

LOGBOOK

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Season: autumn

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

OCTOBER 2002

19/10/02 Agua. Mark Smith, Prof, Dominican, Hugh. Went to dive the sump @ the top of the calcite ramp near the final Sump. Despite the dive being just like a 'Mexico' dive with fantastic visibility it went nowhere. Diver just went for a swim by going into alcoves and creating airspace which the potes got cold. Worthwhile to take photos but ~~nothing~~ no potential.

20/10/02 Pete and Juan to site 1823. - A cave pointed out to Pete by Alis and archaeologists with a garbled tale of crawls. Turned out to be over 200m of walking with the odd stoop. Passage up to 5m high, 4m wide. Surveyed, photoed and videoed.

1823 @ 5031(2) 9258(0) ^{Alt = 398} Down into trees from new track. Look for hole on up hill side of track then straight down. 5m high entrance in trees.

Down to ~~top~~ bottom entrance of Vallera to get a fix
733 @ 5084(7) 9257(4). ~~Alt = 398m~~

On way back looked at a SCDjan hole at the side of the main road which may be blocked when the road works reach it. Although it is marked ~~SCD~~ SCD 2007 it is actually 2006 as described in Sans Le Planche 1989. A small meandering passage goes off. See site 1749. (GR5024(0) 9228(0)).

On the next stretch of road down to the Buitablado turn off ~~at~~ GPS ed 1824, a site Pete, Worm + Andy had a look at one February. The Catalans have apparently surveyed it

but it requires ropes/ladders for some drops further in.

1824 @ 5029(8) 9222(5)

20/10/2002 OVCOV. Mark Smith, Damian, Pat, Hugh.

went to die sump @ end of warden series. Revisited Hugh on his second ever caving trip (the first being Tzucareez - still his favorite). Had to dig out entrance. Went in, came out. Sump was too wide and had silt dunes so need to take silt screens to go any further. Passage way heading was due South towards VOVO. Dig was examined at start of sump and this looked like it could be worth a look in future as it was heading due west rather than towards VOVO.

25/10/02 Penny + Joan up on Enaso. Parked at bend before ~~quarry~~ quarry run up and set off $\frac{1}{2}$ past barn towards end of El Naso.

* 1825 @ VN5103(4) 9722(8). Entrance is at the back of a wooded shakohole below 429 Casarona. A short drop to a floor where rocks rattle down about 5m. Possible dig; some draught. (photo).

* 1826 @ 5123(4) 9711(1). 2m deep open free climb lightly covered with rocks. Choked (photo).

* 1827 @ 5131(2) 9702(6). Lowest wooded hole in a complex of shakoholes. The downhill ~~face~~ face has a 4m wide, low and walled entrance. The right hand side gives the larger entry but the whole cave appears to choke about 5m in. Short drop into a soil floor, so it may dig. No apparent draught. GPS taken above entrance on downhill lip. (photo #2)

*** 1544 - Came across this hole - discovered by Nigel + Len in 2000. Undescended. Open. (Photos 2), about 3m deep. Barbed wire broken fence around.

* 0139 Fixed entrance @ 5154(0) 9686(8). Open shaft with 2

large blocks in front. (photo)

~~1828~~ 1828 About 8m deep, currently covered by large blocks. Easy to remove with bar. 5m N is another smaller shaft more firmly blocked with a larger rock (photo of earlier entrance)

~~1829~~ 1829 Just behind the face holes of 1813. A small hole in the grass. Rocks drop 10m into an echoing chamber. Cold draught out. Good dig. (Photos)-2.

SPS 1828@ 5161(7) 9684(2)

1829@ 5172(c) ~~9684~~ 9675(5).

* Finish off at 1814. Explored down 2m drop to where rift descends at side of large block. 4m long rift chokes at base. Very low "chamber" to the right over the block.

Also a v. narrow drop on the right near the entrance.

L = 6m d = 4m (3 photos)

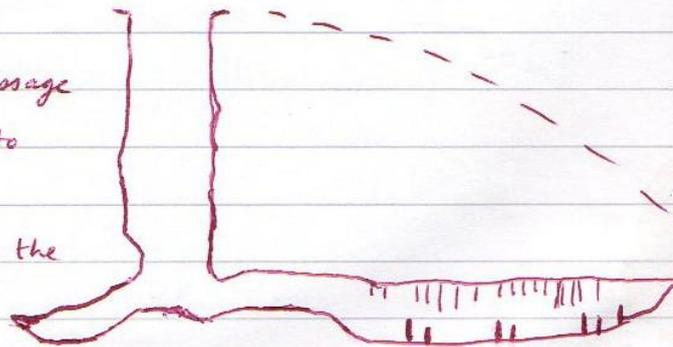
26/10/02

Juan, Penny, Pete up on El Naso. Straight to 1829 which seemed to be brought in today. Hammer and chisel on rock and removed soil at entrance but still rather tight pitch top. Needs capping to make it reasonable size.

Then to 1828 where the corner was knocked off one of the covering blocks to allow Juan to descend - about 3m, 8m deep to large blocks on floor, and chike.

Then to 1544. Entrance shaft about 7m, to a passage about 10m long heading back to the surface, and a shorter continuation of the passage on the other side of the shaft.

Plenty of stal and animal skeletons.



Subj: **Surveys**
Date: 18/11/2002 21:07:51 GMT Standard Time
From: P.smith@ono.com
To: juan.corrin@matienzo.org.uk
Sent from the Internet (Details)

18th Nov

Thanks for the surveys for the Catalans, received this morning. I'll send them on as soon as possible. And also thanks for the CD. Right up to date I see.

All I've heard about the last day of the November trip, is that Rupert says the new passage in Valline ends at a boulder choke. No word about a survey or photos. But it was interesting that he said he had the impression the choke was a collapse from something big above. You get the same impression in other places at that end of the cave, so doing these climbs could pay off.

Subj: **Re: Matienzo**
Date: 18/11/2002 21:18:03 GMT Standard Time
From: papard@easynet.co.uk
To: Uzueka@aol.com
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18th Nov

Juan

More beer than cave!

Went down Vallina with Catalans, they bolted an aven and I started bolt route to get to continuation of passage at end of new extension that Pete and Pedro surveyed in summer. One small problem we only had one hammer between us and Catalans (mine!!) I lent it to them in the spirit of Anglo/Spanish relations and I used a rock (plus drill).

While this was going on Pedro and 'Martin found a few tens of meters at the end of the passage beyond double Dutch pitch - I have the notes so if you are up here next week-end at Dalesbridge I will give them to you.

We also looked at one undecended pot, Top of wood above (500m+ alt?) the twin sink on South Vega 9.5m deep blind shaft (rock and soil fill, no go) I can find it on the interactive map, but for some reason it will not load onto my PC - rest of Web sit is ok. I will also have some GPS sites on Enaso to put in, but again I need to check on the map.

I am in process of pricing up a new drill, may be best to get a Hilti, but expensive at £450 if we can lose the vat (ie via Susie) - but before this I will write and see if we can get a better discount. I am also trying to source some bolts for climbing that the Catalans use (Italian) they seem a lot quicker to use (only 9mm) with hanger attached, but removable for reuse when climb done.

Rupert and Martin didn't do much diving due to wet weather.

[Faint handwritten notes and diagrams in purple ink, including a sketch of a cave passage and various annotations.]

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Subj: News
Date: 10/11/2002 19:53:21 GMT Standard Time
From: P.smith@ono.com
To: juan.corrin@matienzo.org.uk
Sent from the Internet (Details)

10th Nov

Hello there

I can tell you a little about what's been going on, but no doubt Phil will inform you more fully when he gets back. Yesterday in Valline, Phil, Heskey and Kev were starting to bolt round the chamber at the end of the new passage. The Catalans were bolting up an aven on the left of the main passage, past the Double Dutch pitch, they haven't reached the top, but apparently it's looking quite good. And David St Pierre and myself went off and found something. There's a question mark on the old survey, on the right just before the end of that passage. Someone had been part way up it, along some tightish meanders, but the marks stopped, just before the passage opened up, leading to quite a nice little chamber and grotto. Martin and Rupert were going in today to continue it, and survey and photo.

They haven't been able to do much diving because it's been raining. But Rupert has joined up two sumps in Molino, so it's now easier for him to go in the cave that way, as regards carrying equipment. (Easier for everyone else too, if he doesn't need sherpas) He's going to get a rebreather, and plans to carry on with Molino next year.

The most important thing. Adolfo asked if you can send him surveys (even if only line surveys) of what has been done in Valline this year: Martin's passage at Easter, the new high level passage, and the stuff that Peter and Ali were doing.

The Palaeolithic art book is now on sale at 40 euros, but I can get you a copy for 30 euros if you're interested.

[Faint handwritten notes in blue ink, including a list of coordinates and survey data.]

Monday 24th Nov P. T. The valley of continuation of
TV met track near the hill track Salto. 1235 Hops
it has a lot of water.
... TV met ... left ... 252 and
... 1390. Then
... Hovey Pot to Aquilinda area
where the road track ... Hovey de ...
... 339
(1000 ...
...
- 5029(5) 9500(1)
- 5035(5) 9496(4) - (this is substantially different from published)
- 5052(0) 9510(2)
- 5096(0) 9457(3)
- 5032(2) 9476(9) - Hovey Pot
- 5072(5) 947(11) - Two stream ...
- 5044(0) 9502(5) - (Sledge)

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