

LOGBOOK

Year: 1994

Season: summer

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

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ACT 1: SCENE 1

THE OBSERVATION DECK @ 3:00AM 'VAL DE LOIRE'
CAST: 1x MALE KNOWN ONLY TO HIS ADMIRING PUBLIC
AS JASON.

1x FEMALE - UNKNOWN - NO PREVIOUS SEXUAL EXPERIENCE

FEMALE: UH, HU, EH, EH, EH, EH, EH.

JASON: GRUNT

FEMALE: UH, UH, UH!!!!

JASON: GRUNT

SOUNDS OF SOMETHING BEING REMOVED.

JASON: (HEAVY BREATHING)

ENTER ONE EMPLOYEE OF BRITANNY FERRIES

AUDIENCE: "WATCH OUT FOR THE SEAMAN"

FEMALE: JOOH THATS LOVELY, YES THAT LOVELY,
DON'T DO THAT, IT HURTS.

(MORE SOUNDS OF PASSION)

(BOTH ACTORS THEN DRESS & EXIT STAGE LEFT)

JASON: ITS MUCH BETTER IF YOU TAKE YOUR CLOTHES
OFF !!

ONLY SLEEP
MORAL: ~~WARNING~~ ON THE OBSERVATION DECK IF YOU WANT
TO OBSERVE THINGS.



DAY 1 - MATIENZO

CAST: THE CORRIN CLAN, PEOPLE WHO HAVE SOMETHING TO DO
WITH CROTON.

'CAUTION WET PAINT' - said the invisible sign on the
balcony bannister. - SAM leaves his mark in the squidgy paint.

"We were thinking of going for a walk" Says Paul.

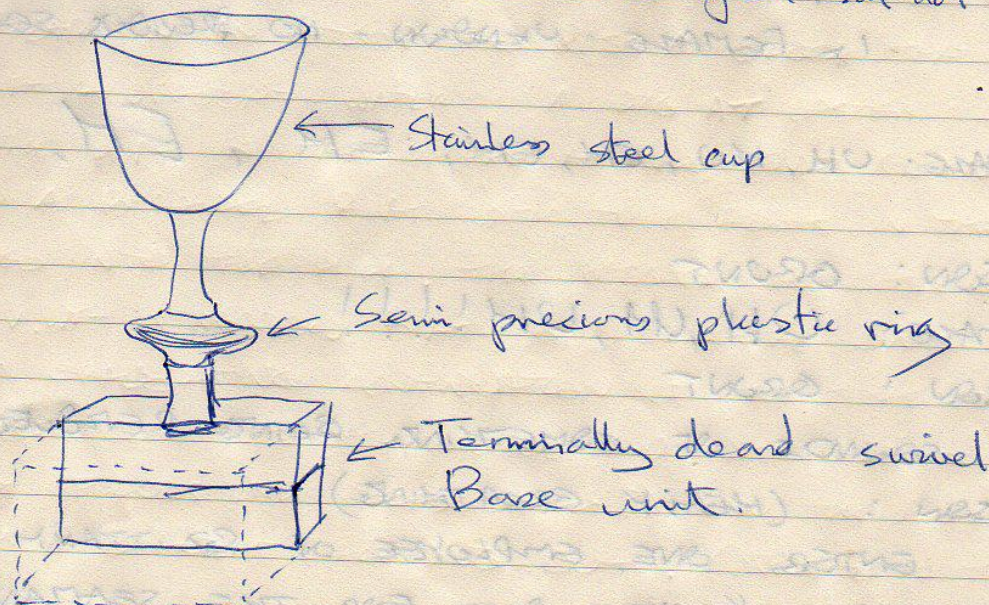
"Well" says JUAN, pointing vaguely at the hillside behind his house

"You see that bit over there"

For the Artist really
challenged this in a hand,
artistic

Lates :-

We started by having a look at Volvo - lovely cool draught flowing down the gully. I found an award in the rubbish tip flowing down from the road - looks a bit like a goal but not the goal



This was the high point of the Afternoon (Except for dinner of course). The verge section of hillside that Juan had pointed at was in fact a jungle of nasty brambles for the most part. We found a few unpromising draughty holes, and some interesting looking depressions which had veins measureless but also prickles measureless.

I eventually escaped but Paul & Chris required someing - combined tactics in path creation eventually worked.

Dinner - was 'yummy'

To & co arrived !.....

Liz arrived as well but got pissed - to be continued.

JUAN SAID :-

"If you find more than 100 m in that cave (363) I'll buy you a beer

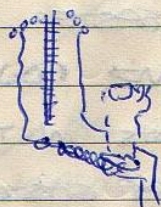
- JUAN LOST !

see later :.....

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22/7/94

Ivan + Joe to Ureva to check out 717 - 9Ref. by GPS within 7m of map guess last year. 10m ladder under boulder capping to sloping boulder floor and small rift. Short crawl on right to choked area. Total depth 15m. No draught



Then onto 750 - new shaft GR (GPS) 54709855(S) about 100m below barn corner. U shaped - 10m to choke will ~~be~~ 3 or 4 lightning trees and much vegetation.

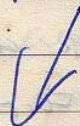
22-JUL-94. 363 Zerklo

P. STACEY, A. PANIWNIAK, C. FRI, S. LIEBERMAN

Continuation of the Easter Proddings. Those in wetsuits (Paul & Adrian) were praying that the cave would be as it was in Easter - full of H₂O. Paul was ultra keen and left the surveying tape back at the campsite and had to drive back in his wetsuit to fetch it.

"Boil in the bag Stacey" - new product for 94.

Whilst Paul was cooking himself I (Sam L.) had a look up the resurgence bit. What had been several inches of water at Easter was completely dry! - Sam had to buy some beer at this point - so enter Stage left - Paul Stacey.



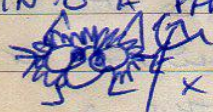
THE CAVE IS LOCATED ON AN EXTENDED FRONTOFOLD OF LIMESTONE RIFT COMPLEX WITH THE CURRENT RESURGENCE BEING AT THE BASE. THIS DRAUGHTS OUT IN SUMMER & CAN BE FOLLOWED BY A SMALL PASSAGE TO A DAYLIGHT CONNECTION. BEYOND THIS A FURTHER 6m+ CAN BE GAINED BUT BECOMES TOO SMALL BUT WOULD PROBABLY DO EASILY. (THIS SHOULD EVENTUALLY APPEAR AT THE BOTTOM OF A HOLE IN THE SUMMER 94' EXTENSIONS).

THE MAIN ENT. IS ~8m UP FROM THE RESURGENCE & IS PROBABLY THE OLD ROUTE FOR THE WATER. A "SMALL WATER WORN PASSAGE" EVENTUALLY WINDS ABOUT TO A RIFT VIA A SQUEEZE THAT HEADS BACK TO THE SURFACE. THE RIFT ORIGINALLY HAD BEEN DUG IN THE FLOOR IN AN ATTEMPT TO PASS A BLOCK THAT PREVENTED ACCESS TO A RIFT + DRAUGHT + WATER. A DIG AT EASTER '94 ^{IN} ~~AT~~ ~~THE~~ ~~THE~~ RIFT IN THE CROCK AT THE END FOUND AN UNDERCUT AND A PARALLEL RIFT WITH TREE ROOTS IN THE CEILING. HEADED INTO THE HILL, THE PASSAGE AT EASTER WAS PUSHED VIA A V. WET & NARROW RIFT TO A SQUEEZE OVER A BLOCK INTO A SPRAUGHTING CONTINUATION OF THE STREAMWAY.

THIS PASSAGE TODAY WAS RE-ENTERED AND WAS FOUND TO BE COMPLETELY DRY ("FLOODS" ONLY OCCASIONALLY?) AND THE RIFT WAS FOLLOWED WITH A SRAUGHT BLOWING OUT. (OPPOSITE TO THAT AT EASTER).

^{TERMINAL} OVER THE BLOCK WAS HAMMERED A ROUTE ^{WAS} ENGINEERED OVER THE TOP BACK INTO THE STREAMWAY & AFTER ~30m A NUMBER OF PHREATIC CHAMBERS WERE ~~ENTERED~~ ENTERED. EVENTUALLY A JUNCTION WAS REACHED. RIGHT FOR ~10m A SMALL PASSAGE LED VIA A MUCKY DIG TO A SRAUGHTING CALCITE DIG. THE MAIN WAY ^{LEFT} IS UP A RIFT/CASCADE TO A V. AWKWARD SQUEEZE THRO' A TUBE OVER WATER AND INTO A CONTINUATION OF THE RIFT AGAIN. FROM HERE A SHORT SECTION OF PASSAGE LEADS TO DROP & A NICE SECTION OF PHREATIC STREAMWAY. THE PASSAGE AGAIN CLOSES DOWN & THE TRIP ENDED AT A TOO TIGHT RIFT CONTINUING AT FLOOR LEVEL.

THIS RIFT WAS CLIMBED & BASICALLY IS CARRYING PAST A JUNE. WITH A CRAWLING SIZED TUBE (STILL GOING, NO DRAUGHT) INTO A PHREATIC AREA WITH A KEEPLING DRAUGHT.

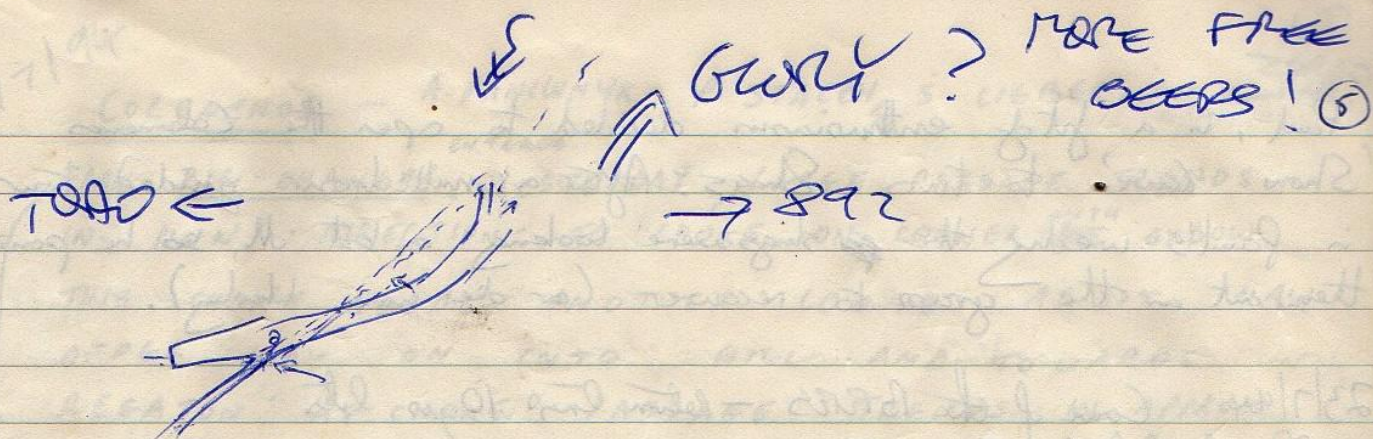


$$TV = 5 \frac{1}{2} \text{ hrs}$$

$$\text{SURFACED} \approx 150 \text{ m.}$$

IT DRAUGHTS WELL, ITS NEW, EXCITING & ITS OUR FIRST CAVING DAY OF SUMMER '94! ITS ALSO TIGHT, SHARP, SQUITTY, KNACKERING, AWKWARD + AND WORST OF ALL - ITS STILL GOING! OVERSUITS ALREADY HALF-SHREDDED, BUT PEDRO HAS OFFERED NEW ONES IF IT GRES BEYOND 1KM!

CHRIS. F.M.



PAUL STACEY, ADRIAN PANIWIŃK, SAM LIEBERMAN, ~~GABRIEL~~ ZORRO
 24/7/94 SERIOUS THUNDERSTORMS GREETED US SHORTLY BEFORE BREAKFAST. WOULD THIS AFFECT OUR RE-ENTRY INTO COLMENAS? (SP?). PAUL & ADRIAN OPTED FOR DRY KIT TODAY. ARRIVED AT CAVE TO FIND REASONABLE STREAM RESURGING. ADRIAN SET OFF WITH A LUMP HAMMER TO FURTHER ELIMINATE PINCHES, SQUEEZES, FLAKES ETC. REST OF US CAUGHT UP WITH HIM JUST BEFORE THE 2M POT - NOW COMPLETELY FULL! SOME ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO LOWER THE WATER LATER - RESULTING IN ABOUT 1" REDUCTION. DEEP WADING * ACROSS POOL & THROUGH ARCH DIDN'T PROVE TOO MUCH OF A PROBLEM AND WE RE-COMMENCED SURVEYING/PUSHING. UP CLIMB AND ALONG RIFT LEAD TO A CRAWL IN WATER AT FLOOR LEVEL. ENTRY GAINED TO NARROW RIFT FOLLOWED VIA SEVERAL ZIG-ZAG BEHDS SPREAD OVER SOME 300M, GENERALLY INCREASING IN SIZE UNTIL BOULDER RUN-IN ~~LEFT~~ RIGHT SIGNIFIES THE INTERSECTION OF CANYON PASSAGE OF SPACIOUS FOSSIL ~~NATURE~~ NATURE. SURVEYING/PUSHING HALTED AT THIS POINT WITH STREAM CONTINUING ALONG CANYON, GOOD DRAUGHT & HIGH LEVEL SIZABLE PASSAGE CONTINUING. SHOULD ALSO COMMENT THAT SEVERAL SMALL OXBOWS, CLIMBS ETC WERE CHECKED ON THE WAY. EVENTUAL EXIT MADE AND IT WAS NOTED THAT THE STREAM TO 2M POT HAD STOPPED FLOWING. RESURGENCE BELOW ENTRANCE NOW STILL. TD = 6½ HRS, SURVEYED 326M MTRS, LENGTH TO DATE 478M. (PS. PEDRO HAS BEEN WARNED TO LOCATE SUITABLE SOURCE OF OVERSUITS!)

CHRIS FR1

* Team small were floating here.!!! 8AM

*2 AS A COMPLETE COINCIDENCE THE END OF COLMENAS (363) FOUNTAIN THE ~~CAVE~~ OF BEE HIVE IS RIGHT UNDER 'CAVE OF THE BEES' - HAS SOME ~~ONE~~ DONE THE THRU' TRIP BEFORE US? PTO.

Paul, in a fit of enthusiasm decided to open the Colomeres 'Show Cave' to two Shugs. After a multi hour guided tour in Paul's welling the ~~shugs~~ shugs were looking a bit ill, so he panned them out on the grass to recover (or die more likely).

23/7/94 Cone of the BRES - Return trip 10 yrs later.

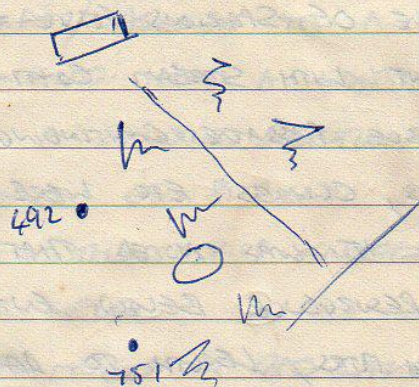
Phil. Petr. S. Joe & Juon.

Took quick route ^(15km) via Riva to cave 2km from BRES.

Pete gave a guided ~~subterranean~~ tour of a cavern to show how the locals live up on the hill - guide included former having a rest in his room. Pete's quick thinking saved the day - he explained that we were asking if we could go down his cave!!

Having said all this cone was crap, passage was due to Conchid Comp, which FX5 could see it - did not exist. Possible dig - but not out here! Also pitch is very loose & a death trap unless a lot of work is put in to garden patch.

Shaft found at VN 4960(7) 9586(1) GPS. 5m deep with large rocks over. Not detailed. (751)



24/7/94.

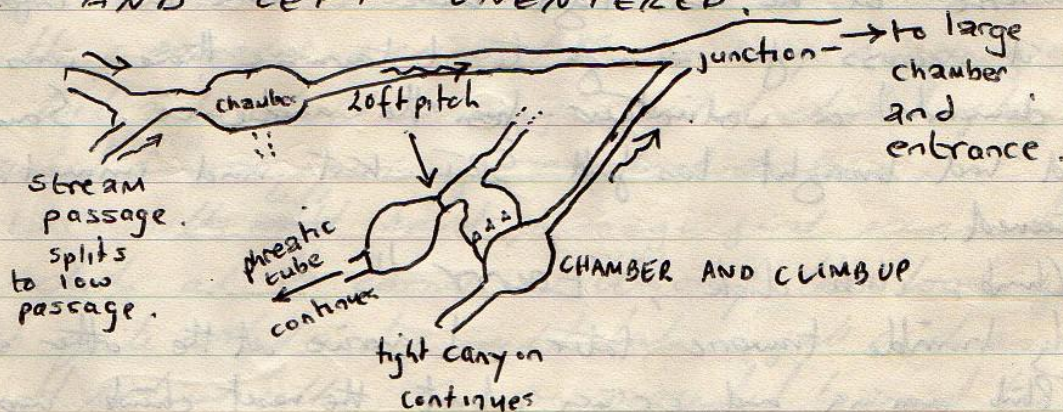
COLEMENOS - A. PANIWNKY, P. STACEY, S. LIEBERMAN, ²⁰⁰⁰ ~~2000~~ ⁷ ~~FAY.~~

ENTERED.

FROM BIG CHAMBER, YESTERDAY LARGE PASSAGE TRENDS IN NNN DIRECTION TO CHOKER ON CORNER ^{WITH} ~~THE~~ OXBOW. THIS CHOKER NEEDS ANOTHER LOOKS AS IT MAY OFFER WAY ON INTO HILL AND TO VARDS REGATON. AT CHOKER PASSAGE TRENDS IN APPROX SOUTHERLY DIRECTION BUT DEGENERATES TO ALOT OF CRAWLING AND TRENDS IN APPROX THIS PASSAGE IS TO BE NAMED WHITE MISCHIEF.

CRAWL EVENTUALLY SPLITS WITH SMALL STREAM ISSUING FROM BOTH PASSAGES. LEFT HAND BRANCH GOES THROUGH CAMBER TO TIGHT ONGOING VAPOSE CANYON. CLIMB THROUGH BOULDERS IN CHAMBER LEADS TO SMALL PASSAGE GOING IN TWO DIRECTIONS. RIGHT HAND BRANCH LEFT ONGOING. RIGHT HAND BRANCH GOES TO VIEW OF CHAMBER WITH 20FT PITCH DOWN. TUBE CARRIES ON ON ^{OPPOSITE} SIDE OF CHAMBER BUT NEEDS BOLTING.

RIGHT HAND BRANCH GOES THROUGH FLAT OUT CRAWL ^{TO} ~~TO~~ CHAMBER $\approx$ 30FT HIGH. STREAM CARRIES ON AT LOW LEVEL AND SPLITS INTO TWO. BOTH PASSAGES, SMALL AND LEFT UNENTERED.



BACK AT BIG CHAMBER RUBBLE SLOPE CLIMBED TO ENTER LAKE VAPOSE CANYON. TRENDRING IN $\approx$ EASTERLY DIRECTION. GOOD DRAUGHT AND LEFT ONGOING $\approx$ 480M SURVEYED TOTAL

0025-HISCO

25/7/94

PEDRO, ANDY Q., PHIL PAPP. SAM LIEBERMAN, JOE.

Trip left in good time - 12ish. Phil had to be dragged from some important house maintenance. Changing area was covered in shit but the dogs seemed relatively friendly. Entrance features included a goat which didn't seem ~~very~~ inclined to move as it was busy decomposing. The drips were going in but the draught was going out so the smell was a bit too bad for long. Pedro seemed surprised at the lack of water - we'd been psyched up for torrents of chest high water. - much pleasant stream canyon later, we climbed up to the ARCO GALLERY. We reached the previous limit of exploration a deep pit down to the river gallery. 4m climb up blocks on ~~the~~ left was where Phil started drilling. Joe decided he was going to get cold in the draught at this point and produces a designer cardigan from his handbag ?!!!? I got bored at this point and went foraging down the passage - mostly to find water for my failing carbide. All the apparent tubes at floor level or chossy climbs in the passage are just ~~scattered~~ oreboulds in the wall. I eventually found some water in the floor, used my welly as a scoop to get it out and could find my way back. Phil was in my way across the traverse at the time I got back - some time later he made it across far enough to determine there was a floor and demanded a volunteer from the audience. Sam being stupid had brought his full SRT kit and immediately (got) volunteered.

Chimb, click click, "Eerrrrr"

Bloody horrible traverse later I arrive at the other side to see Phil um'ing and er'ing about the next climb up a very nasty looking boulder pile some progress could be made towards the left but was loose & precarious the best option seems to be belting up to the right. - still looks a bit dodgy though. - above the boulder pile

appears to be more space - may go up - may connect to the calcite choker in Green Room ?? - On the way back Phil had an unfortunate problem with some thin climbing rope a croll and a potz! bolting hammer. Exit made past smelly goat - dogs seemed to be less friendly in the evening.

JAM.

25/7/94. - 0048. RENAIDA

Paul, Juan, Bethy took Carlos, Monica, Reporter, Wayne, American, Spanish = 9 total. into Renada to Blood Alley and Breakdown Chamber. El Mundo interested in Paul Stacey, so the Reporter has been pursuing him for the last 2 days.

One American hippy sets off with T-shirt and jeans but accepts a jersey when he feels the draught at the entrance.

26/7/94 COL MENOS

(363)

Party Adrian parinonyl, Sam Lieberman, Chris Fry 2040
Paul Stacey, Rob Murgatroyd.

Pushing & Surveying of right + left terminal branches. AP, SL, & RM took the left branch, CF & PS the right.

In the g entrance series RM went up a sandy crawl on the left side about 1/2 way in, but it choked after 30'.

~~SL pushed a ^{RH} side passage a short distance~~

AP SL & RM in the ~~left~~ ^{left} hand passage first examined the boulder choke at the corner. Although this looks good on paper it's quite solid and would take a full scale assault. No draught noticed either. So we proceeded toward the end SL & RM pausing to examine an obvious passage on the RHS SL pushed it until he was digging a sandy pneumatic tube and called it a day. At the previous limit of surveying the

Job was resumed, slow progress at first; up and down in a
 right stream passage. An enthusiasm and AP scouted ahead
 to an oven, a natural end point. When this was reached he
 led off again to find the passage enlarging at a complex chamber
 where a number of small passages went off.

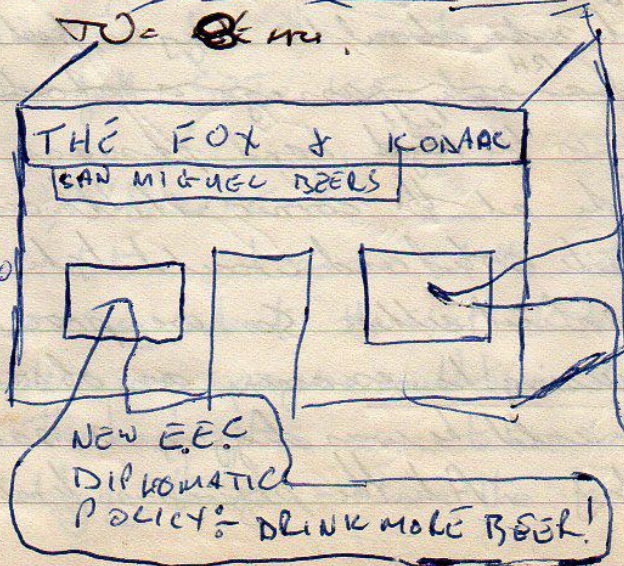
The main route was followed via an oxbow to the Left,
 but time ran out as the passage continued as a right streamway.
 AP & RM followed this for about 70m, past a rich branch
 to the right, to where it was possible to look up through
 boulders to an easily attainable chamber with a good
 echo.

RH SERIES "PLACEMENT SERIES" - THRU THE ARCHED WINDOW
 SLOW JOURNEY IN PARTLY DUE TO HAVING TO TRANSPORT A
 TACKLE BAG IN. I HAVE PUT TWO LADDERS ON THE SLIPPERY
 WHITE CALCITE CLIMB PART WAY IN, STARTED TO SURVEY THRU
 THE WINDOW & GOING WAS GOOD FOR A WHILE UNTIL AFTER A
 LARGE BREAKDOWN AREA THE DRAUGHT/WAY ON WAS LOST. DECIDED
 BEST BET WAS TUBE ENTERING RHS & THIS WAS FOLLOWED IN
 VARIOUS ~~PROPORTION~~ SIZES/SHAPES UNTIL A CHAMBER WAS REACHED
 WITH PLANT ROOTS ENTERING & A FEW SMALL BOWLS PRESENT. NO
 DRAUGHT THO! SEVERAL LEADS LOOKED AT ON THE WAY BACK
 BUT PARTLY DUE TO FAILING LIGHTS NONE WISHED TO GO FURTHER.

UPON RE-ENTERING MAIN ROUTE ON EXIT DRAUGHT RECOVERED
 EMERGING FROM MOLE NEEDING ONLY A LUMPHAMMER.

SEARCHED = 280m

TU = 2 hrs.



A FOX STOLE
 YOUR CAMERA!!?
 YOU HAD A
 ZOO FROM
 THE YTS
 BAR MAN!

27/7/94. 0025 RISCO

P. PAPP, A PRINGLE, BIG STEVE, ANDY IVE.

- TO CONTINUE. AFFIRMATIVE ABOUT BLOODY ORRIBLE PRECARIOUS BULDERS. MUGSY CLIMBED UP & FOUND WAY UP A SLOT INTO BIG CHAMBER - ANDY P FOLLOWED WRONG WAY & LEFT BIG BROWN LUMPS OF ADRENALINE ON HANGING DEATH. AFTER A QUICK GO - P. P JOINED US. PASSAGE CONTINUES TO CALITE GALLERY - BIG CRYSTALS - NO WAY ON AFTER 70m. UPPER GALLERY GUES BACK ACROSS BIG CHAMBER - POSS BEST TO EXTEND IT & DROP A ROPE DOWN TO AVOID CHAMBER ALL TOGETHER. SIDE PASSAGE UP BY 15m CLIMB LEADS TO DISNEYWORLD - MEGA AMAZING FORMATION INCLUDING TRIANGULAR MONO CRYSTAL MITE. (MORE INFO TO FOLLOW).

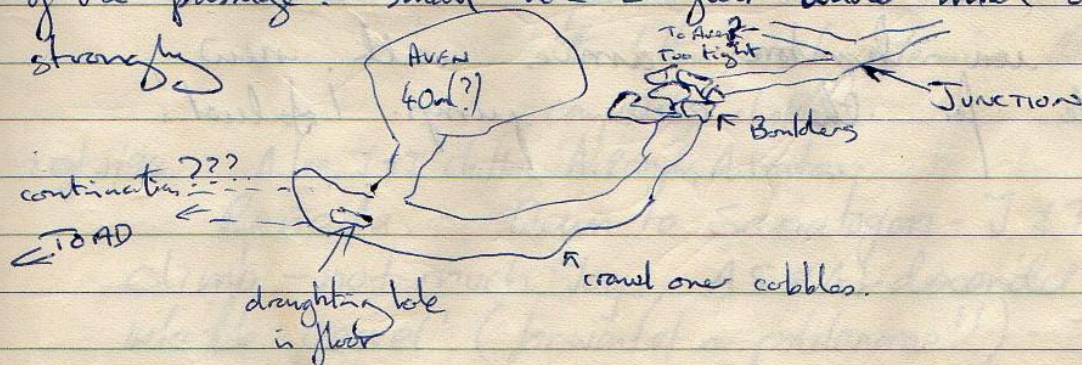
240m SURVEYED. BIG STEVE WAS WOKEN UP ON OUR RETURN & OUT. SIDE PASSAGE FOUND - NEEDS SURVEYING. 6 HOUR TRIP.

Andy IVE.

27/7/94. COCENENAS (363)

El dentista (SAM), Paul Stacey, Adrian Partridge.

Surveying / Pushing Trip down WHITE MISERER. - continued surveying from previous end to stuff pushed on the last trip. small junction and area near the end appear to be to the right of the passage - small hole in floor under mud dig draughts out strongly



On the way back we pushed any side passages we came across all were smaller and closed down for human sized people. On the right (going at

~ 50 m? from the previous days end (Station 200) (going in) there was a
caliche flow - continued lower. ↓



JOHN D' at station on way to SPAIN

Continued :- Old caliche had been overlaid by mud & surface
debris, - then more caliche - either poorly formed or dissolving off?
Caliche growths pushed in the way out to R. - continuing
Second growths on LHS above caliche saddle. was pushed by PSt but
didn't look as promising.

12:55 am van hombre arrives with new
gas bottle for the caña pump. 1 fuel!



Zorro

27/7/94 - Andy Seton, Chris Kay, Rob

Cave reference no 290 - previously noted as 5m vertical shaft "undescended."

Just for the record, this time it was descended part way down to a ledge from where it was possible to shine a beam all the way round the bottom and determine that it was completely choked.

28/7/94. A.Ive, J & T Chilton, A. Pringle, A. Seton.

Reñada. - Down to Sanatagon - J & T bailed a climb - not much Jcg. AS & AI descended a 14m pitch into 'the gravel' (for want of a polite name!!) - 75m surveyed - tight horrible thrutch.

27/JUL/44 - P. STACEY, A. PANIWNKY, S. LIEBERMAN

INITIAL WALK UP TO TUBES ABOVE 363 NOTED AT EAST -
THE CAVE IS NOT ON THE AREA MAP. THIS MAY BE THE BRANCH THAT
COMES CLOSE TO THE SURFACE WITHIN THE RM BRANCH WITHIN 363.

- (A) ⁷⁹³ CLIMB UP TO THE RIGHT OF AN OBVIOUS GULCH LEADS TO A
WALKING HEIGHT CAVE ENT. THIS CAN BE FOLLOWED FOR ~12m TO
A CALCITE/TUO BLOCKAGE. AT THE BOTTOM LEFT OF THE BACK WALL
IS A DRAUGHTING HOLE.

WE THEN CONTINUED ROUND & RE-LOCATED 447, 448, 449, 451, 362
THE VALLEY IS VERY STEEP IN PLACES & HAS BEEN INCOMPLETELY ERODED
& MAY YIELD THE SOURCE OF THE AVEN INLETS INTO THE BACK END OF
~~DISSEMINATED~~ COLMENAS LHS.

SEE AREA MAP IX-29 + ONE WITH 363 ON.

B - A CIRCULAR SHAFT WITH SEVERAL VARIETIES OF SMALL TREES GROWING
OVER THE SHAFT ENT. IT APPEARS TO DESCEND 3m TO A BEDROCK
FLOOR WITH A POSSIBILITY OF A CONTINUATION. NOT DESCENDED (792)

C - IN A GRASSY DEPRESSION A CAVE CONSISTING OF ^{TWO} ~~SEVERAL~~ RIPS
LEAD OFF DESCENDING TO A PEBBLE FLOOR - NOT DESCENDED. (794)

D - A SMALL CAVE BETWEEN BEDROCKS HAS A SLIGHT DRAUGHT
BUT PROBABLY CHOKES - NEEDS A PROPER LOOK TOO! (795)

F - A SLIGHTLY DRAUGHTING CAVE BETWEEN BEDROCKS WITH THE
FLOOR 3m DOWN - UNDESCENDED. (796)

G - A TIGHT DROP TO A BEDROCK FLOOR, POSSIBLE DRAUGHT (797)
UNDESCENDED.

~~Handwritten scribble~~

Footnote to above

Found a couple of things. - most likely 362. - 8m+(!)
shaft below small rock outcrop. - further round at same
level. roughly ~~at~~ above 363 in steep craggy limestone
a sizeable joint 0.7m ^{wide} x 3m high runs back for 5m
- and chokes the floor.

El dentista.

28/7/94. Pete Smith, Juan, Bibby + Spanish archaeologist
+ dog.

(089)

Alsatian led the way to Grajas where he was tied
up for the first couple of hours. Juan descended
down the blue rope climb - 5m tight down
to silt blockage. Various bits of pottery found
and hearth sites with burnt bones. Dog released
at this point, entered the cave but showed little
interest in the animal remains.

Carbon dating discerned. Apparently
the Spaniards sent their samples off to
Miami where the turn round time is 1 month and
the cost £100. This could be split 4 ways
Archaeologist: Expedition: CATAP: William Rengally.

ZORRO

~~CHRIS~~ FAY: I COULD TAKE A LUMP HAMMER & JAW WITH A
COUPLE OF THINGS EACH TIME I ENTER COLEMINAS
ANON: WHAT LIKE?

~~CHRIS~~ PAUL STACEY FOR INSTANCE!
ZORRO

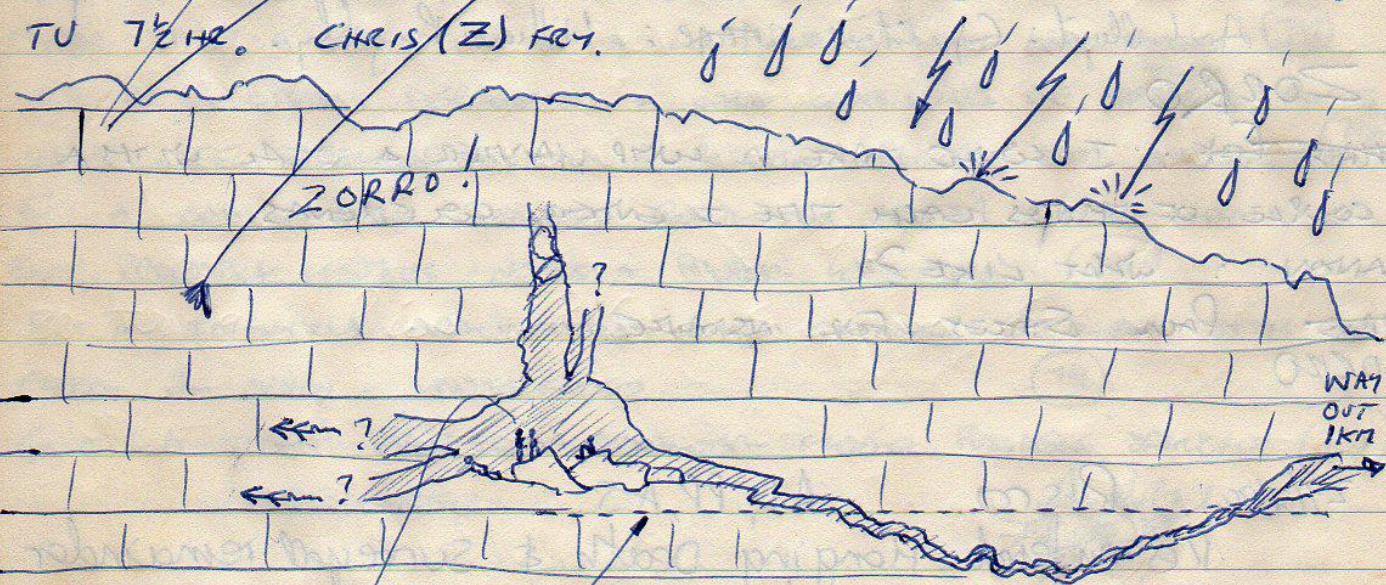
29/7/94. PISCO. AL, PP, AS.

Re entered Hanging Death & surveyed remainder
of Disney world - took lots of slide pickies. way on
continues into stamping great ARCO 2. 300m to
Survey - dropped down into ARCO at 1/2 way point - 60'
Rope in situ - wide open it is. *Al*

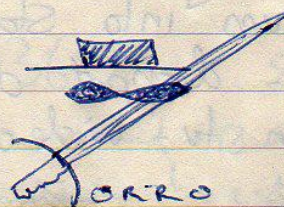
ZORRO

29/7/94 COLEMINAS ~~CARY~~, P. STACEY, A. PANIWNIAK, S. LIBERMAN. RETURNED
TO RUN-IN JUNCTION IN PLAY-SCHOOL ~~PASS~~ SERIES. RAPIDLY PASSED
ARCH IN ROOF TO NEW CANYON PASSAGE & FORCED ROUTE VIA 3
NATHERED SQUEEZES INTO WELL-DRAWN, WELL DECORATED PASSAGE.

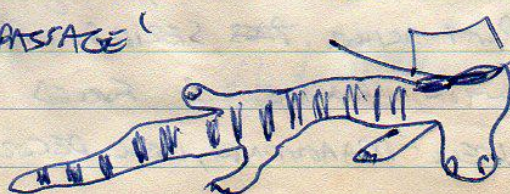
PASSAGE DIMENSIONS APPROX 2M x 2M HEADING (?) APPROX NE VIA MULTIPLE
 RIGHT-ANGLE BENDS. FOUND REALLY WEIRD 'HERRING-BONE' STAL ON R FLOOR,
 HOLE NAME 'MACKEREL PASSAGE'! FOLLOWING PHREATIC MAZE AREA
 ENTERED APPROX 50M OF PASSAGE THAT APPEARS TO SUMP ^{sometimes??} UNTIL
 ACCESS GAINED TO ~~THE~~ AIRCRAFT CHAMBER WITH WAYS OFF
 LEFT, UP & 2 ON RIGHT. ALL FELT THAT THIS WAS NOT THE
 PLACE TO BE SHOULD THERE BE ANOTHER THUNDERSTORM. LITTLE
 DID WE KNOW WHAT WAS UNFOLDING ON THE SURFACE. EXITED
 CAVE IN JUST OVER 2 HOURS TO FIND VERY HEAVY RAIN AND
 LIGHTNING ETC ALL AROUND MATIENZO. MET A. QUINN & A. PRINCE ON
 WAY BACK TO CAMP - THEY HAD COME LOOKING FOR US THINKING WE
 MIGHT BE IN TROUBLE WITH HIGH WATER. THAT'S A BEER WE OWE YOU
 BOTH. PERHAPS A TIMELY REMINDER THAT SOME MORE MEMBERS ~~OR~~ OF
 MAT'94 MIGHT NEED TO GET INVOLVED. ALL-IN-ALL AN EXPECTED AND
 SATISFYING TRIP LEAVING MORE ?'S THAN 'A'S. SURVEYED 330M,
 TO 7 1/2 HR. CHRIS (Z) FRY.



COR, YES THIS IS GREAT,
 AND STILL GOING, BUT NOT
 THE PLACE TO BE IN A THUNDERSTORM!



PS: WE FOUND A SALAMANDER AT THE
 BOTTOM OF 'MACKEREL PASSAGE'



THE DRAUGHT AT THE END
 OF THE NEW PASSAGE DOES NOT
 RESERVE THE EXISTING PENNY'S CAVE.

02.27 hrs

PENNY'S CAVE VISITED ALSO AFTER 363 TRIP TO SEE SUMP.

(17)

672 Regato. Andy Q, Juan, Rob Murgatroyd.

29th July Friday

Started the re-survey of this cave, first explored by the Spilis Club Cantabro in 1976.

Surveyed most of the passage from the top entrance (2) to the Palacio Bada, near the exit from main passage to bottom entrance - i.e. the ~~NE~~ NE corner. Found nothing new except to show Spanish survey is wrong.

Stopped at KLV and were forced to drink litre canas - stocked for bull running at night.

30th July Saturday

SANTANISSE SEWERS

Phil, Liz, Pete E, Pete S, Bobby, Juan to Peña Toros area.

1. To Maliaño ~~the~~ to pick up Carlos and the El Mundo reporter/photographer team.
2. Visit Old Stone Age dig in field and
3. Look at El Perdo - giant archaeological dig in next shakehole to PJ.
4. Phil, Pete E and Liz change for top entrance. Photographers very impressed with Pete's people wet suit and takes a number of shots.
5. The intrepid 3 descend the shakehole to spend the next 1 1/2 hrs bramble bashing.
6. Carlos, Pete, Bobby, Juan drive to the new bottom entrance "El Cubillo" and are photographed getting changed. We now realise that the photos are really for Playgirl.
7. The intrepid 4 survey in to pitch head with minor diversion from Carlos as he loses his way.
8. Ladders pitch and meet up with the intrepid 3 in the streamway.

9. Detackle and exit cave. The intrepid 4 completed ~~the~~ the through trip for the first and possibly last time in about 2 hours. Bottom entrance easy access to lower reaches.
10. Drive off to look at medieval burial site.
11. Revisit Stone Age field to arrange trip on Tuesday.
12. Back to Malisno to pick up PJ survey and VISIT BAR.
13. Back to German's.

CORS RISCO Alive, P. PAP, P. HALL, A. SEATON, P. RATCHER, LIZ, BIG STEVE

SCRUBBED UPPER ARCO FROM PREVIOUS END TO NEW END. SIDE PASSAGES EXPL, VERY NEAR SURFACE NOW.

ARCO 2 ENDS AT TRAVELER WITH NO LEDGES, BUT ARCO SHOWS SOLID FLOOR ABOVE, - BATTING REQUIRED. STEVE LOOKED AT A LOWER ARCO SIDE PASSAGE - STILL GOING STRONG.

PP. - DERIGUED BREAKDOWN CHAMBER - NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN - WE HOPE.

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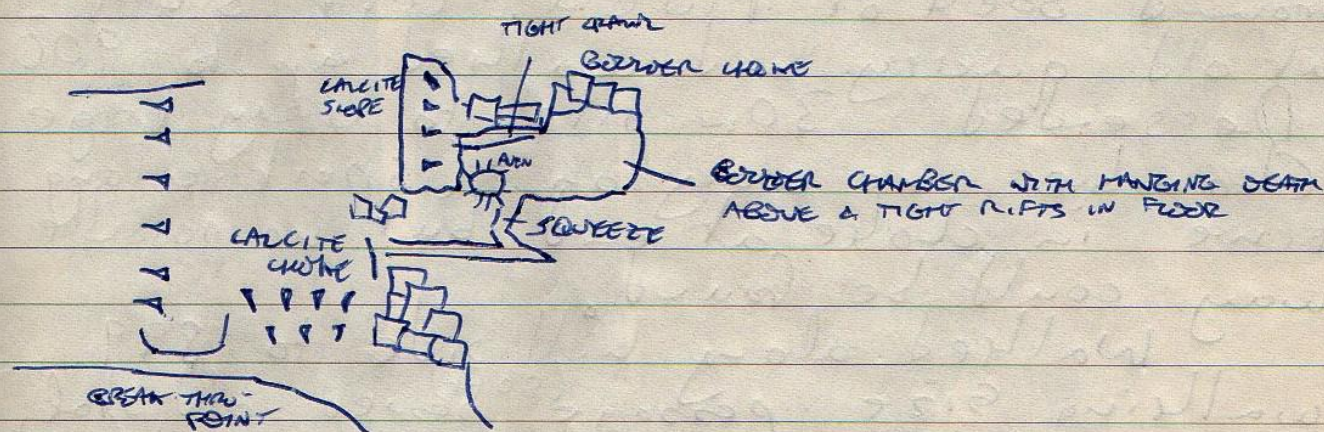
30 JUL - 94 PICON - P. STACEY, S. LEBERMAN, S. H. WAT, A. PANIWNYSK.

Quick trip to tidy up some loose ends and generally poke around. Entrance pitch was entertaining to rig, especially with the magical self knotting lifeline. Sam (me) carefully took down the water bottle and some cartons of drinks to cool off and left them on a rock to be picked up on the way out.... On L.H. branch - looked at the 8m pit at the end, and boggled at the climb the French must have done to get into the new bit of passage. The pit can be rigged on RHS through an eye hole and is more than 8m deep. Paul swinging around on the end of the ladder but couldn't see anything obvious. - Then on to the pretty bit. Steve, Helen & Adrian took some photos whilst Paul & I looked at some passage pretty growthy stuff - just off from the caliche blockage at the breakthrough point.

JPM.

PS: Rm 11T is PROBABLY MORE LIKE 11m - I COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING OBVIOUS BUT THERE MAY BE SOMETHING IN ONE CORNER, PROBABLY NOT THO'.

PPS: DIAGRAM OF BEYOND CALCITE BLOCKAGE - NO OBVIOUS WAY ON.



... Sam forget his drinks.

JULY
31 - ~~ANOTHER~~ - 94 363.

P. STREET, A. RANUWHE, S. LIEBERMAN, STEVE + HELEN WRAIT.

TRIP TO INVESTIGATE END OF 'MACKENZIE' PASSAGE' LOOKING FOR
WAYS ON, FOLLOWING THE DRAUGHT + POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH
PENNY'S CAVE. FERRETED ON SEVERAL SMALL TWISTING LITTLE STREAMS
VIA SEVERAL CRAWLY WET BITS UNTIL FIRST EVIDENCE OF OTHERS
WAS SEEN ON MUD BANK (NEOPRENE + BOOT MARKS). ADRIAN & HE
THEN ENTERED A RIFT AT THE END AND A PIECE OF RED ELEC.
FLEX (ALSO SEEN AT PENNY'S CAVE SUMP) WAS GLIMPSED TIED OFF
IN A SIDE RIFT. 'SISTEMA DE COLMENAS ESCALON'. SURVEYED FROM
OLD END FOR ~150M UNTIL CRAWLING IN A SMALL WATERY TUBE WITH
THE WIND HOWLING THRU' GOT THE BETTER OF US. I THEN RETURNED
TO THE SUMP WITH A MAP OF THE OTHER'S EXTENSION & THEN
PACED BACK COMPARING THE CAVE & THE SURVEY. I THINK/MORE
WE HAVE SURVEYED ENOUGH SO THAT THE TWO CAN BE JOINED. ~~FEEL~~
~~DISAPPOINTED~~. EXITED IN GOOD ORDER CHECKING VARIOUS FLOORS
PARTICULARLY THOSE AROUND THE BIG BLOOD RED COLUMN TUBE.
THE TUBE GOING LEFT GOES FOR ABOUT ~50M, GETS SMALLER BUT
MAY STILL DO SOMETHING. NEEDS A PUSH. TUE = SHH.

P. STREET: "WHAT A TRIP, 363 IS NOW OVER 2km. A CONNECTION; WHAT
MORE COULD YOU WANT?"

EVERBODY: "HOW ABOUT ANOTHER ENTRANCE!"

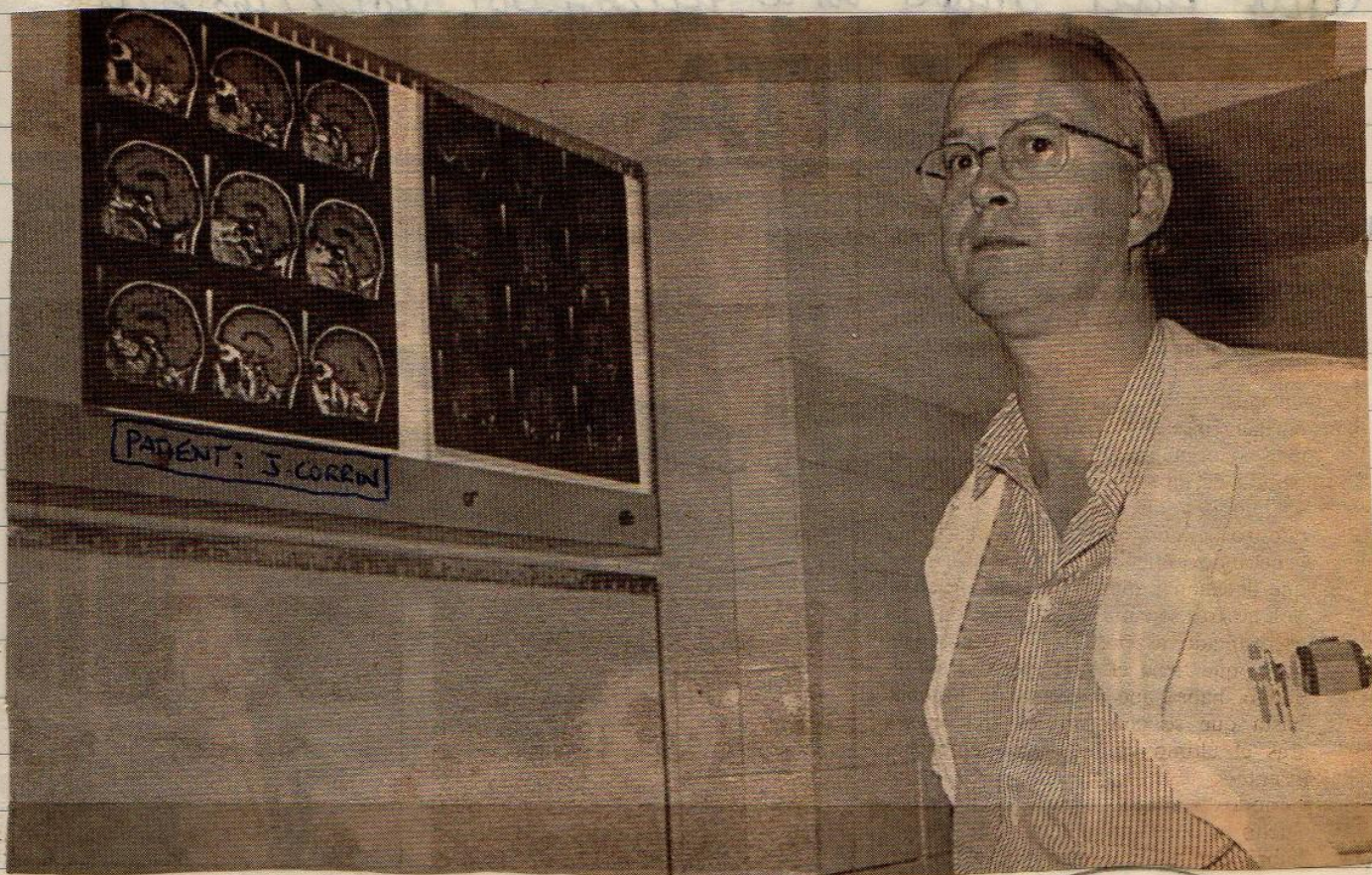
1-8-96 900 PTEagan. Liz Cowell

Cycled up to Fuente Las Uvas,
down San Miguel Road to track
around back of Muela. Left fibres
at old quarry and walked up to 900
Descended 30m pitel, to very large
chamber no way on (spoke along
line in choke at end but no possible
way could be found)

Walked along hill side to 899
walking size passage ^(soft) passed old chole
to small draughting hole in sand/mud/
caliche. fairly easy digging.
(30min back on a fibre) PTEagan

31/7/94 "Blanco Run". The first Blanco Run of the run of the year involved
13 people tipping Blanco & other assorted drinks in various bars too
numerous to mention. As a break from tradition - I've been informed -
we stopped at 'Bar Tomas' for a cheap meal (£4). Basically uneventful
until Joan ordered a Complete Steeps head for pudding! This was
consumed - to the amusement/amazement/horror etc. of all present. I
know what a Pasabolo tree looks like and where the players keep
the special mud used for lidding up the pegs. I don't think the
Pasabolo hats look very comfortable though and feel that a Sink
plunger is probably a better option! Anyway, next time another
initiate may be available! Chris (Z) Fry

STOP PRESS: TOP SURGEON FINDS SCRAPIE IN HUMAN



ARE THEY INSURED?

11/8/94.

(POTENTIAL CRODON MEMBER)

Copresedo

Zorno

Jenny, C. Penny, C. Helen, Bobby, Steve, Chris, Joe, Linda,
Andy P. Touch

We parked our cars at the bottom of the hill and walked up a track. On one side were fields and on the other side were barns. We kept on going up the track until we reached barbed wire. Then we got under it and climbed up a brambly and slippery slope, with nettles at the top.

The entrance was quite large with a goat pen in it, but no goats, (pity!). The passage was big with lots of stalls and columns. There was a crate in a corner, to a

ON EXITING THE CAVE JOE SAID LET'S ALL GO TO A BAR.
 10/10 FOR 1ST TRIP. AWARDED EXOP CUP TO BE PRESENTED AT
 PRIZE GIVING. DATE & VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED.

medium sized cavern. We took photos, and a few of them
 where of a large floorstone. Then we went out
 and had a hard time getting Joe down the hill.
 Joe did very well on his first
 caving trip and only said he didn't
 like it once ~ is this a record?

NB- FOUND WHAT APPEARED TO BE A CALCIFIED STRAW OR REED BASKET. IS THIS RECORDED? C.F.R.

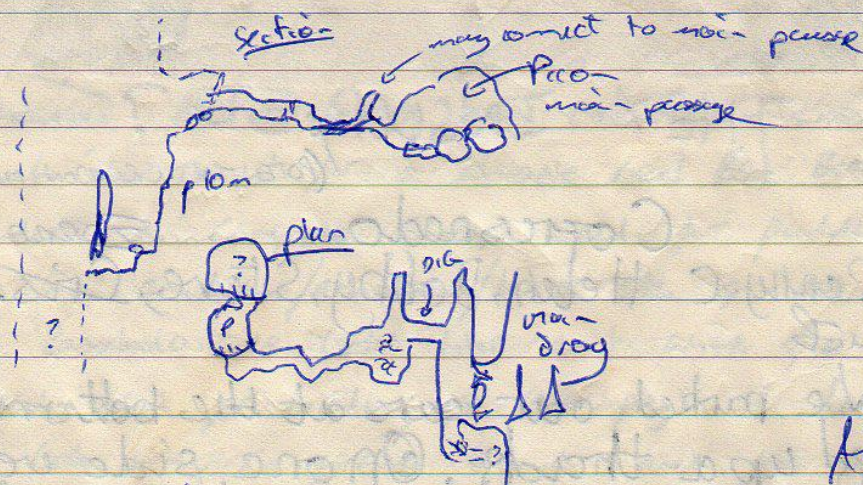
2/2/94 Cofronedo.

Picay's r place wound. All, Mike, Det

3/8/94 Picon. ~~Bob C.~~ Bob C., Mike, All

Put 2 bolts on extreme pitch.

Dug "Basking dog" 1/2 way in on south side. c 3 m to decorated chamber
 way on to c 10 m pitch (shaft continues above). Small hole at bottom in
 widens into parallel shaft - c 10 m (continues above with higher
 connections to first shaft) & ran out of tackle so descended. First
 pitch has very loose head. ned to put in bolt to get further out
 over pitch.



RISCO 1/8/94 Andy Q, Juan, John Dee, Richard,
 Sarah, Ian (Hobbit), George, Nick, Duncan;

Various teams surveyed a line from the
 entrance to the end of Arco ~ the beginning
 of this years traverse line. Sediment samples
 were collected and one team Juan, John D. & Duncan
 re found Torto series.

Andy Q.

RENADA. TOBY, JANE, PRINGLE, ROB M, SIMON ET AL,
Continued bolting in Sanatogen (see 27/7/94 ANDY IUES).
Simon climbed about 10m up - no go. Tourist
trip to Renada 1 sump - brilliant. Duncan jumped
down a hole on the way out but avoided serious
injury.

Jane, Rob M.

FRESNADO I only about 45m of passage could be
3/7/94 found. This way re-surveyed. No strong draughts could
be detected.

FRESNADO II Pringle & Toby went to dig the passage
to the right at Lorado Junction. This was followed to a
chose (undiggable) which had obviously been visited
before, probably by Richard Blake.

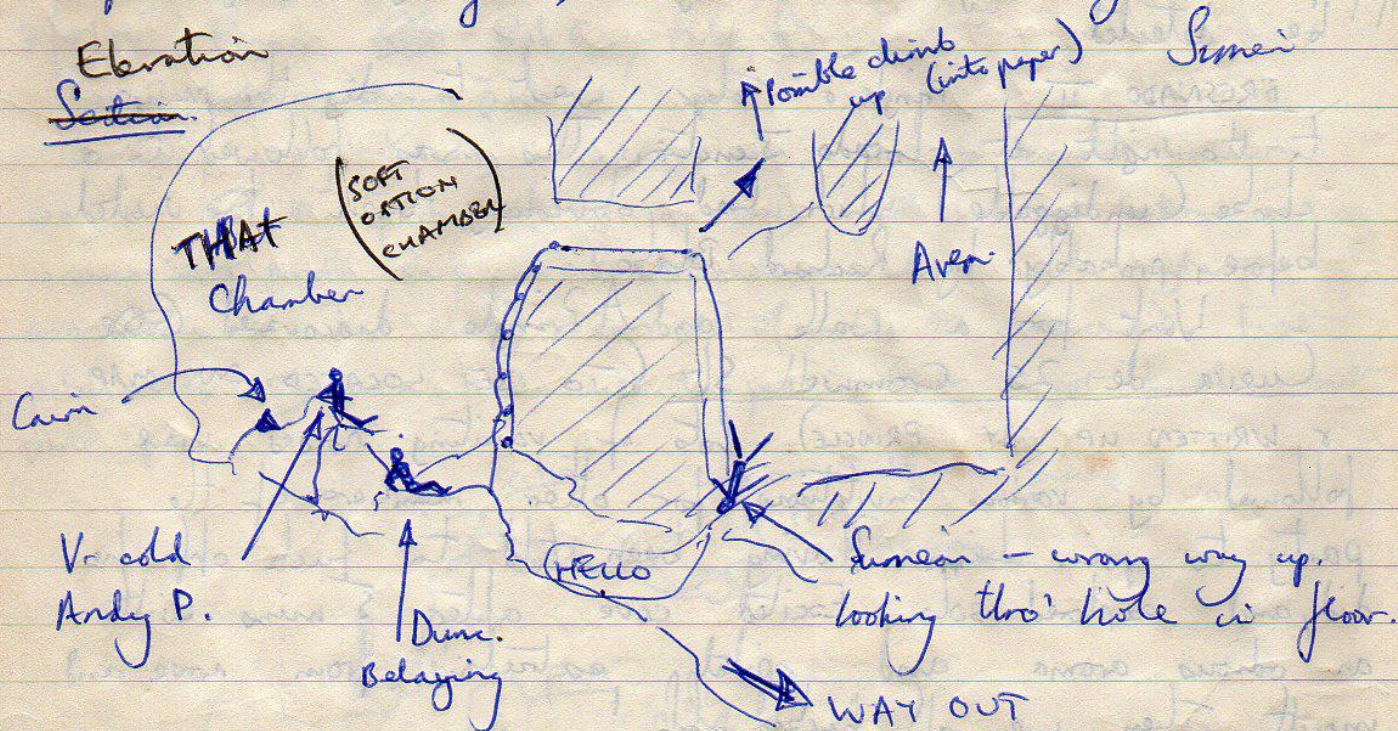
Went for a walk and A. Pringle discovered ~~Cave~~
Cueva de 25 Cromwell St. (TO BE LOCATED ON MAP
& WRITTEN UP BY PRINGLE). Lots of vomiting noises were
followed by various invitations for other members of the
party to join him. Having been told to fuck off he
did, and explored solo. Excited cave after 5 mins with
an odious aroma and spits, extruding from nose and
mouth. Then we all fucked off!

2/8/94 Fresnado II Rob M., Toby, Jane. + a very poorly person.
Very poorly person became comatose just after ~~Lorado~~ Lorado
Jnt. so other 3 continued & rigged up to last pitch (Pendulum
Pitch). Traverse lines placed on step over on climb up out
of shifty streamway (Cascade Streamway on survey). Returned
to Tide Passage & checked all avers with Robs atomic
headset - non looked particularly sexy. Some gear left
at the Blackness for bolting on Thursday. A good trip.

FRESNEDO II - Andy Pringle, Simeon, Duncan Mar 2-8-99.

Up into the Knotted Rope Series and on to
~~THAT~~ Chamber. Bolted up about 25' into 'Something'
which turned out to be a short passage (215').
Dropped a short pitch the other side which went to
Areas in the roof and a slot in the floor back to THAT
Chamber (no good). Other possible lead is ~~free~~ free/aided
climb up left from the end of short passage.
Left some hangers, hammer & bolt driver for return.

Elevation
Section



1/8/94 WALK ABOVE PENNY'S CAVE - P. STACEY, A. SECTON, S. LIEBERMAN

A. PAMUNYK

TOTALT FAILED TO FIND 423 BUT RELOCATED OTHER KNOWN SITES
WITHIN VALLEY EXTENDING NNW TO AREA EAST OF ENASSO SUMMIT

TWO NEW SITES LOCATED. (SEE P. STACEY FOR LOCATIONS)

(798) A - LARGE SHAFT IN Limestone OUTCROP IN CORNER OF FIELD HIDDEN
BY WALLS OF TREES - DESCENDS 5m TO SLOPE & UNDESCENDED DROP BEHIND.

(799) B - DRAUGHTING DIG IN HOLLOW AT NW END OF FIELD.

PS: OTHER VISITORS TO THIS AREA ARE WARNED OF A FRISKY BULLOCK
THAT CAN CHARGE GIVEN ANY PROVOCATION - INCLUDING THE SOUND OF
CROW BAR BANGING SIMILAR TO THAT OF A COW BELL.

2/8/94 CUBIO/REGATON P. Stacey, C. Fuy, A. Seton, H. Wray, S. Wray
Rigging trip down Cubio. All pitched ladder + lifeline. May need a
little reworking (lifelines too long / mailbags too big). Tourist trip down
to S.O.B. choke. Surveyed minor Aven Inlet Passage off Sky Passage
to conclusion (an oven!) on the way out. All ready now for the
big push!

3-8-94 Cubio/Regaton P. T. Egan, P. Stacey, P. Miles
L. Cowell

Straight forward trip to visit the
end of frog passage, to check last remaining
leads beyond water.

Water in frog appeared to be lower
by a few inches but still deep in
places.

Drumming corner was found to have
two narrow small passages with pebbly
floors both drumming quite well
but becoming too tight one with a
boulder choke.

Other ~~areas~~ areas were looked at
but only one possible lead left open
in a side passage of frog (Rt side): -

Easy passage leads to boulder run
in which was passed to a continuing low
crawl with draught.

Exited cave checking crevices between
frog and Boss choke, but nothing new was
found.

Visited bottom of ramp but only
narrow crevice existed.
Left cave with no problem. Thru

ME

2-8-96 Peru Tarcao (Santander Sewer)
P. Eagan, P. Miles, P. Pappad, P. Hall,
L. Cowell, Carlos (the Bugman of Santander)
Alises (Archaeologist in badly fitting
clothes tied up with a piece of string)

Entered cave by new entrance
and visited first of the 7 on survey
this turned out to be part of the higher
level of cave & surveyed by Pappad & Pete Hall
whilst remainder of party (all fluent
Spanish Speakers) carried on up stream.

Climbed up to obvious open passage
on RH side to gain large walking
size inlet (4-500m long).

Small passage - Come's back to Carlos
Phil M. Liz
Alises (holding onto pants)
Laughing at Carlos
GLORY

This passage ended after some crawling
in a large Boulder collapse which
probably connects to rest of high level.
One side passage was pushed to no
conclusion with plenty of draught.
A large area with good draught
was looked at for future bolting.

Meanwhile, P. Pappad & P. Hall were
surveying overbow on opposite side of
passage, as:-

Remainder of party when up stream
to push river inlet, this connected
with known cave, which needs proving.

New passage was photographed with one Spanish model (smiling Carlos) and a spaniard with four words of English, one of which was 'Shit', before whole team left cave together via new entrance -

M. Egan

4th August 1994 FRESNEDO II. Sunear, Duncan Mear

Nick Rose & Bruce Davis.

• Continuation from bolting trip of 2nd August 1994. Site THAT Chamber (Soft Option Chamber) in the 'Knotted Rope Series'. Climb up to left ~~to~~ from top of bolt ladder on chimney stal. Got to phreatic passage at top with stairs. (2 cm x 2 cm section). Unfortunately only ~10m long with mud choke, no draft. Surveyed back to cairn in THAT Chamber & denigrated.

Sunear

4.8.94 Picon - Ali, P Stacey, Suck, Ian, Andy Pringle, ^{Alistair} Descended second pitch - only way on a strongly drifting crack into a ?chamber or pitch - very committing even for Paul so not pushed.

Looked at streamway at bottom of lower passage from entrance - needs sling etc to pull out boulders, water can be heard falling a short distance below. Entered boundary chamber on left just before this - drifting in but no way on.

Climb on left in large passage before this to a steeply rising tale, climbable, drifting up - prob. surface connection.

(DESCRIPTION IN BACK OF THIS LOG)

4th August 94

Fresno 11

TOBY, JANE.

Bolting in The Blackness. Ran out of studs just short of passage that looks to be choked with mud. This will be finished on next visit. 10 mailbags + hangers are in situ.

4/8/94 (72) ~~Sistema~~ Sima de los Hoyos. Steve, Helen + Andrew (+ Chris surface support!) Thorough look at early site described as "22m shaft to 2 well decorated chambers + low bedding leading off too low". 200m of passage surveyed - all ends in concrete chokes - no draughts at all!

4/8/94 Revisited several old sites in Cubeca valley. Of particular note 525 was found to draughting out. Original references seem vague so return visit (with minor digging kit planned). #

800 Also found previously Unlisted site approx ~~500~~ 75m NW of obvious site 76. # Walk in rift drops approx 3m deep x 5m long. Loose rocks fill the floor. 2 other minor rifts were located very close by - too tight to enter. CHRIS FR1 + ANDREW SETON

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5/8/94. Cubica - Regaton. - L. Cavell, P. Eagan, Simon, Bruce.

Took some pictures around the camp area and looked at a few leads ^{above the camp} none of which went anywhere. Then went down to Regaton entrance pitch and to a climb to one side of it, Simon managed to climb up to near a point by the old deviation on the main pitch via a side passage, a piton or some other protection is needed to climb up ^{higher} to a slope into a possible passage / alcove. ^{Also} Went down & crawl to right of this passage which went to an inlet after approximately 18 metres which ~~was~~ closed up. Then continued down another passage from the main pitch which led quickly to a duck, which was past + enlarged - beyond

a climb up a small aven led to a hike which came to a junction of ~~aven~~^{left} led to a sloping passage with a drop of about 10 feet, ~~left at~~^{the passage at} this point - also contained a draught. The right hand branch led to a choke which was passed on the left to a jumble of larger rocks - looked through seemed to be a passage beyond*. Care left at this point with a return visit envisaged. LL.

* Behind was rat chambers (several meters) and much glory to be had by the next party.

5/8/94 Penada - A Well, R. Lawhorn, D. Jean, Mike Head.

Surgey from Stuffed Monk to passage leading right before Sanatogen, to large chamber & continuation to knotted rope climb. Surgey through crawl to impressive large passage with big aven & well decorated side passages, looking well trodden.... eventually realised we were back in Stuffed Monk, so enabled a loop to be surveyed - part not previously surveyed??

Alc

4/8/94. Los Hoyos cont.

22.5m drop off western side of pit to scree slope down to small chamber. Short crawl on RHS leads to large chamber ^{25m x 35m} with well decorated ~~chamber~~^{junction} low passage leading off for approx 70m choked at end. Half way down this passage ~~short~~ on RHS leads to well decorated chamber with empty gow pools and stal ending at flowstone wall, slot in floor choked in 4M.

To left of pitch chamber leads down ^{loose} boulder slope with many bones skeletons to chamber - 25m x 25m. 1/2m crawl off to right at bottom of boulder slope, again well decorated but chokes. NO other leads in chamber. ~~St~~ Calcified skeleton of ? bear found in centre of this chamber. Incisors 4cm long. Skull 35cm x 18cm. Cave surveyed

Heiler.

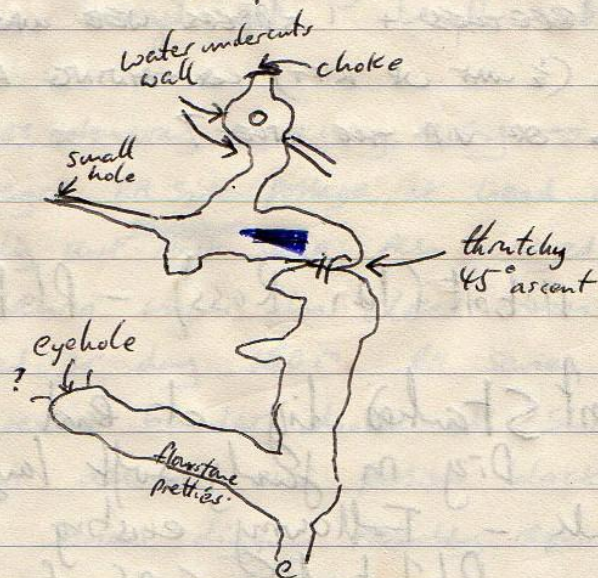
6/8/94 - Andrew Seton, Chris Fry.

① Cave ref 525: previously noted as "Hole drops down 3m to an 8m crawl to a choke." We re-examined this hole on the basis that the previous day there had been a strong draught emanating from the entrance. The 8m crawl was checked and no draught was felt coming from this direction. However, standing in the small chamber inside the entrance, there is a tight rift passage heading into the hillside. Unfortunately this rift is mostly choked with compacted mud, although it was possible to squeeze upwards through the rift for about 3m before it became too tight. A distinctive draft was felt coming through this rift.

② "Cueva del Arturo". Small hole (0.5m diameter) found near base of hillside on the other side of the road opposite cave 525 (Chris Fry to survey and provide accurate grid reference). done
5m scramble down leads to a 2m high chamber from which there are two possible routes. The left fork continues for approx 10m until you come ~~across~~ across an eyehole too tight to pass but through which another chamber can be seen. No draught detected. The eyehole could be widened with a lump hammer if necessary. Various stal and flow stone on the left hand side of the passageway. The right fork continues for approx 12m to a small eyehole at an upwards 45° angle. The hole is tight and awkward to pass, but providing you ~~don't~~ don't have the physique of a Sumo wrestler it is possible to get through. This then leads into a well decorated chamber

approx ~~2m~~ ^{9m} in length. At the far end is a rift passage leading off but with much flintstone eventually blocking the way after only another 5m. There is a small hole in the base of the flintstone but this is too small to pass. Walking passage leads off to the right of the chamber through knee deep water for another 10m before ending in a boulder choke. A number of large animal bones were found at the base of this choke. No discernible draught was felt. On the left hand side of this passage it was noticed that the water undercut the base of the wall (possible sump?)

Prologue: watch out for man-eating spiders at the entrance to this cave.



P.S. At the end of the left hand fork a carbide burned inscription was found indicating that the cave had been entered previously by Spanish cavers. There were various initials which didn't make any sense, the date was noted as 1/8/67, plus there was the name Arturo (??)

Andy Seton.

6/8/94 - RECAVON - P. STREET. P. MILES. S. WRAH

GOOD FORGET ABOUT AT VERY TOP OF RAMP TO LOOK AT PASSAGE VISITED LAST YEAR AT END OF OLD PHREATIC RIFT. RIFT AS DESCRIBED DOES GET VERY TAN WITH A TRAVERSE EVENTUALLY LEADING TO A CALCITE CHOKER REQUIRING A SCALING ROPE. FURTHER BACK A LH TURNING OVER A BIG DROP / TRAVERSE ABOUT 50m WAS SURVEYED TO A ⁴⁰ ~~100m~~⁺ AVEN. THE DRAUGHT IN BOTH PASSAGES SEEMS UNPREDICTABLE IN DIRECTION & KEPT CHANGING.

ON THE RETURN BUT THE BOTTOM OF THE RIFT WAS GAINED & A LARGE CHAMBER WAS ~~CHAINED~~ ^{EXPLORED} UNDER THE TRAVERSE WHERE THE PASSAGES MET. THIS COULD NOT BE DESCENDED TO FLOOR LEVEL AS NO TACKLE WAS CARRIED.

3 SMALL BEETLES + 1 SPIDERS WEB WAS SEEN NEAR A SNIKKERS GAR NEAR A GROTTO ($\frac{1}{2}$ WAY UP RIFT) CONTAINING AN INLET - DID THESE COME IN ON CLOTHING OR VIA THE INLET?



TU = 7 hrs.

899 Hobbit (Ian Ross) - Phil Collier

² ~~1~~ 8/94 Hobbit Started dig at end of existing walking passage. Dig in fairly soft layers in calcite covered bank - Following existing 30cm wide x 20cm high tube. Phil took GPS for a walk ~~near~~ ~~ends~~ to check some other local entrances.

~~3~~ 8/94 Finished dig (approx 4m long) broke out into 30m in well decorated passage

5/8/94 Returned to survey cave. A squeeze between the roof and a stall bank was enlarged using many hours of brute force to be large enough for Hobbit to survey extra well decorated chamber (25m long) chamber leads to very small draughting tube through stall curtain (very solid). Sound of water and hollow sounding black space beyond. Arrived back at about 2.30 beating ~~time~~ rescue party by 27 seconds.

7/8/94 Picon, A Neill, Phil, Hobbit.

laddered pit in left hand passage (by French bolt route) - only a short crawl into calcite chok. Tourist trip/photos around last year's extension. Dig in bottom streamway below entrance - down 2m, drafting, need a long bar & possible engineering. AC

6/8/94 Cuévara de Arturo 801 John, Juan, Penny, The Fox, Jenny, Carolina, Kate Smith, Andrea, Georgia, metal detector.

All slide down over dead things into rice passage. Inspected recent (?) charcoal hearth and Arturo 1/8/66 graffiti. Chris enlarged awkward squeeze and enabling rest to Houch through. Eas Choke of big bones at beyond pool. Surveyed out. Length = 56m.

7/8/94 Colminas (363) ~~Beto~~ P. Smey, Helen Wray, Steve Wray, C. Fry - Returned to Play School Series - Surveyed RH Side passage at head of Steep Sand ramp. Ended in sand/gravel dig that ~~must~~ ^{was} Sump. Also Surveyed LH Side passage just before Red Column which also closed down. Surveyed Oxbow passage. Total Surveyed for day 180m. RH Series seems just about played out. Paul inspected boulder choke at sharp 90° bend in LH series. Some draught detected and possible 'black space' seen between boulders on RHS. Serious digging probably required. Entrance series is certainly getting easier! (CF)

8/8/94 Phil P, Pete Egan and Phil Miles underground in Codicera to try out for Obvious' BURPS at the very southern end and to investigate possible passages part way down the big pitch. Juan and Liz on the surface to molephone and shout down the shaft entrance to Codicera.

Surface team couldn't find the shaft entrance and started molefoning at the appointed time. ~~Switch~~ The GPS then showed we were 400m away from where we should have been. A quick run to the proper site and Phil was heard immediately - but BURP site marked on map

very faint. Spent the next 90 minutes trying to increase the signal but to little effect. Nearby is a depression with wall and trees. (50m to W).

On the way back, just after the woods we found 2 shafts 822, 823*. No idea how deep because of possibility of caves beneath. Also saw ~~the~~ deep shaft we knew at base to possible sloping continuation (824).

Then up to 686 area and immediately probably found the top entrance shaft to Codisera - 3 or 4 big entrances. Have they all been investigated?

Also looked into 825 - open hole below Codisera - but no light. Still going. (* GPSW52829417)

Meanwhile, underground in Codisera -----

All 3 of us went to base of shaft entrance and waited for 15 minutes - no reply from surface so continued to shaft 1 of 5 (dropped earlier in escape by *Simeon et al). Pete rigged shaft down approx 35m to side passages in shaft.

Swung into passage on north side. Passage 6m x 5m but chokes after 80m in boulders (possible run in down shaft). Some scattered bones were in evidence. Traversed around to

passage immediately east which choked after 10m.

Passage seen directly opposite 1st passage. Unable to enter without re-rigging pitch. It appears to continue though. It would probably be easiest to rig down to this passage from ~~100m~~ back by previous pitch and swinging round to right (as one faces original pitch). Torch hung down through calcite window just before this could be seen as we descended down big pitch.

* Write-up is four pages hence. (trip 6-8-94).

7/8/94 Volvo. Rob Murgatroyd, Jane, Andy P. Duncan, Toby.

Easy carry for Rob who dived on 2 smallish bottles. He reappears after about 20mins with a big grin and about 150' of passage explored behind a 10' slump.

8/8/94

Volvo, Rob M. Toby, Andy P. Chris Fry, (Cine & Ray Monahan)
'orrible mitter basket & top grade underwater fenet too Toby
for a bounce along a rift full of watery mud. Surved
about 200' of passage to another wetter, muddier bit that
'o.n.b.t.g.u.f. said was another promising dive so Toby lit a
fog & ran away. For further details see Rob!
(To be honest (ish) I did quite enjoy it (ish).

6/8/94 Regato, Rob Murgatroyd, Ian, Jane.

Surveyed down towards the lower levels from the bottom entrance. Went down the 30' rope climb to find a pit in the floor not noted on the Spanish survey which prevented surveying in one direction. Surveyed through some pretty passage into a steeply heading rift. Again thwarted by an unmarked but obviously known pit in the floor.

Above this was a climb into a narrow passage with a too tight but draughting hole after 7m. All the heading area of the cave has a reasonable draught. The Spanish have obviously had a very good look round judging by the carbide, crisp packers etc down in the lower end. Jane

(Surveyed approx 280m.) ((none of this new)).

7/8/94 - 423 P. Street

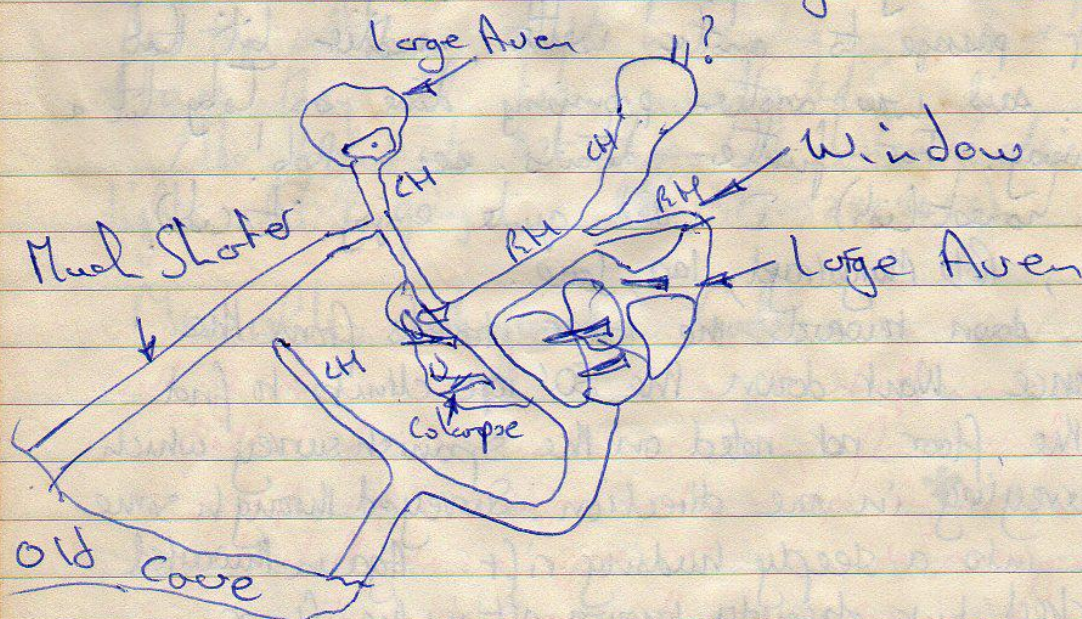
SOLO TRIP IN JEANS + T-SHIRT TO LOCATE ENTRANCE. FOUND AS PER AREA MAP - EXPOSED CHIMNEY DOWN RIFT ABOVE DROP TO HILL PATH LEAD TO A DRAUGHTING (!) TUBE. CAVE BIGGER THAN EXPECTED SO SPEEDY EXIT EFFECTED, NEED SURVEYING FOR COMPUTER / LINK TO ~~COLMENAS~~ / EXHIBIT.

Amagaki
30/11/94

7-8-96 Regatan Via Cubio
 Peter Eagan, Liz Fouel, Phil Miles, Rebel Hall Simian
 Returned to upstream passage previously
 visited ⁽⁵⁻⁸⁻⁹⁶⁾ with our survey equipment and
 not pushed.

RH branch closed after SOs
 (Surveyed)

RH branch went to collapsed
 area with two ways on:-



Straight ahead entered a Loge
 Aven with strong draught with small
 passage on left leading back to
 old cave. (Original climb seen 93)

The RH branch beyond boulder
 collapse lead quickly to easy walking
 passage with slope up into Loge
 aven this aven can also be
 seen from a window via a short RH
 branch (see dia).

All passages were surveyed, with
 some leads left to look at.

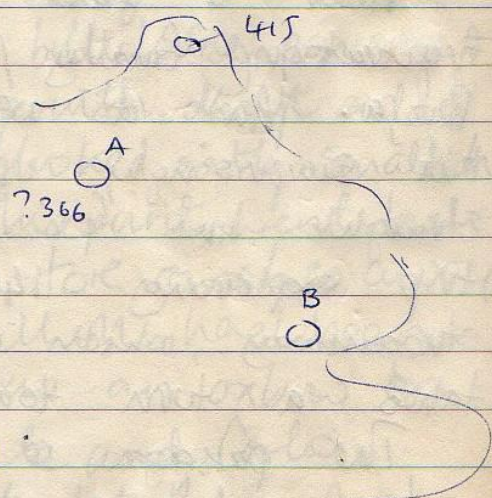
Simian and Pete Hall checked
 climb at bottom of big pit

but this led only to a small Aven.
left cave before Sima and
Pete Hall who managed to get out no
problem following Cairns.

P. Egan

8/8/94 Below 415. DCC contingent
Quick check of two shafts below 415.

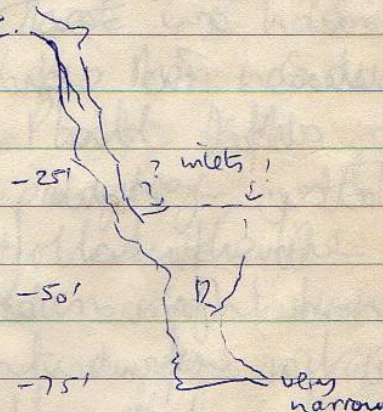
A: In shakehole. Soft of tight
awkward climbing (no tackle needed)
down to slightly larger part where
draught emerged from rift. Hole
where draught comes from is about
4" high, 9" wide! Probably ^{not} 366 (JR cave)



B: Very short slope in to pitch then 75' of ladder pitch.
Sloping most of way until last 25'. At -50', ledge round
to inlet. At bottom, rift off ~~it~~ was too tight.
(~~for~~ me anyway.) This was JR cave
(according to Pedro).

N. Dibben, J. Wagstaffe and others

not tight or
sharp rock.



ZURRO TO S. WRAT "DRUNK":

"YOUR EYES THIS MORNING LOOKED LIKE TWO CATS ARSEHOLES"

8/8/94 - MOSTATO. P. STACEY, H. WRAT, I. ROSS

RIGGED BOTH ENT. SHAFT + GOLDEN JOTO. FOUND WAY OUT AT
G. JOTO SHAFT BOTTOM BUT THEN ENDED UP FOR 2 HRS TRYING TO
FIND WAY ON THRU' BEDDING, OFF LHS OF SHAFT. GAVE UP & FINALLY
FOUND BIGGER PRECISE ROUTE ON RHS ENDING NR. A PORED TRAVERSE
GOING LEFT. SURVEY V. CONFUSING.

~~CONFUSING~~

8/8/94



A cave whose name must not be written, spoken or thought about.

Team - Lo, Pete Hall, Simeon, Sarah, Phil (Mendip), Ian, Dunc.
All:

(all honorary members of the VALLINE Pirates cave club.)

After 4 years of politics, arguments, bans and frustration finally at the draughting end of the Rio Rioja. And it went, as we always knew it would, but surprisingly upstream and not, as hoped, in a straight line for Reñada (Eternal Optimist). Excellent trip exploring 1400 m of passage, mainly in stomping streamway, which sets off towards Hagon but then takes a turn towards the Vega Bar.

The passage is excellent streamway starting off at 7 m wide slowly degenerating to a still comfortable walking size as we passed. The end so far is a 5 m cascade (Thornton Force) which will need a few bolts. Various bolts remain to be pushed. The end still draughts and has climbed up to about the level of the lower huge passages in Vallene. Might be worth a trip back!

Downstream the stream gets lost in boulders and probably drains into the sump dived by Phil last year but a chamber ~~above~~ ^{near} this area has a couple of minor draughting digs.

A fine days Pot-holing

Lo VPCC (Manchester Chapter)

Big rose being a greedy grabbing bastard went for glory at the first lead, & entered some miserable dirt which didn't go; meanwhile "Team B" clogged off up the main river passage.

9/9/94 Peña Jorcas - Pete E, L. Conwell, P Miles, P. Papord & Carlos

Nºs on trip depleted due to vulture & beach, Split into 3; P.E. + C; L.C. + P.M. and P.P. (Solo).

P.P. bulled down in Carlos's run, 10m-15m ball up to high level passage - can see in a Mega ~~draft~~ draught - could be high level passage. Due to 1 ball short and bad arm did not do low - 5' of climb - need 1 ball or free climb (easy). Rope left on and 2 good balls all that's needed is hand ball - bit.

L.C. + P.M. off to continue along and survey bollicking passage - crawling in bottom of small rift passage with draft ended in a collapse area, passage small and clogged with smallish rocks - still drafting - unsurveyed out from this point, went back to find P.P. half way up even bulking, tore ourselves away from this + off to survey passage Phill M. had been in on the last trip - unsurveyed this, was an oxbow on main passage - where caught up by Pete and Carlos - passage a bit pequeno for Carlos but got through by much encouragement that the passage became muy grande further on - after much chanting he made it through - but was disappointed that we hadn't ended up in new passage. All four of us then headed off to see Phill's progress. Met up with Phill left Carlos + P.E., L.C. + P.M. off to survey a passage just off this main passage - unsurveyed this - joined the line of the main passage and ended in bottom right hand end of big chuke - possibility of taking out a few rocks and heading through the chuke. Heard out from this point - after Carlos had laid some ^{new} beetle traps with very smelly very old chicken.

Above, calcite flow with Carlos.

Entered rift passage and followed rift passage between 0.5m + 1.5m wide by 3m high for 425m nearly put a knee down once. Rift passage entered high level

traverses of old cave above water.

Surveyed gub with Carlos and pushed one other passage which turned out to be a oxbow.

Half way along rift passage a climb in the rock gains a sandy crawl which has not been pushed.

Possible return trip next week.

750m surveyed 7 hr trip

My

10/8/94 VALLINE -

Lo, Simeon, Toby, Pete H., Phil, Ali

Follow up to the finds from 8/8/94. Split into 2 teams. Toby, Simeon, Lo, to climb Thornton force and the rest to survey other passages and out else they could find.

① Simeon, Toby, Lo.

Got up the overhanging Thornton force with Bosch drill and 5 bolts. Slippery cascades above the pitch scaled using conventional tactics, dubious belays and stupidity. ~~Below~~ Above the cascades a small bit of larger bouldery passage leads upstream into 1-3m wide winding streamway for c. 600m. Large passage seems to continue from top of cascades back towards Thornton force. As yet unexplored. Several unexplored outlets are passed on the way upstream. One small outlet, draughting well leads quickly to the base of a spectacular oven. Towards the end of

the streamway a larger dry passage is intersected this has been left open, swaghting - 6m wide, with lots of stal, for another day.

Streamway ends in crawl to a choke, but other mths near the end may be more productive.

It's getting to be a bug trip to the end. $3\frac{1}{2}$ -4 hours each way.

760 m surveyed in this section. left more leads than we started with. See survey for more details.

Yet another fine days Potolin. 10 upcc. $\frac{1}{10}$ see me!

② Pete Hall, Phil, Ali

11/8/94 Cuatibicu etc N. Dikken Dave Wagsstaffe

On suggestion from Juan Carlos, went to Cuatibicu and then walked down valley through woods and back to road. No holes! Cuatibicu found at least 100m west of where marked on map - not on edge of Mayo. All features in valley were choked up.

9/8/94 MOSTAZO P. STACEY, N. DIXON, S WRAY, I ROSS.

Return visit - rigged and crossed traverse to enter tubes, chambers and other grotty + pretty bits - returned to original route, climb up slot and entered right passage - ~~down~~ chamber then chamber 46 (all pretty) Checked out end of hedgehog crawl then returned. Thrs.

10/8/94 MOSTAZO - REGATON - CUBIO THRO-TRIP! P. STACEY I ROSS

Ramp to start of hedgehog crawl (1hr) crawl to final survey station, passage goes by numerous pits and passage - crawl to right leads to big junction, left hand route via calcite climb to pitch head. drop 20 ish m, swing off to block to find glory. 14+km. Exit 1 1/2 hrs later 5m from car!! Total time 6 1/2 hrs.

Regato 10/8/94 Rob Murgatroyd, Duncan, Jane.

Surveyed some more of the downstream passage & found the way on obscure. Eventually we found that the route is down a hole in the floor below the rope climb. There are 2 pits in the floor in the lower passage, one marked 'Sima del Rio' & a stone thrown down this made a splash. The pits haven't been descended by us yet. The Spaniards have obviously had a pretty good look round this section of cave. Having extracted Duncan from an extremely high muddy tube at the end of the cave we surveyed out.

Jane

6-8-94 Codrera (rather late write-up!)

Phil D., Alii, Pete Egan, Simon.

Trip to look at reported "6 shafts" on west hand passage (reported by Santiago). Phil rigged a traverse across top of deep shaft in roof passage. Could only find one shaft & decided to descend at far end. Went down about 10m & placed rebelay. Further down (~35m) two passages could be seen off to one side but more bolting required to reach them. Using 5' deviation to opposite wall (bolt, arrowed in mud just below level of side passage) allowed free hang to bottom of pitch (80 → 90m ??). Floor of boulders, caliche & mud with narrow climb down ~20' in floor to risk-averse (no way on). There is also another area to one side (couldn't see height) with no way on. Black rope protector found at pitch bottom and ~~there~~

Bush drill seemed heavy on the way up!

Sumner

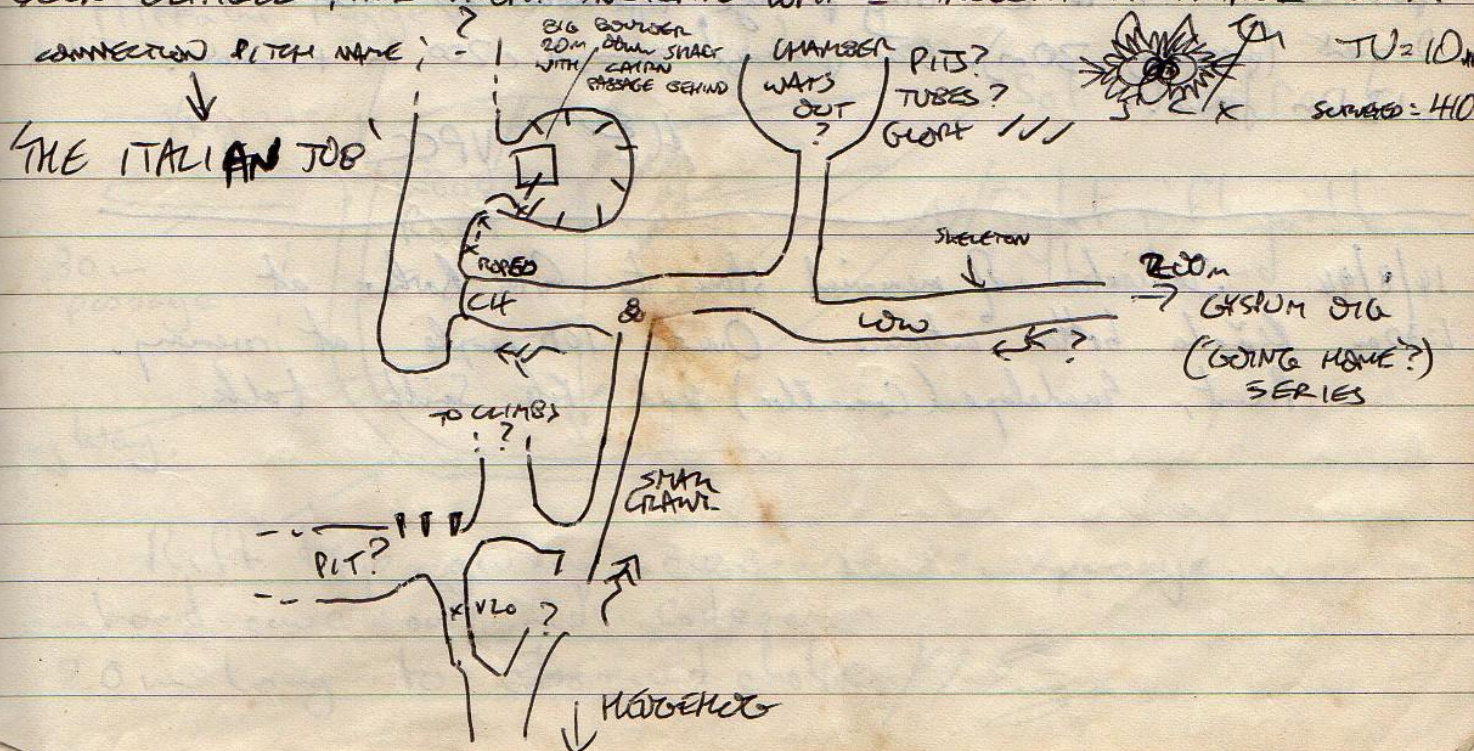
11/8/94 Juan, Per, Jennifer. Quick look for resurgence with mucho agua seen
by Spaniards on the N bank of the Asón to the west
of bridge at Liba. Not found within 400m of bridge.

11-AUG-94 MOSTATO ENT. TO N. VEGA SYSTEM

P. STACEY, P. EAGEN, P. MILES, L. COWEN

ACTED AS GUIDE FOR 2ND FOLLOW UP THROUGH TRIP TO REGATON
& OUT CUBIO. ONLY GOT SLIGHTLY LOST ON THE WAY TO HEDGECOCK
ONCE & RELOCATED STATION 'V20' SURVEYED START OF CONNECTION
ROUTE ~~THRU~~ ^{THRU} ~~THROUGH~~ ^{CRAWL} TO WHERE PASSAGE FORKS. RKS FORGOTTEN &
SHOWS MUCH PROMISE FOR FURTHER EXTENSIONS & A LOW CALCULATED
PASSAGE WAS ENTERED. THIS WAS SURVEYED FOR ~250m OVER MUCH
GYPSUM (INCLUDING 1 RAT (?) SKELETON) TO A GYPSUM DIG WHICH IS
ONLY ABOUT 20-40m FROM 'GOING HOME ISSUES'. CONTINUED SURVEY
& PHOTOS TO CONNECTION PITCH & REGATON/MOSTATO SURVEY CLOSED
(~20m XY & ~4m ALT. ERROR !!). ALL THRU TO BOTTOM OF PITCH
& EXIT AFTER PHOTOS.

NB: THE PITCH ME & IAN CLIMBED ON THE CONNECTION TRIP HAD NOT
BEEN CLIMBED, THIS MIGHT INDICATE WHY I THOUGHT IT RATHER DRY!



10.8.94 VALLINE (CONT). Pete Hall, Phil (Sinec), Alasdair Neill.

looking at inlets etc:

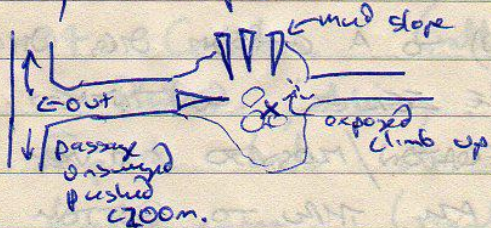
- 1) Surveyed orreries to caves in lower part of cheamney
- 2) Surveyed inlet, Rio Blanco, ~~with~~ c 1 km long with leads - possibly good. A very impressive over c 20 m high dia., with waterfall coming down the centre. Possible good lead continues north. Fine calcite flows
- 3) Waterfall inlet. Waterfall a fairly easy climb, passage continues to caves.

12.8.94 Valline. Big Nose, Pete Hall, Alasdair Neill, Sinec, Dunc, Ian.

Dunc & Ian turned back at pitch as Ian was small.

Rugged ladder on Thornton Force & rope on cascade climbs.

Pushed on big dry lead from 10.8.94, very impressive 8-15 m wide stamping dry passage with excellent formations, ~~junction to a~~ very fine calcite crystal pool on the floor - traverse round left hand side to avoid. Huge pit met - climb down c 20 m. Various climbs, not all pushed. Mud slope on left may lead to passage - but



gets very steep & loose. Hole in floor at "x" drops through boulders to square round block over a black space - waterfall can be heard below, probably Thornton Force -

? a quick way to the end. Traverse & climb leads to continuation of main passage, very well decorated, ending at another huge pit - possible traverse to continuing passage, rope needed for traverse & for descent (possibly 30 m). Side passage surveyed c 200 m to choke. Total c 1.3 km found.

Alc VPCC.

14/8/94 Dedication of memorial stone to Gile Barber at 1:30 pm Rénada bottom entrance. Over 100 people at ceremony. Priest, Guadalupe (Councillor) and Pete Smith talk.

12-8-94 Codigera

P. Teagan P. Stacey A. Pringle.

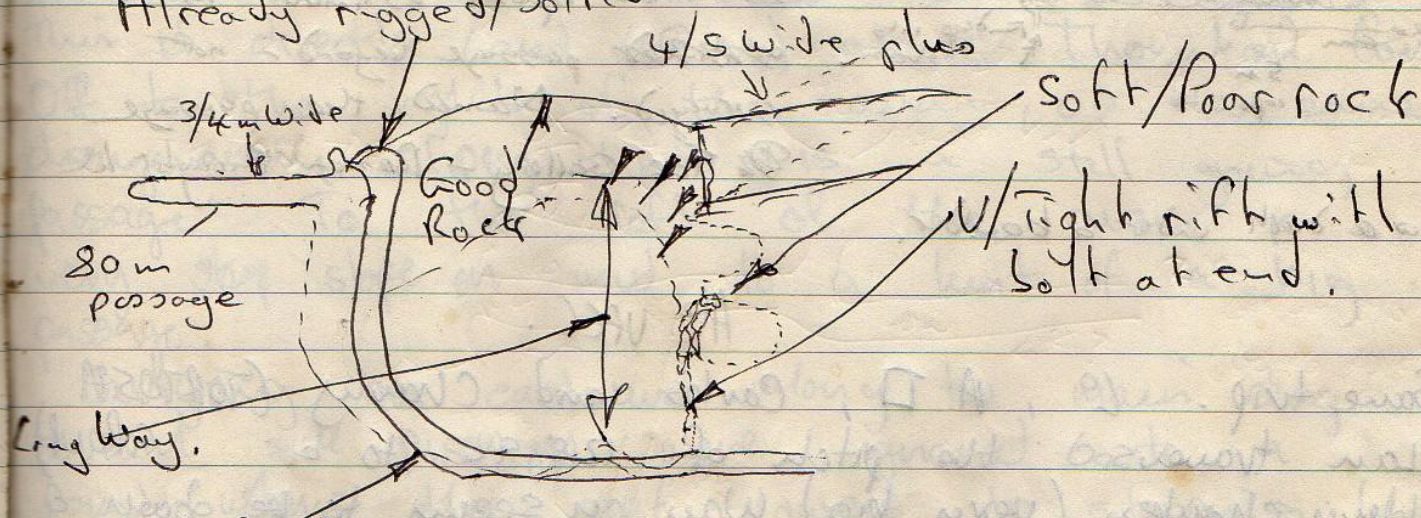
Photographed to top of pitel first of the supposed S/G.

Decended pitel head adding bolt at top for 'Y' hang and one ~~to~~ reelay but could only get level with the passage and at the opposite side of the chamber.

Forced a way along very narrow rift next to first pitel got a natural and a bolt in but not ~~at~~ really satisfactory. Paul got to a suspended shelf between two shafts getting about halfway across shaft but no decent rock could be found so all attempts were abandoned and the cave detected.

It may be better to bolt along the wall on the opposite side of the shaft but its a long way.

Already rigged/bolted



Rift top giving access to 80m passage. Entered cave out side Codigera 20m long to ~~to~~ mud choke. P. Teagan

12 and 14 August - Dig below K20.

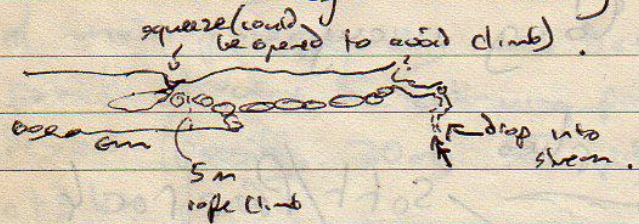
Roy, Nigel, Dave Wagstaffe
Kenne

Dig had been attacked by Dave the year before but he stopped when a boulder with his name on moved aggressively towards him. This year, Roy (? and others) shifted the offending boulders which were pulled out by a strong team. Another 4 hours of digging made the hole 12' deep left with a large boulder (5' x 2' x 1') in middle waiting to be removed. Still has a draught. Juan says he'll give it a number some time.

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14.8.94 VALLINE - Alasdair Neill, Ramon Segarra, Pepe Chauoma,

Toni Segarra, Adolf Alguero. Looked at first passage just beyond climb down into the main stream - P. Hall had gone a little way into an inlet under it - which got tight - & looked at the passage & said it was an oxbow. Adolf climbed into it & found gang passage - went 700-800 m. surveyed, past a huge (20 m dia) even with a small inlet coming down one side. Bided at a choke. I attempted a strongly drafting squeeze at rock level, which needed some work, then tried throwing a bolting hammer or a rope through to see if it would drop into the stream beyond, which was successful in enabling us to climb up into a chamber. squeeze (could be opened to avoid climb).



Adolf & Toni rigged the drop into the stream and explored estimated 1 km.

~~explore~~ passage beyond - not surveyed. Named the passage The Toc Gallery - Ramon thought he

saw a duck under a boulder.

At UPEC.

Same trip. L^o, A □, Carlos and Charly (TORTOSA) Alan traversed the pitch of 12.8.94 to a grotto bouldery chamber (very big) way on seems to be down a 5m pitch. Draughting. LOOKS GOOD. Meanwhile Carlos & Charly fished off a side passage. 500+ m heading South still going. Another passage at St 26 was entered for 200+ m to draughting crawls. Unsurveyed. Fuckin knackered coming out UPEC

14/8/94. Mostato. P. Street, J "ONE TRIP A YEAR" CORREN, J. CHILTON
WEEKST ~~THAT~~, AND ATKINSON

PRIMARY TASK WAS TO DETACH CONNECTION PITCH AT END OF "HEDGEROCK CRAWL" BUT WITH MORE AMUSEMENT WAS HAD OF SEEING EXPEDITION LEADER GETTING STUCK IN SANDY DTC EVEN THO' OTHER MEMBERS COULD GET THRO' WITH FULL SRT KIT ON, JUAN, JANE + ANDY TOURIST AROUND 6-0010 NR. BOWARD CAMBER WHILST PAUL + WEEKST DETACHED HEDGEROCK. DESPITE 3RD TRIP INTO HEDGEROCK ONLY 1ST TIME OUT BACK INTO MOSTATO! GOOD TRIP ALL ROUND.

~~THAT MANY?~~
THAT MANY?

TU-SUN

12.8.94

Vallée

CO, ~~THAT~~, Simeon; Ali
Pete Hall.

Went up into the dry passage found at the upstream section above Thornton force on 10.8.94. About 1km of stunning dry gallery explored $\approx$ 8-10m wide, mostly sandy floored with a splattering of fine stal and flowstone. Half way along a humongous aven is intersected the way on being a slippery climb down and a dangerously slippery climb up to the same level. In the floor of the aven are holes amongst the boulders through which a stream can be heard. This is directly (and 40 m) above Thornton force. Off to the right of the aven, up the same dangerously slippery climb, is a still spicing passage. To the left of the aven is a very steep slope on mud to a hint of a big passage.

Carrying on eastward along the main drag several side passages were ignored to a point where the roof lowers to stooping height between roof pendants. The acoustics here are amazing. Hence the name Galleria Walkie Talkie. The end so far is the intersection of yth

another Aven / Pitch. Up being blackness, down
being $\approx 30m$ and across being the
shadow of a continuation. Surveyed a new
ISO in a side passage on the way out.

Lo ULCC 

14 / Codisera Mark, Simon, Pete E. Toby.
Mark dropped the big fuck off pitch to $-30m$ and
bolted into the big passage seen on 13th. 50 mins
No etriers for the rest of the party so had detailed
after belaying rope in passage & re-rigged for more mortals.
Winips followed (cramming - at least I did!). 200m
closed down just when Toby said "it's going".
we fucked off. Butt Hook or
Beavis?

15th Youth, Wrecker, Toby, Jane, Wooley, Andy, Mark, Simon &
St. lid.

Erected pole in three sections and climbed to top of
aven. (ASTRADOMG). Connected the three sections and set up
a 2:1 pulley system to raise pole into position. Problems
with keeping pole upright whilst lifting it. Put in a fresh
bolt and secured bottom of pole and rested the top on to
something or other. Lack of equipment forced a retreat (and
also the pole was too short). The rock above looks good
so we'll have a go at bolting that bit conventionally. If we
can't we should at least be able to re-position the pole
higher up and then definitely get into the passage that can be
seen.

16/8/94 Explored (Club Tortosa). Surveyed continuation of Tee Passage - c 600m,
then climb up into a 1km fossil passage running ? E-W. End c 500m
from Perida.

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1994.08.17

Pen-gr-du

Pete E, Liz, Jane, Wooley, Andy A,
Carlos

Took the Beetle-man (Carlos) back to check his bags (several beetles), I checked out a climb previously looked by Phil Pappard. Pete E completed it with little difficulty. He, Andy & Wooley went for a poke round, while (Carlos, Liz & Jane went to try and find connection with autochthonous significant cave at far end. They got lost in the hole so less than totally successful.

Meanwhile team climb ran along lots of passage (with lots of bat shit in it). Eventually stopped by lack of time I surveyed it all. Going down at both ends, this at least 3 others. 600m surveyed -

Very satisfying but we (Wooley & Andy) suffered some culture shock with regard to Carlos's rather slack surveying technique. Very fast but no plan or indication of station position under case or survey be no more meaningful than the center-line.

(846) Mendadero

late write up 14.8.94. Cueva del Gusano (Wormhole)
Pete S. Penny Jenny Carol Nueva Plumber^(santi) Wife (Ana)
daughter (Rebecca) to Cobranter.

50 feet below Cobranter on R. hand side of hill looking up. small draughting hole leads to passage later surveyed by Nigel Dible still going, left at pitch, no free climbable with rope. There are a lot of slugs in the cave, also spiders.

15/8/94. Colomenas. Pete E, L. Cowell, Pedro, P. Stacey.
Photog' trip and digging to end of cave towards Pennys Cave also collected 2 sediment samples from separate locations for Andy Quinn.

16/8/94. J. Palmer, P. Eagon, L. Cowell, Ali. VALLINE.

Re-rigged Thurton force for S.R.T. and brought out ladder.
Photographed the choke and beyond in the stream passage
+ Thurton force. Surveyed Simeon's loop and found dry
^{large} tunnel passage above which ended at the big
chamber by Thurton force - so this route could by-pass
the Thurton force climb. Headed out, out by 10 pm
Two of the Catalan group also in the cave at the same
time and surveyed and pushed the "legotten"
connection" passage for 600 + m. Towards the
end of the active streamway a climb of
leads into dry Galleries explored for 250m
still going but as yet unsurveyed.

This area is within 500 m of the
S. Vega system !!!

17/8/94. UZUEKA - ASTRADOME. AD, M. WRIGHT.

We entered the cave at 3:50pm and arrived at the Astradome at around 6:30pm. We both climbed the 4 pitches leading to the previous limit of exploration. I secured the scaling pole and with a twin dynamic back-up ascended the rope to the top of the pole. Finding a small amount of sound rock I placed two bolts for securing myself and the pole. Alan then disconnected the pole at the bottom and using a 2:1 pulley system I positioned the pole into the hole. On securing the pole and using the same twin dynamic back-up I ascended into new passage. Alan followed and we had a look at a passage that led off but choked 10m further on. Alan rigged the ropes to give a better hang. The oven continued for about 10m and so with only 2 HKD anchors left we decided to use the scaling pole to enter this new passage. I abseiled down into the astradome to de-rig the scaling pole whilst Alan secured it above. I also de-rigged the loop of rope which went from the top of the original climb to the other side of the shaft as this would no longer be needed. I climbed back into the new passage and we pulled the pole up into the small chamber. With a large pool of deep water in the middle of the chamber it made it difficult to get the pole into position with only two people so we decided to go back out and return with more people.

Alan descended to the first rebelay and I followed, waiting for Alan to make the changeover. Some confusion over which rope was which followed and after explaining the situation to Alan he began his descent. Alan had descended the 20' tail of rope that had been previously de-rigged and with no knot in the end of it he fell approx. 100m to his death.

I then continued down the shaft and found Alan face down in the pool at the bottom. I dragged him from the water and checked for vital signs but he was dead. I picked up a pig of corbide and made a 2nd exit of the cave and a return to Mahierza to inform the rest of the expedition.

M. A. Wright

MARK WRIGHT.

Boxhead. A good man, a strong man, a true
friend. Rest in peace Pal.

LO.

18/8/44. Recovery of Alan from Astradone - 11 1/4 lbs.

Alan

I went to the
and

... ..
22/8/94
... ..

Wire belay and knot left on 8m pitch up above start
of
... ..
Entrance ladder removed.

... ..
22/8/94

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... ..
1 x 10m

Adolfo Alvarado Castellon
Espeles Club Torroja de Aragon
Ap. Correos 10
43500 Tortosa
TARRAGONA

25/8/94 Tony, Andy, Jane, Peter

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said he liked the narrow muddy bits, so there
for other people who say
... ..
last of the

Ye Olde Quotes List

You are not coming in here with a flag on the go, because the lights don't work in it we catch fire we won't be able to see the planes. — PAm.

If you want to go to the toilet go under the table
Lived to 508.

The second half was shocker. I think the ref just waited for the winning goal in called in a clear PAm.

I enjoy camping I don't mind just sitting on the camp fire
PAm.

Q What could possibly go wrong?! — AP.

Round :-

Marshii shirt lift - for Roy

Zoco - for JD

Ditto for AP

Ditto for LD

Ditto for Jill

Medica for Pam

Ditto for Tony

Wooki for Zoco.

A Ben German is fresh out of Dittos. AP.

I want to stay sober tonight, I am staying in. John will you get me a bottle of wine please - C.D.

22/8/94 Juan + Bobby. Detackle 415.

Wire belay and crab left on 8m pitch up above start of crawls. Ladder removed. Rope left in traverse.

Ladder and rope left on 4m climb up off boulder. Entrance ladder removed.

Excellent draught coming down the 8m pitch.

La Hoya

22/8/94 ~~Enrique~~ Jane, Toby.

1x ladder, 1x wire belay removed from old entrance, new way.

Walrus in an area that may not be over & found 1x 10m shaft - must check with Juan.

Adolfo Alguero Caballe
Espeleo ~~Club~~ Club Tortosa
Ap. Correos, 10
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25/8/94 Toby, Andy, Jane, Pedro Prieto ~~Detackle~~ Detackle Fresnedo II

Straightforward derigging trip. Pedro was a star & said he liked the narrow muddy bits, so there to other people who say Fresnedo is rubbish! The trip took 5 hours & was uneventful gratefully & the last of the expedition. ¡Hasta el ~~ano~~ año que viene!

I want to say also that I have been thinking of you a lot lately.

25/8/14 Dear + Betty. Durable 412.

While being and had left on 8th night up above start of 2nd night. I have been thinking of you a lot lately.

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LATE LATE REPORT.

SPANISH V ENGLISH FOOTBALL MATCH "LAS CUBILLAS"

SPAIN ~2 000 004

ENGLAND ~6

INJURIES ~ LOTS

MAN OF THE MATCH ~ JANE'S TIGHTS

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(58)

TEAM (EQUIPO.)

underground 10.00 AM

- ① JUAN, TOBY. ^{8 persons} + ~~4~~ 6 (ENTRANCE MARKERS) (4.)
ROBERTO (POPE) BASILIO, RUFO, SEBAS. (CARLOS, ADOLFO, VT)

- ② JANE, WOKEY. + 4 ^{4 person} (WAY MARK) (Sort out Problems) (4.)
T. 1. 10 Juan Carlos (Jesse) (DIGGING GEAR)
OUT - 1620 hrs

- ③ John PALMER. PETE EGAN. + 4 (STRONG TEAM. SORILLA WALK.)
LADDER GRUB CARBIDE
RELAY ANDY, LIZ, PETE SMITH, SIMON.
ROPE? BOBBY & ANDY P - DIGGING AS NEEDED
underground 3.00 pm

④ ~~PETE. ANDY. JUAN. 4.~~

NEIL ROR X ? Examples { DRAG Stretcher + Bag ✓
Poly BAG { Bag ✓
DRAG STRETCHER ✓ NEED
EXTRA LADDERS ✓ short PIRMS ✓
each person must take extra Sling

Base RIANO

Roy John D.

RADIO

ENTRANCE.

Penny, Tony

(RADIO
GUARDIA)

Bignose

Pete Egan

Liz

Andy curc

Andy Pringle

Pedro

Simmon

miguel,

(Bobby)

TRANSPORT.

SURVEYS - → Roy. → V/G. TEAMS. GUARDIA

(V/G)
KIT.

✓
✓
ENTRANCE TOOL. Digging E. (Team 2) Tackle Bag.

FOOD

Pam Linda

KIDS Gill CAROLINE

006 - Emilio Cave Rescue. ✓

To GORILLA WARE

40m

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John Parson PETE EGAN. 24

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ON WEDNESDAY 17th Aug, 2 EXPERIENCED BRITISH CAVERS ENTERED CUEVA de la Hoya AT APPROX 4pm. BOTH WERE EXPLORING A PART OF THE SYSTEM THEY HAD BEEN EXPLORING 2 DAYS PREVIOUSLY.

AT APPROXIMATELY 11.00pm ALAN BOX, 32, OF SHILDON COUNTY DURHAM FELL 100 MTRS TO HIS DEATH. HIS COMPANION EXITED THE CAVE AND THE ALARM WAS RAISED AT 1.30am 18th AUGUST. THE POLICE WERE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY.

AT 10.00am ON 18th Aug. THE FIRST PART OF A JOINT BRITISH / SPANISH RESCUE PARTY ENTERED THE CAVE TO RECOVER ALAN'S BODY.

ALAN WAS SINGLE AND LIVED WITH HIS PARENTS.

R. MUNDY

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left Incident → 1/4 hr to Crossow Creek.

Crossow Creek → Gamble wells

DIARY of EVENT (63)

Big Nose
Peto Egan, Liz, Andy (human), Pedro, Simon,
Emilio, Miguel.

→ Link with U/G Party.
Send out runner, to Pingle →
to Ray.

(Bobby + Andy Pingle. → To Flat out Crawl
OUT 17.30. To dig more out.

Fix LADDER TO ENTRANCE

no runner 6-00 ? probs?

Team out 6-20.

at 5-00 All Down stream Gorge/Dark
Punk & gutter 6.00.

Planks or Door for sledge.

2 water kits (100 Ltrs) water
To wash parcel. Down

Need another team to this side of
Punk

Pingle Jane Wookii, to P.I.G.

7.00 pm

JANE, Pingle, Wookii, Alfredo (saturo)

Link up with CARGAN Party. Send out any knocked
People &

(64)

at P.I.G.

6.45 ✓

RESERVE FINISH

21.10

English 12-

Spanish 11

Team 1 Hauling.

Joan, Toby.

Pope - Ramblas

Adolfo, Carlos - Catalans.

Rifo, Basilio, Sevas - Potes
Guardia.

Team 2 Digging.

Jane, Woolley.

Tito, José - Ramblas.

Team 3. Hauling.

John P, Andrew A, Pete Cogan, Simon, Liz.

Pete Smith (Hater).

Enilio, Miguel - Santander

Team 4

Andy P, Bobby - digging.

Jane, Andy P, Woolley.

Alfredo - Torrelavega.

MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT