

LOGBOOK

Year: 2000

Season: Easter

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

EASTOR

2000

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Survey of 387 by Pete + Carolin

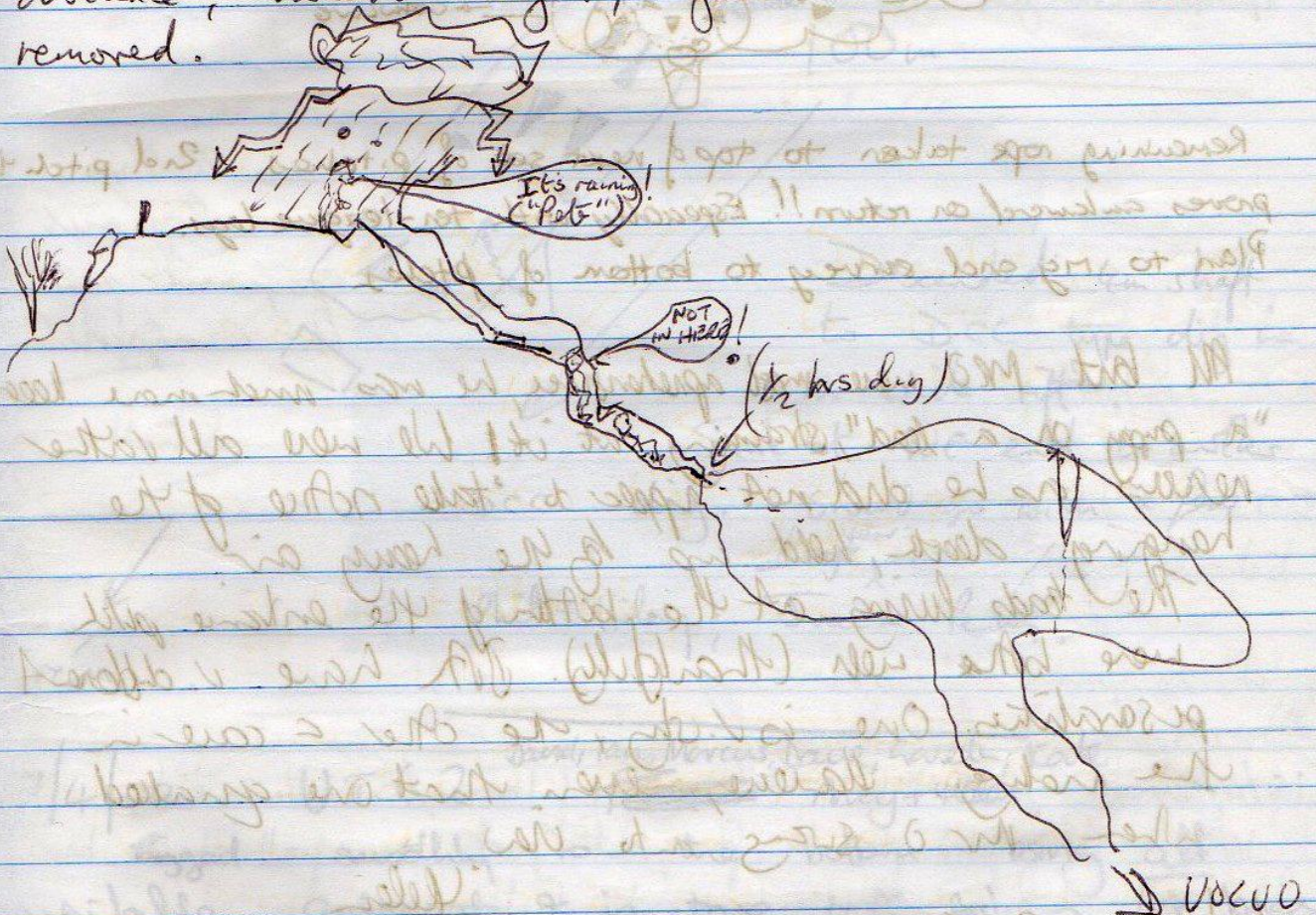
New cave above Conallate new water tank 1460
surveyed + photo'd by Pete

1486

→ see below

16/4/00

Pete, Phil + Ivan into 1460 to eye up
possible generator + hammer dig. Water heard in the
distance; variable drought; good echo. Some rubble
removed.

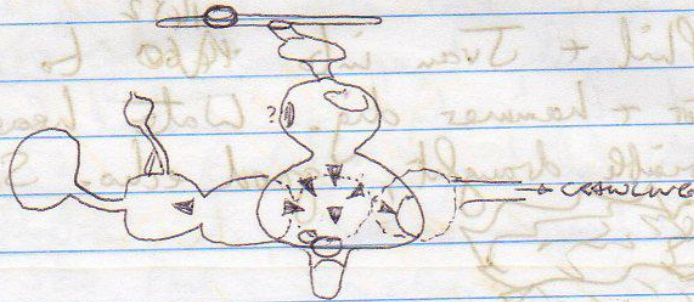


* It's the obvious entrance in a small cliff face, with hands and knees crawling into a couple of small chambers. Cobble stones in the floor at the end. Another three smaller caves in the cliff to the west.

16/4/00. VT62

DAVE F, HELEN, MARCUS, IAN L, KATE, DAVE O

All but DAVE O & IAN L set off with rope to rig to bottom of entrance series. We followed in surveying. All necessary bolts in place. Big hanging scree slope sitting over big drop(s)



Remaining rope taken to top of next set of pitches. 2nd pitch then proves awkward on return!! Especially with ten-league legs. Plan to rig and survey to bottom of pitches.

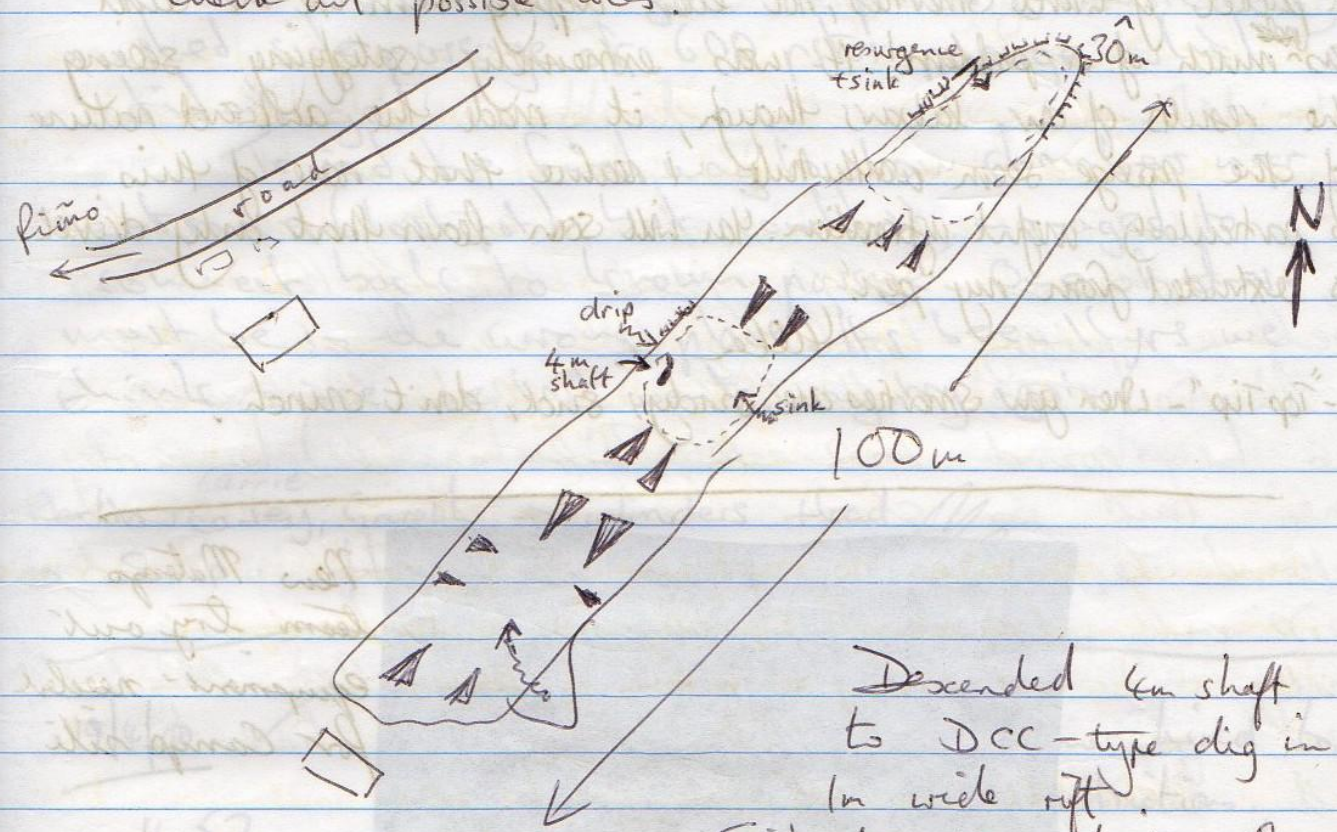
All but MRO were most apprehensive, he was much more keen, "a puppy on a lead", straining at it. We were all rather nervous as he did not appear to take notice of the hanging death, held up by the heavy air. The toads living at the bottom of the entrance pitch were both well (thankfully). JPK have v. different parasites. One is v. shy, the other a crawler in the morning. However, even that one quailed when MRO swung into view.

Helen

16/4/00

REÑADA

17/4/00. Bought a generator + dual compass + clio (<£120)
then to 1319 above 3rd River in Hoya to
check out possible holes.



Descended 4m shaft
to DCC-type dig in
1m wide rift.
Sink at NE end is another
DCC dig. - should go with a few
^{years} ~~days~~ work
Phil + Hilary; Jean + Penny.

A Torcón

17/4/00 UT 62 David, Ian, Marcus, Dave, Gavett, Kate
~~Phil + Hilary~~ Amy + Helen
Rigged smoothly to the bottom using all
available equipment, & in true LURK fashion left bags
& equipment where you don't need them. - see Dave.
Had a pile about in a chamber at bottom of the big
pitch. This has a nice column (similar to the Colonnades
in Eusegill) some stals which look like
4ft long elephant tusks. The chamber has
a boulder choke on right hand side which
is passable for about 25 ft down, to where

you can hear ^{running} water.

Amy + Helen surveyed the section between the pitch sections (thank you Amy, much appreciated). One of the highlights was a packet of Giant Smarties, not even dipping them in the sand was ^{quite} much of a problem! It was extremely satisfying seeing the results of our labours though, it made the awkward nature of the passage seem worthwhile. I realise that none of this is particularly useful information. You will soon learn that only drive is excluded from my pen!

Helen

PS - "Tip Tip" - When your Smarties are sandy, suck, don't crunch.



New Matengo team try out equipment - needed for Camp site

- ✓ 18/4/2000 L.J. Mills + H. Long Lluera / Secadura ridge
- 1461 20 metre phreatic remnant just above wall + below barn, walking size reducing to flat crawl!
 - 1462 Presumed upper end of cave at 1461, on side of big depression at back of the barn.
 - 1463 Open rift about 6m deep in chert area above west end of depression. Undescended.
 - 1464 Walk down rift in large depression with part cut down chestnut tree. Slabs covering hole in floor, with another hole over sand, bank to right. Needs decent light to see with properly!

18/4/00 ✓

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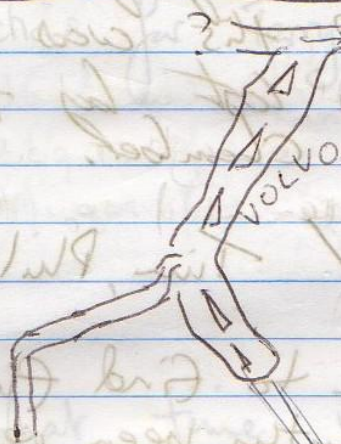
Valline PTEagar, P Storey, A Neil,
M Holroyd, Gareth Carey + Santiago
Carried lots of gear to pitel (Doulle label)
pushed side passage of 600 pfor pasage which
didn't go.

Tried to find way to low chambers near
entrance (lost pit) but couldn't, managed to
connect back to known passage. One of those
must be in the wrong place. Its been 11 yrs we
think since we lost west, may try again.

Merlin ^{Carrie} Carley, Gareth → cylinders head
to Smp. Thanks Merlin.

19/4/00. ✓

1452



Jack hammer hired to
destroy constructions.
Started in 1452 where
Phil, Ivan, Lark + Pete O'Neill
+ Barry dug + excavated
underground with a
cast of many on the
surface pulling up rubble.
Pete O'Neill finally opened
up the passage to the top of a 30m? pitch. Another
couple of hours hammering required before descent will
be possible. Pitch will land on slope up from Volvo 99
extensions.

19/4/00

VTOL

Helen, Kate, Amy, Andy H. + Dave O. + David F.
just a little Classic Light funder! (Wets blowing out, loose electrical
connections), all hindered progress. However surveyed
passages upto last years limit + found way on for
tomorrow!

00/1/81

19.4.00. ✓ VALLINE.

Tim Allen, Mark + Liam Wright, Ian, Marcus
Martin Holroyd. ~~Rancie Ender~~ ~~Garth Cross~~

Straightforward trip to double ditch. Phil.
Liam came alone, Ian, Marcus downstream gbr
Tim, Martin, Mark carried remaining diving kit
to upstream scarp. Mark stayed for 5 mins
before getting hopelessly lost in front of Tim
& Martin. Tim dutifully zipped Martin up
(6 hr round trip to Zip him up) loan of
line laid in clear Scarp - Many white shrimp
returned to have to Sol Times Coffee. Steady
trip out with Tim trying to lead out
only 2 errors ?? this was after Mark
had got completely lost by the time he
had reached Scarp Chamber.

18/4/00. Arenal. ✓ Tim, Phil, Mark + Liam.

Arrived at entrance to find flattened grass
where cave had recently been resurging. Gulp.
Even worse and big shock. The normally welly
deep pool was a 20' long duck. The intrepid
Phil led us through and we proceeded to the
Foam Dome. Mark carried all his bathing gear
in to bolt up a ven, but with failing memory
of last year the ven didn't live up to expectations
and looked crap. We all climbed into lower
level and went to the draughting rift. This
wasn't draughting this year. heh he. However
pushed it 50' in tight sharp passage continues
the same. Phil + Mark looked at a hole

in the floor just
beyond. This was
now draughting but
was blocked by a
boulder. Needs a cap.

Surveyed back to Foam

Dome. Looked at dig in

dry high level passage where
there is a good echo but
no draught. Lank tells us this doesn't matter
and so will be the objection the next trip.

18/4/00 Uzuoka Janer Toby.

Photographing in Flashbulb Hall area Pleasant trip.

20/4/00 Instructions for Terry. this is a hammer.

This is rotation

Don't ask what time is.

18/4/00 Hammered Hole - Ali, Sarti

Started rigging to survey relationship to Hidden Hole &
check out dig. Nuts missing on studs on second half of
traverse so couldn't get across. No nuts in this expedition!

Left hangers on part rigged (no m. allans)

- 1338. Down to top of pitch seen last summer - strong

draught going down pitch, partly from v. tight rft off air.

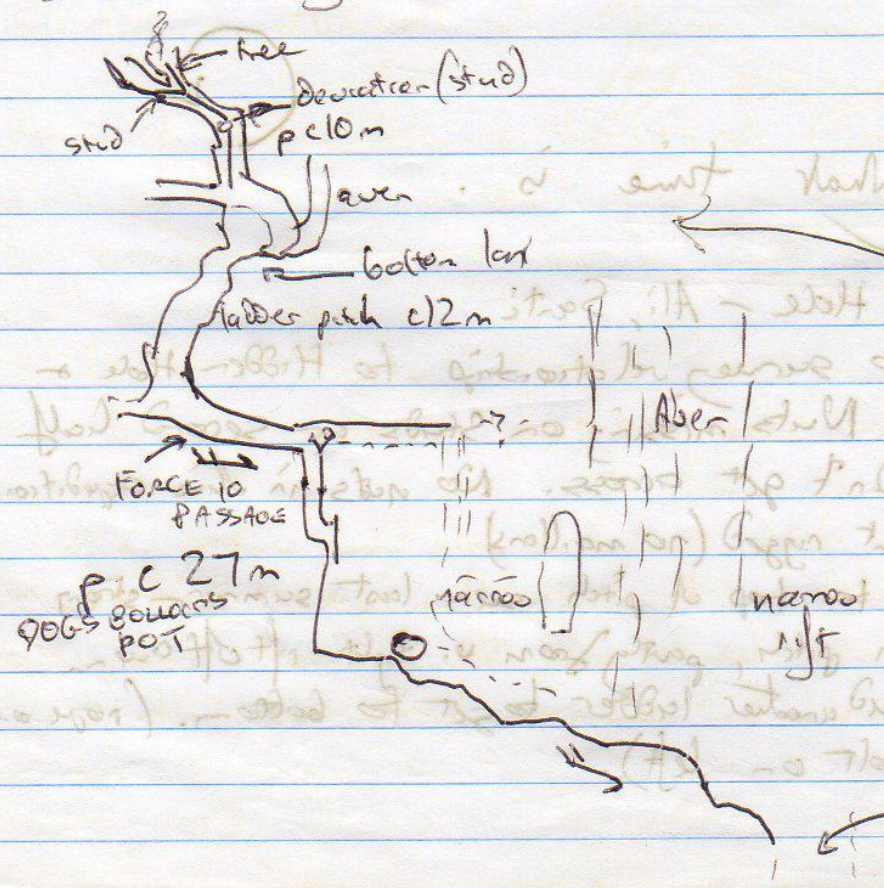
Rigged pitch but need another ladder to get to bottom. (rope on
block in slot & bolt on left).

14/4/00 P. STREET, P. STAYEY
 DESCENDED RITCH TO EXAMINE
 DRAUGHTING SLOT AT (BOTTOM)
 (NEEDS 2 LADDERS).
 ONE SLOT BUT REALLY NEEDS
 A LONG CHISEL OR CHEMICAL
 PERSUASION - ALMOST THRU THO
 EXITED TO REJOIN ALI + SANTI IN

1338.

20/4/00 ~~Harvard~~ 1338. ✓ Ali, Pete Page, P. Stayey, Santi.
 Descended patch - two ladders. Small passage with
 Force 10 Draught leading to top of ~ 27m patch. Rigged
 off upwards (long wire/sling) & 1 bolt, releasing part very slowly.
 Today's English lesson for Santi was **B** so patch is
 the Dogs Bollocks.

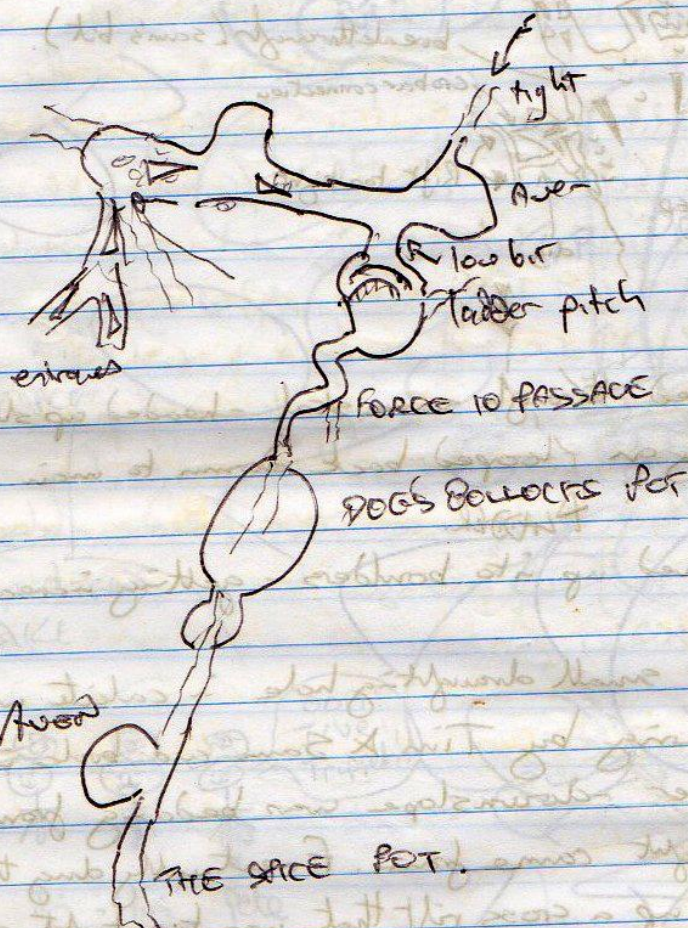
Stream at bottom down fight ^{high} rift - best to climb up & traverse
 2 m above stream, to Aven on right & patch is 25-30m (broken
 path) descended by P.E., ran out of rope (the Spice Pot).



WRITE PROPERLY
 ALI. YOUR
 WRITING IS A
 SCRAMBLE
 THIS IS PROPER

the SPICE POT
 NOT ~~DOGS~~ BOLLOCKS
 c. 25m-30m
 patch.

ARITHMATERATIC
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 JOHN DEE
 $3+9=8$



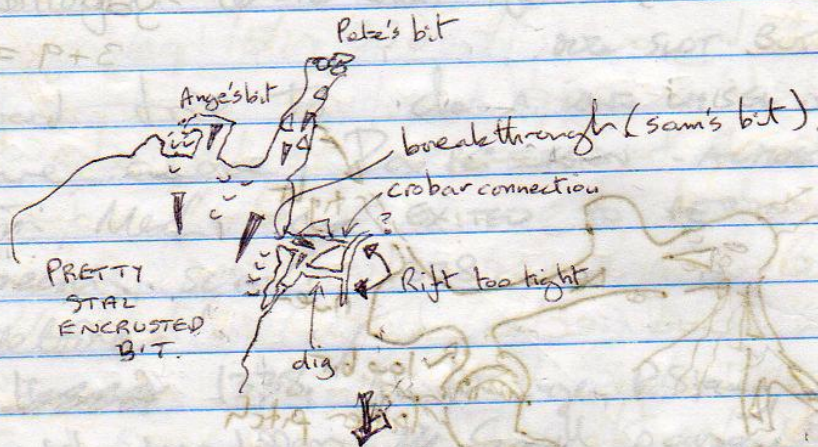
Ali

Arenal Tim, Jim, Sam, PETE O', ANGEL

Digging at the big stal encrusted end. The entrance was still full of water so the lads thought they'd treat Angel to a spot the dangling bags in the cold water competition. At least it meant we had dry gear for the rest of the trip.

P.O. →

1974 OCT 27
 19/4/80 P. Street P. Green
 8 = P + E



Angie's bit : hammered through some stal - headed up slope abit then
 no way on sloped back down to main passage.

Pete's bit : Continued up into boulders - getting increasingly dubious

Sam's bit : Spotted small draughting hole in calcite wall - much
 hammering by Tim & Sam and broke into small
 chamber - downslope was bedding from which
 draught came from. Eventually dug through to
 look up a cross rift that was too tight - draught
 came down this - could poke crobar through a bit up
 the rift - possible dig might allow you in further up
 rift.

Tim & Ange carried on back to entrance and poked about in some
 holes

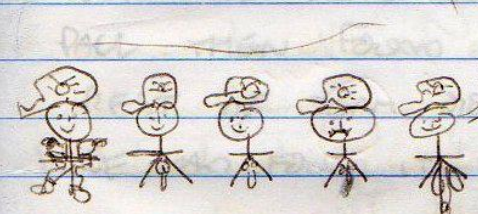
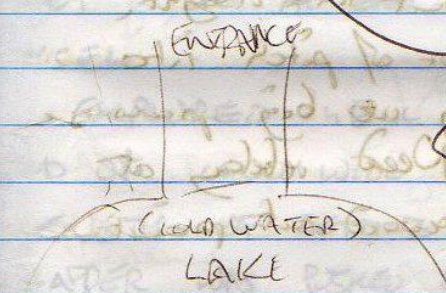
Tim, Sam & Pete went down ladder pitch & climb to lower series
 and pushed a couple of bards - Hilti capped a boulder at the end - this
 allowed access to another chamber - dig through opposite wall went to
 terminal chamber - on way back Pete squeezed into tight horrible
 razor blades passage and shredded his oversuit. Looked at another
 draughting immature passage on the way out - Pete & Tim hammered it

for a bit and made a few m's of progress - then to tight / too ①
 expensive (Tim shredded his oversuit) - headed out / denigged
 - With no ladies to impress the lads kept their gear on in the wet bit!

SHM



TIP OF THE DAY:
 If you CAN'T KEEP your
 PENCIL BEHIND your EAR
 USE YOUR BOULOCKS.



Amy Sam Jim Tim Pete

(100% withdrawal factor & maximal shrink gear)

✓ L ADD-ER

✓ FOAM DOME

Angela

Chapel
 had pegs.

Any character in this publication refers to no person
 living or dead.

WHERE'S YOUR WHOLLY BIN?

→ For ANSWERS SEE ROY.

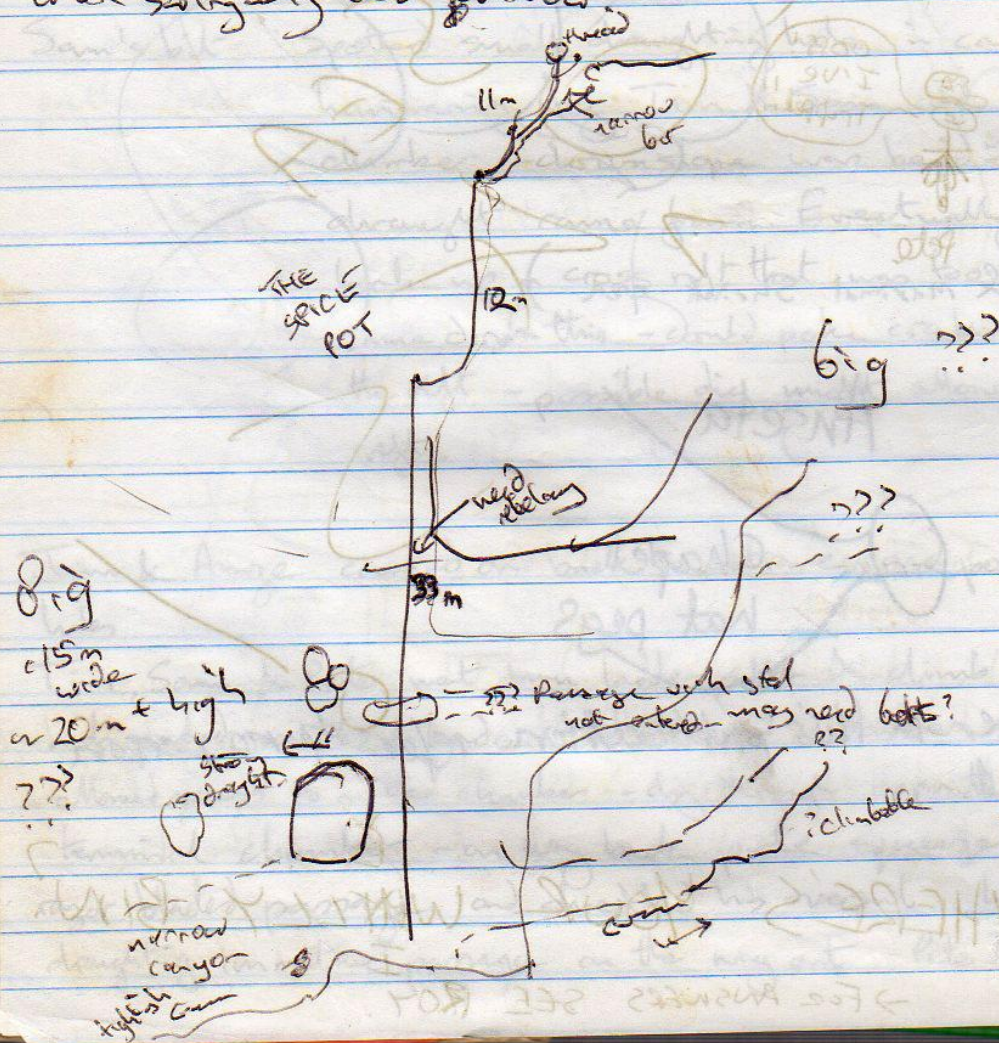
Exit the Grumbi Creek 2.45 am - How
Where is Papad ???

TORCA DE CAYONES
DE PERO

21/4/00 Ali, Ian, Anton, Kate, Marcos 1338

Desended the spice pot - fine 57m pitch just like the bottom
pitch in Azpilicueta. Hit big things going off just where we
predicted the right before - ie Cabana/Cateron top but?

Desended to bottom of pitch below this, where an inlet comes
in to some climbs - c 10m high, not pushed draughting. Downstream
a narrow passage not pushed far - cont. but little draught.
Swung off into window c 10m off floor of pitch into
10/15' square window with good draught below us big passage
or chamber - need tackle to enter it. Need rebelay at
point where pitch hits roof of passage to avoid rub point
when swinging into window



21/4/00 ✓ - Cueva de Tizonas ^{See notes} Pete O', Angela, Andy, Pete S. (13)

SEE LATER ON →

21/4/00 ✓ - LANZ, H. LANZ, SANTI, PAUL & PETE E. (SANTI'S LITTLE HELPER)

WENT TO RIÑO TO EXAMINE ENT. WITH A VIEW TO DIG IT OUT,
STILL MUCH COVERED WITH GRASS & A MUD FROM WASH IN FROM TRACK
HAD A QUICK LOOK ^{AT TOBE NEXT DOOR} WITH A VIEW TO DIGGING IT.

HAD NOTICED LARGE BURNT OFF AREA SE. OF RIÑO VILLAGE
SO SPLIT UP AND WALKED AREA. (SEE MAP FOR DETAILS) ALSO HAD
A QUICK LOOK AT CHESTNUT HOLE
1465 1466 1467

THEN KIPPED UP AND ENTERED FUENTE DE CA CUIA ⁽²⁰⁷⁾ - HAD A
GOOD LOOK AROUND & PAUL WENT TO END OF MAIN BRANCHING
INLET - DIG AT END LOOKS POSSIBLE BUT NEEDS A LUMP HAMMER &
CHISEL

EXPLORED WELL DECORATED SECTION & NOTICED DAY LIGHT AT
END OF LOW WIDE GEDDING - DUG THIS TO WITHIN LOW BAR'S
LENGTH OF GETTING OUT BUT BIG FLARE STOPPED US. A SWEET
WRAPPER WAS PICKED OUT FOR LOCATING ON THE SURFACE. LANZ
& PAUL THEN FOUND IT - ENT. NOT OBVIOUS DIG FROM OUTSIDE.

REST OF TEAM DON'T BELIEVE US WHEN WE TOLD THEM THAT
a) WE HAD FOUND IT & b) IT WAS NEXT TO A FIELD OF OSTRICHES



21/4/00 ✓ MARTIN^{H.} (THE DWER) DAVE
DAVE^{C.} SAM, & TIM^{D.}

LATE NIGHT TRANSLATION

"MY SARDINE IS FULL OF BRAMBLES."

→ Valline - Martin went diving in the upstream
sump. Tim Dave & Sam spent 2 hr playing
with a wobbling boulder of doom - eventually found
an alcove. Carried lots & lots of gear out.

22/4/00 CANDY'S DIS. ✓ Dim, Andy P, Sam, T.T., J/Rat
1379 RICH BLAKE, DAVE & CHRIS from
+ ERIC'S LIVERPOOL

Spent a lot of time extracting boulders over the entrance so it
was safe to get in, whilst the heavy mining equipment was being
set up. Tim & J/Rat & Dave started breaking rocks & shit out.
Sam got bored and went to look at a bedding entrance
about 30m down the hill - dug for a bit & decided some
digging equipment was required. Arrived back to find the
farmer was suspicious about the generator noises and
moaned about the fact a coffin had fallen down at some point.
"Not our fault" as far as we were concerned but Andy
& Rich were despatched to go and find an entrance cover.

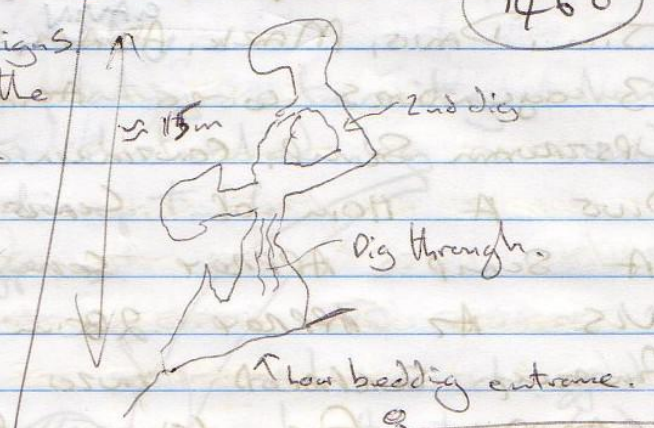
TO BE FINISHED

Finish: Went back down the hill with tools & dug through
to rift passage - much evidence of local inhabitants - grass nests &
shit in the floor - bit more digging but no obvious way on.
Went back up the hill & team had been dispatched to find a door.

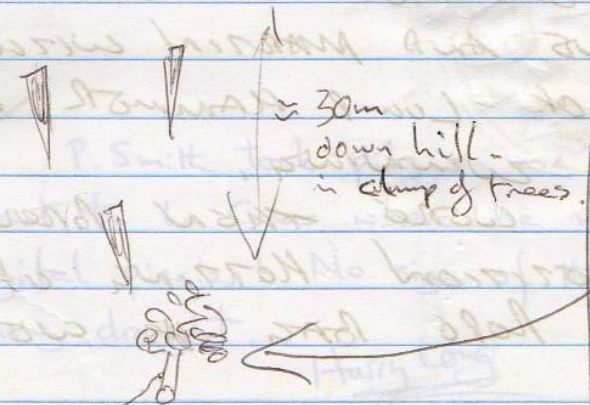
Tim & Door carrying team arrived back with one of Pablo's 8' square signs and after an entertaining carry the door was duly stalled to high standard such as is to be expected from such an experienced team.

landscaped and tidied

INTENTIONALLY BLANK



CAMP 4'S DIG.



21.4.00 ✓ VALLING DOORS SCUM.

Jim, Dave, Mark, ^{GAVIN} ADAM, E JANS, SAM, MARTIN.

3 cylinders were AGAIN CARRIED TO THE
UPSTREAM SCUM, CONTINUING ON FROM THE PREVIOUS
DIVE A 110m of LINE WAS CAID THROUGH
A SCUM APPROX 1cm HIGH x 1.5m WIDE. INCEDE
US AT APPROX 28cm FROM BASE THE SCUM
FINALLY SURFACED INTO A NARROW MISORABLE
CANAL FOR 10m BEFORE CONTINUING ON
UNDER WATER, THE LINE FINALLY REEMERGING
OUT 10m BELOW. THE COVER IS NOW
300m FROM SCUM 2 BASE.

ON RETURNING TO BASE COLLECT AND FOOD
WAS THROST INTO THE DIVER WITH BOID
STORIES OF "EXPLORATION" BY THE SHORAS!
A MISORABLE LULOT AT THE SCUM HEAD BEING
FORCED BY MARK AND ADAM IN WHAT SOUNDS
LIKE A SHIT HOLE, ON RETURNING MARK
PROMPTLY FELL OFF A CEILING DESTROYING
A ROCK PINNACLE (A VITAL HAND HOLD!)
WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY COFT HIM WITH A
HOLE IN BOTH ARMED SUITS AND FLESH.

TIM, DAVE, SAM WERE BUSYING THEMSELVES
IN AN AREA OPPOSITE THE CHANGING AREA
AND AMOSD JANS AND MARTIN WITH THE
MUFFLED ECHO'S OF LUMP HAMMER ON ROCK
WITH THE ROCK WINNING.
7 MODIST LOADS WERE THEN BROUGHT SLOW
OWN WITH COMPOSITION HOTTING UP FOR THE
DRY SUITS AND ROPE BAG AS WE APPROACHED
THE CRAWLS.

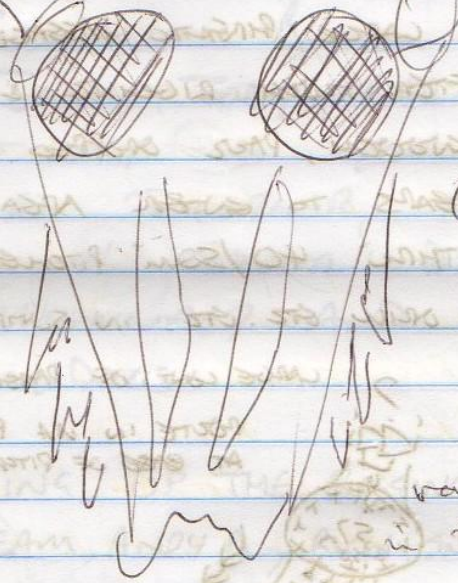
ALL IN ALL THE TEAM DID GOOD

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED.
MARTIN -

ERIC Goes Caring 22/04/00

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There I was, sat contemplating eternity when my peace & quiet was disturbed by a crowd of loud & disreputable caring types.



I was dragged by the horn(s) and taken too a place of ill repute (amongst the bovine fraternity). My weary bone was applied as a water finding accessory before being rammed ignominiously in the branches of a tree.

I tried but failed to jump to freedom (and take one of my kidnappers to his doom) and found my way to a place of rest. A canvas haven of warmth and peacefulness "chez petanance".

Eric

23/4/2000. P. Smith took pity on me 'cos Lank was festering and we went to La Cosas where he made me the 'star' on some digital piccies! No sign of the possible collapsed way on or any draught.

Harry Long

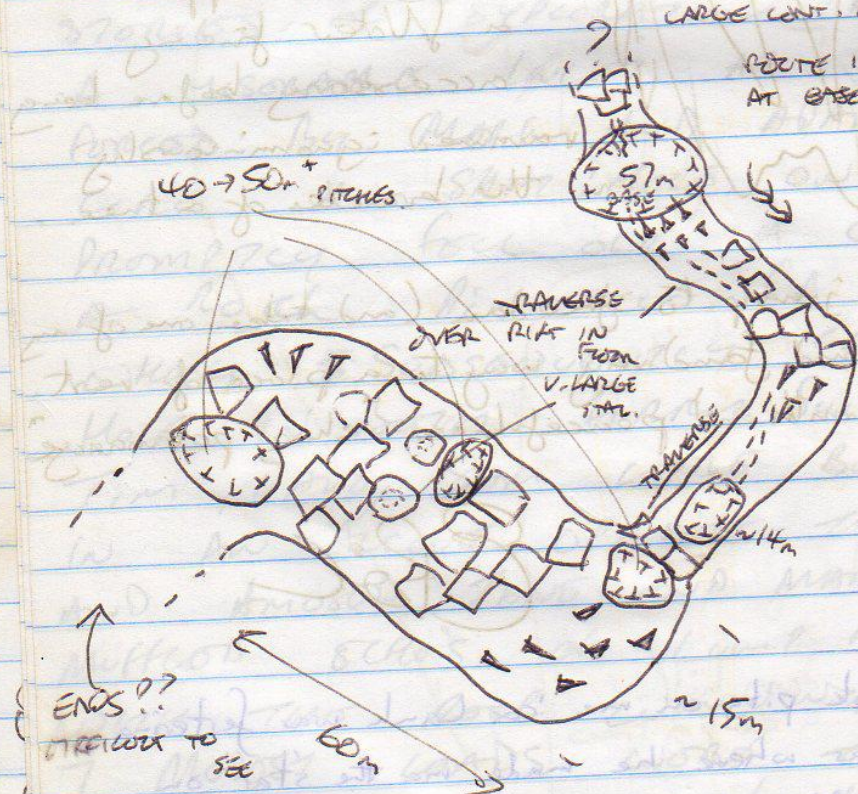
23/4/2000 L.J.M., H.L., P. Egan, P. Stacey, Marcu? + Santi had a stroll around La Cruz Llorado area. 5 places noted

⑦ (info. on sheet stapled to map) including a 30m+ shaft with two 'spits' in walls. Who was the naughty person who didn't record this? (Could perhaps be a wrongly positioned 1352) X
H. Long

22/4/00 1338 ✓ PAUL, AL, PETE, SANTI & MARCUS
DESCENDED 57m PITCH TO EXPLORE BIG PASSAGE SEEN ON
21/4/00. INITIALLY ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ACCESS TO CHAMBER AT
END OF ~50-100m OF LARGE HORIZONTAL PASSAGE VIA SHORT PITCH
JUST BEFORE END. AFTER MUCH RIGGING & ROPE MANIPULATION
AS WE ONLY HAD JUST ENOUGH, PAUL DROPPED INTO BIG CHAMBER
ALTHO' THE DRAUGHT APPEARS TO ENTER AREA THE ONLY WAY
OUT APPEARS TO BE THRU' 40/50m+ PITCHES IN FRONT. CAME
DERIGGED. RETURN WITH DRILL ETC. ETC. IN SUMMER PLANNED.

LARGE CONT. OF PASSAGE NEEDS A LOOK

ROUTE IN VIA PONDURUM OR SMALL RIFT
AT BASE OF PITCH



) X

24/4/2000 ✓ L.J.M. + H. Long. Another fun day (well, 1/2 day as Lark festered until 1300 hr.) looking along bank from Vega Bar to Dofrades. Put a proper position on map for lower entrance which is just above ^{new} track at bend with tree. A number of other holes found nearly straight up hill from Vega bar, but nothing to get excited about. All info. is on sheet stapled to ^{over.} (map), including a cave marked G which needs surveying + exploration completing. H. Long

24.4.00 CAONTOBA Bottom! ONT

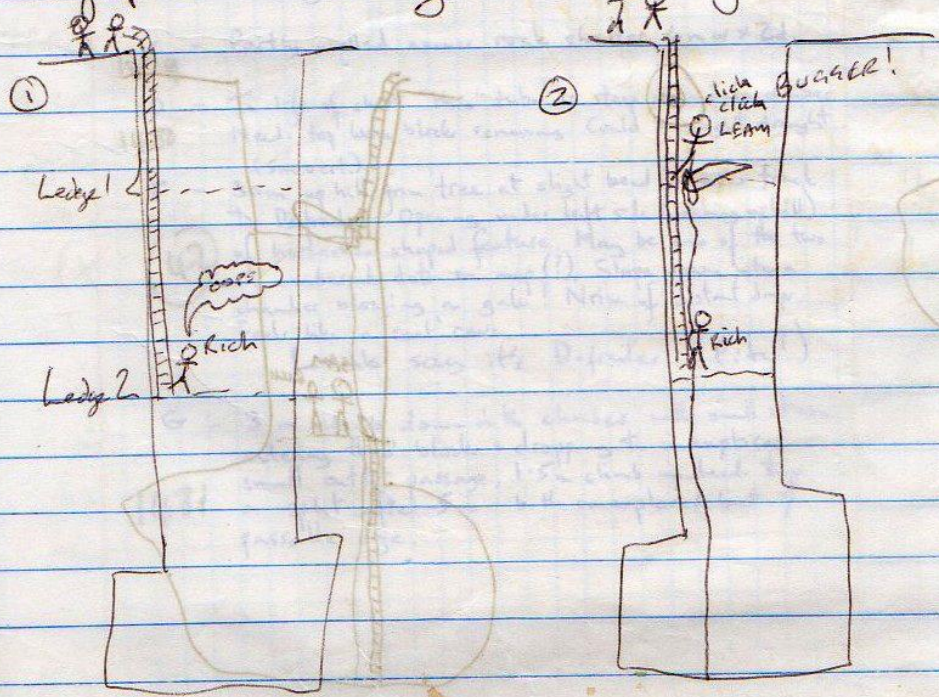
Jim, TERRY, JAMES + TOBY, MARTIN.

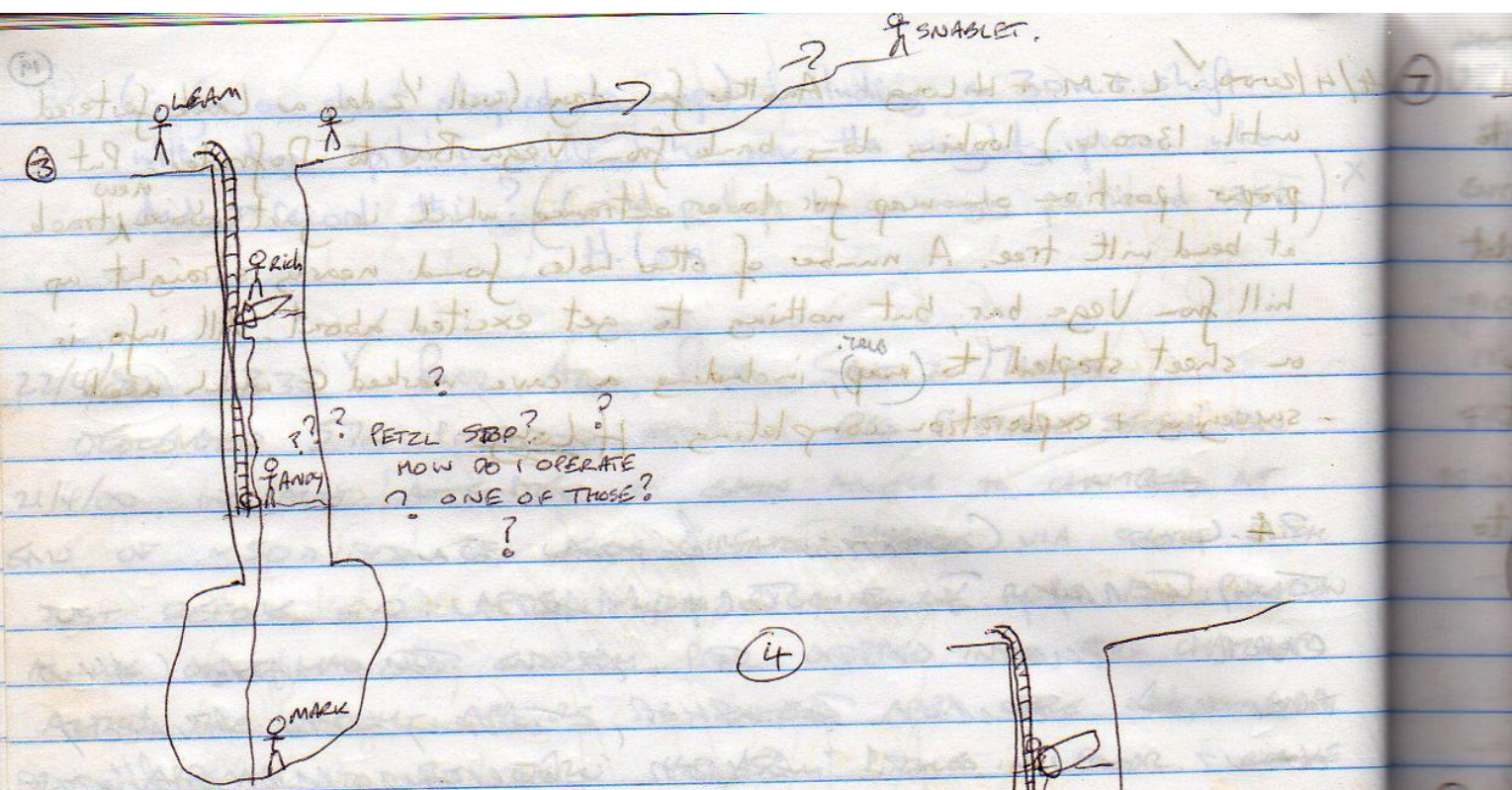
ONCE THE LAST 45 YRS TOBY AND I HAVE ARRANGED TRIPS TOGETHER, TODAY WAS AWAY! WENT ON 17! SHOWN DOUGH, MANY PHOTOS OF THE STAGMANT AND FANTASMA, THANKS TO THE MOOLS.

23/04/00 ✓ FRIGGING UP THE RIGGING - ABONO

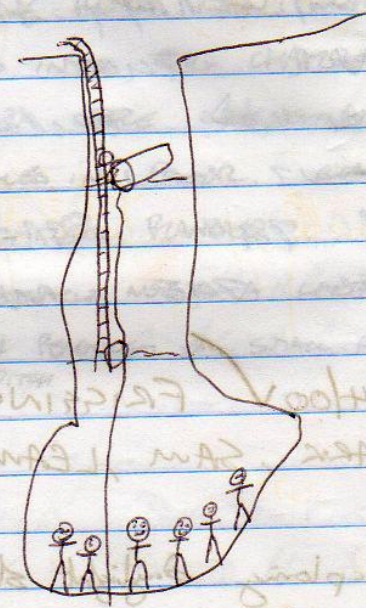
MARK, SAM, LEAM, ANDY P., RICH, SNABLET.

Exploring daylight shaft found by Mark from the main Abono entrance. Photographed & surveyed. Much fun was had on the pitch:-





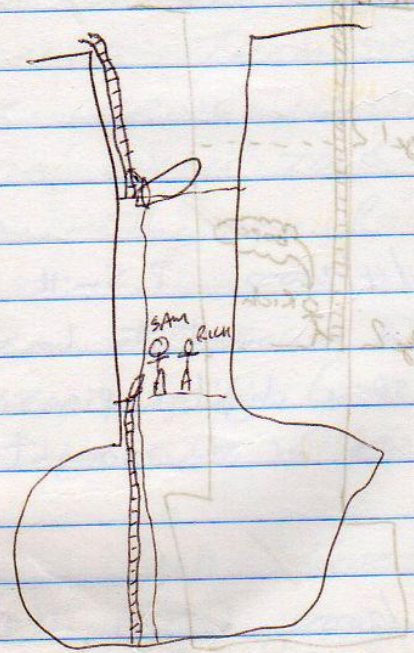
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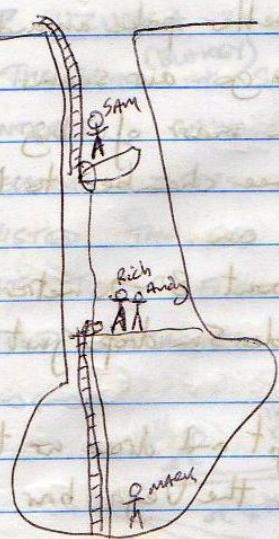
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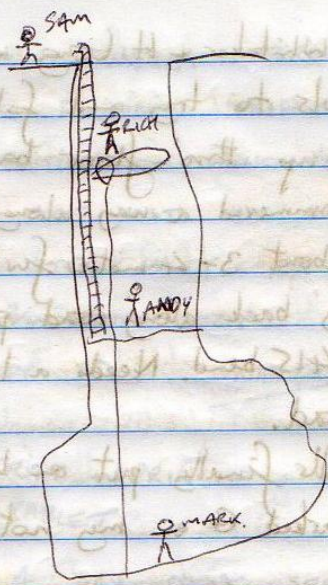
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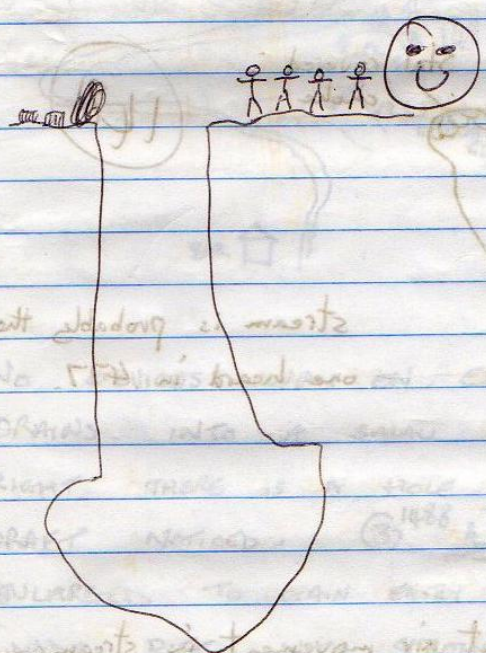
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SNABLET & LEAM WENT OUT
the other way.

Surveyed back over the hill
picking up a couple of other
shafts - one 30' deep &
checked one 20' deep & checked

[Signature]

4/4/2000 L.J.M. + H.L.

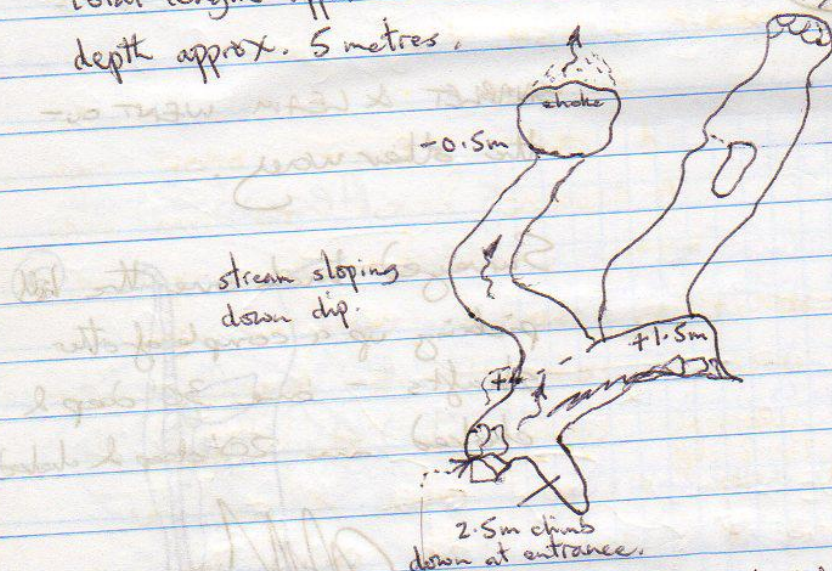
- A - Small chamber below little outcrop. Splits to left and right - both too small. L = 4m. No draught.
- B - Small tube sloping down under rock outcrop. Needs digging to drop down slope (3m) into chamber. No draught.
- C - Partly walled across rock shelter 4m w x 2d.
- D - To left of short "thru" tube is steep slope into chamber. Needs top loose blocks remaining. Could be slight draught. (5m vert.)
- F - 30m up hill from tree at slight bend in new track to Dofraeder. Opening under left side (looking uphill) of horseshoe shaped feature. May be one of the two unnumbered dots on map (?). Slope down into a chamber blowing a gale! Noise of distant drip. Feels like a real cave.
Lank says it's Dofraeder (Pity!)
- G - 3m climb down into chamber with small stream entering thru blocks + dropping to unexplored small outlet passage. 1.5m climb up leads to a split after 5m - both unexplored but of passable size.

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25/4/2000 ✓ T. Whitaker + H. Long went to 91 for a better poke around in end crawls to try and follow draught. No go - air seems to be coming up thro' floor back into the main mass of big boulders. Hammered a way along left wall of entrance chamber to let Terry get about 3-4 metres further, then no way on.
 (1485) Walking back along road produced a hole about 80-90 metres down from 415 bend. Needs a ladder for the possible 5m drop just at edge of road.

L.S. Mills finally put on his chauffeur's outfit and drove us to the spot marked G on my notes for 24/4 above the Vega bar.

Sketch from memory.
 Total length approx. 25 metres.
 depth approx. 5 metres.



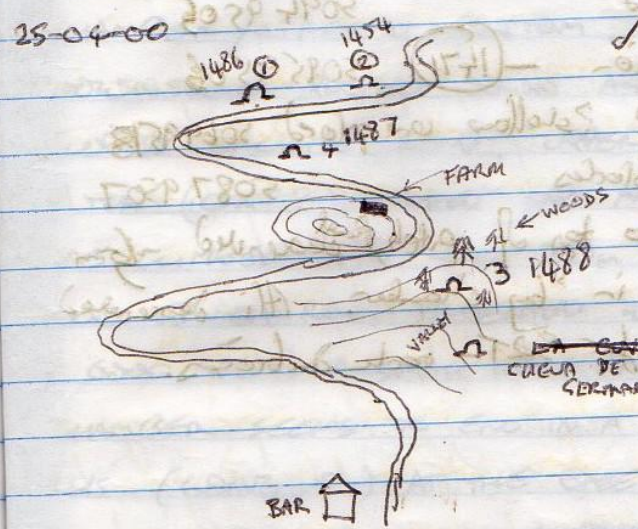
stream is probably the one heard in 477.

No draught in upper passage, but slight air movement in streamway. This cave is now the proud possessor of 2 detonators to be found on a small shelf to left of drop down into stream passage! (marked X)

Harry L.

UZECA 24-04-00 ✓ MARK WRIGHT + BRAT + SAM + RICHARD

THE SMALL (BLAKEY) + SNABLET. A ROUTE FINDING TRIP + TACKLE CARRY.
ENTERED CAVE WITH GREAT INTENTIONS - WENT TO RAT SHIT WITH
SEVERAL BEERS IN RIAND. WE GOT COST AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.
VISTED THE END OF FAR STUMPS + STRAW INLET ON ROUTE TO ASTORINE
IT TOOK 5 HOURS IN THEN 1 3/4 HOURS OUT. AN ENTERTAINING
TRIP + STASHED CLIMBING KIT AT AD. SNABLET



BRAT + APRINGLE + R BLAKE + SAM
SNABLET.

A DAY SPENT SEARCHING FOR HOLES
NEXT TO THE ROAD. ① 1486 A SMALL
HOLE NEAR HAIRPIN BEND WAS

SEEN, THEN MODIFIED AND
ENLARGED TO ENABLE ENTRY.

A SHORT 6 FOOT DROP THROUGH
A SQUEEZE LEADS TO TWO VERY
SMALL CHAMBERS (ROOM TO TURN AROUND)

NO OBVIOUS WAY ON. EVERYTHING CHOKED. ② 1454 THE ROAD CUTTER
DRAINS INTO A SMALL HOLE. LEFT IS A NARROW FISSURE
RIGHT THERE IS A HOLE DROPPING DOWN ALSO TOO SMALL. NO
DRAFT NOTICED. ③ 1488 A SMALL FISSURE UNDER A TREE WAS

ENLARGED TO GAIN ENTRY TO A 10 FOOT PITCH ENDS IN A 4 INCH
WIDE RIFT WITH STRONG DRAUGHT - REQUIRES HILTI CAPPING
OR BANG. TO GET THROUGH NEXT BIT TO SEE IF THE PLACE IS
WORTHWHILE. ④ 1487 A 7 FOOT SHAFT ON ENTERED. JUST UP FROM HOLE IN ROAD.

J. Rat found a walk in cave with a stone cattle trough inside. If this is the
already noted ~~Cueva de German~~, the description needs re-doing.

WE HAD A VIST FROM THE OLD BILL. - WONDERING WHAT
WE WERE UP TO - WE QUICKLY REMOVED THE SPOIL HEAP FROM THE
MIDDLE OF THE ROAD.

24/4/00 ✓ 1338 area etc. P. Sayer & Ali Santi
 Succeeded 457 (Hammered hole). (hole at 2nd way on visible under
 large block which may be doable. Need draughty day.

New Sites:

1493 AA Covered left sands blind 3-4m VN 5092 9533 ^{unexplored} 3097?

BB Obvious shaft with tree by track - 15m deep 5123 9542 "

1489 A 4m long rift covered in blocks 3m deep no way on. 5095 9506

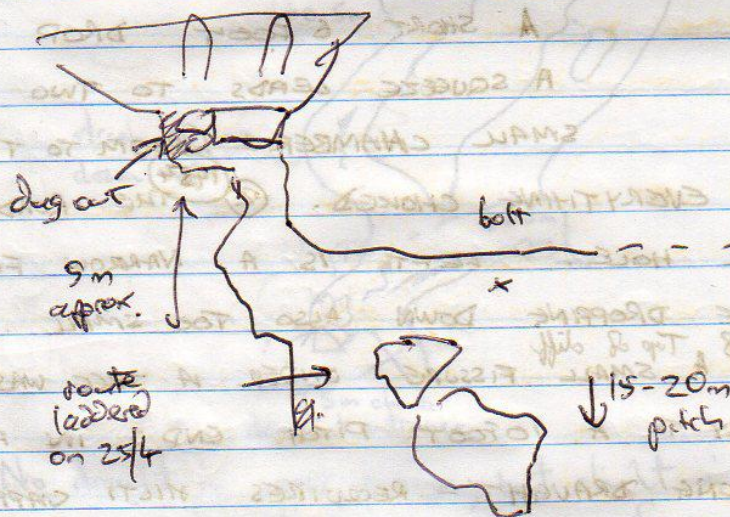
1490 B Small shaft covered by blocks unexplored 5094 9506

1471 C By sitting in a gale, in small depression - (1471) 5095 9506

1491 D Unexplored shaft covered by sandstone blocks ? shallow unexplored 5069 9518

1492 E Too tight rift covered by sandstone blocks 5087 9507

1471 - dig down by blocks to 4' and to top of pitch, then descended 15m
 to ledge overlooking 15-20m shaft in ? by chamber. Ali descended
 & traversed along ledge to try to dig for S&T - rock debris.



26/4/00 L.J. Mills + H. Long. Headed over the hill to Riano area, and
 up into the Gathana area. Found 2 'possibles' marked A+B on plan with
 notes attached - one a dig down in a 4m long rift at foot of short climb
 and the other a 5m undercaved shaft just up the bank from a new
 logging road. From there we went to fix the position of the new entrance
 to 207 before going on to look at the sink for 207 stream - lot of hard
 digging needed. Visited various 'bits' at and around 596 before going up the
 bank above. Found an interesting, inward draughting bedding tucked away

(1496)

(25)

under a small scar just up from little building. Enterable for only 4 metres to where sand + pebble floor needs digging. Could see on about 10 metres in passage approx. 4 m wide. This is marked (2) on plan, and is in a very interesting position.

H. Long

25/4/00 1471 ✓ P. Street, Ali, Pete Eagen & Santi
DESCENDED ENT. SHAFT BY LADDER TO FIND LARGE PHREATIC CHAMBER / RIFT AT BOTTOM. NO WAY OUT AT TOP END BUT DOWNSLOPE RUSHED DOWN AND UPWARD RIFT WHICH ENTERED LARGE SLURRY CALCITE RAMP. UPPER END CONTAINS ONE UNDESCENDED PITCH (10m+?) MARKED AND AFTER A CONTROLLED COLLAPSE A WALL WAS CLIMBED INTO THE 20m WIDE 'INTERIOR CHAMBER' - (SANTI, OUR SPANISH REP. PRESENTED WAS HEARD TO SAY 'INTERESANTE, YOU HAVE A GOOD AREA! A SMALL HOLE IN THE GRASS TO THIS'). THE TOP OF THE CHAMBER SEEMS TO END IN A CREVISE BUT A SMALL HOLE SLOTTED IN THE RHS (GOING UP) AT THE BASE OF CALCITE RAMP IN, GAINS A VIEW INTO ANOTHER GB VED WITH A PASSAGE LEADING OFF. WENT RUN OUT OF TACKLE TWO!

DOWN THE CALCITE RAMP LED TO A ~~SEVERAL~~ TOO NICE PHREATIC TUBE WHICH ENDS AT TWO MORE PITCHES (20m+?).

CAVE DELUGGED - EXIT ENLARGED BY ENCYCLOPEDIA SIZE ROCK LANDING ON PAULS HEAD FROM FLAME FEET 10 FT UP JUST BELOW ENT. DESPITE HEADACHE, LAST TWO SURVIVOR LEGS FINISHED AND HOLE IN PAULS HEAD + HELMET EXAMINED.

VISIT TO CARLOS HOSPITAL WHERE 'MATTENED MEDICAL SEASON TICKET' ISSUED AGAIN FOR TWO HEAD X-RAYS + 2 STITCHES. ATTEMPT AT GOING TO BED BEFORE I AM SOBER ONLY PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL - MY HEAD ~~TERRIBLE~~ TODAY FEELS LIKE I'VE HAD A SKINFEZ LAST NIGHT TWO!!

23/4/00 ✓ Jane, Helen, Ange - Picon.

Girlie photography trip - now when I say girlie I mean sisters, not girlie photography! Good, jolly trip. Very pretty part beyond the '93 extensions. Walked back to the campsite. Jane

26/4/00 ✓ Jane & Toby. Photographing in Jivero 2.
Another jolly little outing.

20/4/00 ✓ VT62 - Marcus, Chris

Summery passage from where Helen left off. Tried to
push on but couldn't find way so sailed it off.

21/4/00 ✓ VT62 - Jane Ottewill + Helen Rye.

A happy easy going trip, with nothing particularly
disastrous. Found the correct way on at the bottom
- a crawl up to the left, not the sandy straight on
(where Marcus & Chris went).

The crawl to the left is a fairly small, well
decorated passage (well it was, unfortunately
progress is a little destructive). This passage
ends with a small flat-out section to a T-junction
- a rift. To the right the way on become too tight and
sandy - I suspect it connects with Marcus's
sandy way. To the left, the passage continues to
a cross-rift (right) and a boulder blockage. This
is the point reached by the catulans. A possible
way through was spotted, but capping was
necessary. Indeed, 3 holes were already drilled
in the offending boulder, one still had a rod
sticking out. Unfortunately the rod prevented
me getting my head through the gap to
see exactly what lay beyond.

Helen.

23/4/00 - Dave O, Pete O'Neill, Martin Holroyd.

26/4/00 1332 (Jan Lombardo)
Jim Davies, Jane Arlton, Helen Blyth + David F.

Tired trip after very little sleep, courtesy of
LUPE + NCC drinking session - Why was Tim A.
wearing Amy's bra? - digress.
We progressed to the first pitch proper and
two 6mm studs needed to be replaced with
some proper 8mm. I drilled the holes to find
that the studs are not the same as the
expansion bolts which I thought they were! Incompetent.
I then had to ask Jim to give me a training
session. I had also forgotten to take a hammer
+ had to improvise with a rock. These placed + we
continued to the next pitch. This required a
loose traverse around the left wall to an
obvious continuation - only for the long legged
Pete Egan had tried the year b4.
Once on the other side of the traverse
the passage looked brilliant a phreatic heading off &
it the same direction as before the shift.

Only to arrive in a solution pocket with no continuation - Oh well! loose boulder

Down next pitch into a chamber.

At the bottom of a loose amp off boulders is an under cut climb, down very loose shit. A ~~stud~~ Stud was placed for a 10ft ladder which avoids kicking the shit.

The passages then stabilise alot and you reach a T junction with passages left + right.

Left - reaches the top of a 5m diameter hole in floor with a traverse around the LHS. Rocks thrown down the far side of the hole fell for a long way it sounded more than 60m.

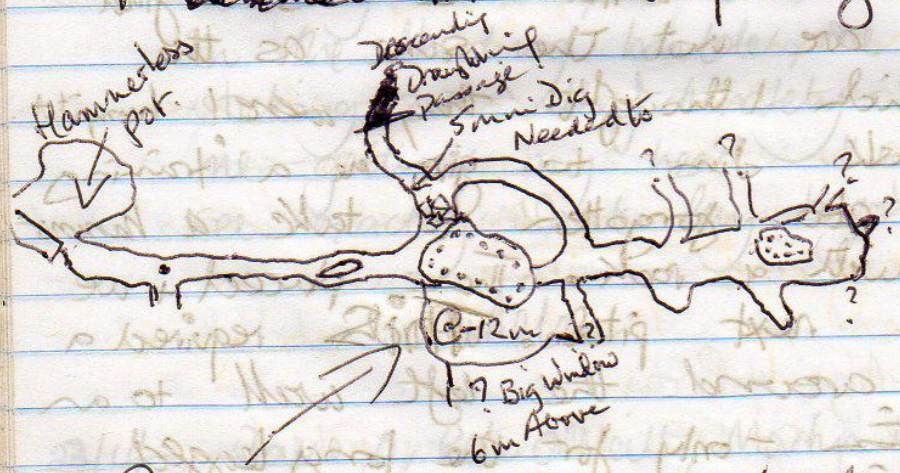
Studs were placed on LHS to protect the traverse & then pitched head bolts placed. The left corner

of the shaft was descended to avoid loose boulders above & to use the best rock. Two more

rebelays were placed & I ran out of rope in a elliptical shaft 10m in length + 4m in diameter.

Right - Jim ~~crossed~~ ^{traversed} another hole, placing two more studs. This lead to a boulder chock

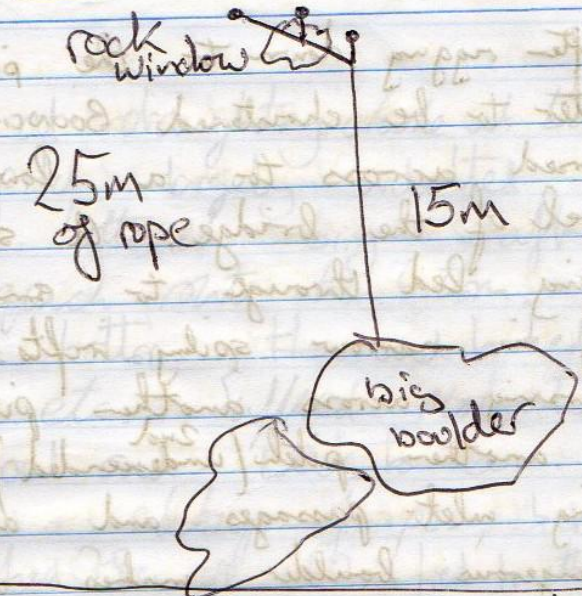
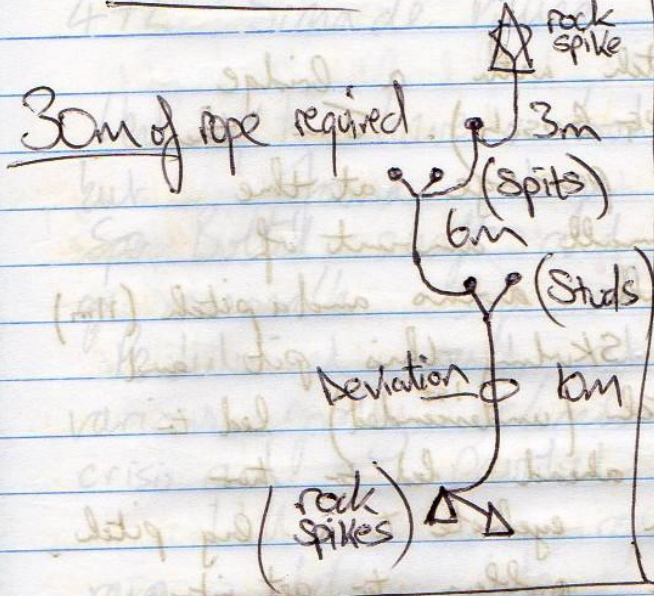
& ~~another~~ an inlet passage. (see sketch)



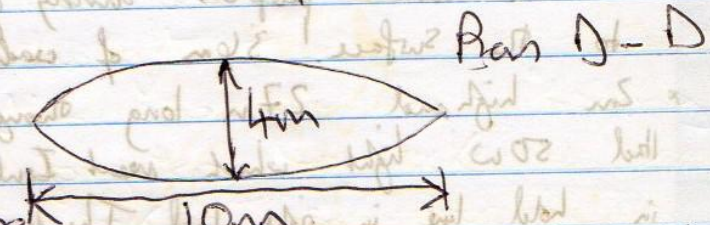
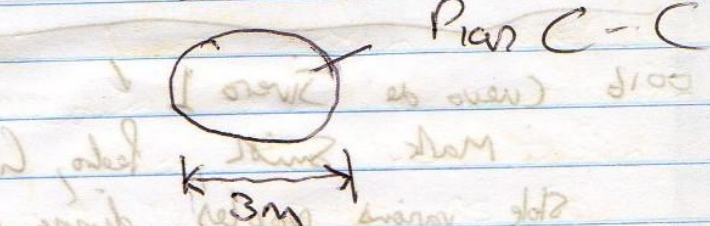
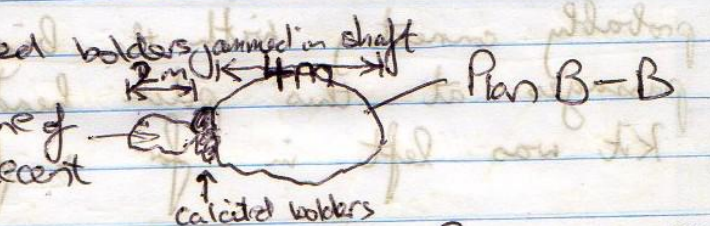
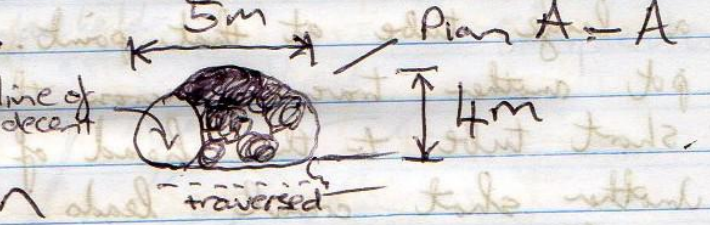
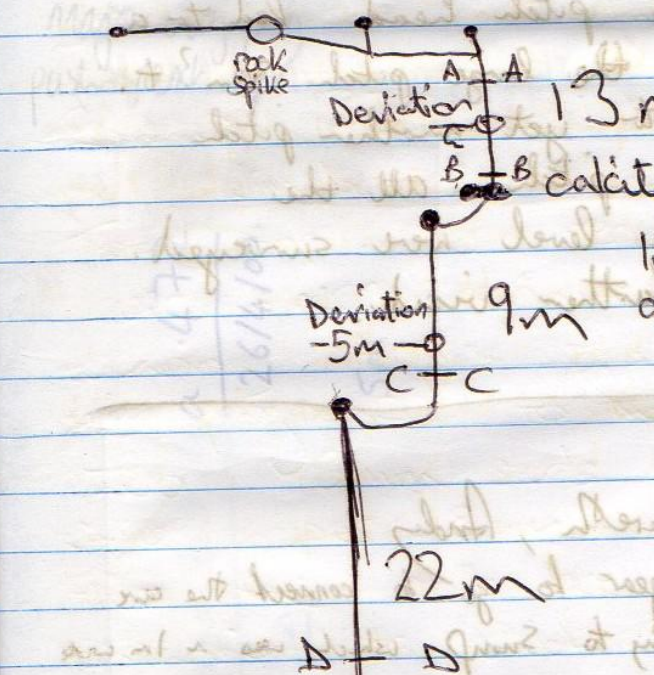
This needs looking at. Leads below + above. Take Drill and make life easy.

1st Pitch mix of studs + spits

2nd Pitch All spits



3rd Pitch All studs



bolt needed
about 20m down
in area of good rock
all other is moonmilk

run out of rope
(continues for 40mish not straight down)

715 ✓ TERRY & Jim 26/4/00

after rigging down to the pitch with a bridge
(later to be christened Bouncing Bosch). Jim then
traversed across to a low passage at the
level of the bridge. A small amount of
digging led through to small ^{1st} avenus and a pitch (11m)
ending in narrow spiky rifts. Skirting this pit and
traversing across another pitch (undescended) led to
yet another pitch (undescended) ahead led to two
sloping inlet passages and an eyehole to a big pitch.
A dangerous boulder makes a problem to get into
a large tube at that point. Back at the 2nd undescended
pit another traverse across the pitch head led to a
short tube to the head of the large pitch 30m? +.
Another short crawl leads to yet another pitch
probably connecting with the big pitch. All the
passages at this pitch head level were surveyed.
Kit was left in for a further visit.

0016 Cuevo de Tivero 1 ✓

Mark Smith, Pedro, Gareth, Andy

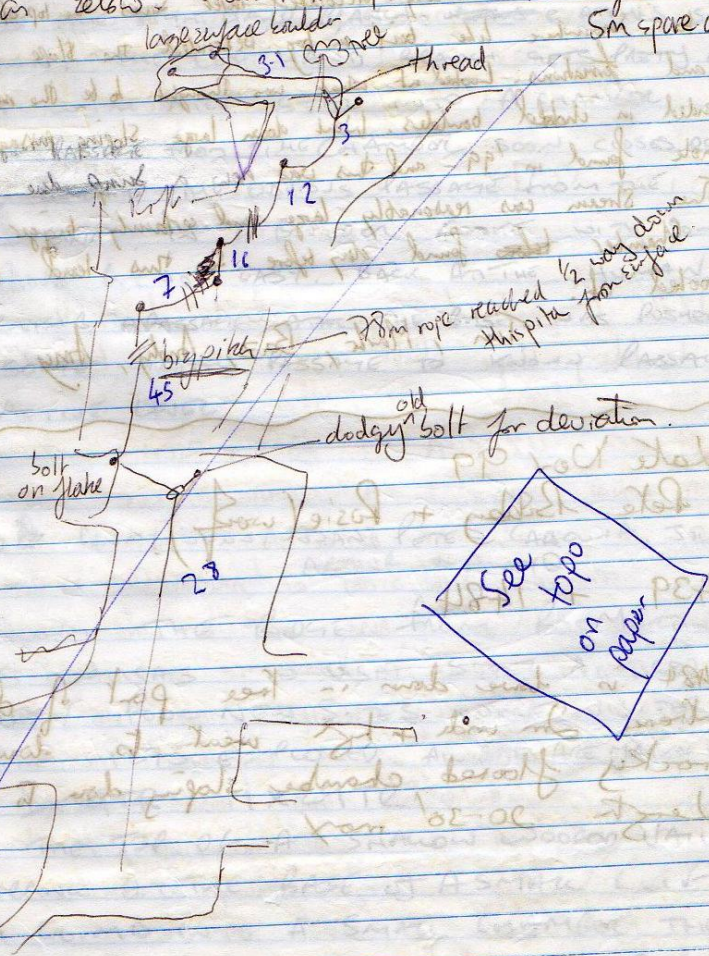
Stole various peoples diving gear to go to connect the cave
to the surface. 36m of crawling to Sump which was ~ 1m wide
& 2m high and 27m long through boulders in increasingly large passage.
Had SDW light which meant I could see loads of silt well. On way
in held line in right hand. Thanks to Gareth & Andy & Pedro for lugging
gear & route finding.

Visibility so bad that Mark swam round sump
pool in 8 inches of water despite Andy wading in to get him.
Had to pull him out eventually when he reached our
feet in ankle deep water.

25+26/4/00 ✓ Dave O. Gareth Cross Mark Smith (L.U.P.C.)
 472 Sima de Piluca.

Went up to have a look at draughting choke at bottom but found large pitch largely unbolted. Spits Bolted shaft and bottomed big shaft of reasonable safe a quick route to bottom. Perforated round at bottom then and looked at various grotty climbs etc. Suffered motivational crisis and punched out and went to bar.

Will measure ropes + edelays 11 pos, but rough sketch on below. Used 78m rope + 60m tied together, had 5m spare at end. All set now for major dragging push next yr.

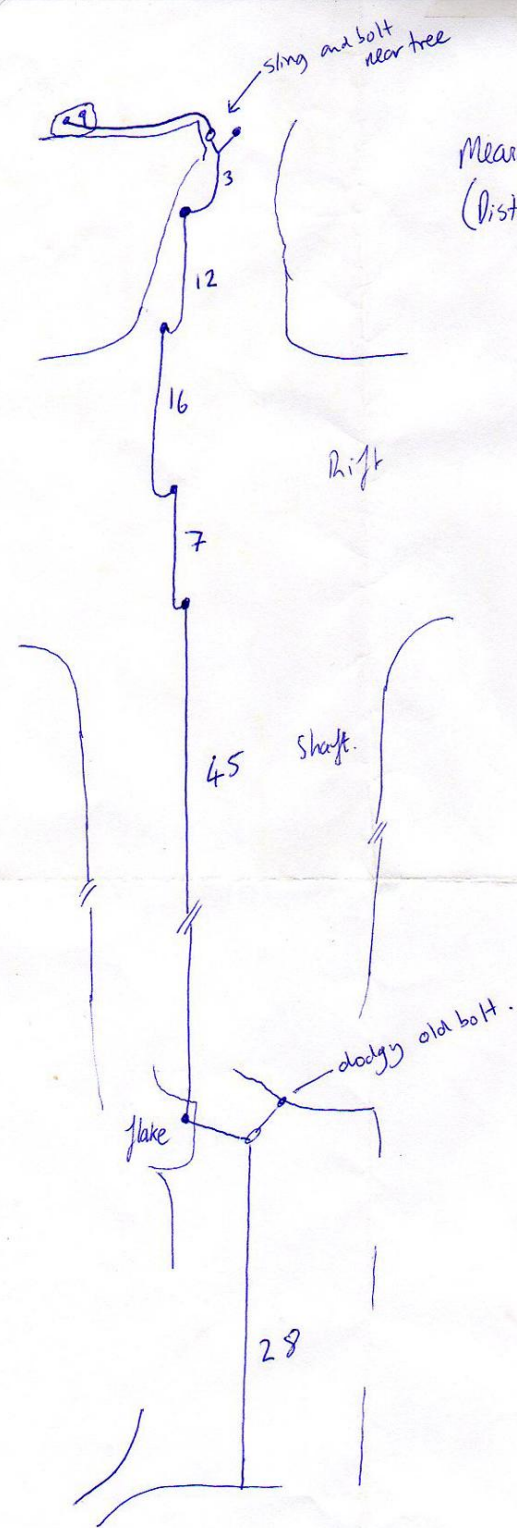


Sima de Piluca 472
 26/4/00

Measurements =
 (Distance between knots) - 1.5m
 to allow for slack at rebelay.

Gareth Cross
 Dave Ollwell
 Mark Smith
 (L.U.P.C.)

All new bolts (spits)
 except one at head of
 45m pitch and one used
 for deviations.



1452 Pete O'Neil, Angela, Tim, Mark, Andy H, Amy

P. O'Neil dropped the 30m pit to find another 25m pit which dropped not into Volvo; but into a chamber which Pete had explored by the time the 3rd person bottomed the pit. Still quite a big chamber but little chance of a way on. Maybe a climb in the roof into an inlet passage. On the way back up Tim swung into a ridiculous side passage to discover Volvo into the inlet extensions. Trip next day planned.

1452 Hole in Road Went into Volvo to look at ways on. 1452 comes out into a nicely decorated inlet series the top of which may go to somewhere like boil in bog. Descended the slope past large helactites and formations. Looked at what was thought to be the main way on and this ended in cherted boulders. Went down large sloping passage to look at drafting hole found in '99 and this was now a dump due to high water levels. The stream was reasonably large and certainly bigger than stream sinking in chamber below found day before. So this head still needs to be looked at.

Tim, Mark, Baz, Andy, Amy

Late Nov 99
Pete Bobby + Rosie (work)

439 + 1484

1484 is lower down in knee part of depression entrance. 2m wide + high went to lower rocky floored chamber sloping down to right. Length 20-30' max.

21/4/00 ✓ CUENA DE TIZONES
(PETE SMITH, ANOTQ, ANGELA & PETE O.)

BACK TO THE TRAVERSE LEFT WIDE OPEN LAST SUMMER. IN THE END ONE BOULDER WAS PT. IN A A SHORT LADDER CLIMB TO THE BASE OF THE TRAVERSE ALLOWED EASIER PROGRESS. A CLIMB BACK UP TO THE UPPER LEVEL (ROPE USEFUL) LED TO THE NEXT TRAVERSE. THE SAME DOWN, UP AND BACK UP TECHNIQUE PASSED THIS OBSTACLE, (NO TACKLE WAS NEEDED) EXCEPT HUMAN PYRAMID FOR A 3m CLIMB THE RIGHT HAND BRANCH ~~WAS~~ CLOSING SOON CLOSED DOWN. THE LEFT HAND BRANCH GETS PRETTY AND INTERESTING WITH NICE STAIR INTO A CHAMBER. RIGHT HAND PASSAGE FROM THE CHAMBER SOON CLOSED DOWN COMPLETELY. ~~STAIR~~ THE OBVIOUS PASSAGE FROM THE CHAMBER ENDS IN A BOULDER CHOKER WITH SOME SPACES ABOVE BUT NOT EASY. BACK AT THE HUMAN PYRAMID CLIMB A PASSAGE AT THE BASE WAS PUSHED THROUGH SOME CRUTTY PASSAGE TO KNOWN PASSAGE AT THE ACTIVE LEVEL.

25/4/00 ~~2~~ PENNY, JENNY, JOAN, PETE S, CAROL A, JOUE, ARTHUR & ANOTQ.

2 WALK ALONG THE RIDGE FROM BOSMARTON TOWARDS AUCAS TO VISIT SITES NOTICED IN FEBRUARY. FOUR NEW SITES WERE VISITED AND SITE 1275 EXPLORED. ALL SITES ARE MARKED ON THE MAP. ~~1X29TR~~ 1X29TR

(1) AT THE TOP OF A SHALLOW WOODEN VALLEY
(1497) ENTRANCE AT THE BASE OF A SMALL CLIFF. 6m CLIMB INTO A SMALL CHAMBER THEN THROUGH BOULDERS INTO ANOTHER CHAMBER WITH NO OBVIOUS WAY ON 25m LONG IN TOTAL.

1498
(2) LARGE DEPRESSION WITH LOTS OF TREES AND A CHILLOS BALON (NOT 609) 10m CLEAN WASHED SHAFT CHOKED WITH SOIL & BOULDERS. (Am)

1499
(3) 18m SHAFT WITH A CHOKED RIFT AT THE BOTTOM. (Rets)

1500
(4) VERY CLOSE TO THE ROAD LARGE OPEN SHAFT WITH A FENCE AROUND IT. AT THE LOWER EDGE A STEEP SLOPE LEADS DOWN TO THE TOP OF A SHORT LADDER CLIMB DOWN THROUGH SANDSTONE BLOCKS TO A CHOKED.

SITE 1275 CHOKED 8m DEEP SHAFT.

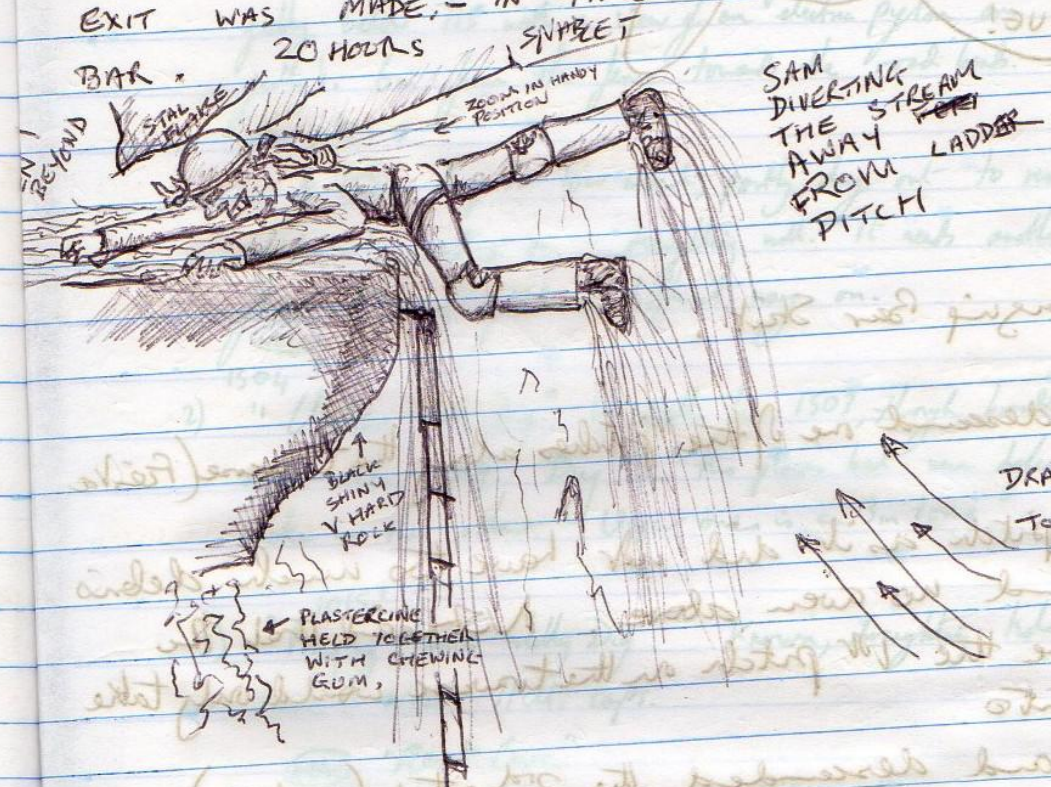
1274 Explored down grungy climb into northern side. Descending bouldery slope chokes. D=10m L=20m

26-04-00 → 27-04-00 UZUEKA SAM + RICH + SNARLET
SHRIMP BONE INLET. A TROUBLE FREE TRIP INTO THE CAVE PICKED UP GEAR AT ASTRADOME. THERE IS STILL A BIT OF BUNTING THROUGH THE START OF ARMAGEDDON. WE REPLACED THE LADDER AT END OF ARMAGEDDON. ALSO LAID A LINE THROUGH DUCKHAM'S. SHRIMP BONE INLET TAKES ≈ 1 HOUR TO NEGOTIATE. THE FINAL CHAMBER WAS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN WE REMEMBER IT!



A COMBINED METHOD OF FREE CLIMBING AND HAND BOLTING. A ROUTE WHICH CIRCUMNAVIGATED 1/2 THE CHAMBER EVENTUALLY (9 HRS) REACHED THE SOURCE OF THE WATER FALL. A LETTER BOX SLOT WITH STREAM FLOWING THROUGH. 11m

UNFORTUNATELY, TWO SMALL FLAKES PREVENTED ACCESS INTO THE
 LARGE STREAM PASSAGE WHICH COULD BE SEEN BEYOND.
 1/2 HOUR BASHING WITH LUMP HAMMER SHOULD PROVIDE ACCESS.
 THE CLIMB WAS LEFT RIGGED FOR A FUTURE PUSH. A STEADY
 EXIT WAS MADE, - IN TIME FOR OPENING AT THE RIANO
 BAR. 20 HOURS



26 Bobby + Dog walked up track post

Pablo's bar to small cave,

27 Returned with Tim + Penny to check it out.

1502 Entrance of 2nd wide 1m high, cave 5m long with shaft up 3m to daylight.

28 Pete S, Andy, Penny, Jenny, Caroline + Bobby

1501 Went to Rascaiteja + on route Penny

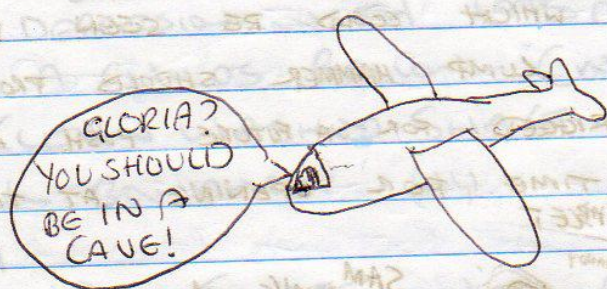
settled + Bobby went in small cave

Next to track same level as 1235 and in line

with left hand edge of slip feature

Step down into chamber 3m x 5m

stals up in all directions.



28/9/00. 7.15.

The Kangaroo Bar Skit.

JD / TW

Retained to descend one of the pitches along the traverse (Fiesta Freeway)

Chose 3rd pitch as it did not have too much debris at the top and no over above. Noticed that the passage above the 1st pitch on the traverse would only take 1 bolt to get into.

Placed bolt and descended the 3rd pitch (part 1) 13.5m (to top of larger shaft) slightly leading right ~~from~~ pitch can to descend. Extend larger shaft ~~with~~ (the Bicycle).

placed Two bolts to enable easy descent and no rubbing from 1st pitch rope. 3rd pitch (part 2) 28m to floor and 1.5m step up to (part 3) 12.5m ~~at~~ pitch which landed on right floor. Squeeze down right to top of another 12m sloping pitch where rope ran out at head of 10m pitch with what looks like a cobbled floor and different sort of rock. All the pitches were in black limestone. Drift not noticeable, but back at entrance was strong. Think that development above pitches may lead to bigger phreatic passage being found. Also bottom of cave now @ 160m and may be in orbital beds similar to Carlsbad and may be in either choke or hopefully have active stream passage. Recovered working Bosch battery unit. Back tomorrow

to shake hands with those in sharp brown !!

(57)

28/4/00 / Andy Pringle, Tony Jarrett

- 1) ^(NEW) 1503 "Cairn Cove". A hole was found near three prominent limestone rocks in the gully below 715 with a view of an electric pylon on the skyline (looking up the gully). 6m from the fence towards the road bend. A cairn was left to mark the site.

1.5m drop to low crawl, partly dug out to reveal rabbit burrow in solid rock leading on - draughting well. It needs another look. Digging all the floor out may yield a different way on.

- 2) ^(NEW) 1504 "Climbing Wall Dig". Up gully from 1503, through boulders to obvious dry stream sink under cliff. Dug in two places but were defeated by infill in one and choke in the other. Upper one is c. 3m long.

- 3) ^{1015?} "Praying Mantis Gully Dig". Known, draughting hole which we dug for a time. Needs Hilti ceps.

- 4) ^(NEW) 1505 "Root Cove". In shallow gorge just before old sunken road junction (30m uphill and 30m left). A tiny hole was dug out to give access to a 5m high x 4m wide chamber with flintstone on one wall and "Andy Quinn's Beard" roots above. No obvious way on but needs another look with a lump hammer. No obvious draught but seems to have once been part of a much larger cove.



29/4/00 A.P., J.Rat.

- 1) 1015 Used 8 Hilti ceps to reach floor of rift. Boulder choke and infill forced us to give up. Very strong outward draught today. What a pinner after a lot of hard work!

Where?

- 2) "Lank's Bonfire Dig" An hour or so was spent clearing craps from a solid rock tube once set fire to by Lank Hilti. J.Rat squeezed partly into the visible bigger bit but it looks desperate beyond so we retired to the bar. Good draught - in cove and bar!

J.Rat

Subj: **Re: Matienzo Easter**

Date: 03/05/2000 22:57:18 GMT Daylight Time

From: info@managerie.co.uk (Info for Managerie)

To: Uzueka@aol.com

715 survey continued NotPot series

st 0 29/4/00 = st 16 26/4/00

29/4/00 all forward

0-1 3.1 109 0 1=traverse bolt

1-2 4.2 322 -38 2=bolt start of NotPot : 1st pitch

2-3 13.4 100 -75

3-4 2.8 80 -6 4=bolt rebelay to get off top of 2nd pitch

4-5 1.8 293 -62 5=bolt 2nd pitch

5=18=bolt

18-17 25.3 354 -87

17-16 1.5 160 0 16=bolt 3rd pitch

16-15 12.2 0 -90

15-14 1.7 146 5

14-13 3.7 137 -1 13=bolt 4th pitch

13-12 11.7 117 -70

12-11 1.3 276 0 11=bolt 5th pitch

11-10 10.0 0 -90 bottom insignificant fissures in 3m sandstone bed

end Not Pot series

Start upper level

st 0 29/4/00 =st 0 26/4/00

0-3 3.1 235 61 old inlet rope attached 3 bolts up into old inlet

>What happened in 715 on the 29th (Saturday?) - the log book entry (28th) has

>you running out of tackle at the top of a 10m pitch? You might have

>mentioned it, but in the rush to get away I've forgotten! If you can email a

>brief account (which I'll stick in the log book) and any more survey notes, I

>can print out a new plan / elevation for drawing on.

>(You may want your sketch scanned to you for reference?)

Description to follow.

Sunday: We had an interesting last day with request via Pablo to get a foal from an 'ole, but it was dead and had rigor mortis so the farmer said leave it. Have survey of the hole (20m shaft with 6m too tight rift continuing to the east), but I think we may have been down it last Easter on our walk on top between the hole in the road and Ezueka.

Then did our covering the pirates hole bit, took photo of gate on hole in the road, checked Terry and Harry long's bramble bush hole next to boil in the bag, but it is 3m too tight rift to floor, no draught. Then back up road to Blakey's hole 200m further up road from hole in the road, but no go. Then 20m down spotted 10 x 2 inch suspicious hole which we opened up to reveal 50m of old passage going under hill and also under the road. Surveyed and photoed it, name: The Road Show. possible dig in mud floor with helictites. No obvious draught, but not that sort of day. Sam has pics, Snabiet has notes. I will send scanned pic later of sketch.

O what fun.

Pleasant crossing back. No conversations with customs and back before midnight.

1485
1487
1506 position?

Subj: **Re: Matienzo Easter**
Date: 04/05/2000 22:41:13 GMT Daylight Time
From: info@managerie.co.uk (Info for Managerie)
To: Uzueka@aol.com

>Thanks Jim. I'll take a look at the data at the weekend. Cheque made payable
>to me please. What happened in Shrimpbone?
They got through the bedding and followed the stream to an inlet series ending in many avens. @ 300m passage surveyed i think, BUT it is going North! They apparently ignored the big boulder choke at the start. Were out on time to have a drink in the Riano bar and have some meals on wheels from the van. Also got back to the bar in time for another and another... Pringle and Pedro had kept it open, apparently on fruit juice.

Jim

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SHRIMP ROWE

Subj: Re: Mattenzo East

Date: 03/05/2000 22:57:18 GMT Daylight Time

From:

To:

715

The second trip was a bit shorter - only 15 hours. No problems routefinding, just a long slog to the end and the lump hammer and chisel ate Rich's tackle bag on the way in. The Duckham Sump was significantly worse than the previous trip, we were thankful of the bit of rope we'd put in, and it had obviously been sumped following the rain from a couple of days before. The other noticeable change was that the draught was going the other way all the way through and was blowing up Shrimpbone rather than down as it had done a few days earlier. At the end, Rich went up the pitch and it only took a couple of good swings with the hammer to knock the major obstacle to progress off, and after rerigging the pitch Snablet & I followed up.

The slot at the top of the pitch opened out almost immediately to an elongated, well decorated, oval chamber. At the opposite end, a 3m waterfall came down off the edge of a 2m deep false floor only a couple of inches thick at it's outer edge. Above and behind the slot at the top of the initial pitch the massive calcited boulder pile continues on up with several black spaces visible for 15m or so. Climbs up into this were too steep and slippery too consider with the gear we had.

Rich tried throwing a couple of rocks at the false floor as Snablet & I started surveying. The false floor held. We looked up at it, and umm'd and err'd and tried climbing up the wall next to it. Bugger - we thought. We weren't going to be beaten, so Snablet leant on Rich as he perched on a crumbly ledge on the wall and hammered hell out of the floor - this had the effect of diverting the stream down Rich's arms and giving Snablet an unwelcome afternoon shower. Still it didn't take long for the floor to be hammered back enough that Rich could be launched up - We were in.

I derigged the ladder and passed this on up to Rich who rigged it off a stal boss and off we went surveying in to a slightly smaller version of shrimpbone inlet. The passage was generally a joint controlled rift 1.5m - 2m high though in places the stream meanders turned this into a low tube / bedding. After 50m or so we started meeting cross rifts which generally went a few m's to small avens (10 - 15m high ?) Some nice long straws in places also. After ~150m (? - you'll need to add up the survey legs) a junction was met with a tall rift going right and left. Left, went to a climb up and a tall aven. Right, went through a calcited slot into a chamber at the base of several large dripping avens (20 - 30m maybe more, It was hard to see with failing carbides. The stream we had been following was not evident in this aven area, though whether it came from water percolating through the sand and rocks at the base of the avens or from elsewhere was not clear. This aven area was dubbed 'Mongooses don't jump' in honour of the small plastic novelty ice cream container that had been acquired in the Bakers the night before and followed us down, It's now bravely manning the survey station in the terminal chambery bit - awaiting explorers to drop in sometime !

This was as far as we could go, so we packed up and headed back. The ladder is still in place on the 2nd up pitch and pulled out or the water. There

was only one set of SRT kit so Rich went down first and got a brew going. Next went Snablet, "Gear's on the end of the rope" he eventually shouted up. I went to haul the rope up, and discovered somewhat worryingly that the rope's sheath had been cut right through and slipped down a metre or two. Mmmmmmm.

I set about rerigging what rope was left and discovered that once rerigged the end the others had abseiled down was now too short to reach the bottom. Mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm

I derigged the rope, being careful not to drop it down the pitch !! and managed to gain enough rope to re-rig the top of the original climb. I then had to perform some entertaining swinging / climbing acrobatics whilst derigging and rerigging the original climb up. I managed to recover most of the gear left on the climb and the pitch is now reasonably rigged up the wall out of the water (until the top that is - see diagram in the log book!!.)

NOTE It would be worth telling the next team in, that they should bring a sturdy new rope and possibly some climbing / rigging gear as I wouldn't trust that climbing rope to last another party going up & down it.

After a bit of food we packed up - and headed out - It was a relief to get back through Duckham Sump and apart from a twinging back, being knackered and having stage1 Shrimpbone Fever (a squitty bottom) the trip out was almost a pleasure. We arrived back in Riaño to find Jim & Terry had done a sterling job in keeping the bar open AND brought over an excellent mountain stew. Even better, Andy Pringle had been keeping German's open, drinking Orange an Pink alternately (Cointreau and Pacharan)

Full marks to the support team.

The last day, if you haven't had a report yet, involved finding and surveying Hole in the Road #2 (~40m) I've got a load of pictures of the pretty's in there. I'll try and buy/beg/borrow a scanner, scan them in and mail them to you sometime (Or I could pop over with them at some point and explain the survey notes, once Snablet has sent them to you perhaps?) There was an abortive foal rescue - D.O.A. at the bottom of the pitch. And another door installed.

Excellent Easter all round - I've nearly recovered now.
See you soon,

Sam.

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