

LOGBOOK

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Season: summer

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

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THE STORY
OF STAN
THE STAL
CHAPTER 1.



STAN THE
STAL

21-July, 93

Shakti Basling Bosmentin
Steve O. Peter Eagan. Dave Salvia.

Parked car at quarry on road to
fuentelajas Uvas. Walked up to 100 yds
slab of Ben up hill. First slab
soft closed. Many more smaller
slabs all closed.

Crossed col near pillars and
peered into enormous hole (supper)
200 yds beyond found slab large
top with booming sound at bottom
walked back for side of Bosmentin
and saw many slabs fanned probably
blown.

Steve O.

Steve O., P.T. Eagan, Pedro Smith

22nd July 1993

Popped back to Tres Niños for certain glory especially for Pedro.
Aim to drop pitch ground (at bottom of west rift pitch) at Easter.
Pitch ground to 20 ft depth with 40 yds of lightening passage at foot.
Very depressing, Pedro's hopes of glory dashed for the time being.
Rerigged by rift pitch and looked at climb to possible passage
above inclined ~~ridge~~ rift. Pete completed hairy climb and
delayed rope for others to follow. Possible way on over rift climb
but too wide for comfort. Main way on through tubular passage
with gypsum sand and helictes on floor and walls. To head of
30 ft pitch. Lands on ~~clay~~ sand slope which is blind at
foot. Left came with ~~clay~~ dispersed spirals and rerigged
main pitches. Trip 7 1/2 hrs. Goulash for dinner. Lonely.
Followed by mixed junk salad with strawberry yogurt on top.

Steve O.

22/7/93 MOSJACO

REPLACED ROPES ON TRAVERSE NEAR ENTRANCE PITCH. USED BLUEWATER TO RIG ONE TIGHT & ONE LOOSE LINE. REPLACED NO IRONMONGERY BUT ADDED 2 MAILLOUS. REMOVED OLD ROPE. BROKE BIT MORE OF LADDER JUST ON FROM TRAVERSING BY LIGHT BOUNCING ON RUNG. BOOTS ON ENTRANCE RIGGINGS NOT GOOD. (APPARENTLY USED WRONG ROPE...)

23-JUL-93 415

RAGE S., P. MILES, J. CORBIN, A. QUINN

RETURN TO PASSAGE LOOKED AT BY MYSELF & JEFF EAGEN AT EASTERN ENT. BEDDING CLOSER THAN I REMEMBERED ALTHO' I COULDN'T FIND IT ON THE WAY INTO THE CAVE. PUSHED BEYOND THE CAT ROOSTING PLACE & ONTO A BREAKDOWN CHAMBER WITH A SMALL GRILL BLOCKING PROGRESS INTO PASSAGE BEYOND - AFTER REMOVING APPROPRIATE STAL. ACCESS WAS GAINED INTO CONTINUATION ENDING IN A SMALL CHAMBER. WHEN DECORATED. A SMALL TUBE OUT OF CHAMBER LEADS TO MORE STAL & AFTER GOING PAST AN AVEN (CLIMBED FOR ~10M, STILL GOING UP) A BLIND PIT IN THE FLOOR CAN BE TRAVERSED TO A SMALL AFT THAT CHOKES WITH STAL. THERE LOOKS AS IF THERE MIGHT BE A V. SMALL PASSAGE AT THE BOTTOM BUT WOULD BE V. DIFF. TO GET INTO IT. NO DRAUGHT IS PRESENT.

SURVEYED ~ 75m TO = 4 HOURS



PS: JUAN'S LIGHT LENT TO HIM BY A CERTAIN DEVON CRO CONTROLLER STOPPED WORKING AFTER JUST 3 HOURS. MORE THAN ADEQUATE FOR MOST DEVON CAVES I SUSPECT!



23/7/93

4HS

DAVE ?, TONY ?, DAVE ? (MUSS - ONE OF THEM AT LEAST)

MISSSED THE PRETTY BITS THE OTHER'S FOUND (BUT DIDN'T HAVE ALL THAT CRAWLING!) & PLAYED AROUND IN ALL THE BITS OF PASSAGE THAT LOOKED INTERESTINGLY MOST WORKS WERE PUSHED. JOAN DIDN'T SEEM TO BE WEARING HIS CAMP ANYWAY. BIG PASSAGE LEADING TO MOSJACO DROPPED DOWN THING! BOULDER CHOKER AT END. A FEW SURVEY MARKS FOUND BUT NO RECORD OF DESCENT OF "10' HOLE?" AT END. 3' ROUND HOLE OVER 20' ? PITCH BOOMS, ECHOS & SAYS 'DROP HERE FOR MOSJACO EXPRESS' SO WAITING NO GEAR WE WET IT - FOR TOMORROW.

23/7/93

Regaton ↓↓. Pete E Steve O Pete S.

Dinner

Rigged the ladder pitches, and big pitch without any major problems, and went to have a look round. Then, quickly to Sky Passage to something Steve had poked his head into last year. A short crawl, and the passage suddenly enlarged - GLORY. We followed a stream passage upstream, past several side passages and largish avents. After a wet crawl we finally came to the (sump, I thought, but Steve and Pete E had other ideas. By digging away with shovels the water level was lowered and we continued through the duck. More stream passage and we came to the base of a pitch, about 20 foot, with a rift passage visible at the top. Exactly opposite this a sandy ramp soared into darkness (disappearing inexorably) - GLORY again. This reached another climb up, which Pete E and Steve went up to further passage and a maze. Surveyed out, about 600m without incidents. Surfaced at midnight.

Pedro.

24/7/93

GRAFT BASHING - ENVASO

TONY BLACKBURN, MARK RIDER, DAVE WATTS

Headed towards Summit from cave at back of Pablos.

Found tight ^(midget reqd!) S64 (932) on walk up, stone tested to 25'.

Found 149/150 and descended 20' shaft ~~100~~ 50m E, (933) way on is first sized, around a fluke and doesn't appear to open up. 12m N. is drop into small chamber, way on is tiny hole over sand, needs digging. (934). No draught.

Higher up - between 64 and 184 is undescended shaft, 30 feet plus, echoing and large ~~fluke~~ Probably 64, but not in the right spot.

24/7/93

Steve O, P Eagan, Paul S, Phil M.

REGATON

Aims to push upstream leads in Streamway off Shy Passage. Most leads go into tight rift but one lead off to continuing tight passage after 200m.

At sandy ramp, near inclined pitch, a new route was followed at E a corner lead to a well decorated grotto with nice stal (there still there!!) to a low draughting arch. This was dug out to gain an area of low immature streamway after approx 70-80m.

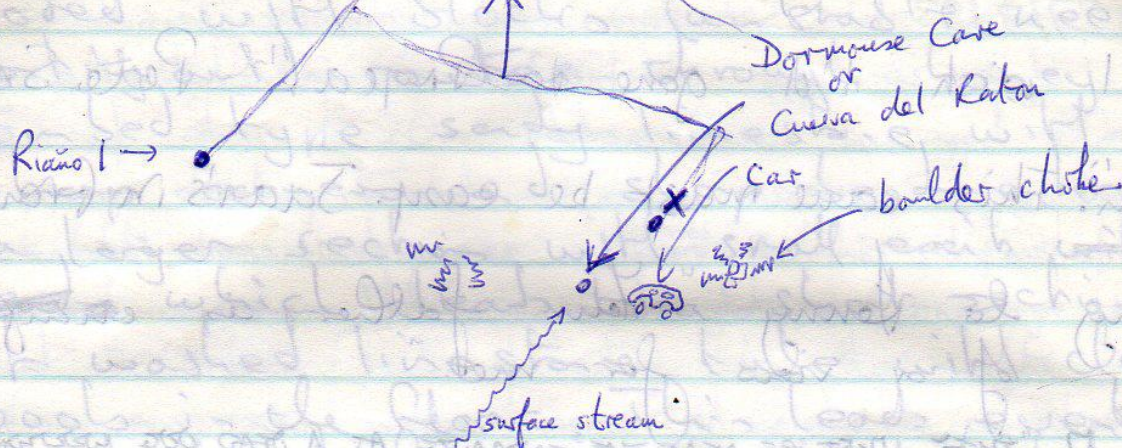
On this trip the duct was deemed too deep for entered cavity and so was lowered to enable dry passage.

While Steve & Phil took some stal samples Pete & Paul went to boulder choke area at downstream extremity. Here they descended to rift in the floor to gain a pitch as yet undescended. Draught very strong. Exited cave too late again and got to bar at 12 pm. to find Pedro single handedly heaping the bar openly consuming 1 Tinto every hour.

Steve O.

25/1/93. Sunday.

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Pete S, Phil P and Dave underground: Blind leading the blind. Set off at 1pm. Got lost. Arrived at cave dig. East

Dig thru house sized passage, mostly west. Lump hammer, crow bar & resources of CHANNEL TUNNEL COMPANY. Set fire to neoprene at 3pm in present.

Everyone else on surface:

Jan and Paul into Dormouse Cave. Boulder choke with streamway which Paul went along to dig in floor. Smoke, which was expected at 2pm, ~~did not~~ emerged at 3-30pm from Dormouse Cave and a boulder choke to the east. Descriptions ~~could~~ seem to tally - Dormouse Cave needs pushing and surveying.

Retired to Rioño bar, overindulging the barmaid with blancos and beer orders.

DORMOUSE CAVE: THRU BUT A DOWN THRU CHOKE WITH DAYLIGHT ENTERING FROM ABOVE. FLOWING STREAM IN FLOOR UNTIL A SQUEEZE UP & OVER A BOUNDER CHOKER REENTERS STALL STREAM. THIS MAY BE FOLLOWED U. LOW & LET THRU BEDDING PENETRATED BY STALL CHAMBERS FOR ~40m. WAY ON NEEDS OTTOING BUT LOOKS OK PAUL.

'Quotes'

(2)

"I'm nothing but a sex object." Juan.

"I wish I'd gone to Puyca," Pete Smith.

Pete Gar. "This cave must be easy. Juan's in front."

Penny to Jonny "Your father is enough of a view for me."

Phil M: "THEY MUST BE NEAR THE ENTRANCE AS A DEAD DOG WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GO FAR - REACTION UPSTREAM ENT (?)

26/7/93. Fresedo. Pete Smith Andy Quinn Juan on a worthwhile trip, surveying left over bits of passage before the Cascade Inlet.

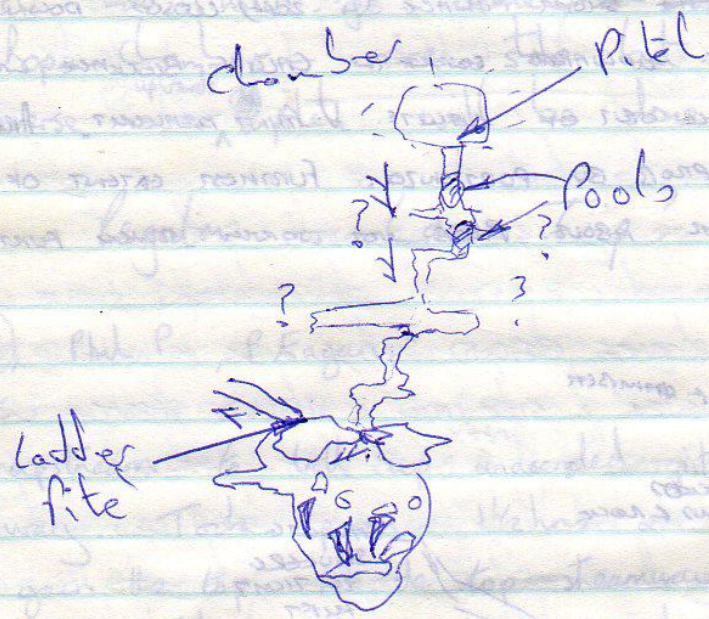
1. Chamber after the traverse which linked back to large chamber
2. Crawl through into Cross rift just ^{after} ~~above~~ traverse
3. Passage at 1st junction after Lavado Junction - Worthwhile passage with mud and a bit of caliche at end.

27/7/93 : CUBIO DE CUBITA - P. STREET, P. EAGEN, S. OPPENSHAW (here)

ENT. NEEDED DIGGING BUT SLIGHTLY HELPED BY HURRICAN DRAUGHT BLASTING LEAVES OUT. STEEPLY INCLINED RIFT (~4m) LED TO RIFT WITH LARGE AMOUNTS OF FLOOD DEBRIS EVERYWHERE. NARROW RIFT CONTINUED FOR ~15m TO JUNCTION. CONTINUING STRAIGHT AHEAD A LOW CRAWL GOES UP THEN STAIR GAP UNDER OVERHANGING RUBBLE. LOW STREAM PASSAGE CONTINUES TO BEDDING, FILLED WITH CORALS & OCCASIONAL AVENS/CHAMBERS A NARROW PITCH (~4m). SEVERAL STAIR PASSAGES LEAD UP FROM CHAMBER BUT NONE DRAUGHT SIGNIFICANTLY. BEST GET IS NARROW CANYON THAT GETS TOO TIGHT A SHORT WAY N. LEFT OF JUNCTION.

A short section of passage just in cave. Bottom of climb left, a draughty crawling size passage leads to the head of a pitel. The pitel drops over large blocks which don't quite touch the floor. Below two large blocks form a small entrance to a crawl

rooted with blocks (unstable wood, corky out) routes through honey combed type sandy limestone with sharp corners and sharp bends enter a larger section with small exit with ~~lead~~ which leads to a short section of washed limestone tube with clear pools in the floor. This leads eventually to the head of a 15 ft climb / Pitel down into small chamber unentered.



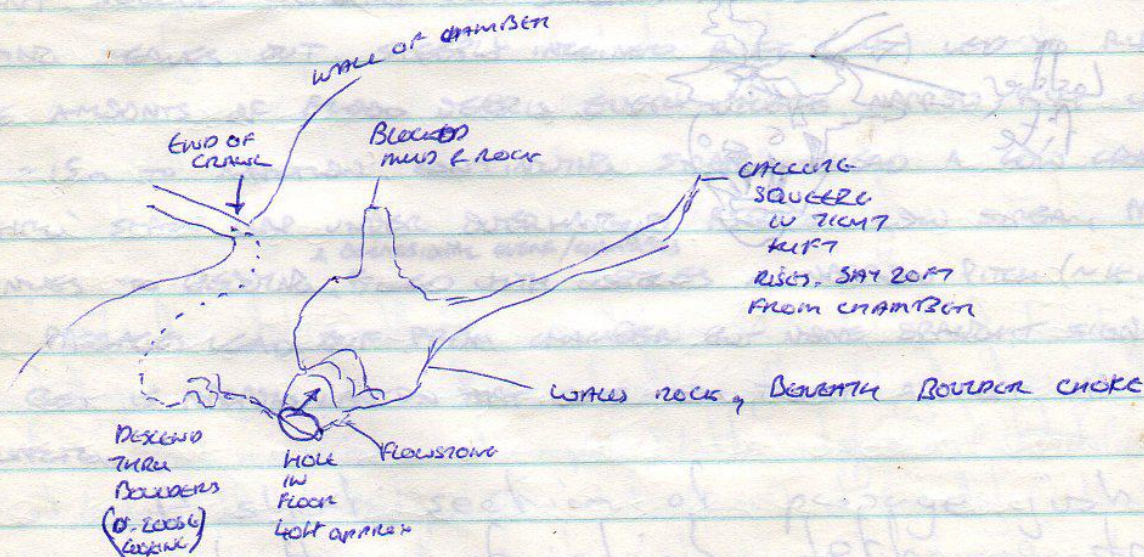
BANK: "I DON'T NEED A DRUNK DELIVERY SERVICE I LET IT STAGGER HOME BY ITSELF"

27/7/93

415 - RETURN TO "BIG PASSAGE" HEADING TOWARDS
MOSTARD^{??} ETC ETC (POSSIBLY SLIGHTLY ENTHUSIASTICALLY
DESCRIBED)

TRUNDLED DOWN 415 IN SEARCH OF CAUGHS MEASURED BY MAN. ALSO
IN SEARCH OF COMPANIONS^{LOST} DUE TO KNUCKLED CARBIDES. FORTUNATELY ??
ABLE TO LOCATE COMPANIONS BY HUNTING IN ON PATHETIC WHIMPERING NOISE
ETC. ANYWAY:-

ARRIVED AT BIG CHAMBER AT CURRENT END OF CAVE TURNED RIGHT OUT
OF CAVE AND DROPPED THROUGH Boulders AT POSITION MARKED BY CARBIDE.
ARRIVED AT PREVIOUSLY ENCOUNTERED HOLE. DROPPED SCORING CLIMBS OVER FLOWSTONE
APPROX 40FT. INTO CHAMBER. WALLS SOLID NOT Boulders. OFF TO LEFT
OF CLIMB. ~~CHAMBER~~ SHORT PASSAGE (11-20FT) CLOSED DOWN TO RIGHT
LEFT PASS STOPS SCORING UPWARDS ENTER IN CALICHE BLOCKAGE WHICH MAY BE
PASS BY BRAYING HELL OUT OF CALICHE. V. FAINT DRAUGHT. AREA OBVIOUSLY
~~ENCOUNTERED~~ ENTERED PROB BY PORTINZO. FURTHER EXTENT OF RIFT PROB.
STILL BENEATH CHAMBER ABOVE PROB. NOT WORTH MUCH FURTHER EFFORT
(BY ME ANYWAY)



IDEAL TRIP FOR UNFIT KNUCKLED INDIVIDUALS WITH NO DESIRE FOR
HOURS OF CLIMB ~~CLIMB~~

P.S. THERE IS A PRO-FORMA FOR BREAD ON THE COMPUTER.

PEDRO

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27th July 1993.

Toby, Jane, Pedro. FRESNADO II

Back to climb above Cascade Inlet and up into Knotted Rope Series. Climb rigged as single pitch of about 20m. Pedro & Jane surveyed 60m of passage heading towards Known Passage. Toby dropped pitch left from last year. About 90' in big shaft to boot sized outlet & no draught. A passage was noticed 30' above point of entry into the shaft and another one was seen across the shaft about 20' down from point of entry. Walls of shaft are calcite & slime so it will be hard to enter either of these passages but the strong draught entering at the pitch head must go somewhere. Pedro climbed into Knotted Rope Chamber - nice stats but no way on. Traverse over ^{upwards} pitch will be done next.

26/7/93 Legation - Larrie Trip?

Stene O, Phil P, P. Eagan.

Drives.

Headed upstream to bolt up unascended pitch into (hopefully) continuation of steamway. Took approx 1 1/2 hrs & 3 bolts on artificial climb to gain the top. At the top steamway continues for approx 50 m in reasonably wide, sharp meandering rift where upon the stream passage pops out into a large 15m chamber thence. Numerous holes in sides of chamber looked at but main way on continues up a couple of chimneys (~10 ft) and into another largish chamber. On the right on a sandy patch at stream level was a perfectly preserved skeleton of a dog/cat/animal of some description. This has obviously fallen ~~up~~ in from directly above or from upstream, as there are no broken bones visible ~30m upstream a choke is met and although the normally strong draught is still present it is very much reduced; presumably disappearing in the choke and holes in the roof of the larger chambers.



New passage named "Ladies Hart Stand"

Survived back to the base of the 25ft pitch and exited cave in good time for a change. Surface very close - surface digging commenced 27/7/93

Paul Stacey, D. Biggs, Phil Miles.
Regatten - Gold Top Series

Followed on from BIG PITCH IN PURSUIT OF RETE, Phil & Steve. Arrived AT BOTTOM OF PITCH TO

28/7/93 Emboscados - poked at end choke. Again - looking at side passages Ali Simon Rob Tree Vince Dave Si

FIND RETE ALREADY 1/2 WAY UP IT. STEVE TOOK THE 3 OF US TO

28/7/93 Cellevoy - somewhere in a bramble field Steve, Phil, Tony & Mark. Bloody hell, See Phil/Steve for details.

THE JEST TOP OF THE RAMP BEING CLIMB. THE TOP SEEMS TO BE A PASSAGE (PASSAGE?) IN ITS OWN RIGHT RUNNING PARALLEL TO THE RAMP. AFTER SHOWING US THE FURTHEST LIMIT OF EXPLORATION STEVE LEFT TO JOIN "LASSIES...". "UP" PASSAGE BEYOND SW. 0 ENDS AT ORAZKING CHOKER BACK DOWN THE CHOKER HOWEVER A STEP INTO A PHREATIC PASSAGE LEADS TO A COMPLEX OF TUBES SOME ENDING IN A DOOR (NOT CLIMBER) ABOVE THE TOP END OF THE RAMP. THE MAIN WAY ON ENDS AT A LOW SIDE PASSAGE THAT ENTERS FURTHER BACK ALONG THE RAMP TOP NR. THE CLIMB INTO THE PASSAGE. AFTER CHECKING BACK DOWN THE PASSAGE NOTHING WAS FOUND OF SIGNIFICANCE UNTIL A PASSAGE, OPPOSITE THE ONE EXITED. A PHREATIC RIFT HEADS OFF THE RAMP AREA (N SOUTH) GRADUALLY ASCENDING PAST SEVERAL SIDE PASSAGES (NOT ALL LOOKED AT, SOME JUST OXBOWS) UNTIL A SHORT CLIMB IS REACHED. (THE PASSAGE AT THIS POINT LOOKS V. DRY WITH MUCH CRISPER SAND) CAVE CHANGES CHARACTER ABOVE CLIMB TO SANDY/SILTSTONE TUBE THAT EVENTUAL HITS A RIFT PASSAGE WITH STAL. THIS WAS FOLLOWED TO A NARROW ASCENDING RIFT (WITH SLIGHT DRAUGHT). PHIL RUSHED RIFT UNTIL IT SEEMED TO BE CHANGING CHARACTER AGAIN, STILL GOING ON & UP & ENLARGING. CUEVA JEL PICON?

TU = 9 SURVIVED + 250m



28/7/93

Regaton (not Ragaton Paul!!)

Sarah

Phil M, Steve O, P. Eagan, Paul S.

Two aims for this trip both at the downstream extremities of "The Woodhouse Way". ① To push the tight present day stream passage descending from the floor of the passage near the Gilder choke "Pilloch Passage". This is described below by Pete E.

A narrow washed black limestone passage with tight section, and one ladder piled followed by short sections of tight passage, eventually a small contortion leads to a larger area covered with mud. No way out could be found.

A very narrow rift leads off near the end of the passage, which is also clean washed limestone. The passage carries a similar draught to downstream boulder choke area, but is only a fraction of the size.

After surveying this section of the cave Paul and self set off to boulder choke to find Steve and Phil had only to remove a few boulders to get through.

② Push through BOS (Bag Of Shit) Choke and downstream end of Woodhouse way. An obvious route through the choke on the left leads to a 2m climb up through some barely ~~perched~~ perched boulders followed by a climb down to the right through equally bad boulders. Following this is a largeish passage chamber which can be followed to the left to a large dark opening. Walking up slope we enter a 30m long 15m wide, 20m high chamber. From the roof are some nice stal

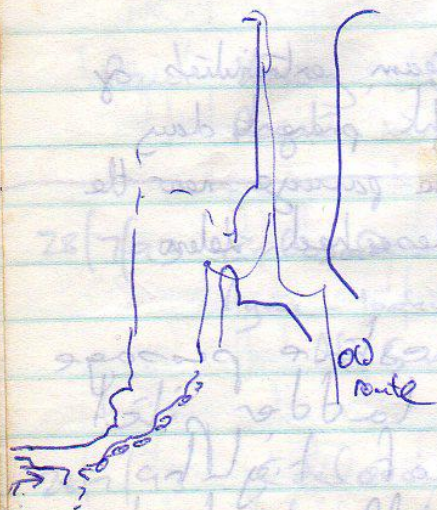
→ SEE OBVIOUS CONTINUATION ←



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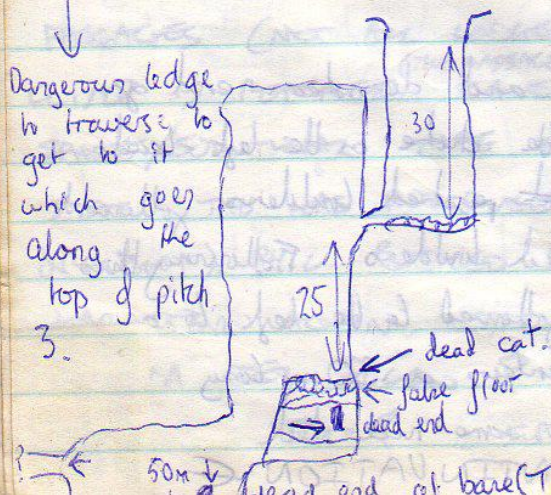
617 - pushed window off entrance pitch to p ~ 10m to boulder slope & bedding plane to crawl with strong draft, not pushed. Lightning strikes nearby felt underground! Alasdair.



29/7/93 Mullir

(AL)

758 - previously undescended. Descended the first pitch of about 30m. Choked base but a small letterbox to the right. Crawled through & fixed up a bolt on the right hand side. Descended this pitch of about 25m. Appears to be a small false floor at the bottom with a further 3rd pitch yet to be done of about 50m. Possible passage opposite which could link up with 617. Skeleton of what could be a wild cat at base of pitch 2. Dave, Keith, Vince.



P.S. Projectile vomiting record 4ft. Can anyone beat that? 1ft with breeze impossible. See Vince for details.



29/7/93 Little O in Luena
 Pete S, Andy P, Gravel, Big Steve + Julie
 Jim was to dig at end of cobbled
 crawl previously left. Flat out crawl
 pushed by tedious lining digging
 following very slight draught. Gave up
 due to lack of technology. Passage
 needs widening for four body lengths
 in order to make digging at the
 end profitable and less lining.

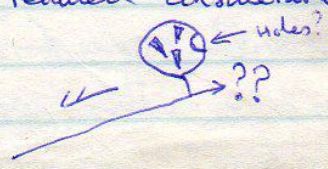
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Needs a Number and Tagging survey
 entering into computer.

Followed by a very informative trip
 to Bar Rosana which serves extremely
 palatable Pizzeria.

WINNER DIG & SOME CURIOSITY
OBVIOUS CONTINUATION
 GUARANTEED COMPLETION PASSAGE N-T-M C.K. BUSHING ETC.

Up the left hand side of the chamber a slope leads to perched
 home/masonette ~~road~~ ledgers with a way on upwards??
 The most obvious route upwards is opposite the point of entry to the chamber
 in a high, sharp, heavily eroded rocky thing. This continues for 250 m
 up a dim climb under low arches etc still ~~leading~~ ^{leading into} main
 draft. A chamber at the apparent end is reached by a climb up
 a sandy, rubble slope to the left. The chamber is 15x15m with
 blocks & boulders abundant. Nice mud chimneys also only noticed after
 treading on one or two! Holes in floor may be the way on but dig to
 tell 'cos draft reduced considerably.



Survived out, using two team tactics and were on surface 2 1/2 hrs later. Got changed and started car only to find significant quantities of acid smoke pouring from the steering column. On great junk what you need after a caving trip.



Scene C

FURTHER TO ABOVE, ANYONE BUYING A VEHICLE SHOULD EXPECT OCCASIONAL COPIOUS QUANTITIES OF ACID BLACK SMOKE POURING FROM THE STEERING COLUMN. IF THIS SHOULD OCCUR - USEFUL TIP:- WIND DOWN WINDOW PRIOR TO PRISING OFF. THIS HELPS IMPROVE VISIBILITY & CABIN AIR QUALITY. INCIDENTALLY, THIS LATER TIP SHOULD BE OF USE TO ANYONE OWNING A MAKE OF VEHICLE CONTAINING AN ANDY PRINCE SITUATED NEAR THE STEERING COLUMN. OR INDEED ANYWHERE NEAR THE OTHER VEHICLE EXITS.

To Steve O re Candy, his girlfriend,

Well I've moved into her.

P.S. Projectile writing record 4ft. Can anyone beat that?

29/7/93

Fresnado II

(JUAN - ASK US WHEN WERE SOBER!)



Toby, Andy Pringal, Jane, Neil,

went to climb in knotted rope series followed by what turned out to be a easy traverse. This led to passage, draught was followed to part wetting blackness, erections erupted once erections had been put back it was realized with a great ^{dribbling} droopy that the caverns measureless below had previously been entered and was Paul's chamber above 2nd boulder choke. Not disheartened the glory seekers set off once again preparing for another articulation two other leads were followed the first led into a ledge 1/4 way down Paul's wanky chamber the second has been left going for any other speaker of files for a orgasmic experience after instant glory and a large laundry bill.

There still remains stamping obvious glory in the high level passages than can be seen in part of Paul's chamber that he has never been too ie high up! Hourly rate of trip @ 13m per hour could do better

Andy 'n' Neil

Sarah - "I don't want to get my end away yet" tonight will do? any takers? SH

30-JUL-93 CUBIO DE CUBEDA (+ REGATON UPSTREAM)

P. Sinner, P. Nicks, T. HATCH, J. HATCH + JC

TONY, JUSTIN & JC ORIGINALLY MEANT TO BE ~~SURFACE~~ ~~SERPENTINE~~ WALKING OVER EXTREME DOWNSTREAM SECTION BUT DUE TO

DAMP PAPER STOPPED PLAT

PTO

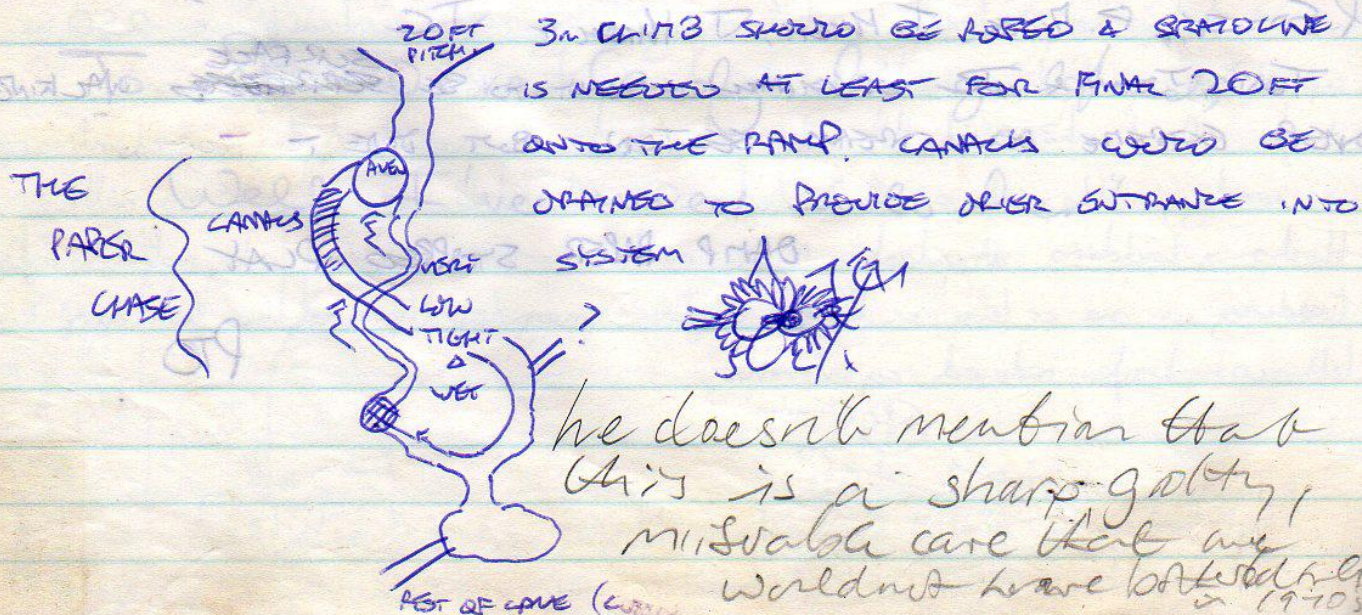


30 JUL - 93 CUBO DE CUETA

P. SAGE, P. MILES, T + J HATCH, JC

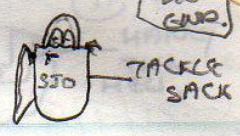
TONY, JUSTIN & JC ORIGINALLY WENT TO BE SURFACE WASHING
OVER EXTREME DOWNSTREAM END OF CONTINUATION OF RAGATON.
SHIT WEATHER FORCED THEM TO DON PAPER BOILER SUITS THAT
LASTED ABOUT 1200 YDS INTO THE CAVE BEFORE RIPPING INTO A MILLION
PIECES. PAUL + JUSTIN TO PUSH CLIMB THAT PETE HAD LOOKED DOWN
27/7/93. ^{WHILE} ~~SPENT~~ OTHERS SURVIVED IN. CLIMB OF 3m LEAD TO
A SMALL CHAMBER WITH TWO WAYS OUT. THE ACTIVE WAY IS LOW
WET & TIGHT AT FAR END BUT ENDS AT A PITCH. ^{AREA AN AVEN} RETRACING STEPS
TO BASE OF CLIMB THE NEW ACTIVE SECTION LEADS TO A SMALL
CRAWL PAST A VERY NICE ~~BLACK & YELLOW~~ SALAMANDER TO A DOUG/CANAL
AFTER A QUICK BIT OF DEMONSTRATION THE DOUG REDUCED TO A WET
CANAL & THIS EVENTUALLY POPS INTO A NARROW SQUEEZE/CRAWL TO
THE TOP OF AN AVEN. LADDERING THE DROP (~3m) THE AVEN ENTERS
THE PASSAGE THAT WAS ORIGINALLY ENTERED VIA ACTIVE SMALL ROUTE.
AT THIS POINT JUSTIN, TONY & JC EXITED ~~IN~~ IN PAPER TATTERS TO
WARRANT OF CAR WITH PHIL TO COLLECT LIFE-LINE WHILST PAUL
ATTEMPTED TO ENLARGE PITCH HEAD ABOVE AVEN. AVEN DESCENDED
& LARGE CHAMBER BELOW CLIMBED DOWN NEXT PITCH. TWO GUYS
HASTILY INSTALLED A FINAL 20FT OR SO PITCH DESCENDED TO 'THE
RAMP' IN THE UPSIDEOWN SECTION OF RAGATON! FINAL SURVEY COMPLETED
A EXCITED WITH SOME LOOKS AROUND.

TU = 4hrs. SURFED ~100m



FUG GARD

(17)



29/7/93. - Paul didn't leave a space -

415 - Photy - trip.

Sarah, Pete, Paul's

415 - Juan, Simeon, Dave S

Video pretties and route through to end chamber.

Trip to photo helictites at end of side passage. Video party still amongst pretties - so wasted most of film in main chamber, only a few films left for stal - which were great. Peter demonstrated his patient approach to photography once again models were sick. Good trip & hopefully some good photos. Stall.

30/7/93

Santander Semers II - The Mememining.

Stene O, Phil P, Pete E. = TEAM 1

Dave, Andy P, Simeon = TEAM 2

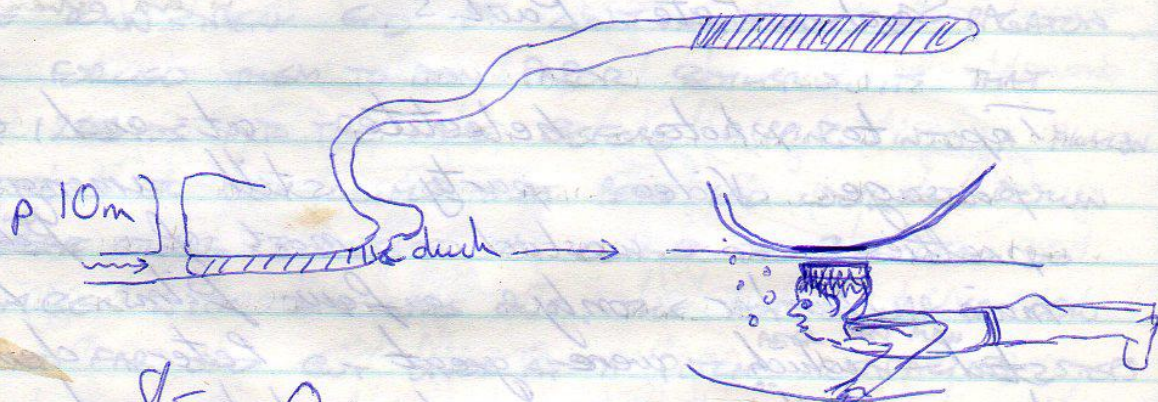
THE B TEAM

TEAM 1

Aims to dive/duck through 2" airspace duck to gain certain glory legend. After studying the situation for at least 30 seconds Stene went through duck. Made fatal error of judgement whilst under water and opened eyes only to see a view of the rock..... through water. Oh bugger major cock up. As it happened made it through alive and arrived in Baseline wide pool with streamway running off to the left. Dug through some boulders to let some water out whilst Pete came through followed by Phil (who copped out of writing up the log book). Streamway just ordinary to a sump in a hacking rift. Phil swam about in sump pool for some reason whilst Pete & Stene giggled ~~profoundly~~ at his misfortune. Swam out in great discomfort due to petting in well and met TEAM 2 swimming in a FRENCH STYLE. Kicked cave and went to bar, well



at least two of the party did anyway.



Steve O

TEAM 2

Write up?

OK - SURVEYED CAUSE FROM RIFT. FAILED TO REACH END DUE TO INCOMPETENCE + INADEQUATE TRAINING STORM + SHIT IN ROOF

30/7/93

Mullin again

(A4)

Washed back up in pouring rain to continue pushing yesterdays miserable find. Descended 758 to bottom of second pitch. Placed two bolts and descended the third pitch which was particularly black and rain falling (40m). At bottom way continues down 20m but is too tight (slight breeze). Meanwhile, the second team in 617 descended to 5m above bottom of main pitch into a side passage which dropped 4m to a slippery boulder choke. Went through daughting flat out crowd through shitty clay after digging and emerged in the bottom of the (adjacent) shaft marked M25 (578?). Rob enjoyed every moment. Surveys were taken of both systems and we returned home without the rain thankfully. Look out for the birds. Is you ever get up there!! They shag your car!

Ali Keef Rob Tuli

31.7.93 Mullir

THE STORY
OF HARRY THE
HELICOPTER



HARRY
THE
HELICOPTER

Decided to name 758 (Torca del Gato Montés)
translated as mountain cat Pot. Skeleton of cat found at base
of pitch 2.
Dawe, Keith, Vince.

31.7.92 Regaton. Up the Rump.

Chim in end of canyon passage over stal chole to roof hole, continued
past jodgy fractures to window into large passage - lumphanser
+ ladder needed - tube ended at level. Need ladders to descend
canyon. ~50-100m conveyed. Alasdair & Pedro.

31/7/93

DS & AD

LOCATED DRUGGUTHING ENTRANCE OUTSIDE JUAN'S
HOUSE. ~~LOCATED DRUGGUTHING ENTRANCE OUTSIDE JUAN'S~~ ALSO
LOCATION DRUGGUTHING GYIT 3m AWAY OUTSIDE JUAN'S WARM ROOMS
HOUSE ALSO LOCATED LOCATED - IRAT.

SO BILLYN REPT ANTS WITH 766TH
THIS LONG

31-7-92 CUBO - P. STREET, S. CRASHAW, P. EAGEN, P. MILES

TRIP IN TO MAKE ENT. MORE 'ACCEPTABLE' - VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS
MADE. THE BOLDTRY ENT. SQUEEZE OUT OF THE CHAMBER
WITH NO EXIT IS NOW A CRAWL ALTHO' AT ONE POINT IN
THE PROCEEDINGS THE NEW ENT. INTO REGATON GOT FILLED
IN. KNOCKED OFF ALL ANNOYING KNOSSEY PROTECTIONS
A ENLARGED SQUEEZE INTO PITCH ABOVE CONNECTION INLET
INTO REGATON. THE NEEDS SYPHONING DOWN A BIT.

ENTERED REGATON & WHIST STEVE REMOVED A STAL.
FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES PETE TOOK PHOTOS. ON EXIT
VARIOUS RHIPATE HOLES ETC. WERE LOOKED AT, NONE OF
ANYTHING SPECIAL BUT OCCASSIONAL SUES END IN ^{SHAL} AVENS.



BS: THERE MAY BE A PASSAGE OPPOSITE THE 'NO EXIT CHAMBER' PITCH.

PS: THE HOLE ONE CLIMBS OVER AFTER THE CONNECTION PITCH
FROM CUBO LEADS TO A V. SHAL STREAM PASSAGE - MAY GO IF PULSED WITH MASH
TO UPTREAM BITS EXPOSING CLIMB



SCALE PLAIN (LAPPROX LIFESIZE)
OF ANTS TEETH ENCOUNTERED IN

31/7/93

Fresnedo II

^{to}
Toby, John Palmer, Simeon, Sarah, Angie,
Richard, Neil, Jane.

Aims:-

To tackle up nearseries, to bolt up to possible passage leading out of big chamber (the blackness), to look at the passages below ~~the~~ (underneath) the climb up to the second ladder pitch, to familiarise some more people with the entrance series.

As many people know, the trip down Fresnedo to the end is now a long undertaking & is not made any easier by an awkward middle series of passages connecting the large chamber (the blackness) with Venus' playroom - the start of the 'big stuff'. We had noticed what appeared to be a passage about 60' up the wall of the big chamber on the opposite side to the passage entering it last year & hoped that bolting up to this would afford a better, less tortuous route to the end.

The party divided into 2 groups, one bolting up the chamber & the other looking at a short high series of passage that had been entered by Richard Blake the year before. This was entered & found to be very short & choked with an upwards connection into the passage near the second pitch. On return the bolting party could be seen strategically deployed on various ledges up the wall of the big chamber. The non-bolting party took up a ring-side position high on a balcony in the big chamber opposite the bolters to watch a combined re-enactment of the balcony scene from 'Romeo & Juliet' & Chipperfield's circus. Richard Barthrop did a spectacular & necky climb (using proper climb gear please note! but a nice unstretchy SRT rope) up to the balcony.



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He was seconded in fine style by Toby, adding a spectacular plummeting pendulum for our entertainment when a vital handhold broke off (just the thing on SRT ropes & a waist belt!) This was followed by shouts & cries which Shakespeare might have conveyed in the immortal lines 'Alcove, alcove, wherefore art thou an alcove?' but our heroes converted into much more pithy Anglo-Saxon. Hopes of an easy route were dashed as the alcove proved to be draughtless with no hidden passages into glory.

The 2 parties then rendezvoused at the chamber floor, the bolting party going on to rig the second ladder pitch & to leave a ladder at the head of the 3rd pitch. They found a rope had been left on the 3rd pitch last year, so the cave is now effectively rigged for this year. The other 4 went to look at ~~the~~ the passage which had only been entered once before. Here Simon found an approximately 40' pitch up a flowstone floored side passage which warrants a return. The final aven was noticeably draughting outwards.

The first pitch was bolted on the way out to make it more secure. N.B. there are a lot of loose rocks below this pitch on a ledge which need heaving with great care & preferably avoiding. The parties returned to the surface after 8 hours.

1, 8, 93

Toad

(Ali), Dave, Vince, Angie & Richard

Went to the misty series over & found a passage to the left at the



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31/7/93 pnbles report pt 2 pnbles report pt 2 pnbles report pt 2
lower part of it. Small crawl into a
small chamber. Found a tiny gap with
a strong breeze so we dug through
into a small chamber. Another gap
was dug almost below the hole at
which just dug which then opened
out to a small rift. Passage
led of to the right & wound
its way around. Silty sandy floor
indicated that fairly still water had once travelled
down here. Came to a point where
the ceiling was a couple of cms
from the floor. Started dig 3
feet almost broke through but it
was getting late. Still a strong
breeze which is a good sign. The
new 50m or so of passage that
had been discovered up hill there
was surveyed. 8 hr trip.

Dave.

Additions to Mity Series trip.

Hole in boulder floor of Mity Series Aven investigated ~~was~~ - No
continuation though bedrock found on two walls.
Opposite wall to draughting work investigated via traverse/climb. Pump
desends for approx 7m before ending.

RNB

'Romeo & Juliet' & Chipperfield's circus. Richard Barrow
did a spectacular evening climb (using proper climbing gear please
note that the nice climbing is 8 ft rope) up to the balcony

SURPRISE VIEW



1-8-93 10000 YRS

Regaton

PT Eagan, Phil Pappard, John Palmer.

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~~Went~~ Went straight to end of last years Finds two boulder chokes.

First choke was dug up long short distance to where the boulder rubble reached the roof. A small hole on the right between boulders was dug out and a squeeze through between large boulders entered a roomy choke the way on led to the bottom of ladder pitch in second choke this was free climbed to join others.

Rigged ladder pitch into second choke and followed last years string a way on in the roof was pushed until solid roof prevented progress a route down through boulders entered similar style spirey passage but only short section was negotiable until another choke was met impenetrable.

On the way out from choke a hole above sump was entered this looked good, had draught but entered known main passage.

Large chamber with undressed pitch was visited and pitch descended, this entered small ~~second~~ section of narrow passage to high.

Detatched old entrance and removed brew bit. 9hr trip

PT Eagan.



not 1-8-93

7.15 Jim Davis, Sean Hopley (mule).

New Hole 100m east of 415 in obvious fenced off cleft below wire fence. Observed 2 days before while viewing helictites in 415. Removing branches etc revealed outward draught choice. Short dig rapidly increased draught, but left large boulder which was too big for Jim (unimpaired state) to shift. Sean provided mule power next day and 1/2 hrs work revealed climbable shaft 25 ft to tight ~~and~~ not to further ~~develop~~. Hammering a chisel enlarged slot which led to 2nd pitch. 20 ft, just free climbable to bench and short passage to 3rd pitch. This was definitely not free climbable + 30 ft and a well aimed rock at the bottom ~~caused~~ for some time dropping down where?? A good shell return.

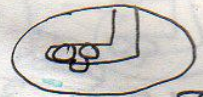
Stone O (dove) Paul S and Phil Miles Western Stream
Regatta 1st Aug '93

Work in through Cubic entrance and walked straight through to Chamber at end of previous trip. Put 60 ft of ladders down hole in floor that Stone & Phil had noticed. Depth estimate based on throwing rocks down. Depth of pitch turned out to be approx 15 ft!! Passage continued over a few bouldery dents into another chamber with a large sandy slope - sloping down left to right. Followed right hand wall round to sandy dents at end. Passed through low section into easy crawling / walking / stooping passage. Just thinking how good this was when Phil who was in front went "OOOH" Passage ends at right hand turn with big, big draught coming through a 2m dia eyehole. From this eyehole a mud slope leads down at ~ 60° to a large trench - 6 ft wide. A mud slope is also seen descending from the other side ~~also~~. Rocks rolled for a good length of time before coming to rest. Trench runs from left to right and may be a T-junction with larger passage.

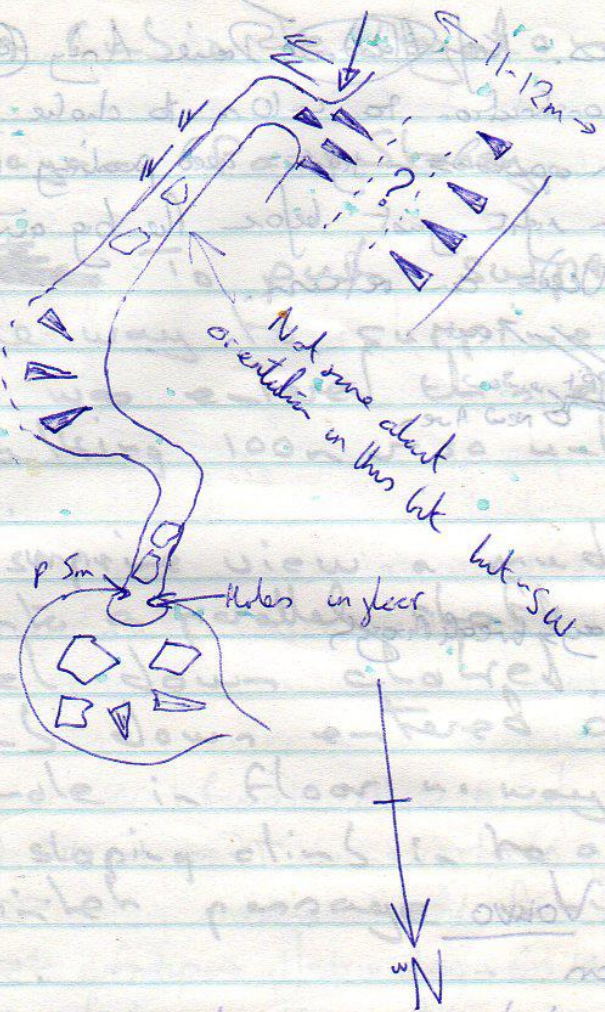
Drift V Strong

Eyehole named "SURPRISE VIEW"

SURPRISE VIEW



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Next trip with return to descend from SURPRISE VIEW

Steve O

ADDENDUM:

PART WAY ALONG PASSAGE FROM ISF LADDER CLIMB AT OLD TERMINAL CHAMBER IS A SQUEEZE THATS NEEDS A LOOK. IT IS ON THE R.H. SIDE LOW DOWN DOWN A SLOPING BORDER. JUST AT THE BASE OF THE PASSAGE AN OVAL HOLE (1.70m x 30cm) (a PASSAGE) CONTINUES FOR ABOUT 1/2 BOX LENGTH INTO AN ENLARGEMENT WITH WATER QUITE CLEARLY FALLING BEHIND. THIS WATER/SLUDG IS NOT HEARD ANYWHERE

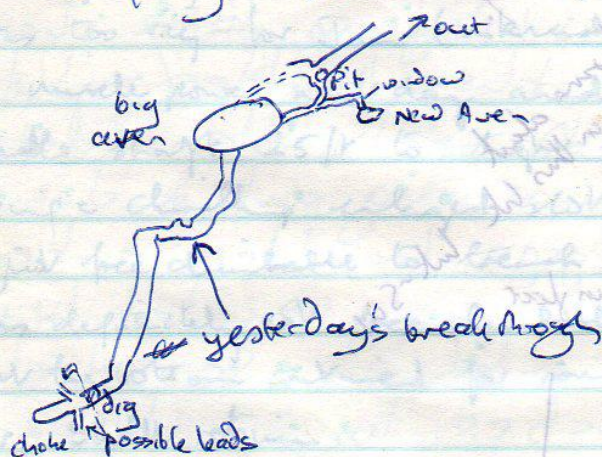


EISE. A SMALL AMOUNT OF DIGGING & A SMALL AMOUNT OF HUMANS SHOULD REVEAL GET IN.



2-2-93 Toad Masty Series. Kef Alaskan Dave Andy Rob.

Dug terminal ~~hole~~ construction to 10m to choke with drips.
Several possible ways on upwards - tight - need pushing by a thin man.
Dave found oven on right just before the big oven, climbable
& down drafting. Needs a return.



1-8-93.

VOLVO

Toby, Neil, Simian

Aims To Push and climb avenus in downstream Left Mand Series. Heading under Hill, massive Potential.

Entered Grotto on ~~left~~ right which leads through tight Squeeze with a very good draught. Passage is nasty ~~down~~ to Cold draught but could be enlarged by digging.

Passage of slime leads on to a muddy boulder choke, passed by squeeze and climb up to high level. Around here two climbs can be seen leading to a passage; one is about 60ft in bad rock due to fault. This climb would require a expendable person as there is no protection and the rock is ~~loose~~ ^{shattered}. 2nd climb could be climbed by bolting 1 or 2 bolts and a ~~at~~ ^{checked} sling, Needs doing.

Followed draught to down to large chamber with two to Aven. One ~~could~~ went to chamber with two over tight passages. 2nd Could not be protected due to bad rock. Needs a return trip Sometime!

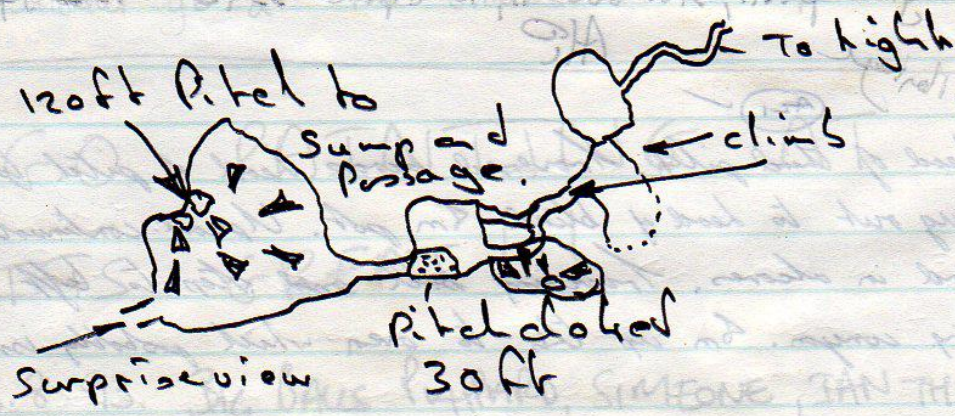
ERE, THERE, PASSAGE DOWN HERE
23-8-93
+ 300000
- 100000

Sistema Cusio de Regaton

PT Eager - Paul Stacey, Steve O!

Ains ~~to~~ To push surprise view.
On the way to surprise view a side passage was entered this appears to be easy walking 100m or so until it changes character.

At surprise view a mud traverse was made into a parallel shaft with 3 outlets one pitel down closed. Further traverse and climb down entered chamber with small hole in floor no way on. A climb up entered sloping climb in to over with small ~~at that~~ ^{in the} passage which became to small.



Hole in floor below surprise view is a 120 ft pitel which winds down past various high sections, to enter large passage above sump part way down a passage to the left needs a rope to climb down where water can be heard.

A return visit will be made to find stream way

P. Eager.



3-8-93

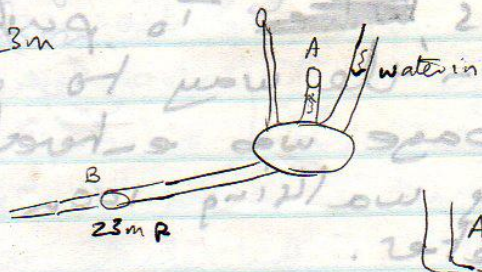
Dec Colin, Howard Arthur, Nigel

Reconnaissance around Simon I & II day before. Went down Simon I to check two passages:

"sump" bottom of shaft where water runs and passage 20' from bottom of 23m pitch. Bottom of wet shaft (A)

went into very tight rift with pot in. Shaft (B) passage about 20' from bottom was

hands and knees crawl for $\approx 120'$ then flat out. Way on visible but VERY low. No draught. No obvious prospect.



3-8-93 MUELA

Desegged 617. Then went for a walk. Found:

806 - plotted location wrong, correct site is 75m to NW (5486 9591)

Shaft c 10m deep undersanded, with tree in entrance 5544 9556

Rift descending north hole at N end - prob. a shaft, unexplored 5548 9571

Shaft marked M50 in green paint, slab over it, not explored. 5542 9574

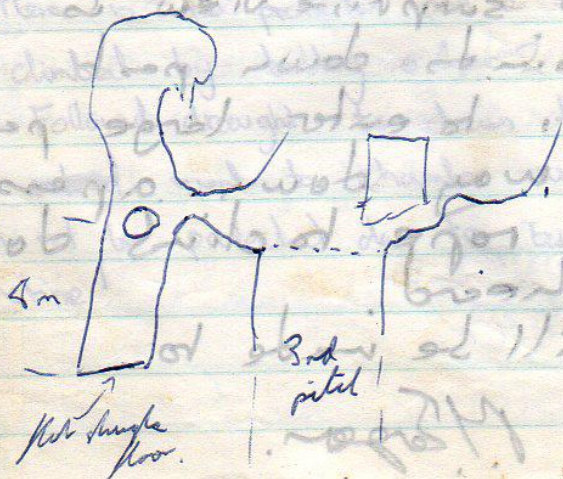
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3-8-93 MUELA

Colo Montague

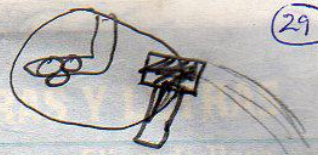
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Desended 75' to head of third pitch. Traversed across head of pitch to slope up to shot. Day out to head of blind 5m pot. Upward continuation of pot appeared to end in alcoves. Traversing back and step to left led to steeply ascending canyon. 5m up this to over which probably issues water in wet weather.



RNB

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+ 1 + 2sec



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snore of the week competition entrant.

Sarah to Jane:

"Take yer trousers off then".

3-8-93 Reñada.

Sarah

Ian & Simon Hopley, Bobby, Sarah, Jane, Angie, Grovel.

To survey maze in Sanatogen. All went as far as end of Shuffled Monk gallery. Angie, Jane & Grovel continued to survey maze in Sanatogen. Did an outside loop as the inside is rather like a worm-eaten ~~Grayer~~. Found a new bit of passage leading towards Andy Hall's find in Azpilicueta last year. This had animal footprints in it (rat?) and ended at a chamber with slippery climb up a rift. Grov climbed about 30' up this but stopped due to exposure (climb's not Grovel's). Several tubes in roof were observed but climbs too dodgy. We decided to return on another occasion to descend various pirs in the floor & maybe have another go at the climbs with a rope. Jane

GO PAINTING AT PHILZ
ITS GREAT !!!

3.8.93. Big Bauls Pappard, SIMEONE, IAN THE JORDI, NEIL THE DICKHEAD, Lo. AZPILICUETA / Reñada

Rigged it. Lo & Simeone went on to re rig the traverses over the vub a dub dubs. Lo fell in. Looked at the top of wooden hill. Dgs galore. Maybe a connection to Azpilicueta. Don't know what the other 3 did.



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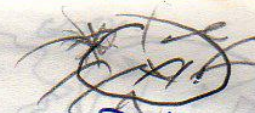
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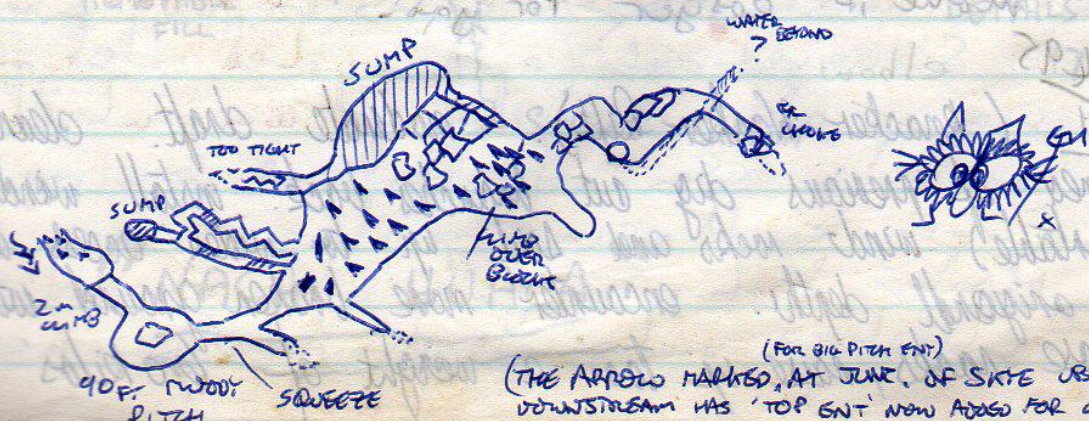
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3-AUG-93 REGATON (VIA CUBIO) STREET, P. Nuss, A. RINGE

RETURN TO SURPRISE VIEW. TWO PITCH STILL NOT DRAUGHTING AS GOOD AS FIRST DAY BUT STILL NOT BAD. PITCH IS ABOUT 90FT DEEP A GENERALLY MUDDY MOST OF THE WAY; THERE IS ONE 'SQUEEZE' ON THE WAY DOWN. AT THE 'BASE' OF THE PITCH TWO WAYS LEAD OFF. THE FIRST IS A DRAUGHTING CRAWL THAT LEADS TO A MUDDY CLIMB AFTER A FEW YARDS, ALTHO' I MANAGED TO CLIMB IT BOTH WAYS MORE PEOPLE WILL MAKE IT TOO SLIPPERY TO ASCEND. THE CONTINUATION SOON ENDS IN A MUDDY/PEBBLY SLOPE, (DIGGABLE), THAT GETS CLOSE TO THE POOF BUT DRAUGHTS QUITE STRONGLY WITH THE SOUND OF PUNING WATER BEYOND.

THE OTHER EXIT FROM THE BASE OF MUDDY PITCH IS A SQUEEZE ONTO AN ASCENDING SLOPE TO A CLEAN WASHED ^{BLACK} RIFT WITH WATER IN THE BOTTOM. VARIOUS TUBES LEAD OFF & THERE APPEARS TO BE A DEEP SUMP AT ONE END. TWO TUBES ^{ON THE} LEFT INTERCONNECT WITH ~~ANOTHER~~ EACH OTHER AFTER MANY TWISTS & TURNS. THE BOTTOM OF THIS MAZE HAS A SUMP THRU' WHICH PUNING WATER CAN BE HEARD AGAIN BUT NOT SEEN (AS COMMON WITH REST OF AREA). A LARGE PASSAGE, WITH BLOCKS, ABOVE THE RIFT WAS ENTERED & THIS CONTINUES OVER SEVERAL CLIMBS, LARGISH, UNTIL IT EVENTUALLY GUESSES DOWN IN A MUDDY AVENUE WITH A SLIGHTLY DRAUGHTING CHORE ABOVE. PART WAY ALONG THIS PASSAGE A CLEAN WASHED TUBE MAY BE ENTERED AT FLOOR LEVEL & AFTER SEVERAL METRES THE SOUND OF PUNING WATER MAY BE HEARD BEYOND A SECTION OF LOW AIRSPACE. ENTIRE SECTION SURVEYED UP MUDDY PITCH TO PREVIOUS STN. USING COMBINED TACTICS & DODGY LADDERING PRACTICE. LET IT NOT BE SAID THAT FRESNEDO HAS THE MONOPLY ON SQUATCHOR!



(FOR BIG PITCH ENT)
(THE ARROW MARKED AT JUNE. OF SITE USTREAN-
DOWNSTREAM HAS 'TOP ENT' NOW ADDED FOR CLARITY)



4/8/93

UZUEVA

Le Thawsea

wednesday 4th August

Sunny & dry, nice cool breeze from the entrance
went in got covered in cow dung, washed in
gorilla walk and attempted to bolt climb
in an aron above at the end of Crower Inlet
which is somewhere near Dobias junction
Cost about 1/2 way up - are you interested
in finishing it? it is a pity Gorilla walk
comes before the dung on the exit but
we had revenge in the cow drinking trough.

Unrecorded cave near this one ↑ visited in
error whilst looking - a little crowly
dropped in to a stream passage with
about 12 inches deep in mud until the
roof met the mud.

718
↓?

Please note a new easier entrance was
found to this cave whilst looking
for the cow slurry section on the way in.

Visited By John New Nigel Dibben Nick Smith
and Rob Hornum of The Derbyshire Rocket Building
covering club.

another note 20 m of 9mm Rpe left in place
to make it easier for you.

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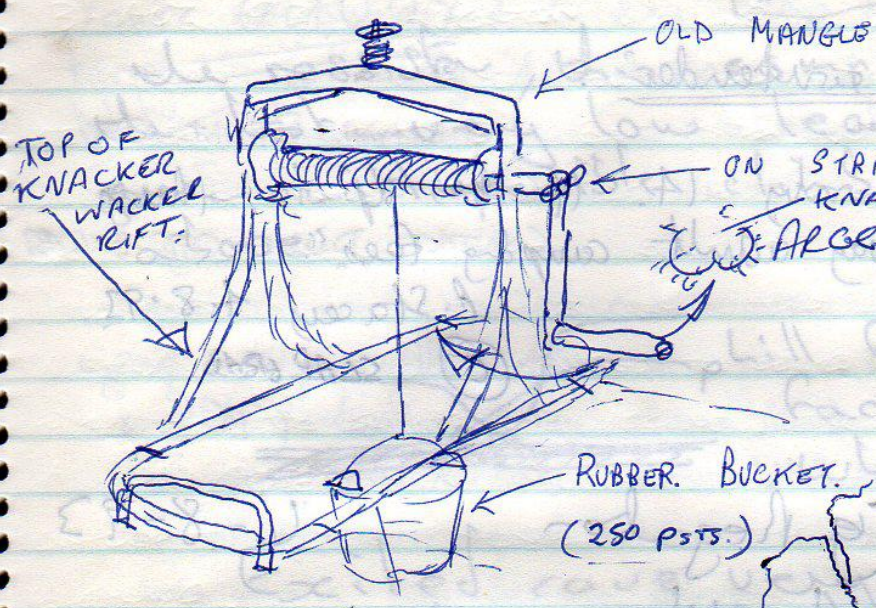
elbow

311 (Knacker Wacker Rift). moderate draft. clean up
area of previous dig out branches back. install windlass
(portable) wind rocks and soil up to widen access down
to original depth. encounter more broken ground with
loose rocks, raise up too a weight of 60 kilos

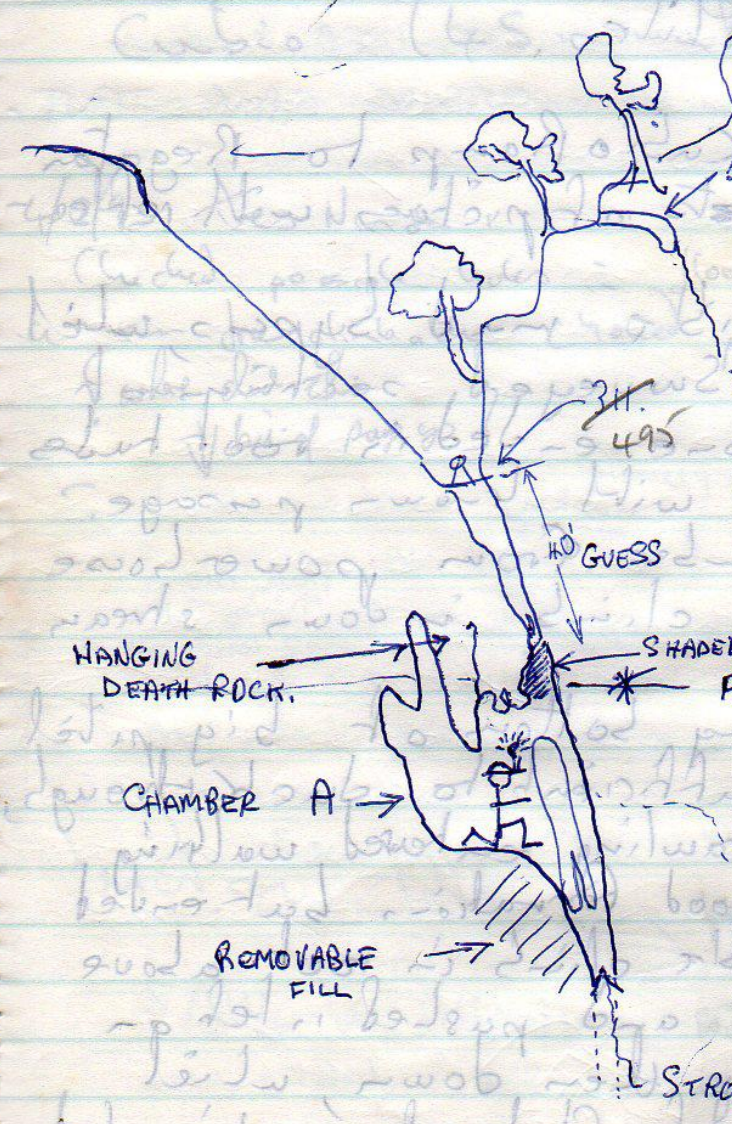
TLG CAND

GLORY

HARRY TLG HUGSTON



proceed down rift
remove material until
a depth of approx 100'
has been gained, two
ways on down (with solid
sail etc. to the right
knacker racks and draft!



Excavated low entrance to
small rift chamber
Draft issues out of narrow
fissure to right hand side
Not worth any further effort
(P.S.M.) (Colin (D.C.C.)
A further dig produced
all below *

FURTHER MORE
DETAILS BEFORE
17th.

"NACA HUACA"



Quote of the week contender

"I was told she's only 14. If she's up to things like that, she can pay adult camping fees".

P. Stacey 4.8.93

(C) SLAP

Systema de Cubio to Regaton

4-8-93

PT Eagan. Phil Miles.

Photo trip Cubio Ramp to Regaton connection. Took lots of pictures with reflections in pools etc.

Checked possible mud bypass, which did not connect. Surveyed section of passage of sky pipe ended in root tubes etc. Second connected with known passage.

Collected crowbar from powerhouse junction, attempted climb in down stream passage and failed.

6.30 Started digging bottom of big pit and lowered water sufficient to duck through, short section of crawling entered walking size passage with good formation, but ended in a wall with possible climb in root above inlet. Surveyed out and pushed inlet on right via a climb up then down, which was bypassed. 45m of flat out crawling led to a very small swamp pool.

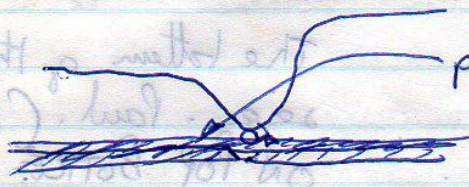
Made splash to get out ie cold then and checked out a wet passage near

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THE STORY OF BERT THE BOULDER



the passage, this comprised of 3 ducts
the last very low leading to a small
aven with possible climb up with stalactites
above



Phill freediving ducts
face down in water
why?

Exited cave very quickly via
Cubio (45 minutes).

R/Serge.

4/2/93. Tres Ninos.

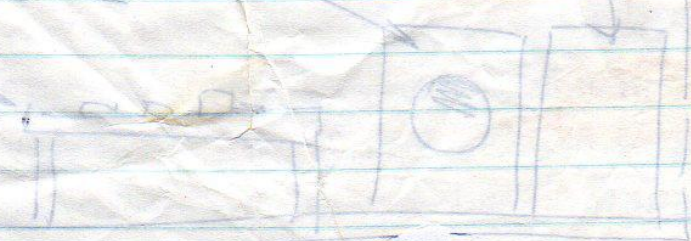
(checked possible holes in floor of main passage - on
a 4m free climbable choked pass.
? where did this
↓ bit of passage go?

Alc



Full blown
diving
the last bit
for divers

only working



SAW
FEE

LOST

2 BIG UNION JACKS
RETURN TO D.C.C.

1 Rocket
As Above.

PRINGLES REMAINING BRAIN CELL.
IF FOUND DESTROY.

GROSS VIRGINITY,

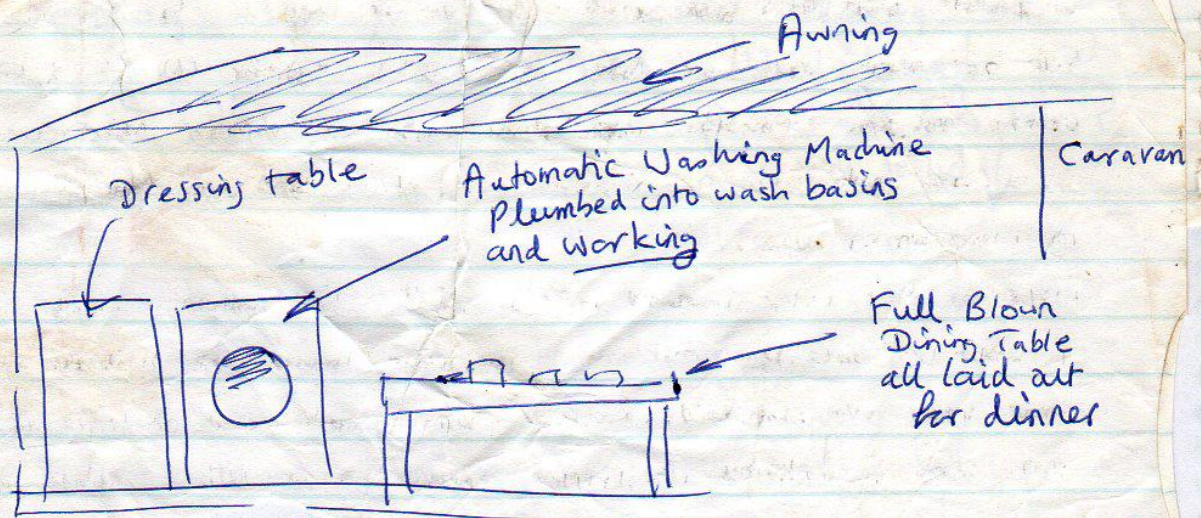
FOUND

1 UNKNOWN DRUNK ON
CAMPSITE
CONTACT DDS ON 0898 6X6X89

The bottom of this page
see. Paul. (NO 6 &
ON POP BOTTLE.

ONE USED CONDOM
OUTSIDE GROSS TENT.

Seen on French Camp Site :-



"What was here?
SLAPHEAD WAZ
'ERE

5/8/93. Reñada Bobo, C, Ali, Kief, Rob, Dave. A very
ground at end of S. pit - nothing found.

6/8/93 Simas del Pícon. (A2) ✓

Entrance pitch c 15m - best laddered. Very impressive passage
mainly 20 - 30 m wide. Surveied. Several side bits & good
draft. Side chamber leads to diggable slot with strong
draft. Needs a return.

Ali & Kief.

5/8/93 Reñada Jane, Grov, Sarah Andy.

Sarah

Sanatogen. aim: to drop pits in floor & recheck survey
of 3/8/93. Dropped nearest pit in Sanatogen. 3 pitches
total length about 40'. This staggered pitch leads into a highish
streamway with pools. It connects vocally with the 2nd pit
in Sanatogen (probably an easier way in). Grov. pushed this
for 30m leaving a calm at the end. Due to lack of
survey gear at that time (Ali's party had it) we didn't give
this a serious push - needs a return trip. Pit at entrance
to maze does not seem to go - 25' to v. high tube.

Also one at end of maze does not go. A passage on
right hand side of Sanatogen (going towards Acpilicue) goes
to a loose breakdown area c 50m which has not
been pushed as far as we can see. Needs surveying &
pushing. When survey kit collected from Ali the previous
survey was rechecked. An error of 5° was noted on suspect
leg. The party returned after 6 hrs. Jane

OUR LASS WENT ALL THE WAY IN
UZUEKA AND IT ONLY TOOK 10 MINS !!!!
Lugger.



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413 Droughting entrance - had a look down to see if it is possible to follow the Drought. Didn't find anything new, though. The way on was stopped by ~~was~~ a large hole in the floor and hanging boulders. When entering the rift the drought is coming from the left if you wish to have a further look. This system appears to be very old and and well ~~steps~~ collapsed though there could be some more passage lower down or further left along the rift. See survey for further details.

No Dec.

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"I vote Steve O, the most handsome person on the campsite"

DAVE SALERMAN MUST HAVE BEEN ON THE beach THAT DAY.

seconded - In the world.



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(PS)

7/8/93 (Saturday) Simer del Picon Paul Stacey &
Driver Ian Walton

Aim - to drop pit at end of cave as noted
as "potential" by surveying team previous day.

Went to descend ~~pit~~ pits, but didn't have
correct belays etc, so split and followed walls
around to find any possible future digs. After
a few minutes dropped down between boulders to
a well decorated grotto below level of "main"
passage. Passage apparently ends at a calcite/mud
blockage, PS found draughting grotto on right which
was quickly altered to a draughting crawl -
leading to an extremely well decorated passage. (~100m)
Ends in a pit at the end of a sandy ramp with
continuation visible across pit and down pit.
Read on tomorrow,

30/7/93. Jim & Helen. Tres Ninos/Cubia Surface walk.
Started at White Horse and followed meadow wall towards
Muela and worked way up to pylons (new feature). No
holes of note found to go, but large shakeholes above Duck
Passage in Caravanso are big, but choked. Jim D.

29/7/93. Simon, Dangerous Dave, Juan & Jim.

Videotap 415

Two bright yellow stars were marched backwards and
forwards from the road to 415 for continuity shots.
Suitably warmed up they were then asked to do
easy climbs & traverses which caused bother (See film).
Someone got told off for embracing the column at
the end of the pit crawl in the 2nd chamber. The

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new helictite passage was then visited, videoed and
unintentionally enlarged. They are the best I've seen. The
ends were pushed and shot of destroying huge amounts
of stal, enough was enough. Look elsewhere for passage!
We then went via the sandy crawl to the last chamber
and had a look round. The trip was a pleasant start to
Mateings 93 for me. Spied hole to be (715) on way back
to car see 1/8/93.

1/8/93. Tui, Helen, Thes Ninos, Holly Bayle & Simon.
Cofresedo.

Jungle Bush to entrance. Impressive piece of cave
with good formations. Looked for archaeological paintings
but were not impressed by "Abstract" ~~and~~ doubling. The
best sites for paintings were not used so I reckon these
"Abstract" paintings are evidence of drunken Iron Age
man finding his way to his pit with a burnt stick!!
Has the cave really been looked at for Leads?

2/8/93. Tui, Helen, Thes Ninos, H, B & S.

(512)

Walk above Cubra.

Started at beginning of track, with Lluera road and walked
up to barn ~~on~~ on top of the Hill. Large shake hole at
rear of barn choked. Then walked down line of fault?
towards 603, traversing hillside as we went. Looked at large
choked shakehole at first hairpin in track (no go) and
then continued back towards pylons to look for 512 which
we found (good grid Ref.) 6m deep shaft in centre of
meadow north of most westerly pylon. Body sized and choked
at bottom. (Might as well be filled in otherwise farmer might
disappear!). Also found another one 2m deep choked 40m
north of 512. Neither hole is numbered.
Found 2m deep hole next to road, used as drain
sink for road drain and syringe/needle and

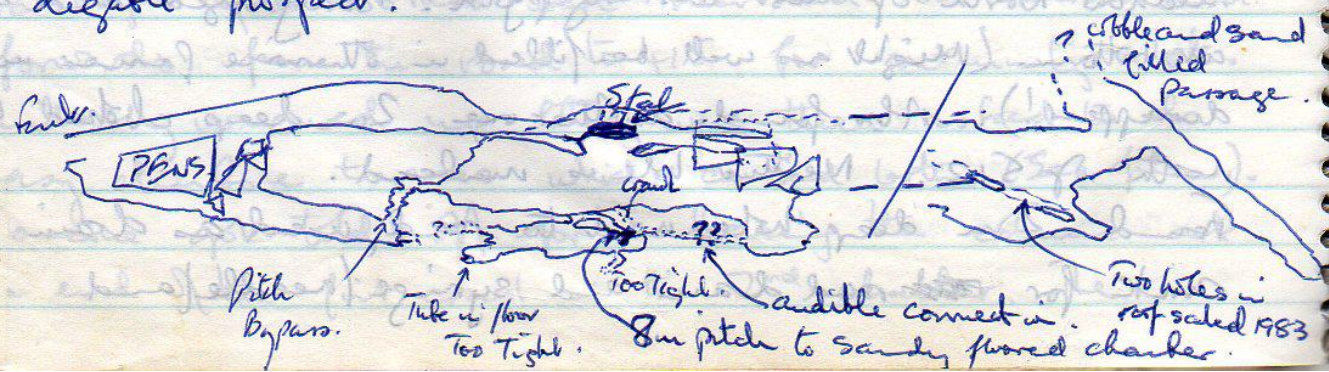


Hood sample rabbit pte. ~~Descend~~ Descended it
with great care using natural ADS, but chided.
NOT NUMBERED. Tm D.

3/8/93. T.S. descent. See Dangerous Davis
description

5/8/93. Colin Dawson, Arthur Tm D.
La Cueva

Trip to microscopically examine cave.
Survey is not very good and does not have pitch
bypass on which is easy.
Enter cave and follow right hand wall beyond
pens to climb down below boulders. At bottom of
slope a small keyhole passage on left emerges in
main passage at top of 2nd climb down. Sometimes
are worth seeing. Roof tube on right leads to pitch
previously noted, but not drawn up on survey. Bal roots
above are obviously used in winter. Passage at
entrance end of chamber probably connects with right
hand entrance passage. Then followed passage to end
but could not find anything to push that hadn't been
entered except stal spill at end. Broken now in the
pocket of "Cave". Definitely does not go there. However, there
seems to be a passage at the opposite end of the rift
which is well choked with cobbles and sand, but NOT
a desirable prospect.



(GCS, THERE)
PASSAGE ETC...



30000
YRS
+ 1

5/8/93. Continued Arenal. Then had quick look at choke dig across pool, but this requires long term attention. Suggest The DCC lays a railway next year. Then climbed above entrance on surface to find large shakehole big enough to cause choke in Arenal. Searching for likely holes or dips led us to 716, a slot with potential. See next write up. Jim D

716

6/8/93 Dig above Vega car park. Follow track up and take right turn until buried wire "gate" is met. Then go straight up the hill for @100m to most easterly large tree. Slot 25m up and to the left of tree is. Hole on left was dug to even chamber 2x2m x 2m and badly silted tube entered to 4ft choked drop. Hole on right of slot was dug in two places to reveal solid half arched wall on right, but filled with uncompacted limestone. However, what looks like a passage completely choked with compacted limestone is worthy of a return. Jim D

5/8/93 P. Eagan, Ian Walton, Steve O'P Stacey 892

Were heading for the previous end of cave (100ft Muddy Pitel down - have surprise view) but whilst poking around the left hand wall 70m back from pitch a small gap was found which led to black washed limestone passage of small proportions. This led quickly to a bouldery passage 4m wide x high, at this point Ian had had enough and due to extreme tiredness needed to exit the cave. After a quick stop down easy large passage Peter & Ian left the cave and the glory



to Steve & Paul, who will
continue the story from here.

M. Egan.

Waded back to camp but at start of stamp & surveyed in
passage initially goes out after a short distance drops
onto sand/pebbly floor & continues in great fashion for
several hundred metres ~~on~~ until a lowish section is reached.
A 'T' junction is entered with water & low air space on
LHS but streamway continuing on RHS. Streamway followed
upstream for ~100m (reasonably wading) until a extremely
deep blue pool is reached at which point we stopped. An
(upstream) draught can be noticed whistling thru' the hole
(~50m H x 1m wide) over the deep blue pool (the blue lagoon)
heading upstream. Returning downstream several other leads were
examined. The obvious ^{on route} aven/inlet, ~~checked~~ after about a 10m climb
but a small rift on the RHS (going 'upstream') was pushed for
about 50m until an inlet was reached that drops thru' the floor.
This inlet continues shall with slight outward gradient needs
pushing.

Surveyed out thru' connection rift to known station &
an aven was entered that can be climbed via a calcite
grotto/floor to a blockage.



Just a signature
will do

(433)

(45)

smash 130000000 + 1 + 25000
WHITER Track extremely rough, washed-out, overgrown

6/8 Lastrilla Valley (Joe) Phil, Dave, Andy, Groel. Drove up the "back Road to Santander" — a track which goes off the Mostajo track shortly after the hand-applied concrete section, climbs over the shoulder into the Lastrilla valley and climbs up that to join the Alisas Road at Las Calzadillas. The idea was to spot the smoke released from the Regaton party (see next write-up) No smoke was spotted but amongst other things a stream sink was discovered quite high up in the valley just below the track where another track goes off. This is formed on an inclined sandstone bed, drops down a 4m pitch then joins another passage from a daylight shaft a few metres from the entrance (with a narrow rift connection to the latter) formed in a rift, about 10m deep. The passage then meanders down within an oxbow (all walking size or hands & knees) then abruptly drops to body-sized on a RH bend, which stopped progress. Subsequently decided that this is the cave found at same time as Lastrilla exploration. (1983?) Never named — decided to call it Holly Cave: Cuera de Acebo

Draughts inwards — no running water
the takes water in winter

6-18/93 Systema de Cubio y Regato.
PT Eagan. ~~Phil~~ Phil Miles

(Steve O)

Returned to previous limit is large deep pool through Arch. Arch proved to be a very deep wade, which proved very welcome as all three cavers were wearing wetsuits for the entire trip.

Once past the pool it was obvious that this passage was going somewhere (500mtrs). The passage very quickly developed into a deep canal, average about 3m wide. A First plane was contested, not for glory, but for visibility as those who followed ended up in deep water.

The passage wound on very nicely with a few ducks that



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would very easily jump, with small
rock bridges providing a little interest,
an inlet on the right led to a
small wet passage with ruins of
small boulders (still going usual),
further on in the main canal
still deep a junction on the left
with very strong draft led quickly
to a boulder choke and narrow
passage (also still going). later a
smoke bomb was lit at this
corner and the smoke quickly disappeared.

A boulder. The main canal continue
wet then became a nice walking
size stream passage with formations
to yet another boulder choke
which requires pushing.

All the new cave was surveyed
out with inlets being looked at
and also a 40 m ramp was found
off to one side decorated with
helichites and fine formation. The
ramp consisted of 40 m of sticky
mud, which required all concerned
to wade in the river before continuing
out of the cave.

A good trip of about 8 hrs
with over 500 m surveyed and more
to come.

A second party where also is the
cave with up to follow.

P. Egan.

GLORY
BERT THE
SHAMEL

Toby, Richard, Angie, Neil, Simon
Big Nose

Straightforward trip to sump. Phil dived for ~45 mins and turned round at the start of Sump 3 after 120 m diving. Surveyed the sump 20m walking between S1 & S2. Between S2 & S3 is an airbell is corner of 1)



Then looked round Rio Rioja end choke. Eventually
re found our old dig at the draughting end of the
choke. Looks as promising as ever. Dig for a bit but
needs tools. Cabalans have given us permission to
look further around the streamway as long as
all information is sent on to them.

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Cueva del Hoyo Verde.

8/8. Lluera.

(Joe) Pedro and Liz up to Lluera to investigate
story Pedro had heard of a cave with pretties above Biggo.
Enquired at farm (last on left before get near Biggo) and were told
to look below road just beyond. Investigated this and found a remnant
tunnel that Pedro already knew about. Stopped from looking further at
this point by dense jungle, very prickly. Then returned up road
to farm referred to by first farmer. This farm lies below road
and has distinctive gates and is above first farm. Farmer here
was very friendly and took Joe & Pedro to the cave that Pedro had
been told about. Lies about 500m along valley at a little
lower altitude, just below a cabaña. At this point were
looking down onto the area of the first investigation of this description.
The cave is in a shakehole, virtually hidden by the lip of the land.
Is called (Cueva del) Hoyo Verde. Drop down into a very
large chamber about 150 m or more long running parallel to
the hillside. Has been very well decorated but a lot of vandalism.
At the north end of the chambers found an extension into a mud-floored
chamber with no signs of recent investigation. Broken stals here have
straws growing off the broken ends. Halfway back the chambers
have a partially collapsed lowest point which might dig out. At
the southern end ~~the~~ ^{any} possible way on is blocked by stals. A lot of
destruction would probably only yield a few metres. Back towards
the entrance, a large area of black mud floor was interpreted by
Pedro to be decomposed charcoal, so the place was inhabited. No
sign of cave drawings / paintings seen. Some pottery found near
entrance but considered recent. No draughts anywhere. Altogether
very interesting, very big, very pretty in a lot of places and well worth
a visit to survey and photograph or just to look at.

7 Aug. OSO GUAREÑA - Grand trip - Lots of people went, did
a 5km trip (ie 5% of whole cave). THE STORY OF CARLOS THE CAUSER CARLOS THE CAUSER
Comments on Sarah's Bottom as seen in EL Diario

Oh I thought it was a tackle sack
" I thought it was a boulder.
" I thought it was Sarah (Brave Man!!!)

Others.....

i O' my god as she got a bat ache (Neil)
ii or what.
iii

THIS IS THE MOST

BORING LEE, BOOK

WE (BRITISH STEEL CORPORATION B.S.C) HAS EVER

SEEN. WHAT A DISAPPOINT

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE NEW

TALENT CONTEST.

YAWN.





CRACK POT CARLOS

Los espeleólogos ingleses realizaron una primera exploración de la cueva hace días.

JOSE RAMON GONZALEZ



Las bocas de acceso a la caverna son reducidas

Suzie washed and I washed this jumper white and over exposed

El Ayuntamiento financia la investigación más importante de toda España en suelos kársticos

Se lleva a efecto en la cueva del Peñajorao, que pertenece también a Piélagos, pero su alcalde no ha contestado la petición de ayuda del equipo investigador

ALFONSO RUIZ
DM/MURIEDAS

El Ayuntamiento financiará un proyecto de estudio del medio subterráneo en el Valle del Peñajorao, el más importante de cuantos se realizan a nivel nacional sobre suelo kárstico. Aunque esta cavidad pertenece también al municipio de Piélagos y, por tanto, se ve afectado por las conclusiones del estudio, su alcalde aún no ha contestado la petición de ayuda del equipo investigador y, por lo tanto, no aporta ayuda económica alguna al desarrollo del proyecto.

El estudio lo llevan a efecto el Grupo de Espeleología e Investigaciones Subterráneas de Carballo/Rada (GEIS) y el Colectivo para la Ampliación de Estudios de Arqueología Prehistórica (CAEAP). Cinco son los proyectos que integra este estudio, cada uno de ellos realizado por diversos especialistas y técnicos nacionales e internacionales.

El primero hace referencia al análisis topográfico y planimétrico de la cavidad. Este es quizá el principal estudio que piensa realizarse, por cuanto indica donde y cuantas cavernas existen en el área del Peñajorao, con el añadido de que enseña la notoriedad kárstica de toda la zona y hace factible su comparación con otros espacios similares.

Este estudio topográfico cuenta con la dirección del GEIS, aunque tiene la importante colaboración del grupo inglés de la Manchester University Speological Society (MUSS), que aporta todo su material y experiencia espeleológica.

Calidad de las aguas

Este proyecto también incluye el estudio de la calidad de las aguas subterráneas. El objetivo de este apartado no es otro que controlar durante un año los ríos subterráneos de al menos ocho cuevas del área de estudio y analizar biológica y químicamente la composición del agua. Con posterioridad a estos estudios, se pretenden valorar los resultados de

este análisis para determinar su uso futuro que, en caso de potabilidad de las aguas, podría orientarse hacia el abastecimiento de las zonas altas del municipio. No obstante, será necesario un previo estudio técnico en el que se compruebe si su aprovechamiento es rentable, algo que, casi con seguridad, correrá a cargo del Departamento de Ciencias y Técnicas

de la Universidad de Cantabria. Este apartado se complementa con el estudio hidrogeológico de las aguas, que realizará la geóloga Marta Solar, perteneciente a la Universidad de Cantabria. El objetivo de este trabajo es dar a conocer por donde y cómo discurren las aguas subterráneas bajo el subsuelo, así como cuantificar el agua que encierran los acuíferos en las cuevas. Lo que si parece claro es que en el Valle del Peñajorao existe un caudal interno de grandes proporciones, que nace en el Pozón de la Dolores y desemboca en el río Pas.

Interés arqueológico

El último de los estudios que pretenden llevarse a efecto en el valle del Peñajorao hace referencia al interés arqueológico de la cuenca kárstica.

El objetivo de este apartado completará la extensa labor realizada con la Carta Arqueológica del municipio, realizada por Emilio Muñoz y Balén Malpelo, pertenecientes ambos al CAEAP. No obstante, los estudios arqueológicos se limitarán a una revisión de la extensa documentación bibliográfica, archivos y materiales depositados en el Museo Regional de Prehistoria, que existen sobre este valle.

Entre las cuevas más importantes con yacimientos paleolíticos y arte rupestre, se podrían citar El Pendo, Santian, Cobalejos y Matto, en las que se han hallado numerosos materiales prehistóricos e, incluso, en uno de los casos (Pendo) la cueva esta sellada con una verja metálica desde hace años, por su gran interés arqueológico.



NEIL "I've joined the Matanzo free fall club"

JOSE RAMON GONZALEZ

Los espeleólogos ingleses han servido de gran ayuda en los inicios de la exploración, dados sus conocimientos técnicos y el material del que disponen. No obstante, el proyecto de estudio del valle del Peñajorao está dirigido por el GEIS, que cuenta también con bastante experiencia en este tipo de operaciones. Hay que señalar además que, entre las dificultades que han encontrado para explorar la cueva, se citan los acuíferos que discurren en el interior de la caverna y que obligan a la expedición a tomar todo tipo de medidas para no quedar atrapados en el interior de la gruta. No en vano, en una primera exploración resultó herido leve el director de la misma, Carlos González Luque, que se fracturó una muñeca.

La fauna de las cavernas

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Otro de los estudios que pretende llevar a efecto el GEIS guarda relación con la diversidad de la fauna invertebrada cavernícola que habita la cueva del Peñajorao y que, según se ha puesto de manifiesto en las prospecciones iniciales efectuadas por el científico Carlos González Luque, tiene especial importancia.

Luque contará en este estudio con la colaboración de los profesores Enrique Salgado Costas (Universidad de León); Beruete Azpilikueta (Universidad de Navarra); los doctores Demange y Mauries (Museo Nacional de Ciencias naturales de París) y, por último, colaborará en este proyecto el profesor Ribera Almerje, titular de la Universidad de Barcelona.

Como ya informó este periódico, Luque ha descubierto durante el último año un total de seis especies cavernícolas, dos de las cuales son relictas y endémicas de Camargo. Este es el caso del insecto denominado «Speocharis Sharpi intermedius», especie troglobia -sólo habita en las cavernas- de apenas un milímetro de longitud, que fue hallado en la cueva del Ruso.

También es endémico y relictos a este municipio el insecto bautizado con el nombre de «Trechus Camargo», perteneciente a la especie del «carabidae Trechinae», animalillo que fue hallado en Los Covachos del Peñajorao.

Estos dos insectos, según se ha demostrado en posteriores análisis científicos, son únicos en el mundo, lo cual concede, si cabe, mayor importancia al estudio que ahora realiza Luque y aconseja, aún más, la protección del entorno subterráneo del valle.

No se descarta tampoco que, dada la magnitud del estudio que piensa realizarse en el Peñajorao y, en la medida que se descubran nuevas especies, se sumen a este estudio otros especialistas europeos que, hasta el momento, no han confirmado su colaboración en el mismo.

Ho

8th August.

Toby, Neil.

FRESNEDO II

Toby

♀

(51)

De-tacked 2nd & 3rd pilotos. Left traverse line on 3rd pilot in place + 2 hangers & mailbags (some as left last year). Went to drop pilot at end of Prof Tib passage. About 50' deep with too tight streamway & no draught (top of pilot has a nice draught coming out of it.) A hole opened up amongst boulders at the base of the aven was not descending, as it was collapsing, but needs loading at next year. Snail shells, bones and 2 small pieces of well rounded roof tile were found under the aven. Tried to climb into passage 6 m up aven by lassoing a flake & climbing up a ladder. Above mentioned flake jumped off as Neil got to it (4 m up) and escorted him back to the floor. Neil landed amongst a pile of boulders & the flake landed next to him. Toby tied Neil's hand back on with a dirty sock, recovered ladder & knackered letter from under rock flake (with some difficulty as it was too heavy to lift) and excited cave. Cup of tea & a dressing over cuts on hand then back to bar where it was found that hand had re-grown onto arm and only a few cuts on the palm hinted at the trauma it had suffered. Neil drank lots of medicine.

8th August Sims & crew - P. S. SACKET, SIMON, JIAN DALYON

RETURNED TO EXTENSION TO SURVEY & PUSH NEW STAFF - INITIAL WALKING SIZE SQUEEZE TRAIL STYL. DRIP IMMEDIATELY INTO WELL DECORATED PASSAGE THAT CONTINUES PAST/UNDER A FINE FALSE FLOOR UNTIL AFTER A SHORT CLIMB A LARGE SAND FLOORED JUNCTION IS REACHED. LHS & OVER A CLIMB GOES INTO A SECTION OF PNEUMATIC PASS AGES UNTIL A PITCH IS REACHED (N.E.W) WHICH MAY BE FREE CLIMBED VIA A CRAWL INTO A CHAMBER NEAR BY. AT THE BASE OF THIS CLIMB A SMALL RIFT LEADS TO A VERY STEEP HADING RIFT WITH A SMALL TIGHT CLIMB STILL TO BE PUSHED. A SLIGHT DRAUGHT IS PRESENT. STRAIGHT ON FROM THE MAIN JUNCTION TO A STEEPLY DESCENDING



8th August Cellaron, Jim Davis, Jane

Went to look at '80' bolt route' into passage above end of Cellaron. Got about 40' up horrible stalflow covered wall to slimy muddy bit. Left rope rigged for anyone else who wants to continue. Possible passage above but not very enticing prospect. Went out. Jane

CONT.

SAND SLORE & THE HEAD OF A 20m PITCH - AN UNDERCUT CAN BE SEEN AT THE BASE. THIS PITCH MAY BE BYPASSED POSSIBLY BY INSTALLING A BOLT TRAVERSE & ^{PROTECTED} CLIMB UP A CHIMNEY AND ACROSS THE PITCH 'ROOF' - A PASSAGE CAN BE SEEN OPPOSITE.

ON THE WAY OUT THE AREA AROUND THE CALCITE BLOCKAGE WAS REVEALED IN & A CHAMBER/PASSAGE MAY BE REACHED POSSIBLY AFTER JOGGING WITHIN THE CLOVE - PILON MAIN PASSAGE CONTINUATION?

HAD TO SURVEY ALL THE WAY OUT TO 1/2 WAY UP PILON TOWARDS ENT. AS PASSAGE IS SO BIG WE COULDN'T FIND ~~THE~~ ANY SURVEY MARKERS LEFT BY ALI.

TU = 8 1/2 SURVEYED ~ 300m.



7-AUG-93 REGATON (VIA W810) P. STACEY, MIKE NECHAN, KATE MORTON

LOOKED AT OTHER PASSAGE AT BASE OF MUDDY PITCH JUNCTION. A QUICK SIG AT THE BASE OF A FWD RAMP AFTER THE CRAWL ENABLED MYSELF & MIKE (KATE WAITING AT TOP OF PITCH) ACCESS TO ~100m OF STREAMWAY. THE EXTREME UPSTREAM SUMP FLOWS INTO ANOTHER WHICH I SUSPECT THEN FLOWS TO THAT SEEN IN PASSAGE EXPLORED FROM OTHER SIDE OF JUNCTION. A FEW CLIMBS WERE PUSHED BUT BEST BET (A SOURCE OF GOOD DRAUGHT) MUST BE THE MUDDY GROUND CHOKER AT THE RHS AFTER INITIAL ENTRANCE TO STREAMWAY. LADDERS RIGGED UP TO FIRST BIG SECTION TO FACILITATE REMOVAL IF REQUIRED.



Cubio P. Egan, P. Stacey 9-8-93

A very short trip by two very short people.

Entered cave looking for possible dig down to Lassie's last stand (Cubio Regatta connection). First site had small draughting hole in sand and pebbles, this was left for later return visit. A short climb on right hand side looked good but became a bit rich with sharp bends.

Nothing else of real note was seen, so we went to end of R.H. branch of cubio previously unsurveyed and surveyed out about 65m.

First dig was started this has a slight draught needs a shovel and a bit of time. It is exactly the right place with a draught to make an easy entrance to Regatta via Lassie's last stand any takers!!

M. Egan

9 AUGUST '93 ONITE / SEDO

PLANNED THRO' TRIP FAILED WHEN WE ENCOUNTERED A SUMP 50M DOWNSTREAM OF MAIN INLET FROM PERCHED SUMP (PRESUMABLY FLOOD DEBRIS AS WE KICKED INTO SAND BELOW WATER). RETREATED AND ENTERED TORCA DEL SEDO FOR TRUNK UPSTREAM "ARCO". FOUND 50CM EEL, DARK GREEN IN COLOUR JUST BELOW CONFLUENCE WITH "TOMTO". NOTED SEVERAL CALCITE FLOWS DRIPPING A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSIDERING DRY CONDITIONS. - BEGS THE QUESTION: HAS TOP OF THIS HIGH PASSAGE BEEN COVERED THOROUGHLY?

Colin D.C.

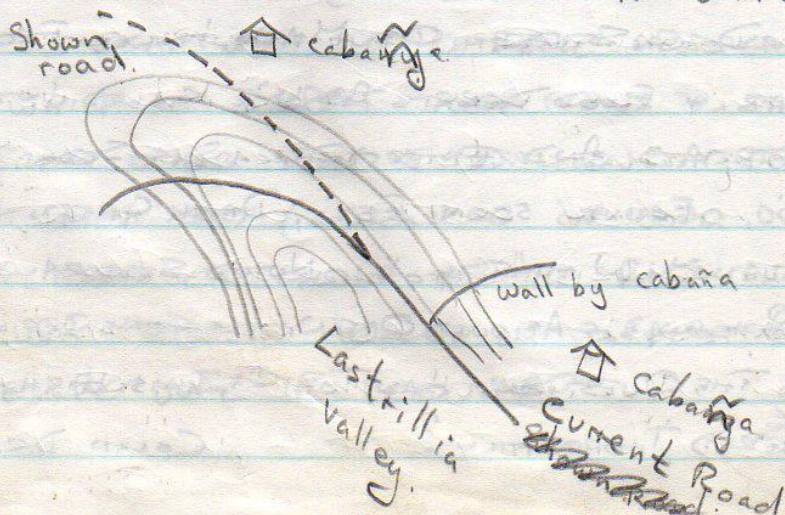


9th August FRESNADO DUES, STEVE M, Andy P. KINDLY CLIMB AFFIXED BY 8.30.

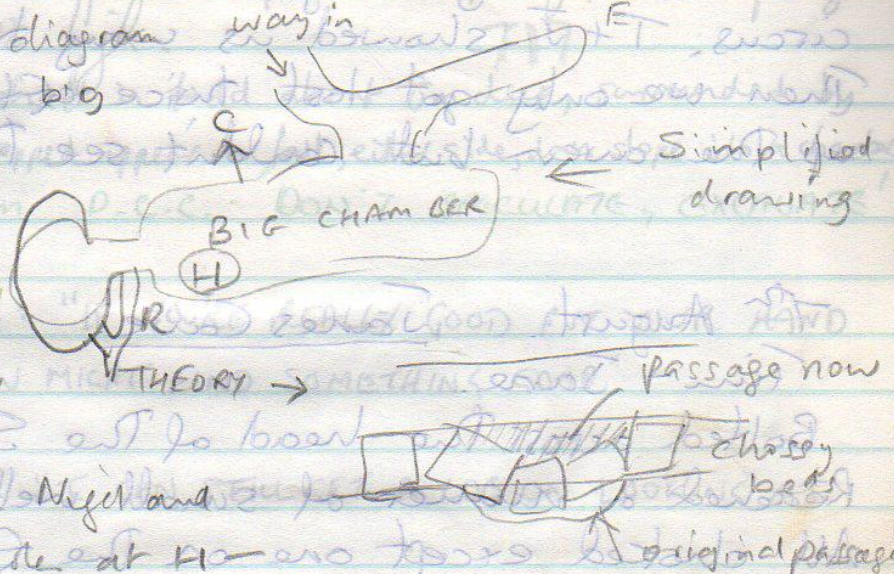
Trundled down Fresno to knotted rope series. Replaced rope on pitch and rigged traverse across to route to glory. After quick trip round recently discovered stuff arrived at even at end of what passage. Decided that both were needed for further progress. Trundled down to which passage and into ~~Claret~~ more shifts. Sadly, due to prior ~~arrangement~~ arrangements, mud etc. had to curtail trip after surveying and discovering 2.0m and one traverse, requiring further bolting. ~~It further~~ On way back to start of which passage, poked down side passage noted previously by Toby. Decided that aid required to ensure return from drop at end of side passage. Finally, stores lamp went out, accompanied by ourselves.

- So, ~~the~~ obvious possibilities - even bolting at end of ^{what} ~~which~~ passage
- traverse requiring bolting at end of ^{which} ~~what~~ passage
 - ? passage off bottom of above traverse?
 - Passage leading to drop halfway along what passage.

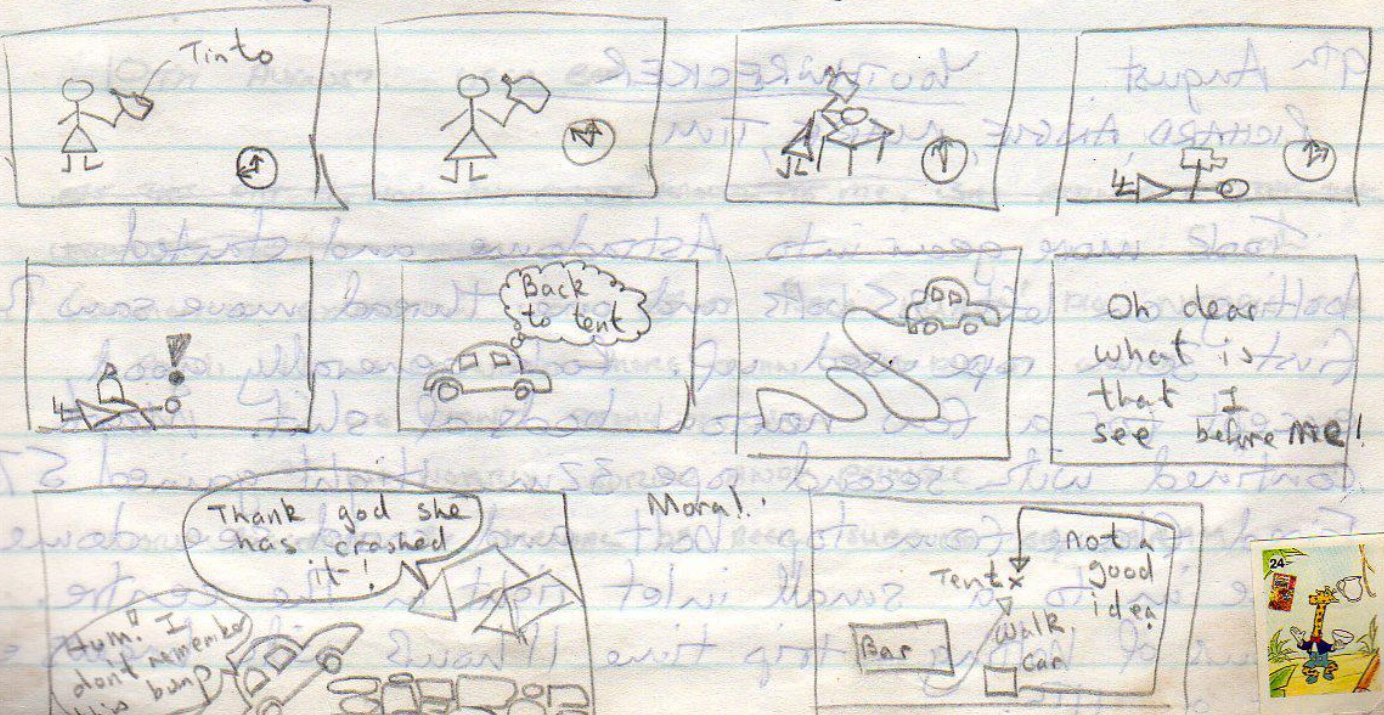
8 August. Dangerous Dave, Andy Pringle & Geronel. Went to investigate 433, which is above end of Regator. Due to "error" on map did not find hole. Map shows older donkey track roads, not current Land Rover track used on 6 August. Found Went back to hole which was found on 6th. This drafts out. Was dug for 2 hrs. Shows potential.



9 August Riaño Nigel Dibben, Lenny, Grovel, Rob, Billy
 went in to upstream high level passages. Went
 to eastern most end (E) but appeared to be a collapsed
 passage in cherty beds, no
 obvious way in (see diagram
 below). Went into big
 chamber to W end
 and Grov went
 up into rounding
 chamber. Threw
 boulders down rift 'R'.
 Went back down
 to big chamber and Nigel and
 Grovel went down hole at 'R' and
 continued to descend into solid beds.
 Rob went up calcite slopes at 'C', confirmed survey
 but no new leads. Came out. Worth more examination
 but someone needs to work out where the passage goes!!



6 August We promised not to tell Tony what happened
 in Mateenze on Roz's last night, so here's a cartoon!



MUCHO DIAS PASADO

6th August. YOUTH WRECKER

TOBY, JANE, L., MARK, TIM.

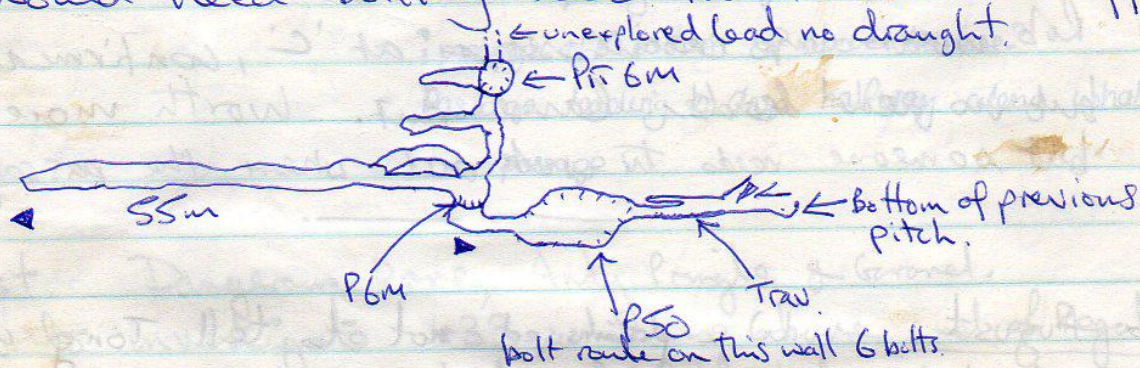
Carried 3 bags of gear into Astradome, for bolting circus. T+J showed us way to Punk in The gutter. Then we only got lost twice after that. Fired flares up the aven but couldn't see the top.

7th August. Janes Cave.

Vedwa 891

Tim + Jane.

Bolted across the head of The 50m (last) pitch. Reached a number of small well decorated passages. All choked except one on the far side of a pit which would need bolting too. Paced out 80m approx.



9th August. YOUTH WRECKER

RICHARD, ANGIE, MARK, TIM.

Took more gear into Astradome and started bolting on left. 25 bolts and one thread move saw the first 30m rope used up. Rock generally good except for a few narrow beds of shit. Mark continued with second rope 32m. Height gained 57m. Fired flare from top bolt and could see dome close in to a small inlet right in the centre. Shows of bolting - trip time 11 hours with brews at 11th.

10th Aug 1993.

Joe, Liz, Tim, William, Ben, Sam, Juan, Penny + Jennifer to Hoyo Verde (943). Pretty walk-in and around cave with calcified bones, charcoal and pottery. Surveyed and photographed in passages up to 20m wide and 12 high.

Nearby, found an open shaft in field about 8m deep, surrounded by wall of boulders. Dosses dropped appear to fall, either side, down slope into a chamber.

QUOTE OVERHEARD FROM D.C.C. - 'DON'T SPECULATE, EXCAVATE'

QUOTE: JOHN TO JANE: "IF YOU'RE REALLY GOOD PUT YOUR HAND DOWN MY TROUSERS, YOU MIGHT FIND SOMETHING GOOD"

QUOTE: JUAN TO LIZ: "I CAN STILL GET A LUG ON LOOKING AT YOUR LEGS"

QUOTE: JOHN DEE (TRYING TO TUNE GUITAR) "ITS COMPLETELY DE-TUNED, THIS GUITAR"

THAT'S ONE FROM HIS NEW ALBUM (Awww).

QUOTE: PETE EAGEN (WHILST PISSING): "EVERY TIME I HAVE A PEE I FIND A NEW OUTLET"

JANE CHILDEN: "HAVE YOU SEEN A DOCTOR YET?"

10TH AUGUST. DEGA BAR.

~~ON THIS DAY I, WORK ANY PERSON KNOWN TO ME, WAS ANYWHERE NAME THE~~
~~LOCAL ONE OR TWO (CHURCHES).~~

Sarah.

COMMENCED EXCAVATION WORKS AT 'NACA HUACA' DIG. NOTABLE FOR

3 POINTS. 1) WE EXCAVATED MORE THAN THEY DID AT GASTER

2) WE DIDN'T BREAK THROUGH

3) WE NEARLY BURIED ANDY PRINGLE.

WORK SLAGGERED BY ARRIVAL OF BEER SUPPLIED BY SARAH



único parque natural kárstico de toda España

Las conclusiones de estas investigaciones pretenden publicarse dentro de dos o tres años, edición que contará seguramente con la subvención del Ayuntamiento

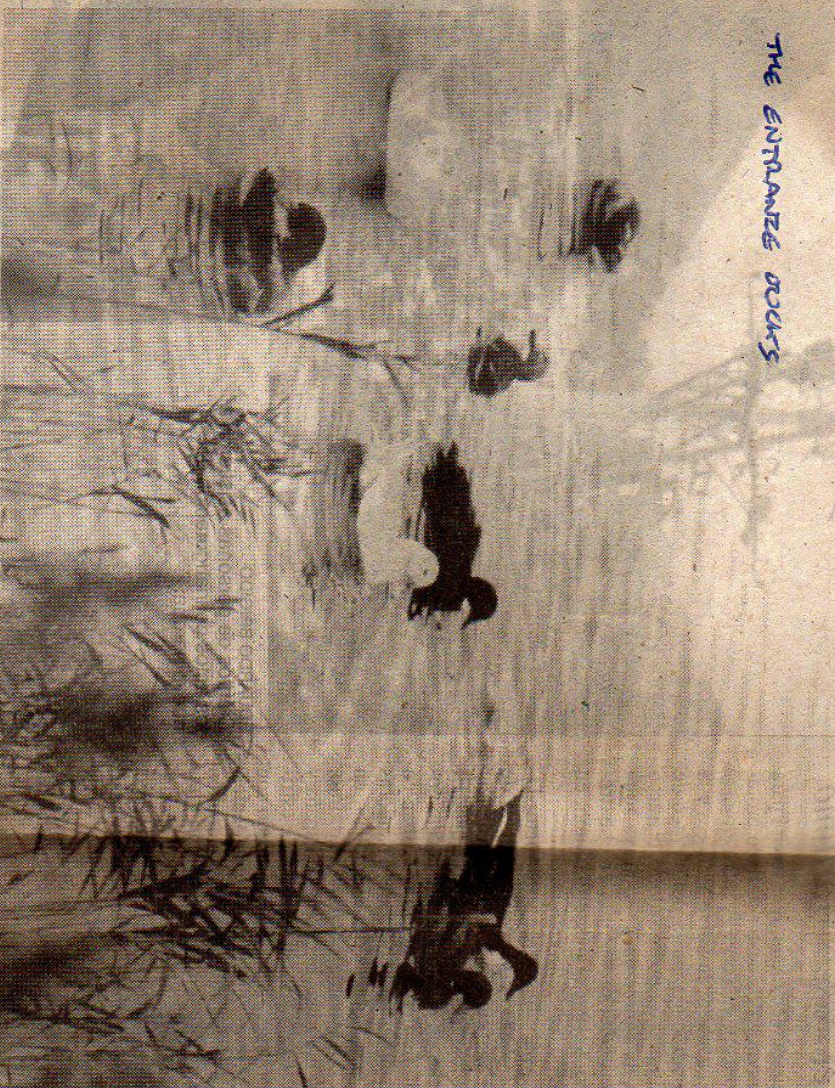
ALFONSO RUIZ
DMMURIEDAS

El Valle del Peñajorao podría convertirse en un futuro en el único parque histórico natural de origen kárstico que exista en España, según anunció ayer el Grupo de Espeleología e Investigaciones Subterráneas (GEIS). En caso de recibir esta calificación, el entorno del Peñajorao sería protegido y se potenciaría su conservación a los niveles legales permitidos actualmente.

Como adelantó este periódico en su edición del pasado domingo, un equipo de técnicos de la Universidad de Cantabria y la Manchester University Speological Society (MUS), dirigidos por el GEIS, realizan estos días un proyecto de estudio del medio Subterráneo en este valle. En este proyecto, se contempla el estudio de este entorno natural desde diferentes perspectivas, entre las que destacan los aspectos topográficos, el estudio de la fauna cavernícola y la calidad de las aguas subterráneas, así como un estudio hidrogeológico y arqueológico de esta zona.

Según anunció ayer Carlos González Luque, miembro del GEIS y director de este programa de investigación, existe la posibilidad de que el Peñajorao sea declarado parque histórico natural. En caso de ser así, se convertiría en el primer espacio kárstico que recibe tal calificación en todo el territorio nacional. «Ha habido intentos de declarar parques naturales otros sistemas kársticos, sin resultado. El último ejemplo lo tenemos con los Picos de Europa, que no acaban de recibir esta calificación a pesar del interés que tienen algunos sectores de que se lleve a efecto. En cualquier caso, si las conclusiones de esta investigación fundamentan que se califi-

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El Pozón de La Dolores se integrará dentro del parque natural.

fique como tal el Peñajorao, así se hará», indicó González Luque, convencido de que «se llevará a efecto, porque las conclusiones de la investigación prometen ser muy interesantes».

Editar un libro

Estas conclusiones se plasmarán en un libro, que pretende ser editado casi con seguridad gracias a la subvención del Ayuntamiento. No obstante, podría ser que las conclusiones en cada uno de los estudios aconsejase la edición de

un libro por separado, algo que se hará en caso de ser necesario, según adelantó el director de la investigación.

Esta publicación se llevará a efecto, casi con seguridad, en 1995 o, a lo sumo, en 1996, toda vez que tres de los estudios que integra este programa -arqueología, topografía y fauna cavernícola- se encuentran ya muy avanzados.

También se pretende incluir este valle dentro de la ruta del parque arqueológico de Camargo, centrado en el yacimiento del Paleolítico Inferior hallado en La Ver-

de, aunque éste es «un proyecto a muy largo plazo», según señaló González Luque.

Lo que sí parece más inmediato es la conservación de todas las zonas de bosque atlántico que existen en el valle, así como la creación de nuevos espacios con arbolado autóctono, abundante en esta zona. «Existen robledales y encinares vírgenes. Estos se piensan conservar, mientras el La Dolores se piensan crear nuevos espacios. Ese es el proyecto», concluyó.

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El alcalde de Piélagos, Jesús Ángel Pacheco, continúa sin responder la petición de ayuda económica que el GEIS registró en el Ayuntamiento para llevar a efecto la investigación del Valle del Peñajorao. A pesar de la trascendencia que este proyecto tiene para el municipio, Pacheco ni siquiera ha contestado los requerimientos del equipo investigador, bien para denegar la ayuda, bien para confirmarla.

Lo cierto es que ya han pasado varios meses desde que el GEIS le presentó personalmente en su despacho este proyecto, aunque sí es verdad que Pacheco, según ha podido saber este periódico, no mostró especial interés por el mismo y dejó entretener que su equipo de gobierno no colaboraría en esta iniciativa.

El alcalde dijo desconocer incluso en aquella reunión la existencia de agua en el sistema del Peñajorao que, como adelantó este periódico, posee un río interno que nace en el Pozón de La Dolores y desemboca en el río Pas. Ello, tiene especial importancia para el municipio como Piélagos, que se abastece de manantiales situados fuera del municipio, con el desembolso que ello supone para las arcas municipales.

La delimitación y futuro aprovechamiento del agua subterráneo del Peñajorao es precisamente el objetivo de uno de los estudios que se integran en este programa de investigación. Por ello, la ejecución de este proyecto adquiere, si cabe, mayor importancia para Piélagos, al ser factible que el Peñajorao abastezca de agua algunas zonas del municipio sin que ello suponga un coste al Ayuntamiento.

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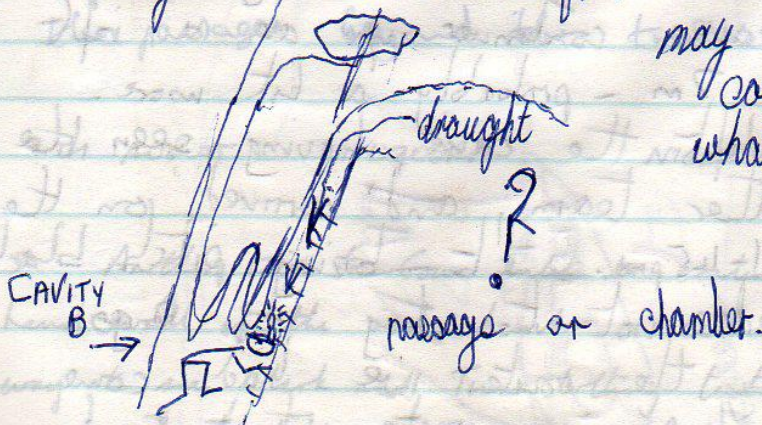
Bolting trip to chise at Raten and of big chamber. Sent by Phil P. to possible passage in roof. A choice between loose boulders or crappy calcite resulted with the latter option. 8mm studs failed to pull out and 10m was ~~then~~ attached to mud/calcite flows. Needs continuing ~~to~~ across to right to hole above flows. From here the left hand? hole will be visible.

Left rigged from bolt at base then 2 runners (bolted) to vertical hang. Ascend hanging rope. A bolt is already in place at start of traverse. Need another 20m rope + short and long 8mm studs depending on quality of calcite.

Another bolt route (5 bolts) is visible in the middle of the big chamber when a roof tube comes in.

Back at the pitch base, take the east passage to 50m from end. On the right there are some phreatic? rifts which could be easily climbed.

10th August. NACA HUACA more work today, decided to take out a large boulder blocking the way straight down but only move to right hand side this exposed the large flake which separates the little chamber from a sort of venting base which Geadie worked till the the trouser flake was exposed at the bottom a strong draught comes down from behind. Some fernet like person may like to (after knocking off the coat-tails) may go up with whatever sealing device in the 8" - 10" rift.



10th August Cubio - Regaton. Pete, Phil, Jane.

Trip to photograph parts of downstream Regaton. Also looked at passage S.W. of station 560. Went 73m to continuation above awkward climb. Pete went up this & carried on along the passage but it was decided that the climb was too risky for all of us to go up & was left for another day to return with a ladder or rope. On the way out we looked at an inlet surveyed by Andy Pringle & Richard Blalce last year. This has a good draught & ends in a huge aven. Very pleasant trip - including entrance which is fun, not as nasty as some rumours have it!

Jane

10th August Valline. Toby, Neil, Sarah, Phil, Bignose, Steve O.

Toby, Neil & Sarah went to bolt up avens in inlet passage half way down Rio Rioja. There is an aven in the passage immediately before the end and a crawl under the true left wall leads to 3 more avens - crawl takes a strong draught. Aven in main passage was bottled for $\approx 15m$ to where it could be seen that there is no horizontal passage off the ledge. The aven continues up as a rift for at least another 7m - probably a bit more.

The bolting party left the cave having seen the note left by the other team, and arrived on the surface at about 11:45pm. It being pitch black and raining we agreed not to try to go back to the car by the route we had come by but to try much easier route that Foul Pappard had found. We missed! Reached Agedondo at about 00:40am and reached car at 01:00. Juggler
P.S. SARAH SUNBATHED TOPLESS ON THE BEACH UNDER THE AVEN!

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THE END

CARLOS THE CAVER

SANTANDER IN FIRMITY

10-8-93 Picon - P. Stacey (driver), Ian Walton, Mike Meehan, Kate Martin.

Sim - to deep big pit and onwards to Regenton (er. in our dreams). PS placed bstrs at top of pitch (turned out to be 21m high (deep?) and found way on at bottom to be yet another steeply inclined sand and boulder slope. A narrow rift at bottom led to a short dig, to another short waddy dig to a large-ish (12m x 10m high circular-ish chamber with a boulder floor and some interesting mud formations. Draught came from a mud covered slope and a 3 inch slot, through which could be seen a black hole. So for it time. Chief Ferret Stacey led the charge, and after 1 1/2 hours we were in another chamber with a passage leading off, but disappointingly ending in a complete mud blockage after a very nice sediment bank + ~~cracked~~ cracked-mud floor. ~~Other way on~~ But where has the draught gone? Probably entered through boulders on floor. Other way on from ~~and~~ bottom of pitch leads up a sand slope (surprise, surprise) under a LARGE formation to an 8m x 4m chamber with a "passable" but "probably not" dig at one end and a climb at the other, which will probably lead eventually to the passage beyond the traverse (see write up of 11.8.93).
IDW

9TH AUGUST.

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NICK SMITH, PAUL DYSON.

Another trip to Gour Inlet to continue with bolt climb on right hand wall of the end chamber. Called in at the Astradome on the way to see Mark and Tim's bolting techniques. After an hour there we went back to Gour Inlet. Put another five bolts in, the last one being about 40 feet up. Only six feet to go to the top of the pitch but the rock is very shattered. Impossible to



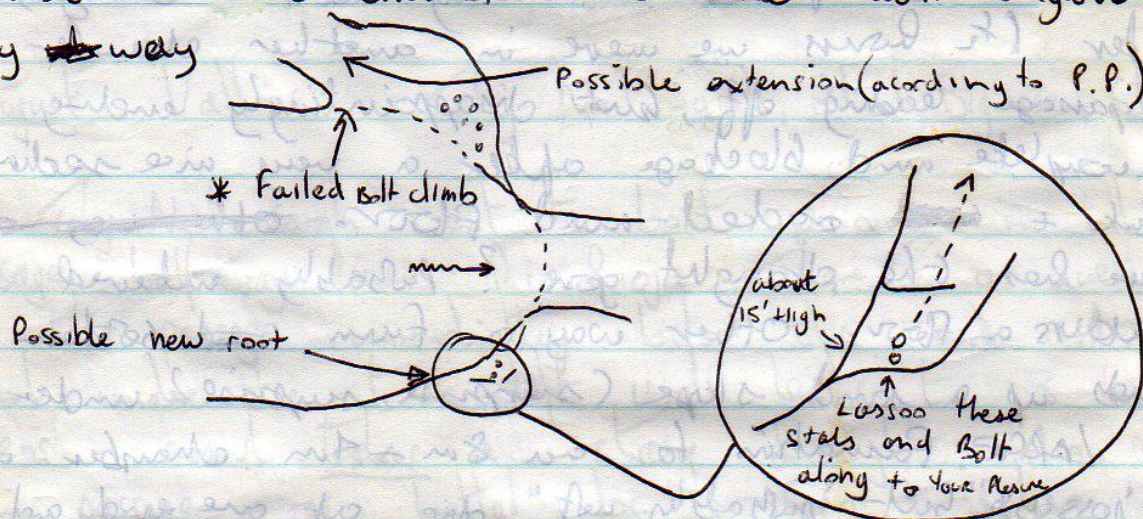
put a bolt in. Another possible route is a bolt traverse along an overhang which starts from the far left of the pitch and slopes diagonally upwards to end at the pitch head. It still looks as though there is a large passage leading off from the top of the pitch. Stal bosses can be seen at the right hand side of the pitch head and a lot of mud seems to have been washed over the pitch. The aven continues above the "passage" with more holes visible at higher levels. Rope left in. Might go back in with more gear in a couple of days.

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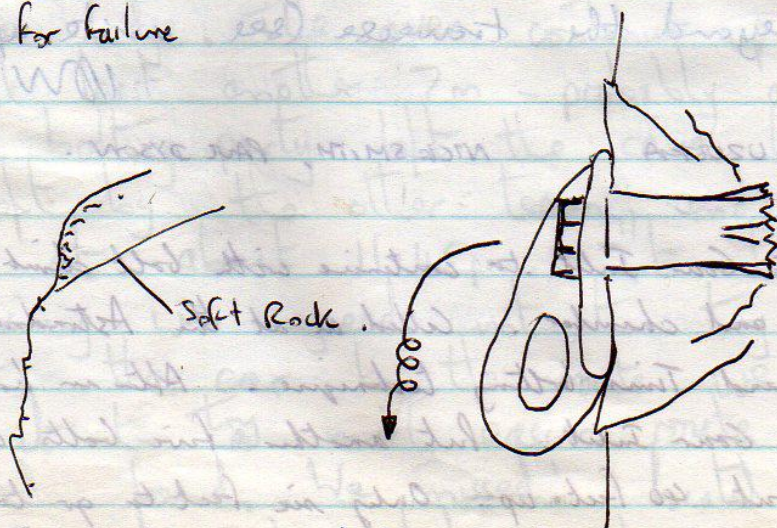
U-THWECA

Paul Dyson, Rob Harrison.

WHO SAID THE dent in the rock face in the chamber at the end of lower inlet went anywhere only ~~the~~ way



* Reason for failure



Rope Has NOW ~~been~~ taken out.

Angie's birthday - Yahooooooo (63)

WALLINE

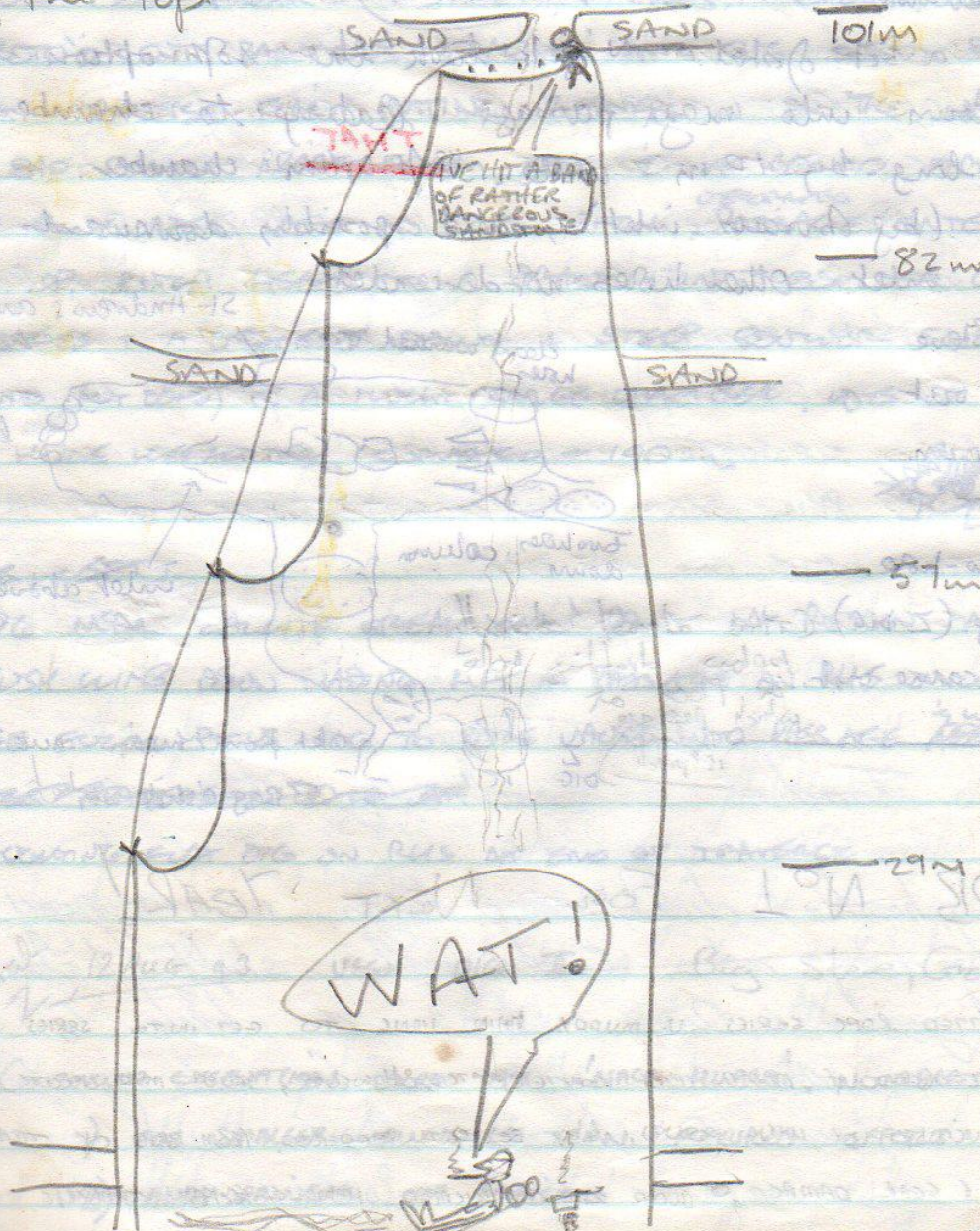
THE STORY OF SAM THE SUMP?

10th Aug Phil
Went to dig the ~~END~~ of the stream
in the boulders. Dug, failed, looking difficult
but maybe the best DIG IN THE WORLD. No shut
pal.

11th Aug Tim + MARK

ASTRO-DOME

We came, we saw we got to within 12ft
of the top.



11/8/93

FRESNEDO II

Dave ~~Bar~~, Andy Bringle, Nigel D, Len Gee
Stone Mills.

Trip to glory. Went up to ~~Knotted~~ Rope passage, back across traverse and into threatic stuff ending at 15' undescended drop. Dave belted and dropped down to floor. Two ways on: up climb and down slide in floor.

Andy led up into the glories of Bag o' Shite passage

ascending to a rift, some wee climb by bits and muddy chamber at end with a bit of stal.

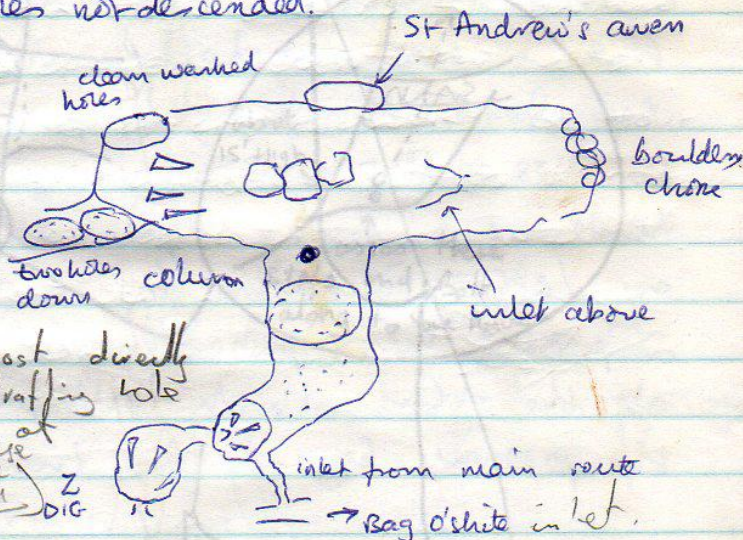
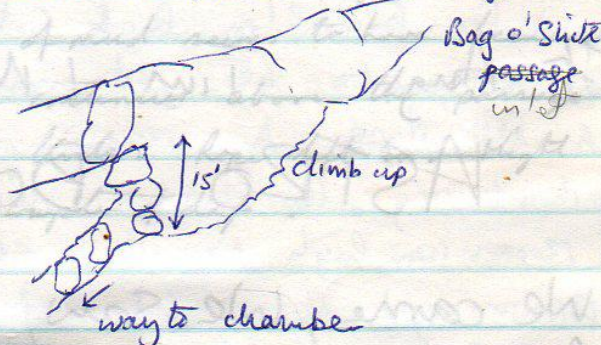
Nigel took the soft option and went down into mega passage leading to chamber. about 40m long by 10m wide. ~~THAT~~ "soft option" chamber.

Leads upwards (big obvious inlet), and possibly downwards - clean washed inlet. Other holes not descended.

Surveyed out. Steve pulled boulder out and dropped down into descending passage to blow-hole.

Slightly drifting (Z DIG). (This almost directly below drifting hole in floor at which passage before 15' pitch) Z DIG

Then we all came out.



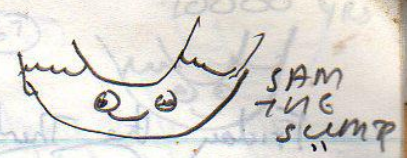
JOB NO 1 FOR NEXT YEAR!

ALL ROPES IN KNOTTED ROPE SERIES V. MUDDY. MAIN HANG TO GET INTO SERIES NOT GOOD. SHOULD BE RE-RIGGED IF MANY TRIPS CONTEMPLATED. However, much mud calcite & GENERAL CHOKS IN VICINITY OF HANG POINTS. MAY BE BEST LADDERED FROM END OF TRAVERSE TO REDUCE ROPE & GEAR DAMAGE, & AVOID COMPLICATED HANG & BYPASS TRAVERSING.

14/8/93



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Sarah writes (re Neil Pacey) "I'm missing my squiggys already"

(TRIPS WRITTEN IN REVERSE ORDER)

12-AUG-93 Picón - P. STREET, P. PILES, P. EAGEN.

RETURN (PHOTOING ON THE WAY) TO OROP AT END OF PASSAGE BEYOND TRAVERSE. THIS DESCENDS FOR ~30m TO A MUDST CLIMB IN THE FLOOR. MORE SQUARE WE ABOUT ON THE WAY BACK & A DRAGGABLE FLAT OUT OTG WAS NOTICED ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE TRAVERSE ON THE LHS. NO MORE LEADS NOTED. TRAVERSE DE-RIGGED & ENT. SHAFT LADDERS REMOVED.

11-AUG-93 Picón - P. STREET, P. PILES, P. EAGEN, I. WATSON

PHOTO'D ENT. PASSAGES & MOVED ONTO BIG SANDY PIT. POTE OTG NECKY TRAVERSE FIRST PUTTING PERIMETER IN ON THE WAY AROUND. NOTED SAND PILE ABT FROM MINE 1/2 WAY AROUND. TRAVERSE RIGGED WITH CULVERT USED ON 21m RICH. ^{OPERATED} PASSAGE ENTERED ON FAR SIDE OF RICH LEADS TO A DRAGGABLE BORDER CLIMB IN TWO PASSAGES + A DESCENT DOWN A STEEP SANDY SLOPE TO A TWO CLIMB (NOT DONE) TO A MUDST LARGE CHAMBER. LOTS OF PETTIES EVERYWHERE INC. HUGE HERRING. SURVEYED ~190m.



LEADS LEFT:

- ① OTG NEAR CALITE BREAK THRU' POINT MAY REJOIN MAIN PASSAGE.
- ② PUSH CLIMB DOWN HAVING RFT IN PASSAGE ON RHS JUNCTION BEFORE SAND PIT.
- ③ USE EUCALYPTUS LOG TO ROLE MUDST INTO PASSAGE ^{1/2 WAY ACROSS TRAVERSE} ~~ACROSS TRAVERSE~~ ^{100 FT UP!}
- ④ DRAGGABLE FLAT OTG ON RHS AT END OF TRAVERSE.

Sarah (2), 12 AUG 93 UEGA DIG II Big Steve, Gavel, Andy P.

CONTINUED EXCAVATION WORK AT 'NACH HUACA'.. NOTABLE FOR 3 POINTS

- 1) FAR SMALLER AUDIENCE THAN PREVIOUS EFFORT
- 2) ANDY DRINGLE NOT BURIED
- 3) WE DIDN'T BREAK THROUGH



Friday the Thirteenth

Stone O

Big Nose, Bobby

Friends detache and rescue AP's jammer trip. Went on derigged ladder, went to Knotted Rope Series thinking it was an ~~easy~~ hand ~~trip~~ line. On arrival an SRT ^{rope} was found to ascend into the free hanging darkness. Bugger. After John spending half an hour dying with death trying to shut up Edvard it was decided to forget it and bash some steel instead. Trip time 2 1/2 hours. Mega trip.

13. AUG. 93 REGATON (VIA WERO)

R. S. S. S. S. P. M. M. S. P. T. E. A. G. E. N. D. S. A. M. A. N.

DAVE & LAUR DERIGGED MUDGY LITCH WHILST PHIL & PETE TOOK PHOTOS IN BIG DRY BIT BEFORE BLUE LAGOON BEFORE VERY VERY WET BIT. PENEVIOUS BACK AT SANDY JUNCTION LOOKED AT SN 10-AUG. USED LADDER AS A BIG SKIPPING ROPE TO LAGOON NATURAL AT TOP OF CLIMB & THEN DAVE AS AN IMMOVABLE OBJECT/BELAY. MUDGY CLIMBS & CHAMBERS EVENTUALLY LEAD AFTER ~100m TO A DRAUGHTING CALCITE GEMMERY GROTTO - SNOWED OUT. ALSO SURVEYED SIDE CHAMBER CONTAINING A, STAR THAT ALMOST CRASHED PHIL WHEN HE ACCIDENTLY WALKED INTO IT. DE-RIGGED ENTIRE LAKE ON WAY OUT.

TV = 7 1/2 HOURS SURVEYED ~ 130m

14/8/93.

Derigging Toad. Sarah, Big Stone.

Yuk, horrible, didn't want to go, went anyway. did it and came out. Found another shaft below Toad, looked good. Drove Steve's car back to bar - PETROL MONEY - + New ariel - not my fault. honest. hvr Sarah x.

Pete Smith wants to know if you want automatic or hand wash.

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10000 YRS



APILICUEA. Phil, Steve O, Pete E, C.

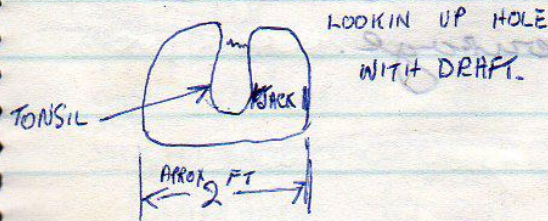
Traverse at top of giga hall. Very loose upward traverse using ≈ 8 studs. Lube ≈ 250 m of new stuff including 100×30 m chamber. Some small bado, i.e. $2 \times 20'$ pitches in small maze series left undone. In climb up to big chamber are some incredible gypsum formations. Some of the proper stal and bad either. Traverse dangled after survey. Need ≈ 8 hangers & nuts to fit 8mm studs to reveg. Phil moaned about the rigging of the traverse but I forgive him cos he carried the monster sack out as we dangled the rest of the cave. (traverse above 3rd pitch left rigged)



~~12/8/93~~ Pica trip?

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14/8/93 The CCC interpret diggers for the last time this visit, set off to close the dig above the Vaga Bar. We took a last look up the tube with flake (which could be jacked off) with a scaling pole it would be possible to climb the smooth tube about 10 ft maybe into a passage.



undoubtedly the dig goes down with more effort. a side fence was constructed to keep out cattle, and planks and supporting

timbers were put over the hole to stop run in, worth future effort! The windlass was removed to Base. We then travelled to upper valley and visit Torcon which proved dry as a bone. Oh easy



dig of pebbles, water washed was detected at the bottom
end, the far end of the upper chamber was looking
interesting with draught. We returned after looking
at a couple of entrances above the road below
MOSTAJO entrance. It was decided to do a time
survey tomorrow. L. GEE, D. WAGSTAFF, B. BOOTH, M. MEAN, S. J. MILLS
15/8/93 No dunks

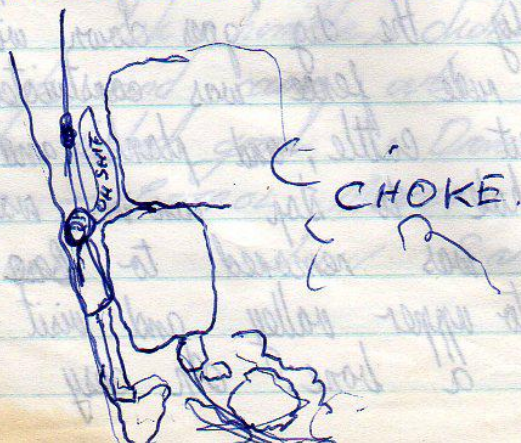
Dec team D. WAGSTAFF L. GEE G. SHILLITO.

Took windlass to draughting dig 100 yds on
right hand side of road out of Matienzo to the north.

Pete Eagan had asked if we could remove a large
flake so that further exploration may be possible.

(26) We quickly extracted the offending flake followed by
another large block in the floor. This then gave
access of about six feet following the draught to
two large flakes blocking progress. We hammered away
at the flakes + they started to fracture. As I was
working away at the flake, a boulder slipped out at
the bottom of the dig followed by a huge huge boulder
the size of a chest of drawers which stopped within
a quarter of an inch of my chest. Brown trousers
were quickly acquired and a very quiet request for the
winch rope was made. Len + Granville extracted me
without further ado.

The general opinion is that in its present state
the dig is extremely dangerous + should not be
entered without screw props + courage.





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John "Steve, buy a bottle of Cassera and drink it."
Steve "Why?"
John "To dilute the bleach you've been drinking before it kills you."
Everyday bar talk in Matienzo.

15-AUG-93. Toncan de Cuzco. (67)

R. Stacey, Pedro, W. Booth, S. Pius

PUT A LINE SURVEY THRU' CAVE (~400m's WORTH) SO THAT IT CAN BE STUCK ONTO THE COMPUTER TO SEE ITS RELATION WITH MOSATO ER. VARIOUS ^{SMALL} PASSAGES PECKED INTO SOME SHOWING NO SIGNS OF HAVING BEEN ENTERED BEFORE. PASSAGE AT BOTTOM OF BIG CHAMBER WHICH CARRIES A STREAM IN WET WEATHER ENDS AT A NICELY DRAUGHTING PEBBLE SLOPE THAT WOULD BE AN EASY BIG. THE DANGEROUS CLIMB CAN BE BYPASSED BY FOLLOWING THE DRAUGHT THRU' A SERIES OF CANYONS INTO THE FINAL SECTION. AVENS IN THIS AREA MUST COME VERY CLOSE TO MOSATO. AT THE END OF ^{THIS} SECTION A DRAUGHTING SQUEEZE THAT NEEDS A LUMP HAMMER WAS ENTERED & A CONTINUATION CAN BE SEEN.

THE WHOLE CAVE NEEDS A GOOD POKE PARTICULARLY THE BIG BITS AFTER THE ENTRANCE SERIES, NEXT YEAR?



with various tools of war - a lump hammer, chisel, and pry bar - managing to remove several smaller boulders and finally to whittle the entry slab enough to create a hole big enough for a person to pass through. An enlarged opening was made as a belay - a 2-bolt anchor about 3 1/2 feet down by Peter Fanning who proceeded on down. A 1/2 inch deviation to a boulder choke, below 40 meters down - Bottom almost 15m long 3/4 m wide no way on.

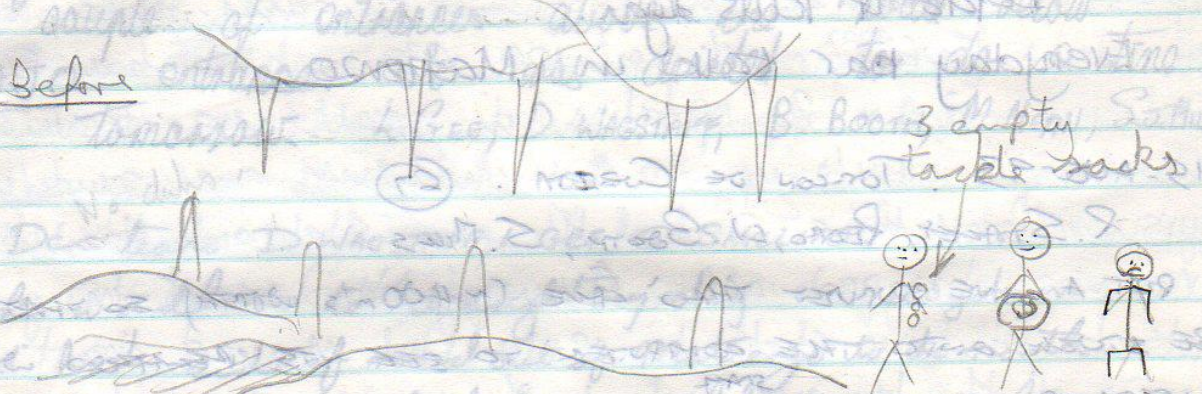
We went back to the cave and walked up the hill a way to look for other



AGUATI 16/8/93 P.M. les, D. Salmon, S. Openshore

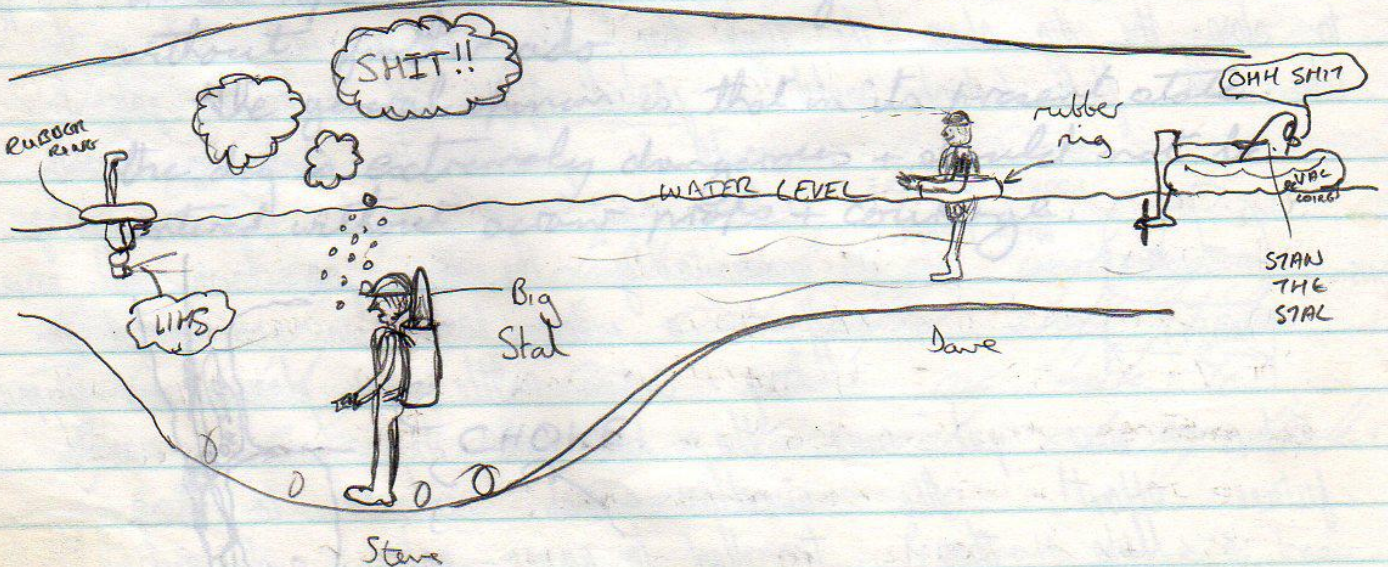
Spot the difference

Before



After

Heavy tackle sacks





Stal collecting trip in Agua. 3 stals collected from streamway. Yet again Phil managed to ~~to~~ snap the top off a stal. Also managed to pound left thumb into a pulp using continuous blows with a geological hammer!

931 Marked on Map

16-8-96 PT Eagan, Pete Hall, Teresa Williams
Bosman Area

John was still too pissed to go caving by 1pm so we had to abandon Valline and go to a shaft that Pete Eagan had seen before.

We drove up in the Land-rover and followed a road along the ridge to the col. Bearing left the track went on up the hill. Where it started to level out we parked up and headed down the hill. About 100m away from the track down the hill we found the pothole with a large slab over the top of it to keep livestock out. We proceeded to attack the entrance interference with various tools of war - a lump hammer, chisel, and pry bar - managing to remove several smaller boulders and finally to whittle the large slab small enough to create a hole quite big enough for a person to pass through - an embedded pry bar was used as belay - 2 bolts were set about 3-4 feet down by Pete Eagan - who proceeded on down w/ one ~~radical~~ deviation to a boulder choke bottom 40 meters ~~in depth~~ down - bottom of shaft 1.5m long 3/4 metres wide no way on.

We went back to the Land Rover and walked up the hill a way to look for other



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potholes. We stumbled across one almost immediately. While Teresa & Pete H. rigged the 15 foot pitch, Pete E. ran round the hill checking it for other holes. The pot ended up 25 foot deep & choked. A retreat for tea and stickies was made.

QUOTE:- WHEN YOU MARRY YOUR DRINKING PARTNER
"YOUR LIVERS SHOT"

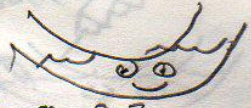
Julie

Valline

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PASSAGE GR



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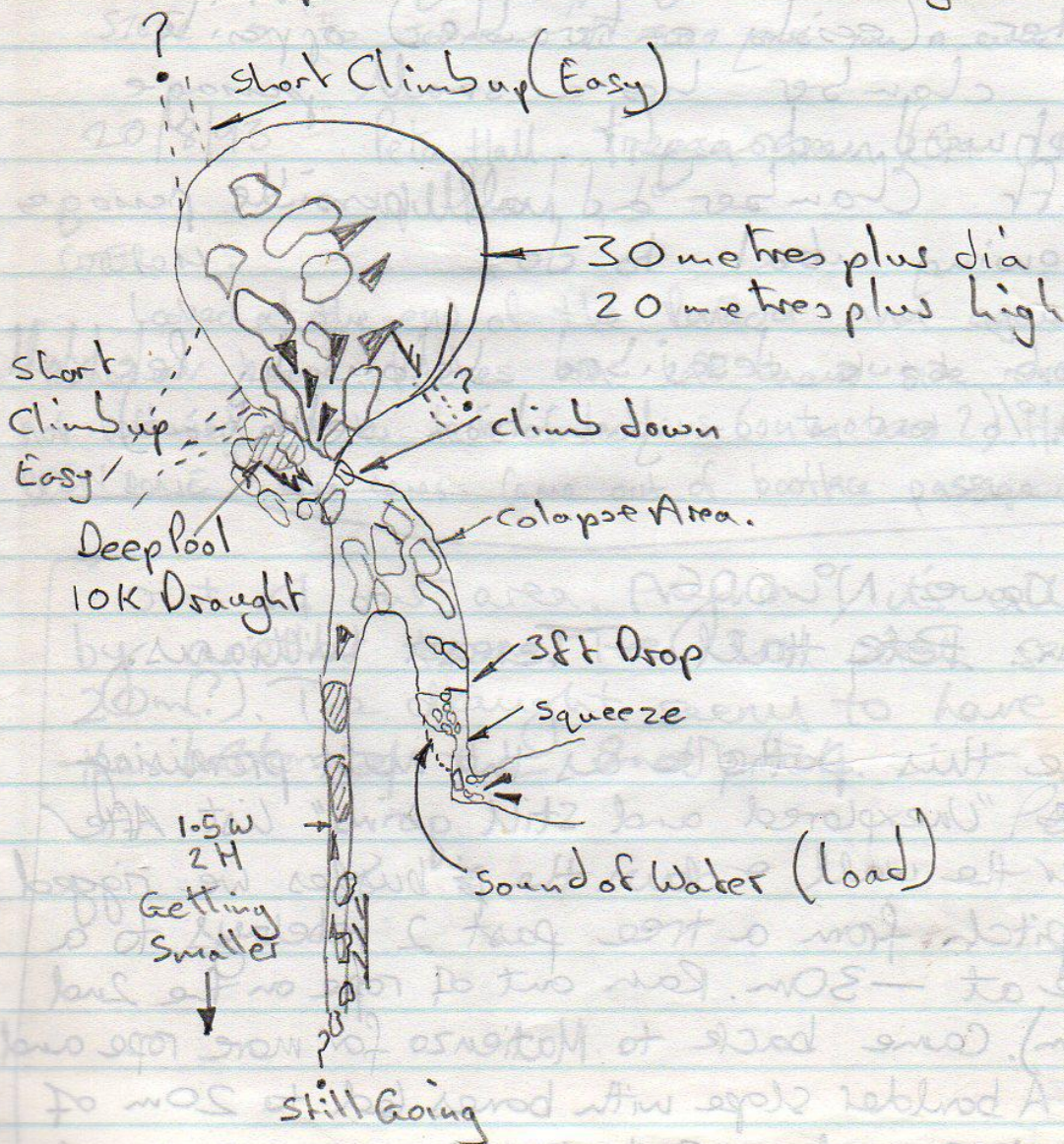
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P.T. Eagan, Pete Hall, Teresa Williams
John Palmer.

Straight forward trip to choke (koputchoke)
where draught was extremely strong, as described
by previous parties.

Choke was passed feet first passing small
rocks down hole below, bedding a head which
looked tight was clay, so once clay was
removed a stark bedding lead to a stark drop
in to roomy collapse area.

Ahead and left lead to easy passage
with pools in the floor slight draught,



but slowly climbing (so not down stream)
this was left still going with boulders to pass.
straight ahead is collapse led to a
short climb / step down to water which
appeared to be up stream, this was neck
deep with job draught howling across water.
To the right of water a boulder
slope up led to a large chamber strewn
with blocks, well over 30m dia (we hope)

Opposite point of entry a passage
appears to carry on and above point of
entry another large passage appears
to enter (easily enterable) opposite
site of chamber lies a small passage
with job draught.

left chamber and all possible passages
not knowing what to do.

Exit from cave described below by Pete Hall
(97.3% error on junction selection)

19/8/93. Cave N° 006

Team: Pete Hall & Teresa Williams.

We chose this pothole as the most promising
site on the "Unexplored and still going" list. After
climbing over the wall & down the ~~pi~~ bushes we rigged
the first pitch from a tree past 2 rebelayes to a
sloping ledge at -30m. Ran out of rope on the 2nd
pitch (35m). Came back to Matienzo for more rope and
bottomed it. A boulder slope with bones led to 20m of
horizontal passage and a 3rd pitch. We were going to return
with more rope but Juan informed us it's off limits as it's -

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This year I made it to PRYCA without getting chased around the Car Park by a security guard with a gun!

This log book is the least amusing collection of short stories in the history of Mateneo. More drinking and less cunnilingus is required.

QUOTE 'WE MUST BE IN THE FRENCH AREA.'
'WHY?'
'THERE'S A FROG DOWN HERE'
(RECORDED FOR POSTERITY)

STEVE O TO JENNY - 'I'LL JUST GIVE YOU A QUICK ONE.'

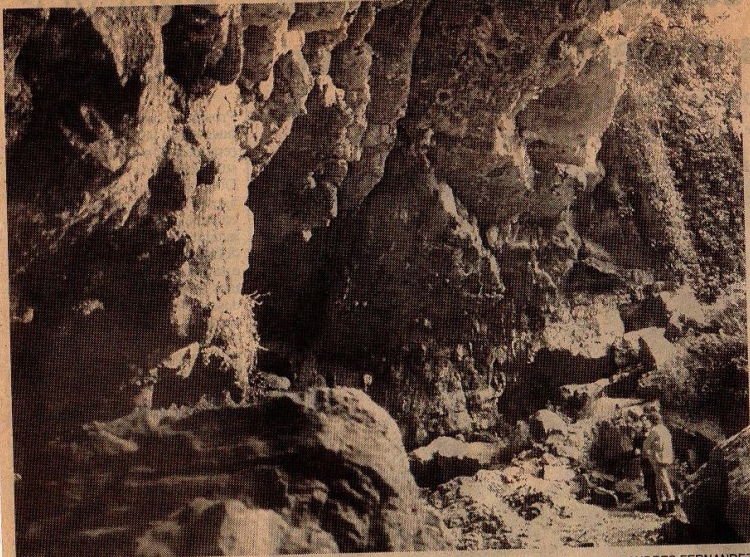
20/8/93 Pete Hall, Tressa Green, (G9 US of A), Tony Williams, L0.

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Looked at the end of the Randa arm again fairly well looked at before. Pitches on left hand side draught well & not bottomed due to lack of ladders (only had 2). HAVE THEY EVER BEEN DONE? Who cares. Came out of bootlace passage.

→ out of our area. Anyhow, it's all been explored by another team. The 3rd pitch seems to be about 20m(?). The draught seems to have been lost at the bottom of the 2nd pitch.

Pete Hall.



ANDRES FERNANDEZ

La Cueva del Pendo se encuentra sellada desde hace años.



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Carlos González Luque es un consumado espeleólogo.

La CE podría proteger a medio plazo las faunas cavernícolas endémicas del término municipal

Ello implica que pudieran «protegerse» las cuevas del Ruso, Los Covachos del Peñajorao, El Pendo, El Juyo y El Río, todas dentro del municipio de Camargo

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La Comunidad Europea podría

La Comunidad Europea podría decretar a medio plazo la protección de algunas de las cuevas del término municipal que albergan entre sus paredes especies faunísticas cavernícolas endémicas y relictas al área de Camargo. La noticia ha sido hecha pública por el Grupo de Espeleología e Investigaciones Subterráneas de Carballo/Rada (GEIS), colectivo que ha sido escogido y becado junto a otros dos grupos espeleológicos nacionales para participar en la realización de un proyecto de investigación sobre la catalogación de todas aquellas cuevas que presenten comunidades cavernícolas raras, endémicas o de gran interés biológico.

Este proyecto, que por su trascendencia es el primero que se desarrolla en España, se llevará a efecto bajo la dirección del profesor José María Salgado Costas, de la Universidad de León, gracias a un convenio suscrito entre la Universidad y la Comunidad Europea.

Estas obras tienen como objetivo catalogar las cuevas del término municipal de Camargo. A comienzos del mes de octubre se podrán saber, casi con seguridad, las cuevas que serán protegidas por la CE a medio plazo.

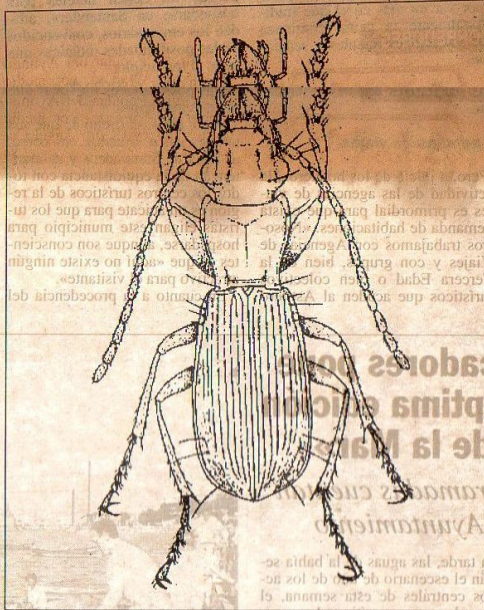
El GEIS se encargará, por tanto, de catalogar las cerca de 500 cuevas que existen dentro del territorio de Cantabria. Precisamente, algunas de estas cavidades serán las que a la postre sean protegidas a nivel de la CE, con objeto de preservar la diversidad biológica de la fauna subterránea.

Esta catalogación, que se basa en una previa labor de recolección de especies cavernícolas por toda la región, se llevará a cabo durante los próximos meses de septiembre u octubre. No obstante, según ha podido saber este periódico, formarán parte de este ca-

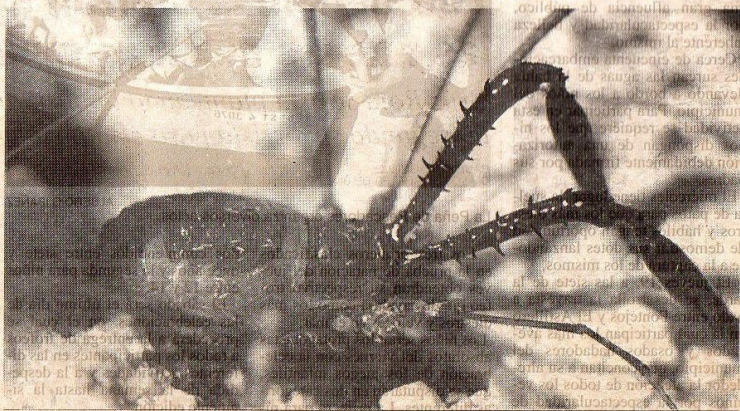
tálogo las cuevas de El Ruso, Los Covachos del Peñajorao, La Cueva, El Pendo, El Juyo y El Río, todas ellas situadas dentro de los límites territoriales del municipio. A esta lista se añadirán también algunas otras cavidades existentes dentro de la región, aunque por el momento no se han hecho públicos los nombres de las mismas. El motivo de que se pretenda proteger estas seis cuevas del municipio se debe a que en ellas han aparecido recientemente nuevas especies para la ciencia, únicas a nivel mundial y de un valor biológico incalculable.

Entre las especies que han sido halladas en estas cuevas tienen especial importancia los coleópteros Iberotrechus bolivari, Speocharis Sharpi Intermedius, Trechus Camargoi, el molusco dulcolola Zospeum Schaufussi, los arácnidos Ischyropsalis Nodifera e Iberina Mazarredoi y, por último, los crustáceos acuáticos Stenaelmus Virei y Parastenaelmus Cantabrica.

Señalar también que todas estas especies han sido catalogadas bajo la dirección del especialista y científico Carlos González Luque, miembro del GEIS.



El coleóptero Iberotrechus Bolivari fue descubierto por Luque.



El arácnido Ischyropsalis Nodifera es una de las especies relictas al área de Cantabria.

El Pendo y El Juyo

La cueva de El Pendo (Camargo) y El Juyo (Igollo) son quizá las dos cavidades locales más conocidas por el pueblo llano, debido a su gran importancia arqueológica.

La Cueva de El Pendo es una cavidad de reducidas dimensiones y se encuentra rodeada por un paisaje muy degradado, con pastizales y bosques de eucaliptos.

Su yacimiento fue descubierto por Marcelino Saenz de Sautola, un hombre que fue el primero en realizar excavaciones en su interior. Alcalde del Río fue la segunda persona que penetró en la caverna, donde halló en 1907 importantes grabados paleolíticos en la galería final.

Ello hizo que fuese sondeada posteriormente por Bruil, Beatty, Carballo y el propio Alcalde del Río, exploración en la que se descubrieron importantes piezas prehistóricas. Así, se halla un bastón paleolítico de indudable importancia, restos paleontológicos y arte muebler.

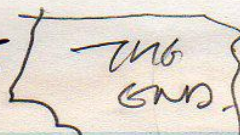
En cuanto al arte rupestre del Pendo, éste se reduce a un pequeño panel de grabados incisos interpretado de diversas maneras. Para algunos, se trata de una gran rapaza y dos lobos de cuadrúpedos indeterminados. Según otros, sólo habría un ave -probablemente un pato- y un animal de cabeza estrecha.

La Cueva de El Juyo es bastante más incómoda de recorrer dada su estructura laberíntica. En la actualidad está siendo excavada por Gordon Freeman y Joaquín González Echegaray.

En su caso no tiene tanta importancia el arte rupestre -sóloamente contiene un grabado inciso que representa un animal incompleto e indefinido, como su yacimiento arqueológico, que contiene la secuencia del Magdaleniense Inferior Cantábrico más completa de toda la región. Probablemente fue utilizada como cazadero especializado de ciervos y taller marisquero, aunque las conclusiones finales deberán esperar al estudio que desarrolla Echegaray.

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SAMP THE SUMP

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Coteron 21/8/93. ~~Theresa, Pete Hall~~ Theresa, Pete Hall
Pete Smith, Co.

Went to patches just past only formations in Bootlace passage. Pitch in chamber drops $\approx$ 80 feet to sump pool. Parallel pitch drops to same pool. Traverse to right of chamber leads to short passage to 40 foot pitch water enters at top from too tight passage & exits at bottom into too tight passage. De rigged the cave.

FRESNEDO 23/8/93. Pete, Theresa, Tony, Gareth
Co.

Trip to look at ~~self~~ ^{THAT} ~~off~~ chamber in knotted rope series. Found it eventually. Checked ~~in~~ holes in floor all leading to nothing. One climb down & squeeze through boulders led to $\approx$ 25m of muddy passage to choke. Chokes at upper & lower ends of chamber appear not to go. Best lead seems to be visible passage $\approx$ 8m above lower end of chamber. This is over hanging so an attempt was made to traverse from further back in the chamber. Failed again. No noticeable change in any part of the chamber or the passage leading to it from top of traverse. On way out Gareth threw his tackle sack down the pit near the entrance in disgust. That's it for 93 (summer at least).

THIS IS THE END, MY FRIEND, THE END.

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