

LOGBOOK

Year: 1985

Season: Easter

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

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Some friends and I were playing dominoes
in a public house last night
when all of a sudden in the
patron rushed with a fire just like a
kite

What's up says Brown have you seen your
aunt have you seen your aunt Maria
The Aunt Maria be blowed says he
the bleeding puts on fire.

Oh! There was Brown, Where? Upside down.
Sipping up the whisky off the floor.
Booze! Booze! The fireman cried
As they came a-knocking at the door.
Don't let 'em in 'till we're all sipped up.
Some bugger shouted "MacIntyre"

MACINTYRE

And we all got blue, blind, paralytic drunk
When the old dun cow caught fire.

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EASTER

85

MOSTAJO
GLEN PARRY
MIKE JAMES
PETE O'NEILL

TUESDAY. 2ND APRIL

TRIP TO RIG CAVE & descend Pit
Near base of Golden Void, Pitch narrowed
down after 60 feet too small to descend.
PIT IS BELOW A 30 FOOT PITCH MARKED ON SURVEY

WEDNESDAY. 3rd April. WILD HORSES

GLEN PARRY
PETE O'NEILL
MIKE JAMES
LESLIE JAMES.

Trip to check on leads left from last year
& to take photographs. Main lead led through
boulder choke into maze of little scrambling passages
& boulders but led nowhere. followed up a couple
of others but nothing. Hopefully some nice pickies
& quite & interesting little through trip to emerge
in glorious sunshine & spectacular orange smoke

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emerging from behind Muella summit. Someone's been playing with matches again!

MOSTAJO

4TH APRIL

PETE O'NEILL

TRIP TO GONG HOME SERIES RIGGED FIRST PITCH and ran out of tackle returning along Quinlan passage went up side passage with 5000 grill blocking way, smashed through stal with hammer and progressed 50 feet to more stal smashed 15 feet into stal and left with stal still barring way on. Whilst searching for wonderland found two new chambers with plenty of hefectiles and stal near to entrance of wonderland.

MOSTAJO

5TH APRIL

Pete O'Neill
Glen Perry.
Andy Quinn.

"Pushing Trip", but all of us were suffering from "Bar Tones Belly".

Andy felt too ill + turned back, but Pete + Glen struggled on. Returned to Going Home Series + descended pitches. Reached what was the furthest point previously explored - a pitch which we were able to free-climb. Passage then continued for some way until a narrow canyon led to a short flat-out squeeze. This was almost passable, but not quite! Bigger passage was visible on the other side. We decided to call it a day and return later in the week with an entrenching tool to enlarge the squeeze.

5. April 1985 (I think.)

2. Pedro, Mica, Lesley, ~~Barry~~ Roy. Bosnaen Area
Hole in Fall near track Roy down to chalice
@ - 20' goat boxes + Fuch all else.

Before then went to Cubro de la Casaniera (draughting out today 'cos Mostajo was draughting in) but at base of second 30' pitch dropped ~~to~~ 10' to vadose trench which was much too tight. Other tight rift choked.

After that went to pot-hole. 15' entrance drop to boulder slope and second 35' pitch with final 10' slot - choked.

DAY CONT. 4 PAGES ON

5TH APRIL.

ROY. A NO-1. n 2 x 185'S DROVE UP TRACK FROM CENIZAWA & FOUND ONE OR TWO SHAPES, NORTH LOOKING. AT.

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RASCAVIRJA

6TH APRIL

GLENN PARRY

BOB

PETE O'NEILL

DIGGING TRIP TO the draughting choke. After maybe an hour of digging Glen managed to pass a very tight squeeze followed by Pete. Bob stayed on opposite side to help us find the squeeze on return.

After becoming well lost in a maze of chambers, boulders & passages a retreat was made. ~~The way~~ Plenty of ways off were seen and the main way on following the draught are all left open for a return trip in a day or two.

6TH APRIL

THEY WILL BUY ICE CREAM CAKE - WE did & it
WE BUY PORQUERIA. HAS very nice.

THE TWO SORREST ARSEHOLDS IN THE VALLEY
Belong To Quin & Ray!

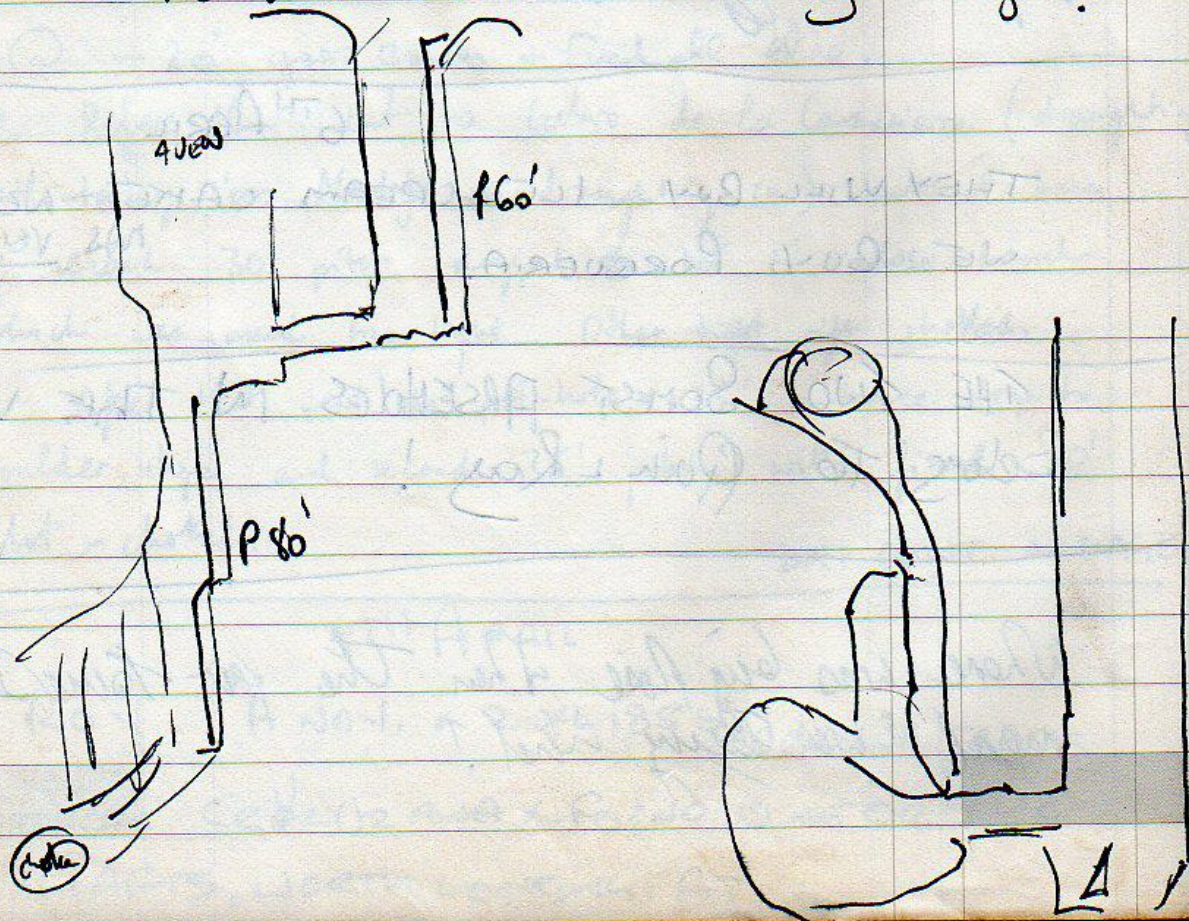
Where was big Rose when the last round
meal was being had!

6th April 85
Pedro (Surface Controller) Andy + Rog (scouts)
To examine shafts seen yesterday and two
pedro had previously seen.

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① (Torca de XL's)

fine looking shaft, Andy down first pitch, 60' into
large rift. Passage to left 5' high strong draught →
To eyehole + short climb to head of 80' pitch with
ledge 30' down at bottom canyon seemed to continue
but fucking thing sealed up solid with just a small
eyehole 5' x 6" in wall draught howling down. Possible to see
another 20' down to chamber but no way through.



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② Cueva de Jay

100m away from Tarea de XLS.
25' ladder down to boulder floor of a large diameter hole. Very tight 20' climb the only way on but this completely dries no draught, no point going down in the first place.

518?

③ Small Cave.

Pedro said "boy go look how far this goes to the hole" I did. It did.

④ Shaft in trees.

519 + 520

Large hole with parallel shaft. 75' drop to completely choked floor no way on no draught.

⑤ Last Shaft of the Day

Small crack in side of depression perfectly round shaft 100' + deep total dries, no draught, spectacular collection of creeping things with many legs at Bottom.

All shafts marked on map by Pedro.

5th APRIL CONT.

SHAFT BASHING.

①. Shaft 15' deep. above track on ENASO. choked at bottom. Impossibly tight lift off to one end.

②. Hole in side of shakehole above pothole described in previous write up of today's proceedings. Dragging outwards. 5' climb down to sloping ledge 35' pitch below of finely fluted wet limestone but choked with mud & debris at bottom.

6th APRIL.

AGUA.

Mike James
Lesley James.

Derek came too but conveniently his light went out within 5 mins. Mike & I continued with filming gear, filming each other in various wet parts of the cave. Took a very long time & harassed around most of the pools & wet bits to keep dry, so didn't get very far. Very soon got fed up so headed for humans.

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7th APRIL

MOSTAJO.

Glen Parry

Lesley James

Mike James

Pete O'Neil

Bob

Andy Quin

Photo trip

Pushing trip

Surveying.

Under the weather Glen & I followed the others & slowly made our way taking photos as we went, as far as the Golden Void & then due to possible route finding problems at the bottom & general apathy we reversed, again stopping for photos on the way. Must have taken a long time about it 'cos took us 5 hrs.

I must not drink Pacterin again tonight.

Why not?

Because I will be ill again tomorrow!



IS THIS THE TIGER TANK THAT
HAS BEEN DRIVING AROUND IN MY
HEAD TODAY?

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Quote "Oh no, I won't throw up no way!"

AND I DIDN'T.

Pushing Trip.

MOSTAJO

Went into going home series while the rest were surveying. Got to the flat out squeeze reached previously, but this time had Chris entrenching tool. Removed debris from floor and got through in a matter of minutes to find passage continuing. Still draughting strongly followed downstream for about 300' until stream disappeared right down small passage too tight to follow. Passage continued for a further 100' until tight section which was impassable, but still draughting.

Today? Log on Magic Motorcycle To look at depressions seen by Phil last year. :-

Pleasant enough walk dodging shafts left right & Centre, walked above depression first, and in smaller depressions above found various shafts of between 60' + 150' (guesstimated) to torca. Quite Fucking big hole believed to have been descended by counting frogs also 1 shaft worked VT 28 with a bolt in, □

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Cont

In depression sent to look all but for 1 overflow cave with slight inward draught possibility?

conclusion; - area needs thorough search with small team on large ropes. approximately 1 hour walk from farm at bend in road.

At the farm I think the farmer said that the Tamazona Caving club had a shaft 200m deep with 3km of passage (cave) at the bottom & they believed it went to Matucos. needs research into Sina ~~Quito~~ and this.

RASCAVIEJA.

8TH APRIL EASTER MONDAY

PETE, BOB, PEDRO, ANDY.

Pete and Bob surveying from top of the slat in main passage through to new stuff found 6TH April over 100m. Andy & Pedro pushing into boulder slope at the end of new passage. Many holes were looked at most connect in some way draughts in a few places. We tried to

go north and upwards but no obvious way through was found. The ~~the~~ whole area is very confusing in fact when surveying team joined us we surveyed into the choke then couldn't find the same way back. The confusion wasn't helped by the fact that the draught (going out at first) changed direction while we were in the choke. At one point the draught appears to come down a slot into a chamber this would go with a hammer but many other possible routes could still be there. Needs a summer team in the choke. Its fairly tight and complex to get through the dig area but not too bad.

Quinn

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CUBITA PROSPECTING - 10/4/85

Roy, Derek, Bob ~~and~~, Pete.

Failed to find Quin's pot-hole, supposedly in large depression with trees near Cabana at end of right-hand track.

Roy wanted to walk to the top of the hill. Found a cave which drops into a low wide bedding, about 30 m, altogether. (493)?

Had a look at sink in streambed near Mostajo car-park.

Went to cave on other side of the valley roughly opposite the first house. Cave is about 30 feet to a 25 foot pitch. Choke. (52k)

Finished at draughting hole (which wasn't draughting today). This drops down 10 feet with a crawl about 15 feet to a (525)

MOSTAJO

10/4/85

ANDY QYIM

GLEN PARRY

PETE O'NEILL

Glen went down to retrieve big rope left in cave at bottom of Golden Void.
Other two went to Going Home Series to descend undescended 10 metre pitch, which ended up being a blind pit with stream running along floor. Next went to chamber found on 5/4/85 with another undescended pit into a chamber, chamber was found to be blind no leads. The going home Series ~~has~~ has been well pushed with no obvious leads going, left series and derigged it.
O'Neill

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