

LOGBOOK

Year: 2002

Season: Christmas : New Year

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

XMAS 2002

Saturday Cofermeda - Pete, Roy +
21st Dec Materials, equipment up for getting.

Sunday 22nd Dec Pete + Roy - Framework erected; walls built (partly)

Monday 23rd Dec Roy + Juan with Alis + Chuchi. All metal
bars cut and welded in. North wall rebuilt. Alis +
Chuchi examining possible barley beyond basket at end.

Thursday 26th Dec Pete, Alis + 2, Juan, Carol, Jenny, Phil.
Cement and sand up. Some uprights concreted in. Wall
partly consolidated. Welding generator, drill and angle grinder
down.

Tuesday 24th Dec Penny, Jenny, Juan walking up continuation of
TV Mast track across the hill towards Seldsuto. Let's hope
it becomes less of a scar.

Beyond TV Mast Care valley turned up left past 852 and
up to barn next to twin stream sink at 1390. Then
wandered down past Horse Trough Pot to Azpiliceta area
where we meet track on its way to Hoya de Ruchas. ~~to~~
East of Azpiliceta found sites 1830 and probably 339.
(1830 is a deep depression with a cave at uphill side. In in
cave has a Summit ~~deep~~ dig to enter larger section beyond).

- GPS • 331 @ 5029(5) 9500(3)
• 333 @ 5035(5) 9496(6) - This is substantially different from published.
• 339 @ 5052(4) 9510(2)
852 @ 5094(0) 9487(3)
875 @ 5032(2) 9476(9) Horsebough Pot
1390 @ 5077(5) 9437(0) Twin Streams sink
1830 @ 5042(9) 9502(5) (S edge).

27th Dec Checked out 1831 found yesterday. Penny, Terry, Carol, Juan
1831 is covered shaft next to "green" track. Looks choked about 6m
diam. ~~1832~~ is past a large block. 1832 is a 5m long shutehole with limestone
face. At N end there is a 3m drop through a diggable (hammer) section
into an enlargement. At S end behind hazel tree is a tiny choked drop.
The shutehole is a collapsed section of the cave.

1831 @ \$ 5335(1) 9512(6)

1832 @ 5333(4) 9511(0)

1833 @ 5323(6) 9516(7)

1833 is open shaft on hillside about 7m? deep. Whole of hillside
needs a proper look?

28th Vallina. Phil, Pete, Juan, Carol + Terry - left and
right at Swirl Chamber to video. Video
out to bottom entrance.

29th Pen, Terry + Juan walk up above Barandas
and up to the NW, almost reaching Re Calcadille
track at site 374. Photo of 1457 (374@VN 4924(1) 9628(7))
1457 @VN 4985(3) 9637(5)

31st Phil, Terry, Juan + Jenny off to area curiously looked at on 27th.
1833 Descended by Juan turned out to be 14m deep, 3m
wide shaft. Choked at base but may be useful to dig following
calculated wall down.

Then roamed east along hillside. Terry headed towards
obvious rift and found 1834 (2.5m deep vegetated hole) and
slightly further up hill 1835 (2.5m deep, 3x2m hole, choked
with large block).

Meanwhile Phil had roamed towards wooded valley and
found 1836, another open shaft 4m diameter and about
20m deep. Jenny descended and came up again when

ladders were found to be a couple of metres short.

Phil down lengthened belay, ~~and~~ ladders and slings to reach bottom at -19m. A climb down over boulders reaches a 5m pitch, undescended, to a possible dig. Total depth to dig is ~~23m~~ 27m

1834@ 5336(6) 9517(8)

1835@ 5336(6) 9516(4)

1836@ 5340(9) 9517(9)

Tran then down 1831. Squeeze past large block to chobud floor 5m down. (Right next to path).

1st Jan '03 Phil, Hilary, Pete, Jen, Terry walking in Cubija

1837 - Following Mostajo track up from ~~first~~ house, follow across the valley. Just before the huge cattle trough is a collapse in the track, partially covered by a log. Peter went in to have a look, but decided that the two large boulders forming the collapse need to be removed (some tackle needed) in order to enter head first into the awkward crawl. ~~1837~~ 5015(8) 9727(5)

1838 - Further up the track, past a shallow valley on right (w) with a house-size boulder, is another small depression on the N side. ~~with a large boulder~~ In bottom of depression is walk-in 6m long fragment, blocked by fallen rocks, possible dig (tiny). 4996(7) 9709(5)

(above the track)
1839 - On top of the ridge, in limestone pavement to the S of the barn is a possible rift cave with one end blocked by falling. Shaft will be possible to descend if loose soil bridge is removed. Maybe 6m deep, with boulder sanding floor - cannot see floor. 4991(3) 9674(5)

969 (marked as 1840) - Forced shaft on ~~E~~S side of Mostaj's valley,
10m drop to boulder & skeleton floor.

4993(5) 9683(1)

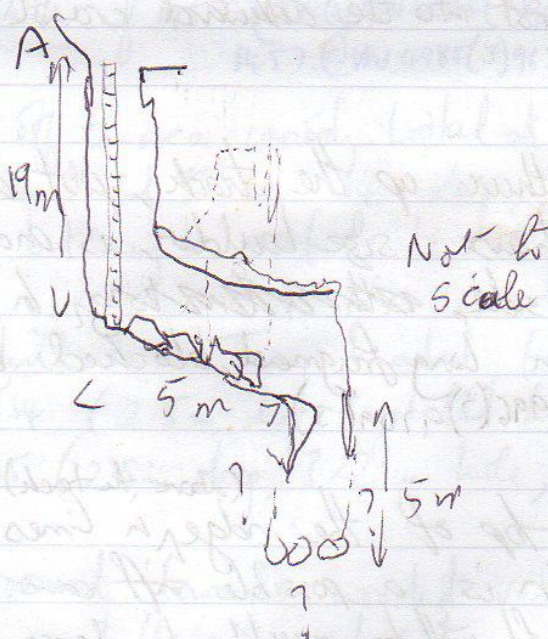
1841 - Rabbit hole in grassy field also on S side of valley
with narrow shaft - stones rattling down 20ft ish.
Impossible to say if draught - too windy.

4981(5) 9675(9)

1842 - low arched opening in a hollow on the S side of the
valley. Brambly entrance, possible dig on boulders. Small!
5003(9) 9699(6)

1843 - Small rock shelter near large ^{mountain} oak tree on S
side of valley. Possible dig needing thorn-proof
gloves. ← GPS EL 333m 0450001 / 4796671

1836 BCRA Grade 1 survey from 31/12/02



3/1/03 Returned to area east of 1836. Found 1840 3m deep, small. And eventually found 1269. 6m deep shaft but narrows down slightly to a closed floor.
1840@ 5356(6)9517(5) - Terry down
1269@ 5359(8)9519(7) - Juan down

Catalans (Oscar and) did some poking in Albert Pange and tourist trap in Mostajo.

Dear Juan,

The weather went seriously downhill for the week after you left, constant sleet showers at Valley floor level with lying snow above 200m. No sun and temperatures no higher than 2 degrees (Eventually no butane would vapourise in Andy's house)

Pete, Carole and I went to Tres Ninos on 4th Jan and took several photographs. Its an interesting system, as Jim has always insisted, worthy of another pushing trip. Its worth checking out whether the entrance climb in the meandering fissure continues on the other side of the main lower passage. This would involve a relatively easy traverse from half way down the rope. There was a moderate draught out of the entrance.

The following moths were noted hibernating in the entrance.

3 Paignton Snout (*Hypena obesalis*)

10+ Twenty-plumed Moth (*Alucita hexadactyla*)

1 (Dead) Herald Moth (*Scoliopteryx libatrix*)

I GPS'd the following five locations file attached.

1) Cuvia

2) A 10m + pit below Cuvia (1A) which is well known and may have a name. It has a large entrance needing about 6m ladder to get down. Has dead animals dumped and draughts out Poo!!!

3) Tres Niños (1B)

4) 1C a narrow fissure on the same rock terrace as Tres Niños worth a dig

5) 1D an open cave not far from the footpath the furthest East on the same rock terrace as Tres Niños. A single 5m x 2m chamber with dead stalagmite. No prospects L<6m

Please let me have cave numbers for the above locations in order that I can update my GPS files.

Cheers

Terry

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