

LOGBOOK

Year: 2001

Season: Easter

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

ASTER 2001

8/4/01 Steve O, Candy, Penny, Ivan, Jen, Peter up a crano to descend Steve & Candy's shaft from a couple of weeks ago. Ivan peered down and a glasses lens dropped 16089 out and down the pitch. Steve retrieved it unscathed after a 40ft freefall.

Base of pitch is loose, sharp boulders and a rift descending to N could be dug chiseled, milti capped. Slight drought.

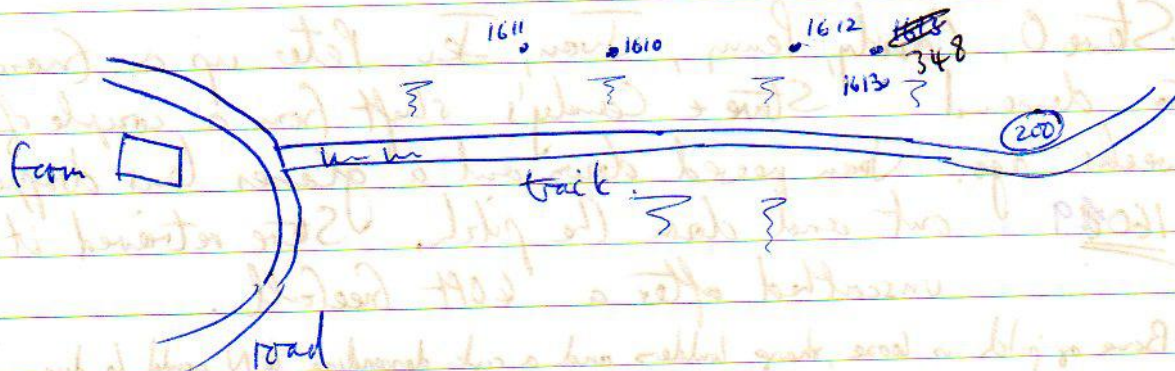
1601 Jump down into depression floor. Hole down on loose rocks leads to tight blind drop. L=3

~~1609~~ 1600 Steve went down to reinvestigate.

Long dig at bottom into gutter shaft (10m estimate). 20ft up there is a parallel shaft which would require some acrobatics to enter.

1608 Steve down 4m climb to dig which require buckets to surface. Can see a gutter 10-15ft into what looks like a larger chamber. The top needs emptying out as it is all tunnelling into the way on.

9/4/01 Steve, Candy, Terry, Juan off to do a dye test at Fuente las Varas Pot. Got diverted at first farm on corner where fire had cleared area between road and site 200.



1610 5197(2) 9815(1) Sandy limestone roof to rift going in. Holes in floor. To right is rift parallel to hillside with holes in floor. Needs pushing.

1611 5194(5) 9814(0) 30m to W of 1610 is droughting opening and a very tight meandering rift. Needs pushing. Too tight finished! TW.

1612 ~~5206~~ 5206(9) 9816(6) Short drop down to rift passage parallel to hillside. Tight section may reach head of 30ft^{wide} pitch beyond which Terry was seen in 1615. 348.

~~1615~~ 5208(6) 9817(3) To east of 1612. Passage leads W to top of 10m pitch seen in 1612. 348
1613 Small hole on down slope from 348

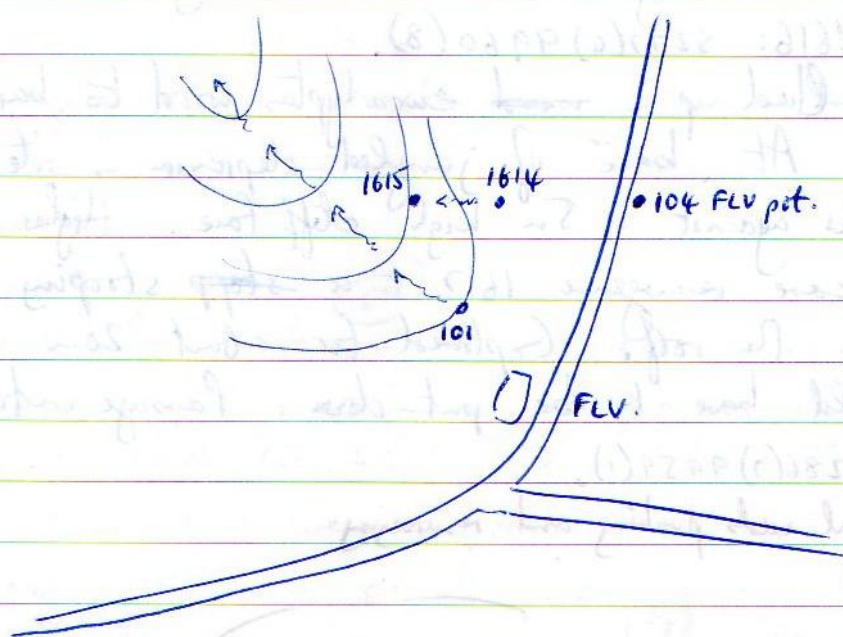
Geventually got re-focused and went up to FLV bar and then to FLV pot where Fluorescein* was dropped in.

(* dissolved in gin and water)

(3)

and a beer

Had a sandwich and then went to hunt green water.



Cueva de la Candel (101) seemed larger than it did in 1977. Steve had a poke in for a few metres (to an inlet) but came out when it got a bit wet. No sign of green. Started to go down valley. Spotted green water resurging from v. immature resurgence 1614 - this could mean there is not much point in pushing 104 at the bottom of the pitch (but it still needs surveying).

Followed water down from 1614 - ~~it~~ half of the water disappeared down a 20ft pitch ¹⁶¹⁵ below a ~~st~~ small drop. This needs descending as it seems as there may be some passage going off below. 1614: ~~52~~ 5292(3) 9922(4) 1615: 5289(1) 9921(5)

Then followed water down main valley. Picked up the green again - really bright as the "front" went downstream.

Walked down to where water starts to sink and valley

widens out. Decided to walk back up to top road.
Almost immediately came across 1616 below a 3m high limestone outcrop. Old resurgence blocked with large cobbles but could dig. 1616: 5277(4) 9960(8).

Walked up in ~~wood~~ eucalyptus wood to barnard large depression. At base of jungled depression is site 1618 where water sinks against a 5m high cliff face. Higher up (to the right) is cave resurgence 1617 - a ~~steep~~ sloping passage with roots from the roof. Explored for about 20m where a knee would have to be put down. Passage continues.

1617 - 5286(1) 9959(1).

Canal needs pushing and resurveying

WHAT TO DO

WITH

VIRGINS

CAST: YOU, ME, JACK, NICK, PAUL
(THREELAN)
STEVE, CANDY.

(5)

1. Must do 4 CAVES IN A DAY, 1 at least to be brand new.
2. NO SLACK VIRGINS.
3. All passages to be pushed.
4. The better the better.
5. NO FLAN.

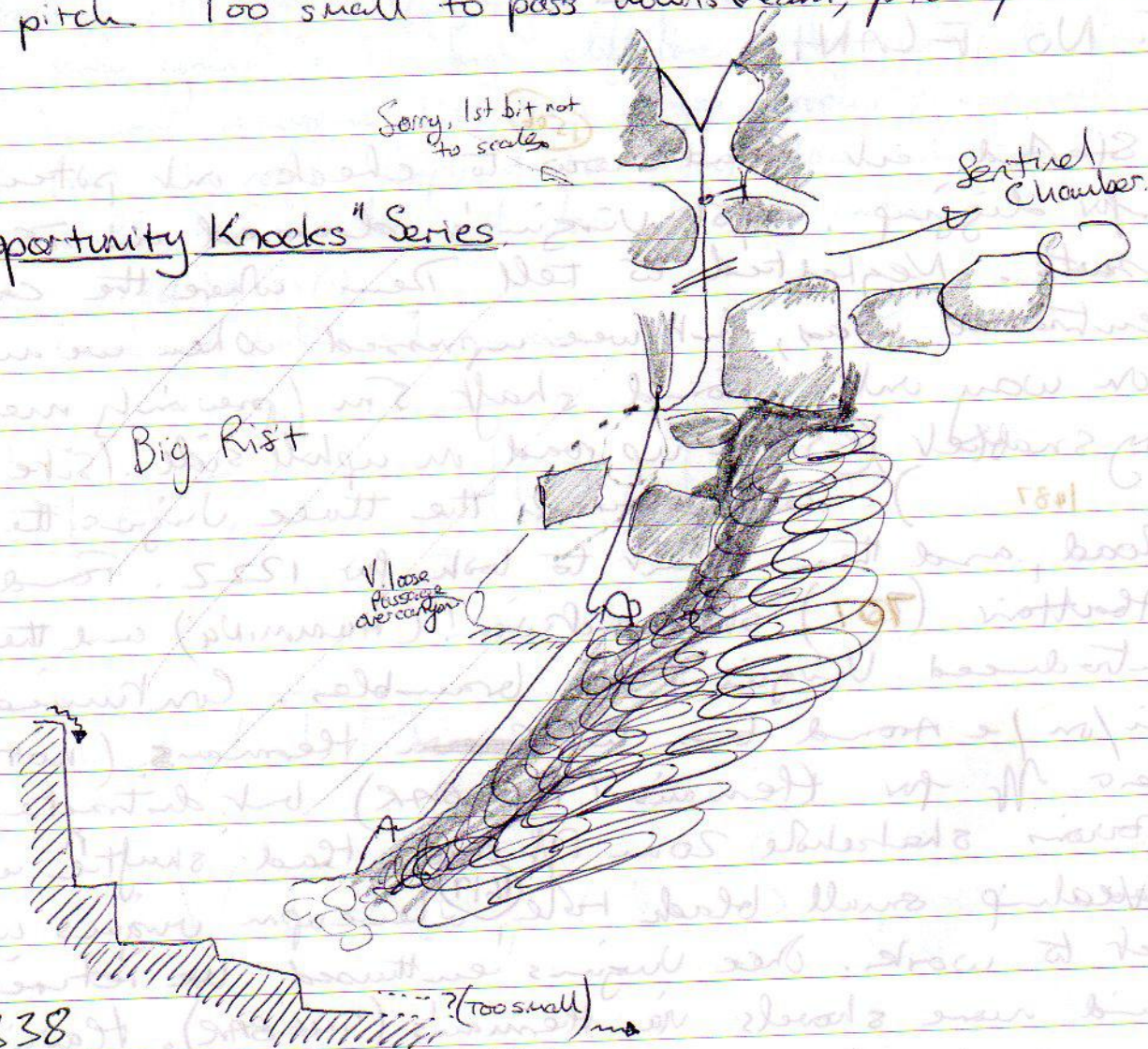
(1506)

Started at Roadshow to check out potential for digging. Got Virgin's dressed in TSA type suits. Neglected to tell them where the cave entrance was, but were impressed when we met them on way out. Found shaft 5m (previously mentioned by snapper) 50m up road on uphill side. (Site No? 1487). Then showed the three Virgins the hole with the Road, and then went to look for 1222. Found Terry's Abattoir (707) still active! (Hummingbird) and then introduced Virgin's to brambles. Continued downhill in/on the road bus to ~~the~~ Herman's (NOT BAR). Sent off for Herman's (THE BAR) but distracted by obvious shakehole 20m off road. Had shuffle & ~~single~~ revealing small black hole (1619) whereupon virgins were set to work. Once Virgins enthused, we retired to find more shovels via Herman's (THE BAR). Having procured shovel & Beer returned to find Virgins on vinegar stroke (or dig). Removed last chucker allowing said Virgins their glory.

9
 10/4/2001, Ian L, Liz Kitts, Dave Foxton, Andy Herries, 1338

Went to descend ~~into~~ one of the holes in the floor of Sentinel chamber. Dropped the hole at the base of the pitch into the chamber. Went maybe 30m to immature streamway - probably the one from the bottom of the ~~entrance~~ ^(over) 57m pitch. Too small to pass downstream, pitch upstream.

"Opportunity Knocks" Series



12
 1338
 ?/4/01 Peter E, Ian L, Liz Kitts.

Visited Sentinel chamber climbed down, just before sentinel to ledge, descended pitch ran out of rope top of 50m pitch, ledge 13m down, wide open 4m wide good draught. Detackled on the way out as Expedition short of gear (Halla) *Ph*

11/4
Did nobody come yesterday?

(7)

11/4/2001. I.L & L.K.

Went back to Pica to finish avar in 2nd chamber.

It is the first avar on the right past the first little climb up a crack between boulders (just ~~of~~ out of day-light). The avar has a large number 1 ~~of~~ sprayed on the rock at the bottom.

The initial corner is climbed for about 6m into a significant widening in a loose chamber (bott). Traverse left to the left "wall" and climb to a loose ledge (bott) at 15m. Continue up into tubes that splits. Right leads to long rift that closes down. Left leads to traverse below loose rock, then a climb up in rift leads to narrowing and impassable tubes.

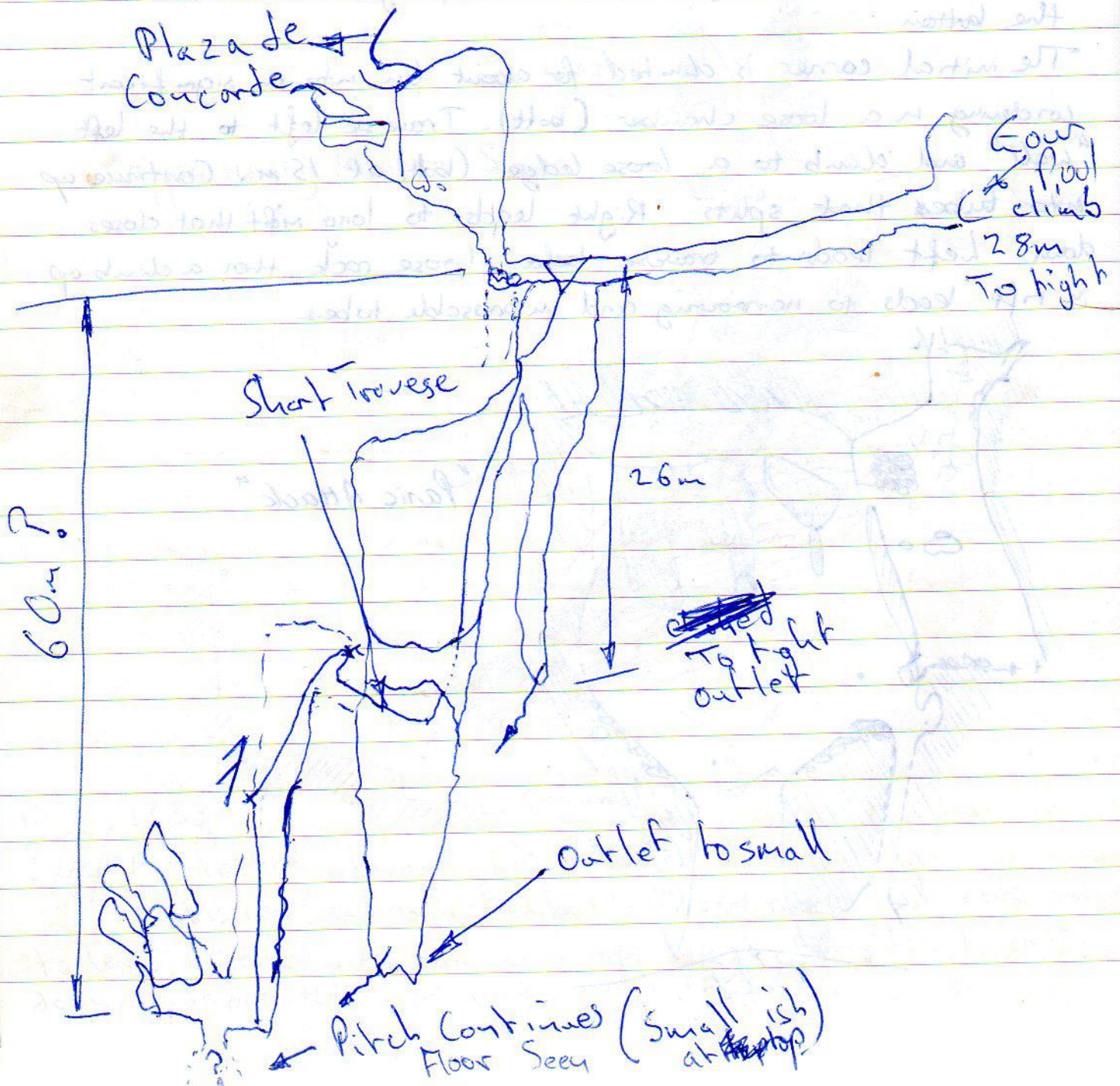


"Panic Attack"

11/4/01 P.T. Eagan, P. Stacey, Ali Neil, John Stokley, Mike Rad
Papua Noel.

Climb in Gaur Series went for 28m
crawl continues at roof level, Small, high
and jagged.

Pitch below traverse



(9)

First two pitches become too high - third
pitch continues to narrow (but easily possible) pitch
head continues + 20m needs bolting, Rope
left in may not reach the bottom. More bolts are needed
to stop ~~it~~ possible sub points -
left cave rigged up to bottom of
p32 Plaza de Concorde -

PS

10/4/01 4/5 AWEAT P. Storey J. Stevens M. G.

Went to Jimmy Roberts' Jobbed pitch series - outward to try for SET so
didn't get far.

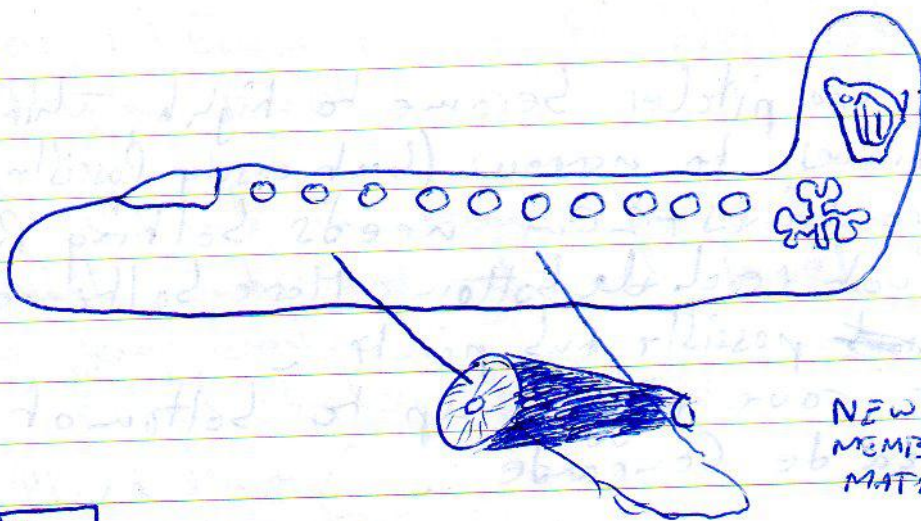
Tried to put in detail to computer centre line on alternate route
between second and end chambers but centres don't make sense (PS)

11/4 TERRY, BEN, JACK, NICK CARCAVEUSO TO ANDY QUIN'S FOOT AREA

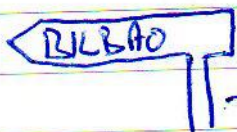
Dug out the entrance leaving the mandatory poised
3cwt jump required by Belgian HSE Regulations. River passage
still rather wet as water levels well above normal
signs of flooding throughout the cave. Surveyed small passages
under Rhinoceros passage by AQ's foot. Re-entered and
surveyed to large passage entering from a boulder chobbe
Small stream enters here and flows North into the chobbe.

11/4 Steve O, Candy, Jim O. Carcaveus. Aim to carry on with map of Reno Bolade but passage isn't
for precisely 12.5m beyond TW's last datum. Various other holes & passages & chobbes looked at in
East Wall. - nothing. Found a new rift 20m W of AQ foot. Spent two hours perusing a ladder to get
down a 'p' to make way for descent. On reaching bottom of 15ft climb found it was blind!
Out at 10pm

12/4/01



NEW MILE HIGH CLUB
MEMBERS ARE IN
MATIENZO.



QUOTE FROM MARK WRIGHT. ~

"You CAN JOIN THE MICE DEEP CLUB IF
You GO IN THROUGH THE BOTTOM ENTRANCE!!"

Stene to Herby in the vegetable corridor.

"Hey, have you seen the size of his Glenmerangie."

10/4/01 Cav, Killer



Coming from San Miguel, turn left at San Panteleon towards the garden centre, cross the river and about 300 yds upstream there's a whole by the roadside. Well out of our area so let's call it Pirate Cave. Climb the mud bank and enter an easy walking streamway which goes ~120m into the hill before a short (15m) shallow (2m) sump. The stream continues for ~80m through a large chamber and crumbly section before another short (6m) shallow (2 1/2m) sump.

The stream continues for ~40m ~~into~~ to a boulder slope, which climbs into a large chamber (a 80m long ~15m high ~20m wide). A climb to the right of this section leads to

Bolton annual dinner 19th May (2001)

Foot & Mouth Theme.

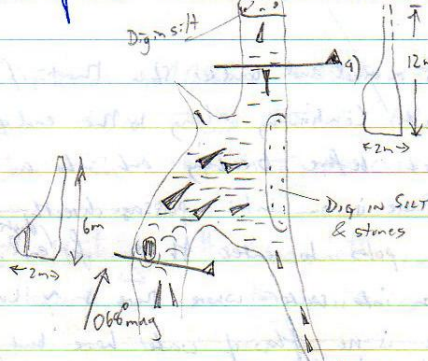
ALL WELCOME!!!!

a well decorated grotto, however it is a mud and boulder slope that, if it fell, would possibly block the way out. Continuing along to the end of the chamber a small ^{long} ^{15m high} ^{wide} crawl is met before breaking out into a larger chamber (80 m), (30 m). There is an inlet passage directly in the centre roof that would need sealing poles to enter. At the ^{right} far end there is a boulder slope that leads down into water where there is ~ 1m of space between boulders and roof. There is no flow of water here but it could be drilled. A Water flows on the left hand side ~~down~~ and was followed for a short, low dig through boulders til it became rather tight. No other way through was found. We left dive line through the sumps, but it's not anchored too well at either end or at all at the bottom so should be followed with care. Visibility was poor (~1ft) in both sumps, and both had tight sections not avoided by the line so should only be freedived by fuck wits.

12/4

TERRY, Jim, LANK, ALI [INITIALS]

To the mushroom field area with the intention of finishing off 352. 351+2 assumed to be in the brambles at the top of the meadow. 352 Turned out to be 3 shafts (note new position) the one with the largest opening (about 2m square) is 11m deep totally choked with cobbles descended by TW. 5m away to the NE is a small entrance to a blind shaft (1621) descended by J.D. To the North about 10m away is a small hole in the track above a fence which was another blind shaft 7m deep. Shafts called 352 a, b, & c, sketches made of pits. Party then moved on to the heathier slopes North East of the Mushroom Field Woods. 880 & 869 were re-visited



Sketch of

880 compasses don't work upside down Terry!!!

Length circa 23m

Depth circa 6m

#869 was surveyed; around the corner to the north is a small drafting hole which probably connects into the top of the entrance rift.

Pot North of 869 J.D.

VN 5325

9853

(1623)

Under sandstone lens

No Draught

phreatic cave

A SURPRISE needs revisiting

Walking size phreatic tube

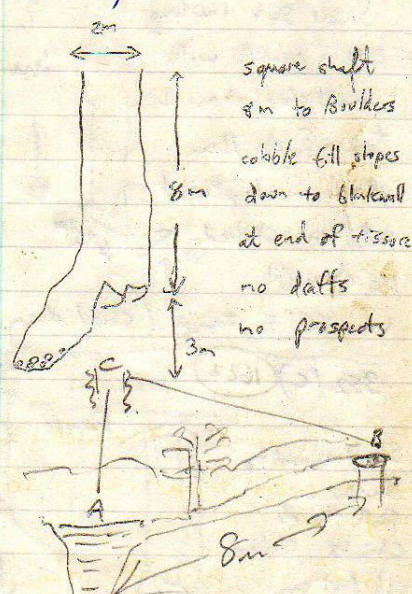
runners chokes after 10m one way and 8m opposite way back under entrance.

Shaft 1613 discovered 10m down slope from cave 374/1612 7m blind shaft descended by TW.

Cave 374 shaft laddered and descended by TW. Cave is 5m to pit head shaft is 7m deep and 5m along in a rift

J.D./LSDM/TW.

352?



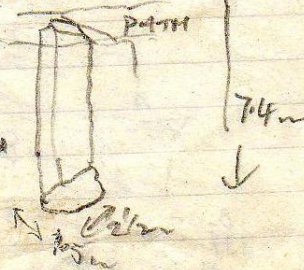
B to C 10m + 3m
H to B 8m + 2m
H to C 8m + 5m

352 (B)

Small Stb 1m long
0.4m width with
small chest one at
top. Ends 11m
down in leptical
section. Choked
0.8
No draught
in 55°F temp (cool day)

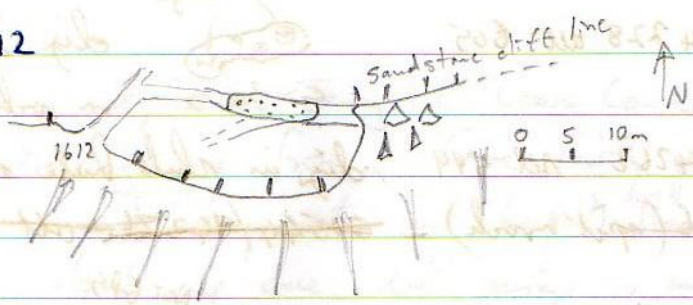
352 (C) (1622)

Shaft covered by
sunder in
part through
chairs. Choked
at bottom
No Draught



Cave 348/1612

length circa 20m
depth 7m



1611 To tight choked fissure - finished

1610 Over choked pit fissure is far too tight (finished) to the East
a rift parallel to the cliff face was entered and dropped by 5D (7m)
a climb up continues to a further choked section.
Total cave length $\pm$ 20m depth 7m

11 & 12 April - Phil P; Kew Millington; Steve O; MAx Dobbie; Jim E, Chester
Fiske (NPC) - 1391 volcano & holes near - by above TV mast -
51222/94433 all-618

11/4 - Took genset & drill etc up to 1391 a stonk dig, rock very
poor, seems to be in fact in places. Stonk to take wall down to
solid(ish) rock - opened up hole - good draught. Used this
hole as dig - on 12/4 continued dig using "crops" etc.

Holes near-by looked at - - long only 10' ish - little/no draught in any
hole - as all need to be checked for draught in summer
4ft ? (1624) PP 17 - 51409-94423 all-5770 this may be (1346)
near 346 - 4m dia, 15m deep choke no/little draught on middle of slope
facing east, bush in hole ladder used no (spits)

(1625) PP 18 51409/94472 - All 5-71 - near PP 17 to North on
North facing slope - found shaft 2m dia - 7m deep? not done

(1626) PP 20 51359/94302 - all-614 Small hole 3m deep to dig no draught, not good
dig, but below rift line in cliff

PP ⁽¹⁶²⁷⁾ 21 - 51379/94228 alt 605

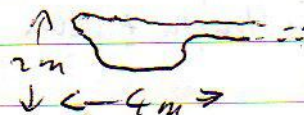
 dig 2m deep on rft. line
in with no/little drought -

PP ⁽¹⁶²²⁾ 22 - 51497/94262 alt 599 dig in shale hole new 1436 - N. cone

PP 23 - this is 1436 (spit' rock) - ~~51544/94276 alt 575~~

12/4 new ⁽¹⁶²⁹⁾ cone 1 above 1391 - ^{Not GPS} ~~5142~~ 51210/94420 - Pic in my Cam

Small hole in grass above cliff line above 1391, opened up now covered with rocks. 12m deep, old rft. to west - tight. small person could push - need to check drought in summer - ladder used No spits



New Cone 2. ⁽¹⁶³¹⁾ 51262/94400 (Not GPS) 'could it be 425?

3m deep to dig, rft. line in cliff above no drought - need to check in summer?

New Cone 3 ⁽¹⁶³²⁾ 51590/94280 (Not GPS) 6m tight. rft. down at 60°
No ladder needed, further rft. back to small chamber needs capping or very small person - drought needs checking in summer.



12/4/01 Dave Biggs, Jen, Carl, James, Jerry into Cuera Canal to resurvey and check where water may come from. Cave fairly grotty with kneeling in deep silt in waist deep water just beyond the entrance dam. Was able to stand up once but passage is mainly silt and hunch + knees. Cave a couple of legs shorter than in 1977 as end seems to have got flat out. Trend is to the east.

10/4/01 [415] Ali Neal, John Stevens, Paul Steacy ^{Mike Reed}. Rugged handlines and explored boulders @ western end of cave. Rugged Placed Bolts at top of '150' pitch but lack of gear, time and enthusiasm resulted in a quick departure to bar.

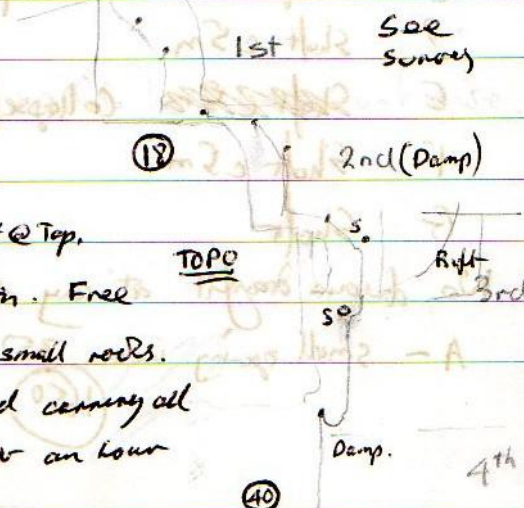
12/4/01 [415] With PS otherwise engaged and Ali feeling 'not so good' the party was reduced to JS + MR. Late start plus no transport resulted in a 4.00 start. Rerugged first pitch of 150 pitch with shorter rope. Placed deviation to reduce sub. Enlarged top of 2nd pitch and descended, placed bolt at top of 3rd. Time and an excess of mud resulted in departure premature departure.

13/4/01 [415] With PS still enjoying non caring activities and Ali still suffering MR + JS loaded for the cave to finally try and crack the pitch. Bolt placing took ages for a deviation on the thrust. Look at reported droppings left and found after over-suit ripping,

squeeze it led to a 10m climbable area - Too tight @ Top.

Descended 4th pitch to extent of previous exploration. Free climbed down 50' to conclusive end of pitch. (Few small rocks.

in very small hole. Very strenuous digging and carrying all kit bar to camp site with just 2 of us. Took over an hour to remove mud from ropes / suit gear.



9 May 03
See
Ali.

13/4/01

Cast of thousands into Enaso including Mark Wright and Andy P.

Andy Q + Pete Smith went to trough dig (1594)
See 4 pages on

Rest into northern bays towards Cruz Verde

1633 Site A is a 4m choked shaft VN5055(2) 9773(3)

1634 Site B is a 3m deep small slot, choked with small draught 5057(2) 9778(5)

1635 Site C is excavated 5m choked. Too tight rift continues. 5061(3) 9779(7)

~~1636 Site D is~~

Mark redevalued 586 (first done in 1986)

Site 1299 is uphill of "pall" and may be marked in wrong place.

593 reexploded - needs capping in tight rift.

12/4/01 At left TWS D etc + walked up to road W. of Fuente las Vinas.

~~Many~~ New sites along base of sandstone bed (thin), the same one which site 1550 is on. All unexplored.

(B) * Shaft c5m 5279 9868 (1636)

Dig 5278 9867 (1637)

Shaft c5m 5276 9867 (1638)

(C) Drop c3m into ? passage 5272 9864 (1639)

D Shaft c5m 5268 9859 (1646)

E ~~Shaft c5m~~ Collapse/Dig 5266 9856 (1647)

F Shaft c5m 5263 9854 (1648)

G Shaft 5261 9852 (1649)

No obvious draught at any of these sites, but all need exploring.

A - small opening new 353 unexplored 5276 9856.

(1650)

- In soil.

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11/4/01 1630 Mad Axe Woman. Lane, Peter, Dave, Candy
Dig near Riano Ali

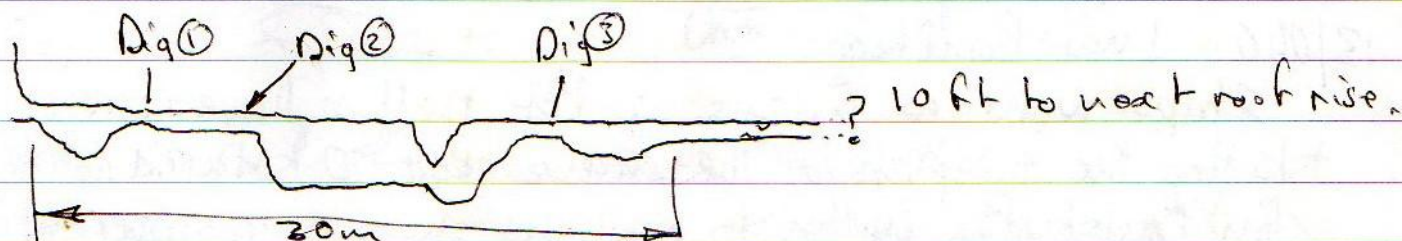
Entrance dig was passed quickly to wide crawl in soft sand to a small hole down into walking size Passage (containing Bat) this short pitel down was dug out to make easy climb. Dig three was through 3 ft of mud hill into another wide passage full of dry mud. This was dug some 3m to low section continuing.

[Signature]

11/4/01 Pete, Ali, Andi. 1630.

Returned to end of dig and excavated past stalls to next rock rise, a further ~~250~~ 10ft a further rock rise can be seen, but the mud floor now has a hard calcite layer.

To get further the dig must be to the right hand side.



[Signature]

14/4 SO, PP, Nedie, New Mulligan

1391 digging

* Dropped shaft in field legend sink (1390) CR 94371 50805 (1651)

35ft to ladder floor, right off can be followed down through low and to more ladders + good ~~and~~ natural draught.

* 2m deep pit with right off at left lark

GR 94512

51008. (1652)

12/04/01 Fresno: Toby, Jane Andy P.

Went to look at a climb at the bottom of the passage from Laredo Junction. Toby climbed a slippery rift 8m to a muddy chamber which contained two mystery footprints, a load of rock & no way on. Surprisingly muddy we retreated & looked at a passage on the right as you go out between one footprint passage & the crawls to the choice. Here Toby lassoed a stal in one attempt & climbed a ladder up to a passage which went all of 20m. Overwhelmed by all this glory we went out to the Smooth Bar. Jane

13/04/01 Juan Lombroso:

2 trips went as follows: Pete Hall & Dave Foxton to drop the big pitch at the end & Pete O, Martin Holroyd, Jim Davis & Jane Chilton to continue the passages over the traverse from the 10m pit that Jim started last year. This passage was varied going over some undescended holes in

the floor & muddy climbs to a small pneumatic "Sanatogen" type passage which ended up splitting three ways. Left ripped in, right seemed to lead back in an awkward loop to where we had come from & straight ahead led to a draughty but sandy floored chamber with no way on - at least until Messrs Holroyd & O'Neill got there. Digging with Martin's Petzl stop & a handy pointy stal led to a continuation & the process was repeated twice more along the passage which became called "Stop" Go Passage but disappointingly ended where the passage closed down to a bedding about 5 or 6 cm high. This is not far on the survey from Hammered Hole & Hidden Hole. There were bat droppings around so perhaps this indicates proximity to the surface. Various other passages were looked at of limited interest to the better nourished caver & one or two potential pitches to drop noted. 330m of passage was surveyed & 3 men & a very tired woman emerged from the cave at the witching hour. If the slimmer members of the party want to add more to this report they can if they like. Jane

Pete Hall & Dave Foxton: Unferryfied Shaft.

Dave started off down as he knew the way. About 30m down and after two rebelay's Dave put in another bott to make a X large but the nut wouldn't tighten up so we used it anyway. The

next section of 30m landed on a drippy ledge and another rebelay under a small chertstone dropped a further 26m to another ledge with an even inlet. The water dropped down a further two sloping drops of 5m and 18m the second has a deviation. At this point we ran out of bolts & hangers but there were several parallel shafts one of which was free-climbable. The next drop wasn't as easy so Dave lowered the end of the rope & I used it for a handline on the last drop of 7m.

At the bottom the water went at right angles into a tight rift 10' high but only 8" wide. It was possible to see through in a wider bit but it narrowed again beyond. We called it a day.

On the way out the rope on the 30m section went behind a small flake and rubbed through the sheath. We made our way out without waiting for the other team.

Pete Hall.

See next page for sketch

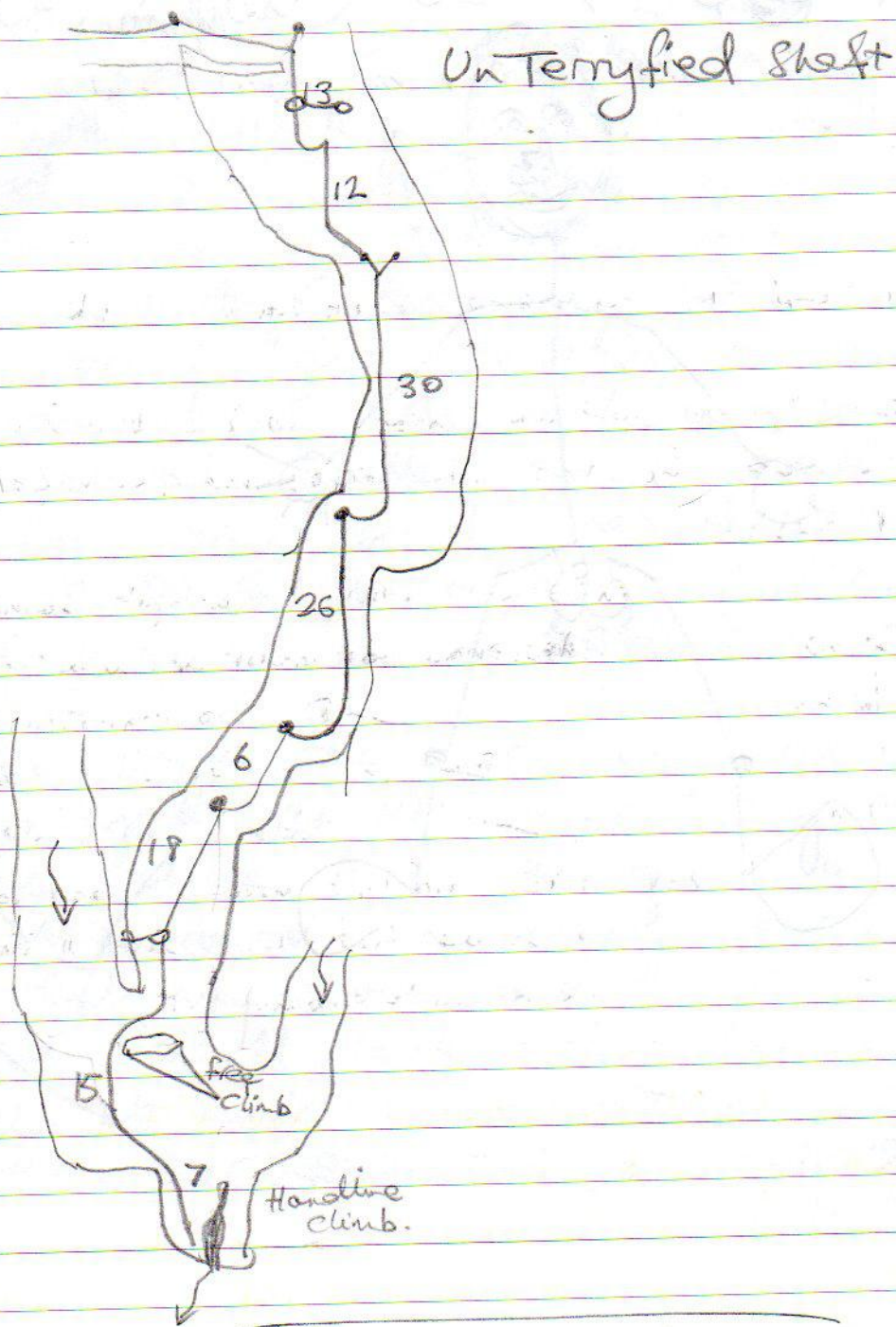
JIM ~~DE~~ EYRES (and his amazing Raskafarian Bollocks)

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The NCC acknowledge the assistance
of Little Indie with the production of
this portrait (via Jim Tatar
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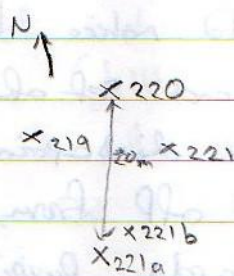
14/ft Dave Bell

Surface photos of the entrances of: 636, 1014, 1077, 1078, 1074, 1079, 1080, 1081, 1082, 1083, 1084, 1085, 1086, 1169 added to temp 010814 - DRA

636 Location incorrect — located above cattle track, not below VN 47969405 Alt 655

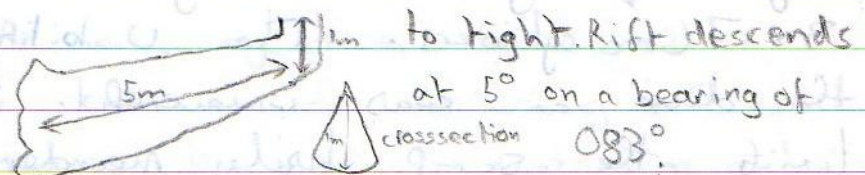
13/4/01 Went exploring over Meula, Nick, Seaton, Jack

Shafts 219, 220 and 221 appear to be blind rifts at the bottom of the shakeholes, can't even get into the rifts.



(1653)

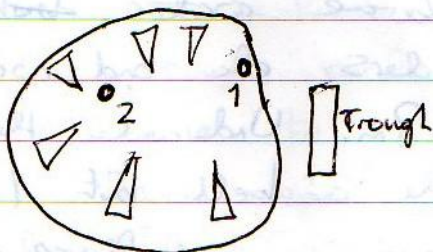
221a is a 1m drop into a tight hading rift which descends for about 5m to where it becomes



221b. Pitch into rift, were bolting top when a scrub fire on the back of the mountain caused us to abandon it.

(1654)

13/4/01 Andy Q and Pete S, Julie, Arthur, Yankel (Team La Via)
Water Trough Digs on El Naso. (1596)



Dig No. 1 is a slot dropping down about 2m. A second slot near the bottom enters a second chamber about 6m long. No way out could be found and the drought is lost.

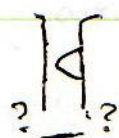
Dig No 2. is a shaft about 5m deep with a boulder across near the top. A good site for Hitti-capping.

No. 1



SECTIONS

No. 2



14-4-01 VALHINE.

Mark, Liam, Pete O, Dinny, HATS, BEN, JACK, NICK, TORLEY, MARTIN.

A slow start to the day meant we reached the entrance 2.30 ish saying we would be out between 8 and 10 pm!! With no Ali to guide this year I had to rely on a rapidly worsening memory, only a handful of mistakes were made before the we lumbered up to the pitel. The ~~beto~~ bolts here need to be improved soon. Safely down the pitel we climbed, traversed, dumped and 'fell in' along the upstream passage. Hoping no one would notice I was still dry I quickly donned dry suits etc and set off using 3 x 7 litre cylinders. The visibility was disappointing and the dive in was uneventful. Setting off from last years limits the sump lazily meandered onwards passing over an increasing number of silt banks + a few rights to negotiate at times the dimensions were uncomfortably small although one large underwater chamber was passed on a large right hand bend. Having run out of lead belays and more silt banks I was relieved to surface at an airbell at 480m. Straight ahead a small silty passage continues above water, ~~but~~ ^{this} was difficult to negotiate with cylinders etc and was not inspiring so was abandoned after 3m. Underwater the 'Main' way turned sharp left from the airbell but I ran out of line very soon, the way on continues in similar fashion. With no suitable tie off point the line was removed back to the air bell and tied off

Just below the Surface. A total of 200m of line was laid taking the Sump to approx 100m. On Surfacing at base I thought I was back at work. a thick smoke like smoke smog filled the passage reducing the visibility somewhat, in fact it was better in a Silty Sump. The brewing party was in full swing with nine contented people looking distastefully at the heavy loads about to be put upon them.

It took two hours for the whole team to ascend the Pitel and Pete and I were resigned to another "close botty" (little did we know). Mark had set off with Son and others so the remaining five sped out in pursuit. One halt was made at the centering hole which was quoted and pointed out as being A good drinking and Carbide fettling / water stop. Two minutes later Jack requested his still full water bottle as he had no water in his generator. "funny, I thought we'd stop for water" "Oh" he says "I didn't think I needed any as I filled it up at the Pitel." Denny rolled his eyes then drank Jack's water.

At the Surface we were dismayed to find the other teams rocksacks. Terry and Jack headed to the cars to let them know we were out. P.O, Denny and I headed back in, meeting up with Mark and Co on their way out. A rather embarrassed Mark told us he had coiled up in exactly the same place as last year by climbing

up into Small Chamber. The usual Benter was exchanged and we all headed out.

A rather Serious looking Angela met us informing us that two rescues had been initiated, one to recover Markin from the Soup ~~and~~ and lead out the Starfish as they didn't know the route (especially Mark that was halted but Somehow Terry remembered about surveying the cave 20 years ago and how he knew it well etc and that Mark and Liam were missing. So rescue 2 was announced to find two missing Wrights! (Sorry the rest of you were gormless).

Angela then produced a winning formula of Cheese Butties and on his return Jim produced a feast of Cheese Butties. Arriving at Amadondo Bar we were greeted by the Mahinga rescue Squad who promptly directed into the Bar to 'rescue' some lost drinking time.

NO WE ONLY
WANTED AN EXPOSE
FOR A BEER IN
CARABANGAS.

Many thanks to you all that came over, good to know that fellow Cavers are more important than a Session.

Many Many thanks to the carrying team without whom diving is impossible.

Many Many Many Thanks to Angela, Angela and Jim for Patience, ^{ending} lost finger nails, a body full of soft drinks and dining out on Cheese Butties.

Many Many Many Many Thanks Mark for providing Beery Bullshit tales for the future.

Martin Holroyd

MATIONZO NEWS.

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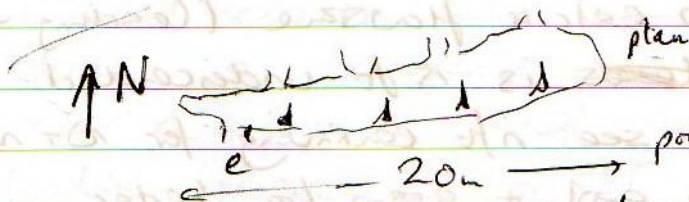
~~FATHER~~

FATHER AN SON ENDURO NIGHTMARE
ORDOAC IN 28km DEEP MAZE.

15/4/2001 Pate, Carol, Juan, Jenny, Ken, James, Lank, Candy went for walk west from Cruz Vraso, hoping to find Torca de Blas on the 405 contours.

Crouched down through the jungle to site 1607 discovered at Xmas. Juan worked in for 10m to solid fill. About 2m wide

Lank found site 1640 lower down. A collapse with a dig on the downhill side. This was soon excavated and explored - 20m in well filled, old phreatic passage with nice roof. Draughts at entrance but source of ~~draft~~ draught is less certain in the cave.



possible to sit up a couple of planes.

Downhill on the surface ^{250m down} another possible couple of caves were spotted which require some work with a crowbar to remove a floor boulder. (1643)

Revisited 1605 - the lower passage can be seen to continue for 5m

about 10cm high. The further passage still needs skel removing.

Found site 1641 - a roomy top in a large depression. Pete climbed down about 4m but the remaining 6m requires some buckle.

1642 is underscled small shaft top about 25ft deep

Located site 519 @ 5363(2)9418(9) and a shaft previously done
(1644) by Pete Egan at 5376(2)9423(6). Another shaft also explored by
PC was noted ~ 20m to the east. (1645)
Didn't get to look for Tona de Blas.

14/4 Degraded - Lark, Candy, Pete Smith, Dave Biggs

Resurvey of ~~CD~~ - Degraded starting from lower entrance. Resultant survey appeared pretty close to original, except for location of stal chamber first entered in '91. At far end of cave (by ~~2001~~ survey pt 4) Candy + Pete descended narrow tube which leads down approx 60 ft into bottom level of cave - apparently underscled & certainly unsurveyed. Top half free climbable, bottom need ladder (~~28~~ 30 ft) - ended up along narrow rift - to left approx ^{10m} 5m of passage leads back up towards main passage up calcite flowstone (leading up to survey pts 2-3). To R ~~there~~ is 15 ft underscled pitch - small pool & can see rift continuing for 10+ m (narrowing). Water flowing into pool & away from ledge. Cave should be revisited for photos & to fully explore rift.

Candy

15/4/01 Torca de Papa Noel

Pete Hall, Pete Egan, Ali, Spanners & Mike

The two petes went to Cour passage pitch and dropped a further two pitches ~~off~~ more than Pete Egan had done the other day. They were 10m and 20m, the 2nd one being wet. At the bottom the water and draught disappeared into a narrow rift.

Ali, John & Mike dug at the end of Brown Sugar passage (see account below).

Then we all met up and went to the end of "BBQ at Saucepan St." Pete E was going to drop the pitch at the end but his light went out so he headed out with John & Mike tapping gypsum snowdrifts and shooting some video.

Pete H dropped the big wide pitch which closed down at the bottom. However halfway down a traverse on the LH wall ~~along~~ over a block and along a sloping sandy ledge reached a 10' climb. This was overcome with 1 bolt and no rope to gain the continuation of the main passage beyond the terminal choke with a further 10m pitch which was left due to lack of tackle and time. The passage can be seen continuing for 30m

with the sound of dripping water ahead.
Headed out after a 10hr trip.

11/4/2001 CROG + TIG. 810, 809, 808, 807.

All three shafts circle E wall of Shakehole

810 Most promising of all. 5.5m Entrance
with 1.5m large rock bridge dividing it.

Cow's ear tag marks cave on rock bridge.

Single bolt placed on South side of
entrance backed up by sling 3.5m away.

5m Pitch to floor. Two directions. Left
leads to choke after 1m. Right to tight

rift. Very draughty in Pulses - Perhaps
connects to local holes. Stone drop test

through tight hole on right - Stone bounces
~~four~~ for about 5 secs down pitch. With

1.5 sec - 2 sec free fall. Yippee. But...

entrance is very tight to rift and very sharp.

Ruins clothes. A dedicated midget may wish

to pursue this one, or someone with a hammer.

809 1m entrance hole surrounded by foliage.

Not a lot to bolt to here so we ran

the rope from miles away. 6m shaft

leads to dead end + dead sheep.

808 free climb down to boulders at choke.

Again very draughty in pulses. May be dug.

807 Didn't descend 807 - getting cold, but there

Was also another shaft noticed right down in the shake hole on the east wall. (5m).

A ^{small} boulder is jammed half way down but is quite passable. Will be back.

1392. ^{13/4/2001} Jane, Tui + the Volcano crew later.

Having noticed this hole during Easter 2000 and come across it yesterday, I thought we ought to do something about it. We rapidly enlarged the small hole at the base of a scar on the west side of the shakehole complex next up from TV. Mark pdr. Tui descended and had a quick look and, ~~but~~ ^{and} found the draught coming up a tight pitch off to one side of the small entrance chamber (4m x 2m), but needed a hammer to get access. We left this until later and followed Phil ~~to~~ P. over to the Volcano dig, having seriously pissed off a chuff by lobbing a rock down a nearby shaft. Some indecision over digging the Volcano, so we continued towards ~~Ebono~~ to investigate a cave seen the day before. This turned out to be a sloping rubble slope down to end after 8m at a choked phreatic tube 2m[↑] x 1m, which was given the No 1656. Remnant Fossil passage. Descending rubble slope for 8m to horizontal choked tube. Parts of a skeleton were found here, an antler (small) and further up the slope a much larger antler. It seemed as if parts of a deer had been dragged in by ? wolves a few millennia back. Antlers removed for ID. Off to one side. V. tight ^{5m} shaft. NOT descended but unlikely to go.

1392 continued. On returning from 1656, we met the Volcano

crew at 1392 just in case we needed the generator.
However, a hammer was enough and Tim descended the
shaft to find it choked at the bottom. Drought emerges from
v. light slot. No prospects. Hester ~~passed~~^{opened} the ladder. We
covered the entrance with large boulder and then went to the Baker's.

16/4/01 Tim, Andy Pringle. (1483)

started off on Law's top of destruction to his goer in
H15 corner of the valley. When we arrived, the hole seemed
rather smaller than the description, was over measured by
a factor of 2 and this seemed to be some operator
error in drilling! So we thought it best to follow the
nominal recipe and find a new dig. After checking
out various known holes for droughts (eg. Prying Mantis)
we theorized about the sandstone beds in H15 and where they
could be found on the surface, and then looked for
interesting sites. We found one 50m down dip from
H15 and after a bit of prodding, detected a drought -
so we started digging. The drought steadily improved
so we adopted the muck's pre setting technique and were
rewarded by a hole that sucks burning fag packets
in! In all we removed a good ton of mud & rubble as
well as a 200kg boulder using Luddite technology -
crowbars, hammers & belay belts. Hole left for tomorrow
for the nightie - - - Digging bucket. This hole
(1655) will in future be referred to as a "Pile of Pants"
entry to our pants by invitation only.
Today has been mostly PANTS.

CARBIDE CRACKERS.

Rule No 1 - Respect other peoples underwear.

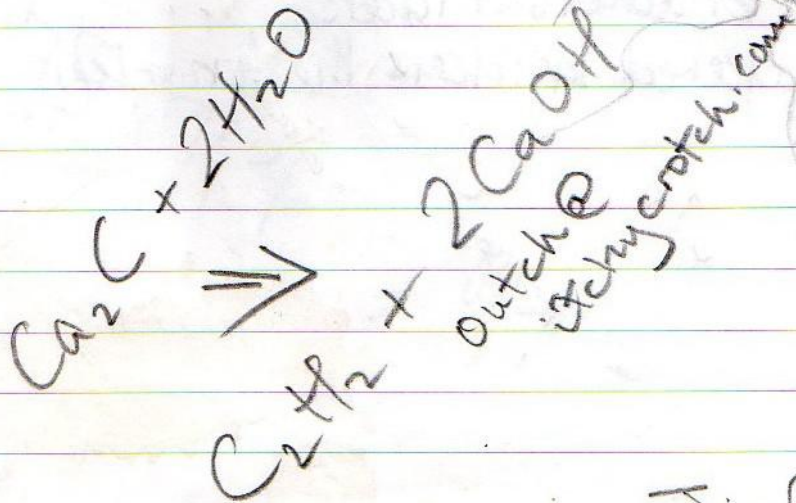
Rule No 2 - Abuse your own.

MISUSE OF UNDERPANTS INCLUDES:

Any contact with carbide

Straining my tea

No nut cracking.



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ALL I DID WAS BREATHE CARBIDE IN HIS KNEES!

The knicker nicker knackers nickers,
Where are the knackered knickers the knicker
nicker nicker?

Poivreau Says

with help from a one legged man.

Phil Did it

Bright sparks have light wait trip down
the sewers of Santander.

with a Lump
Hammer.

Outside the stable shed

o.d.

Opportunity: Only one up early enough.

Motive: Stretched up and "tainted"

~~Confession~~

Underwear with it all.

Carthorntillios.

Calcanzillas

STOP PRESS.

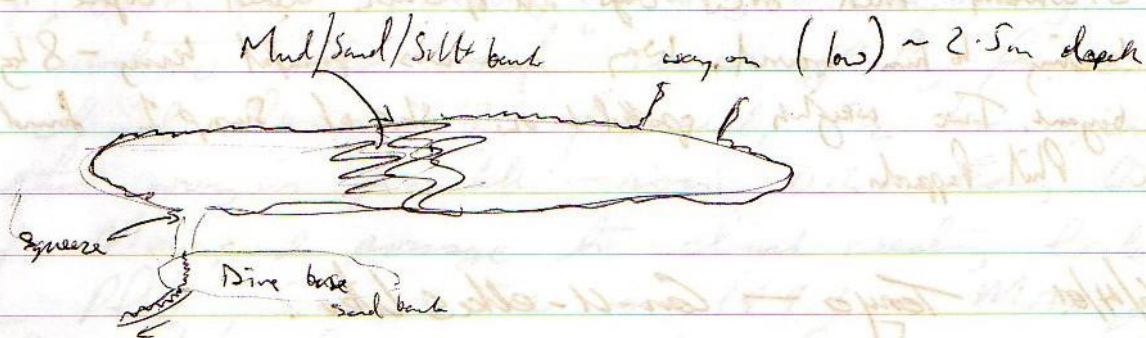
Phil confesses, but asks
3 other cases to be
taken
into consideration
Now
sentenced to be burnt at 61's

Jury
LATEST.....

12/4/01 A 15/4/01

Gav, Killer & co. Carcarneso
Rawhide - Weston Series
(oucou)

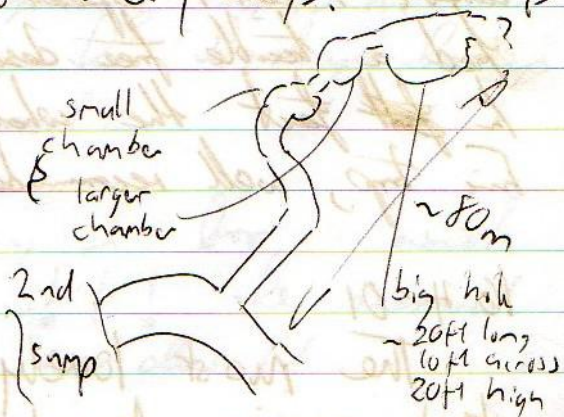
2 abortive attempts at the upstream sump in the Weston Series - ducks through ~ 5m into a 25m rift chamber with air connection to the downstream passage. Sand/silt bank in centre of chamber and no diver flopped himself over before descending in a cloud of silt to a narrow ~~bed~~ squeeze with gravel bottom. Line belayed just before squeeze but diver⁽¹⁾ wasn't feeling up to it and diver⁽²⁾'s regulator was delivering water.



13/4 A 16/4

Nick, Killer, Gav Aguaraz

2 dives through the 2nd sump: water level low (4-5m marker at porphyry resurgence) after 4 dry days. 1st trip pushed the inlet on the left after the 2nd sump: continues tight through a few short climbs & small chambers to a larger chamber with mud/boulder walls & stream entering through ceiling. Nasty place to fall ~~on~~ & forgot my chalkbag so I bottled it. Smells like ~~outside~~, but survey shows it's well deep so I must be wrong.



3 days later another trip to find the source of Aguaraz.
This time with 3 cannibalised regulators to share between two divers.
3rd Sump has most of the Aguaraz water flow and is small,
a bit like diving through a pinnet hedge. Diver, after getting
(almost) all his tackle stuck got through to an airbell to the
right of the Sump. This place was inhabited by a plethora of
creaky white woodlice creatures. The way on was down through
a hole (quite large for the Sump) in which the diver descended feet
first but got jammed for 10 mins. Way on appears to widen beneath
but with him 4 hrs. of inches diver kept getting jammed.
Eventually tried other ways all of which ended before reaching
deciding to turn around. Way out was painful being - 8 kg negatively
buoyant. Two weights spotted at the start of Sump 1 found to
be Phil Pappard's.

16/4/01 Tongo - Can-u-elkes lake.

A coast of thousands headed up the hill to Tongo. 1 3/4 hrs.
We then split up into two groups with a joint RCE/RECTE
leading the way with a joint RCE/RECTE following on 1/2 hrs
later. I can't speak for the front team but the backenders
had a trouble free descent of the pitfall exiting 5 hrs after entering.
In fact the whole trip ran like a well oiled machine.
Fine trip, well recommended.

16 4 - 01

The most lovely couple on camp - Tony & Jane
took novice Angela in to Coventense to see the

SP
see me

fantasmos - Thank you!! The girl done good! Jane

Q Why do Mark & Liam get geographical disorientated in caves

A Because you go Wright & Wright again.

17/4/2001 PENAS ~~ORAO~~ ORAO - Phil P, Steve O, Terry (I saw the light) W. ; Ken Millylin, MAX Dobbin [w. ^{with} Tim (OAP), Hilary & Candy in support.]

Old entrance under "roof" closed off by former, need to climb down 8' of mud, $\frac{1}{2}$ hr spent making this way in possible - now OK. Easy trip to end of Monopod passage to climb needing ladder left - by Phil, S.O. & TW in 1999 - MAX just climbed down! - but - we needed ladder on a blind 8 m pitch - way on and out at - big chafe - possible dig but we need a more drought + b) on idea of where to head for - "need mole shovels".

Way out OK, but - for TW spends $\frac{1}{2}$ hr on 10m pitch, his light going out - & his backpack lamp falling into 4 bits - a normal.

Tim (OAP) spent - a good day in bar & with Hilary & Candy ----- !!! He seemed very happy that we were 2 hrs over due !!

18/4/01 P.P. + Hilary - B. Barros - Steve M
& Suzie left for Airport (a Modded but left
passports at in flat - ... hahaha!! met
them half way, took half their gear as now they
had no time to check in except for food
gear etc. - Roy Mundy had a good laugh!!

Angela, Jane, Tim & Andy.

17/4/01. Pile of Pants. Angela, Jane expressed
an interest in Pants and were welcomed to assist
and inspect. Angela remained on surface, not
being prepared to enter said Grundy's.
We had equipped ourselves with the latest bucket
technology and duly set about attacking the
bottom. Several hundred weight of chumbers were
removed and, being methodical, all the
flakes (TM). During this process Andy experienced
an unpleasant movement within Pants. Jane
under the pretence of being sympathetic (at
the swift of glory) ~~showed~~ showed an
interest when Andy surprisingly landed up
with half a boulder in his lap. With pred. come
over, pile at the entrance continued to grow.
With time ticking on and a 4m shaft, a final
examination was conducted. Wearing BS 5750
gloves, Andy set fire to bushes in pants. Fumes
sucked into Vark void. Unfortunately, impossible
to turn upside down in pants to see way on
but will return.

PABLOWEB.

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- 1) CAVING
- 2) DIGGING
- 3) BEACH TRIPS
- 4) MILTI CAPPING
- 5) SHOPPING
- 6) SUBTLE WANK IN THE TACKLE STORE
- 7) AKA.... SORTING OUT YOUR TACKLE - EEOOR... EEOOR.
- 8) PERSIAN KITTY, WEB SURFING
- 9) INFLAMMABLE Y-FRONT'S.COM.
- 10)
- 26) CTL ATL NTL. #

SYSTEM OVERLOAD

PRMAL ERROR # 69 (PANTS OVERLOAD)

START

CAVE SURVEY
98

CARBIDE
PANTS

ARUCHO PUKE
SIMULATOR

BELGIAN
ROAD
ATLAS



17/4 Pedro, Juan, Candy, Carol, Jer + James

Debrades #2

Photo trip (successful)

Descending of pit @ far end of cave (unsuccessful)

'nuff said

Good trip. Lets get beer.

18/4/01 Papa Noel. Al, J. Stacey, Mike.

Fig at end of beam sugar - into interconnected narrow rifts in fault zone. 1200 at cholel
under pressure passage - long term dig? Reasonable daylight.

Al:

17/4 Bobby Lloyd John D + Joe

Jivaro II + I Through trip + sump inspect

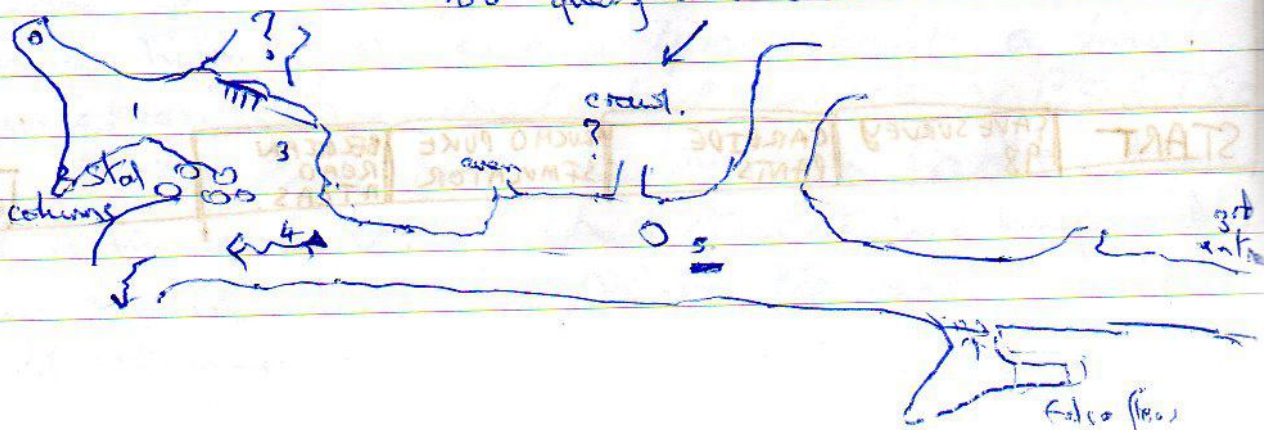
Lloyd noticed a side passage some 60 m from the entrance.

18/4 Bobby Lloyd + Jenny

Returned to said passage climb into ~20 m of
high + slightly stal side passage. Noted a ledge
with an apparent continuation. Needs a better climber!

On exit turned to 3rd entrance and found another
10 metres of side passage up a climb.

Also quarry on a crawl

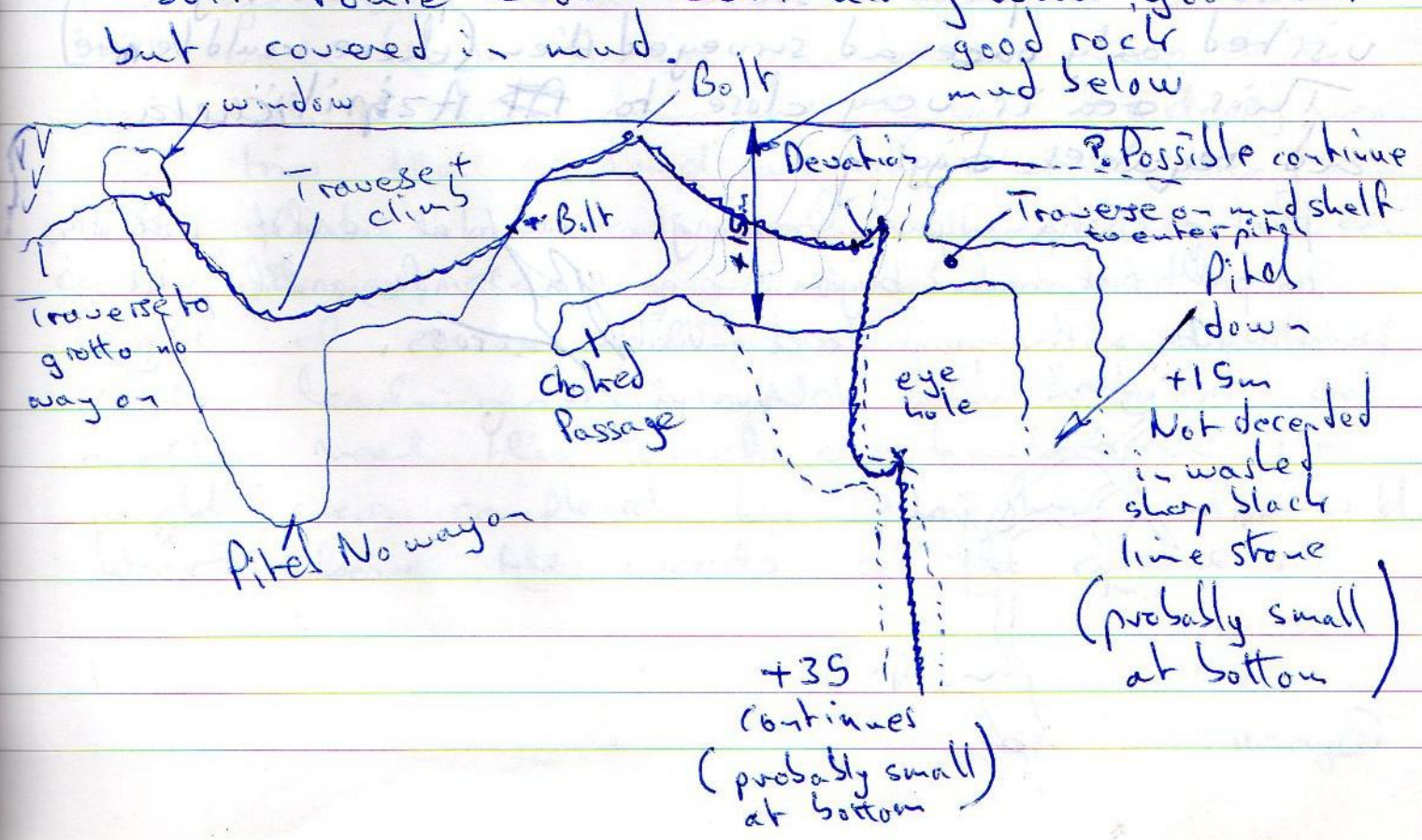


NOTE FOR JUAN TW HAS SURVEY NOTES FOR LLUEVA
ANDY QUIN'S FOOT AREA.

18/4/01 Pappa Noel. Peter, Paul, ^{Does John} Mary Dave
Mike.

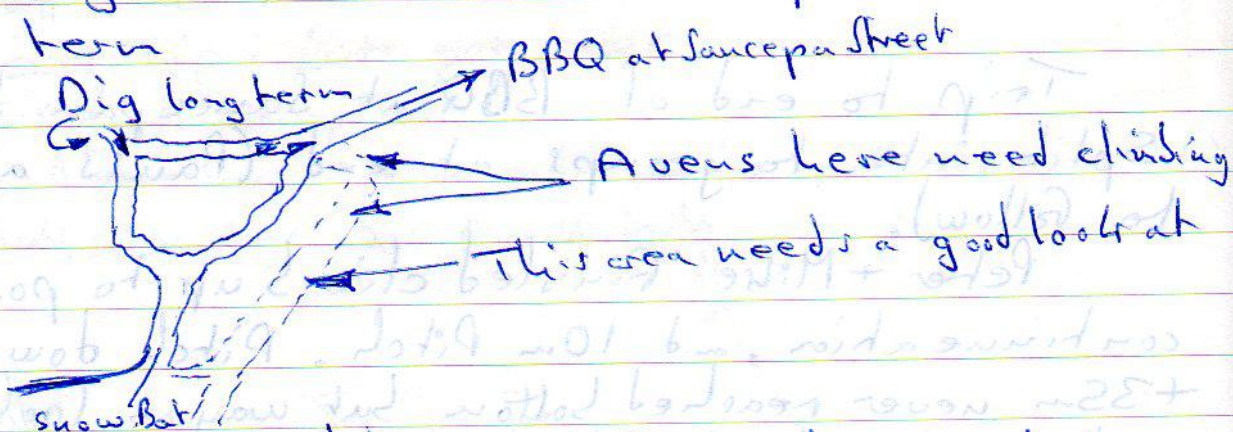
Trip to end of BBQ at Saucepan Street.
Split into 2 groups at end (Paul's account
to follow).

Peter + Mike finished climb up to possible
continuation, and 10m Pitch. Pitch down
+35m never reached bottom but way on looks small
and awkward. Possible continuation requires
bolt route about 20m along wall, good rock
but covered in mud.



on the way out dig at end of passage was looked at and piteles down in main passage these are clear washed but look narrow at bottom none were descended.

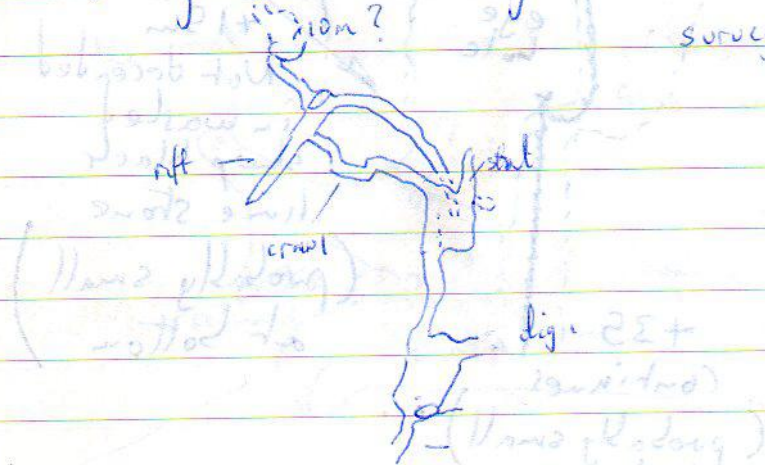
Dig in snow bar was attempted but looks long term



A short dig near entrance to snow bar entered a parallel section of cave previously visited only once and surveyed then (there could be more) This area is very close to ~~the~~ Azpilicueta and requires digging

Paul & John pushed along crawl at end of BBQ at ss to find rift and beyond a ~~right~~ undescended pitel, draughts with high level visible across.

surveyed 95m



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17-4-01

VALINS. ALI, POTOS, MARTIN H.

Pete brought along his hangerover today for company. So we asked it to carry the largest number of crowbar that didn't fit through the entrance series.

Turning right at the large impressive junction at the end of the road to glory we investigated the "draughting clove" marked ~~off~~ on the Survey at the end of the right branch. Despite a thorough search and dig no obvious wayen could be found despite an excellent draught. This would probably be a Major Project for anyone else in the future.

Back at the large junction a high level Passage had been spotted by Pete in the left wall (SW). Markin climbed a steep slope to reach a climb down into the base of a drifty area. He then explored an old inlet requiring some loose climbs low crawls, short walking rights into an over series, climbing up 8m led to another short length of cave ending at a series with closed rights leading out. Not wishing to miss yet another new this week we headed out. The night was completed by the sighting of a wild boar above the woods at the entrance.

M. Henry



- 1) Juan realises his daily expectations on survey targets are hopelessly unrealistic
- 2) Juan suddenly realises the irony of his baptism.
- 3) Vee has vamps of keeping her bar open swinehead.
- 4) Latest archaeological news..... Hilki Nark Gens..... new evidence appears for early testing trials in the Middle East.

Double rope technique

la Pasión Viviente de Castro Urdiales con un gran realismo



Single Rope
Technique

do en lo alto de un

Cord Wangling Monk!

Removed 20th April.

18/4/01 Ali, Terry Joan, Penny.

1657 capped shift ~ 8m deep
not descended.

Area 1 408 area. Pot found in 408 @ entrance.

1658 Terry down small shift on
side of 865 depression 8m deep
blind.

1659 Covered hole. 2m drop into 5m long chub
partly closed under 5m. Possible dry in daylight

18/4/01 - P. STREET, M. READ, J. STEVENS - TORCA TORCA

TOOK ABES FINDING THE WAY IN BUT EVENTUALLY FOUND END
MOVING WITH DRAUGHT WHISTLING IN. OUT END CLOSING AND GRIMSED
~ 3m TO GET ANOTHER HOLE. THINK OTHER THINGS ON WAY IN MISSED
PUSHING NOT AS TIGHT / DANGEROUS AS REMOVING HANG MENTIONED

Pilbara

Well Liverpool uni pick another misery hole, 120m (approx) entrance shaft, 6 rebelayes. Shaft demands much respect despite our best gardening efforts, flakes fall off and go all the way to the bottom - they sting. Bottom of shaft a very loose earth and cobble climb leads to razor sharp rift and small chamber. A small rift leads off chamber to Pauls extensions - "the Red Light District". Series of pitches/climbs up and down leads to chamber with various draughting areas including draughting dig, going lead.

At bottom of entrance shaft on opposite side to rift an exciting swing across on the rope about 6m up leads to dodgy boulder bridges, false floors and knackered rock - respect! 20m (approx) pitch drops into chamber ^{choked} within ^{choked} crawl leading off. Dig in floor drags like mad - Hilti capped through hole to impenetrable rift - looks big pined and is ~~near~~ may not be a going lead. Small boulder chamber in wall leads to small draughting hole but needs serious work and probably joins ~~with~~ other dig. Topo for entrance drawn last year, ~~Two~~ Bolts quite hard to find.

Team Mugs (members) - Paul Windle, Liz, Andy, Kate, Ian Ed, Chris, Kate, Me - Dan Ottewill + UBSS.

From all at CUPC and Hell Rose - enjoy this case it may go one day.

lover series a whole barrel of laughs - if you like mud,
dodgy rigging + tight, sharp hincore squeezes. However
several (long term?) dips present themselves all draughty
as hell. Needs more than just a hammer + chisel
Can hear work in progress in upper series (thick capping) so
either very close or very good acoustics

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