough to fit head + shoulders through to inspect passage. Passage went off right angle left and seemed to go parallel to hillside. However too narrow for body to pass through. Could be enlarged but much work and v. awkward. More digging would be required. Would be pushed in Yorkshire. If likely to connect with something important, effort would be worthwhile. He hasn't mentioned that this hole, unlike all the others, is in solid limestone, no hanging death whatsoever. Is a rift, 4" – 6" wide and about 3' high. The passage off (about 4' in) appears to be a crawl. The hole emits a good draught.



The above account covers two separate attempts to break through. The limestone is fairly brittle and yields to persistent hammering. The farmer is very helpful and keen to get a show cave found for him to open up. He even lent us a big bar for digging. On a subsequent trip into La Cuvia his son (?) asked if we'd found another entrance yet. (If you haven't been up to La Cuvia yet do so it's well worth the effort for the pretties)

We also noticed that in the farm yard a drain leads straight into a pitch in the middle of the yard, partially slabbed-over with concrete. On asking the farmer, he said it was about as deep as the farm house was high. No possibility for investigation, but interesting. Darnbrook Pot?

15TH AUGUST

SPASTICS & CRIPPLES OUTING TO MOSTAJO

TERRY W, NICK, ELLENA, PETE +

Looked at all possibilities in the entrance passage up to 1st sandy squeeze only found 40' of passage and no possibilities of any more in this region.

Julie asked me to borrow a crowbar off Miguel so looked in dictionary and found it was PIE DE CABRA (ie goat's ~~foot~~). Unfortunately Miguel heard it as PIEL DE CABRA (goat skin) and spent the next two days trying to get me one. Fortunately he was unsuccessful. If anybody else wants to borrow one try saying UNA BARRA, it's much easier.

~~NUMBER~~ 16TH AUGUST.

MOSTAJO AGAIN. MARK, BOB T, BIG NOSE.

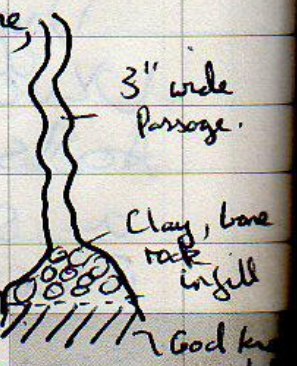
Surveyed passage found 13.8.84 off Dwarf chamber - the one with helichites from station 36 found a passage at the top of the slope to the north - squeeze down ramp then follow heading gale through stal grills and along mainly bore dug stooping size passage, to squeeze which had to be dug. Through this and further hammered stal squeeze to a drop of about 50'-60' which needs ladders, looks to go into big passage. Surveyed out from dug squeeze - This draught in the dug squeeze is excellent.

16th. ROD the Thorg, Ratprick & Julian Digging "tradesmen" entrance at Uxbridge with grossly inadequate tools - a piton hammer, a shovel without a shaft & a cement trowel. Everyone had a go. Some may say it was a waste of time - others may not?!

17th Aug. Torca de la Cruz Llanes (66), Cuevas.
BCRT, Sarah, Bill (PPCC)

Went to re-investigate this shaft as it could provide a 'back-door' to Mostajo. Chokes at bottom of 2nd pitch but is described in "Matienzo Underground" (BCRA Transaction no ...) as an easy dig. Entrance pitch is c. 60 ft. broken by ledge. 2nd. pitch 30 ft with narrow take-offs. Whole thing best tackled on ladder - 2 long wire tethers needed for ladders. Bill got down 2nd pitch to inspect possibilities for digging:

Second pitch ends on a boulder & bone floor. a small stream obviously flows across this in wet weather. Upstream a 2 inch wide passage is undiggable; being in solid rock. Downstream a 3 foot high 3 inch wide wildly meandering vadose passage is also impassable without Bang. At floor level, however, this passage seems to widen out - but is infilled with bone, clay and small (3" dia approx) limestone chips & (6" dia approx) sandstone ~~but~~ slups. These can be fairly easily removed to yield a ~~pass~~ space 1 foot high x 1½ ft wide - There is only room at the foot



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of 2nd pitch for 1 person to dig and 1 to help with spoil - There is only limited room for spoil it would soon become neccesary to haul it up to P2 - There's plenty of room to slash spoil there - Anyone contemplating digging should take hammers & chisels to remove large flake & boulder (in the matter rock) before any usefull digging could commence - The Downstream passage takes a very slight draught - Just enough to suck in the smoke from a cigarette - A good Dig ... On Mendip

17th August Mostly

John Palmer, Pat, Mark, Mark, Away F&K off back looking at passage found yesterday by Bignose etc. ~~Also~~ Also ~~other~~ To look at Big Pitch (200'). We looked at the pitch then derigged it decided to use ropes. Went on to new passage at the pitch at the end. 40' drop landed in an active rift. Upstream stopped at 40' ~~[redacted]~~ cascade with no chance of climbing up. Downstream after a couple of cascades & 2 25' pitches in a meandering rift ends at the top of a 40' drop into a big black hole, the cave appears to change ~~[redacted]~~ from the active rift ~~[redacted]~~ here.

On the way out rigged the 2nd pitch with expedition ladders.

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17th August

AZPILICUETA (part III)

SALFORD PHIL, DEAN, JULIAN, TERRY, 2 BLOKES FROM PORTSMOUTH.?? Peter & Steve Groper

THird and final trip (thank God) to Azpilicueta this year. Arrived in main chamber after another hot walk up that bloody hill and a quick descent down already tackled pitches. Terry and Peter explored southerly passage out of main chamber, this was pushed a further couple of hundred feet but still needs surveying and a proper push.

Dean placed bolts and descended ≈ 90ft pitch onto a boulder slope. This descended downslope for about another 20ft vertically to a tight draughting hole in the wall which needs a further look. In a northerly direction out of this shaft one enters a passage which finally reaches a 60ft → 80ft free climbable shaft (Ladder helpful for last 10ft). This entered a chamber after short with distance a short squeeze leading off it. This closed down. Back under the climb one enters an inlet chamber about 40ft high, the stream leading into another aven type chamber with water entering from the roof. All water then entered a sump in the floor. Probably 80ft added to the total depth of the cave.

Phil, Julian and other chappy from portsmouth

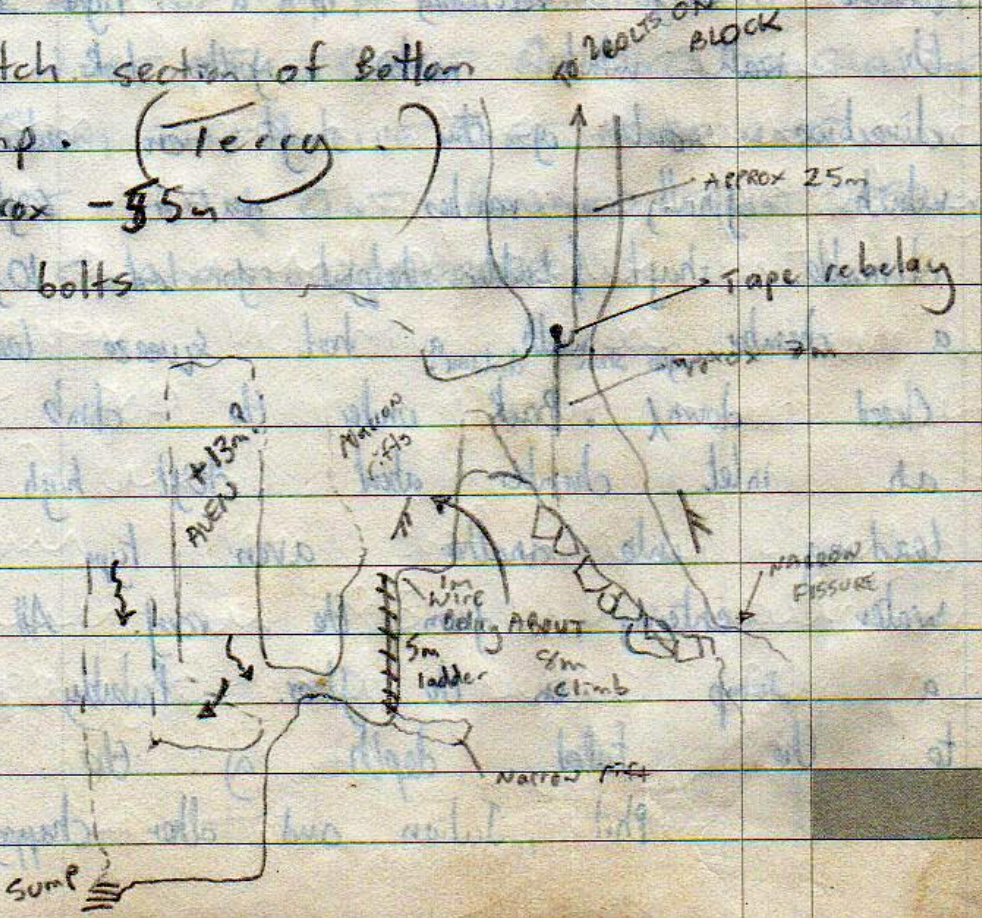
Surveyed main passage in newly discovered series. ≈ 300m surveyed therefore the length of passage discovered is ≈ ½ km. This passage heads off in the wrong direction for a Reñada connection, but a further passage (heading in correct direction) was discovered and explored to a 50ft undescended pitch.*

Cave debuckled and everybody got lost on the hillside on the way out. Lots of S.R.T rope was well jocked!!!!

Dean

* pitch very close to Reñada!

Sketch section of Bottom Sump. (Terry)
Approx -55m
from bolts



Sunday 19th August. Cochisera.
Phil Papard & Hilary
Put 3 more bolts in climb, now safe. Still needs 4 or 5 bolts and a dynamic rope! Can just see into roof tube, it is ~~part~~ 3/4 full of mud & fill but there is a 3' gap over it.
~~Left~~ left loop of rope through 2 safe bolts and krabs, needs a 50' ladder to reach top bolt in 1985.

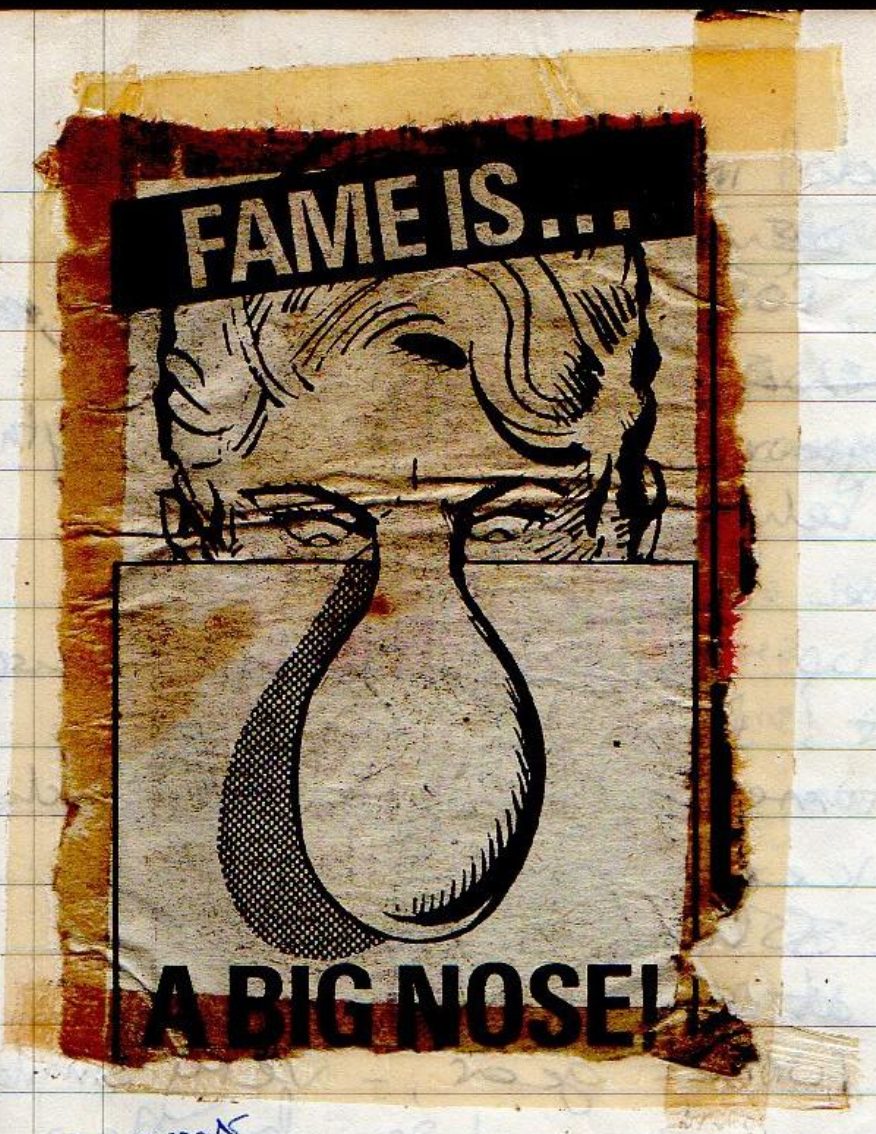
Sunday 19/8/84. Andy, Big Nose, Bob MOSTAJO. Ouboran passage. Going Home Series
Went back to the end of the 17/8/84 photographing Ouboran passage on the way. 35' pitch leads to short section of active passage ending at a boulder choke. Ramp up to left leads to chamber about 10 x 20 m. ~~&~~
Way on appears to be pitch at East end of chamber of about 50' draught (some of it) is going down the pitch. Needs bolt belays - beware of false floor. Looks to be largest passage going off. At North of chamber climb down leads to about 50m

of passage back at stream level. This also draughts in. Back in active passage a heading rift up to right can be followed for a while till boulders block the way then also draughts in — very confusing. Whole area looks, judging by the wet mud, to spend some of its time under water.

Had a near miss when a lump of rock which we had belayed a 15' ladder to gave way Bignose falling down the climb onto Andy and the rock - probably half a hundredweight hitting Bob. However no one was hurt which just goes to prove - no sense no feeling.

This place definately wants pushing in 85 but wait for me.

Dedigged all below 120' pitch.



B cont

Julian + Pete – went to look at "nuggets hole" in Mestajo – but couldn't find the bolts put in for the rope; – not even with the help of a map/survey from Terry.

Dean + Rob the Thug – photographing in Dwarf Chamber + beyond – camera didn't work! ~~This is a~~ ~~[illegible]~~. Today is therefore ~~cleaned~~ deemed an abortion!

GOING BACK IN TIME!

LA CUEVA DE LA MORT PLONGEUR.

SELFORD PHIL, ROB, [redacted] PATRICK, JULIAN, BOB T, ~~+ SOMEONE ELSE~~ MIKE SMITH.

Went underground at 2-00 pm Thurs 8th Aug in belief that we were getting the dead divers out - ended up humping bottles & other gear out! Bastard French! Took a long time. S.R.T'd easy pitches. Patrick kept falling asleep so Rob & Julian kicked him. Laughed at the French putting on their rubber gear, - very similar to durex, with a tube for blow-jobs. Ate all the food & coffee at the camp II. Bob T was knackered & stayed in a silver-colour tent for several hours while everyone else carried on. Finally came out, conversing with a load of Spaniards who were just coming down — only single word of understanding between both parties was ~~[redacted]~~ "coño", mostly

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spoken by Rod. Patrick called them FUCKING WANKERS (again).

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THIS EPISODE THEN WENT DOWN IN HISTORY, TO IMMORTALISED IN THE CRAYON HEIFER FOR EVERY MORE IN THE WORDS;

"WE CAN PLAY .. THE FRENCH DIVER

.. THE FRENCH DIVER

.. THE FRENCH DIVER

SNIFF, SNIFF, SNIFF, SNIFF, SNIFF, SNIFF AAGH, !,

SNIFF SNIFF AAGH,

SNIFF SNIFF AAGH."

(TO THE TUNE OF "I AM THE MUSICMAN .. .")

Monday 20th Aug.
Pat, Terry, Bob, + 5 to derig Mastajo. All ladders etc removed & entrance tidied up.
Terry had quick look at pitches on right just before the 2nd pitch. Not much to say, wants pushing.

BAR Met two jolly Mexicans living in the brothel with their wives. 24 hour drinking! *

Wednesday 22nd Aug.
Pat, Terry & to have another look see at the sandy crawls/maze in Sandragon. Laid fluorescent (Derek's spelling!)(honest!) out markers for any party dropping in from Azpilicueta.

BAR Dean bought an ice cream cake because his birthday is in October. Pat bought him a Porqueria because he wasn't quite pissed enough. Ice cream cake worked.

* Two jolly Mexicans drank till very tired Monday night + went home, after arranging to go down Embosgardos day after.

Day after one jolly Mexican turned up + went down Embosgardos, came back to Bar German + drank + drank + drank. Approx 5' O'clock went in Plymouth mini bus to collect jolly Mexicans No. 2.

After much pulling by Patric to get No. 2 in mini bus exploding glass at back of bus caused driver to panic + return to Bar German.

½ hour later jolly mexican numero uno dragged off by wife in car.

Jolly Mexicans not seen since. (Thursday)

Tuesday 21st Aug.

Large Portsmouth Poly trip down Mustajo rigging first two pitches for SRT and also carrying in rope for descent of third pitch tomorrow. Pushing on Upper Level, and also descent of 2nd pitch to lower level before loosing main route All out within 5½ hrs hours.

Wednesday 22nd Aug.

Bill, Cosmic Bubble & Pete (no Mexicans to-day) — went down Mustajo to descend 3rd pitch on SRT. Time down: 3-15. On reaching the lower level ~~deciding to~~ → decided to take a quick look at Dwarf Chamber. etc.

All were much impressed, especially by discovery of gypsium crystal strands / "hairs".

Returned to tackle and set out to descend pitch. We used a single rope 350', using anchors and hangers placed by Lugger (still in place now). Descended sand-ramp, traversed round to boulders before dropping 25' to where water enters; traverse thro' narrow rift to head of main pitch. Slightly awkward squeeze at head of pitch — otherwise completely free-hanging.

Pitch ends in small chamber with shallow pool and very sharp immature limestone. Only one ~~small~~ passage leads off chamber — 4' high & fairly narrow runs for approx. 30m. before boulders prevent further progress. Just before boulders a very tight flat-out crawl leads off to the left. Finally disappears in boulder choke.

Ascent started 9.30 – all 3 found bottom pitch a fairly fast, easy prussik*. Also a lot of rope at bottom of pitch. Subsequent measuring of distance between knots tied in top & bottom of rope indicates main pitch = 90 foot. This result differs from that which Terry claims of over 150' (i.e. 6 ladders) (See Terry & Lugger's write-up of 14.8.84). All other distances between sections of rigging tie-up with the correct number of knots etc.

Detackled cave (at) and exited at 2.00am. Thursday morning much to relief of all German's Bar who were preparing to mount a rescue party. All credit to everyone for keeping the bar open.

PRATS!

B8

Mateenzo '84'

As in previous years Mateenzo teemed up trumps again with a ~~B~~ 3½ km extension to that already fine cave Mustayo. This was extented twice in ~~'83'~~ '84 in the latter stages of the last years ~~exp~~ expedition but left relatively un pushed due to lack of manpower and speed.

A carefully concealed ~~30~~ Yolete 12 grd pitch ~~the~~ 3m up a loose slope on the LH wall of the '83' extension was ~~decended~~ first dropped by a ~~team~~ ~~DCC~~ ~~LMCS~~ ~~two~~ the DCC Peter and Glen Lamy to reveal a 20 m further pitch in floor. ~~which was also~~ A low meandery passage leads off from the base the 30 m to suddenly pop out in to passages more typical to Mateenzo (Quote from log book) 'started surveying from station 5 into big passages saw first wall after ½ hr.' ~~Many trips later~~ Many pushing and some trips later Mustayo hovers around the 5 Km mark and seems set to 'go big' Mustayo has developed on 3 ~~distinct~~ distinct levels, a large and draughty upper series, an even larger dimensioned middle series made aircraft hangers and 3 storey buildings tipped on their side and the lower series which is very close to valley floor where an active (by Spanish Standards) inlet has been ~~f~~ to a cascade crashing on ~~to~~ ~~you head~~ the explorers

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