

LOGBOOK

Year: 2003

Season: autumn

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

25th October Saturday

Juan + Penny - stroll around 2nd bend near 715 area.

(1504) Climbing wall dig has a v. interesting cave part way up wall. Can see in 3-4m to where it appears big enough and cave seems to develop into a rift. Modern technology required.

26th Oct Tuesday

Ian, Juan + Penny to Seldento. Walked up to Hoya de Puchas and area ~~around~~ above Tianas old house.

Water was sinking just below where the track first crosses the stream bed (site 1966). First priority was site 1888 but just before, came across 1963 - 3m deep chok hole. Spent half an hour digging out ~~1888~~ ¹⁹⁶⁴ to allow Ian to descend. [The 'passage' described on an earlier visit was just a chok hole rift.] 4m deep, very narrow slit goes off to east. L=6m.

Then threw a ladder down the "undescented 10m shaft" at 1761 ~~1876~~. Ian went down to realise shaft was at least 15m deep. There appears to be a rift at bottom.

Up hill to find site ~~1876~~ ¹⁶⁸⁵ between two limestone towers. Rocks needs removing to gain access to slope onto about a 5m drop.

On the route back to Tianas house @ 1710, site 1965 was stumbled across - 4m deep rift, about 5m long.

* Now realise that this isn't 1888 - photos are completely different.

29th Oct Wednesday

Joan + Penny walked up eastern track from Cruz Uru to the top field. Then looked for tracks to the Muller limestone. Came across open hole in trees about 5m deep with poss. passage at base (site 1967)*. But route may be down to the north ^{near} into a beech wood and then back up.

* Maybe 901

30th Oct Thursday

Late afternoon return trip to Climbing Wall dig - site 1504. Stuck the "endoscope" into the bedding above the sink. Nice stal in distance and cave does get bigger. Excavation should be easy for tall people. Hammer and chisel will eat away flakey rock but dig is 5-6ft off the floor.

31st Oct Friday

Towards FLV

Walking along second track after second bend. A Photo'd various known holes. Then turned back along higher track near Cruz Uru and, keeping to the right, came out on the road well below FLV.

Sites GPS + photo'd: ~~620~~ 1219 and (1280)

Site 620 may have disappeared beneath track building works

Decided that (site 1280) is a new one about 80m before 1286. Site 1968. Needs digging out at top, about 5m deep?

1st Nov Peter + Joan spent an hour digging at 1504. Needs modern technology - not just hammer + chisel.

Subj: **Re: Matienzo**
Date: 10/11/2003 10:46:10 GMT Standard Time
From: acdps@yahoo.es
To: Uzueka@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hi

A little news about the weekend. On Saturday, Phil, Ron and Heskey went into Vallina, but only Phil was able to go across the traverse, so they didn't do any surveying or more exploration than what Tim had already done.

The team have rediscovered 1033, so we were there on Saturday. They seem to think it's a really good dig.

Yesterday, Ian took us to the shaft you couldn't bottom at Sel de Suto, and it is the one Steve and I did last year. (Check the photo on the web site). So obviously I located that wrong, sorry.

After that we looked around for something else to do and I'll send some photos about that another day.

I won't mention the weather, I don't want to add insult to injury.



Site 1033
November Fiestas Dig



Subj: Re: Matienzo
Date: 13/11/2003 10:43:38 GMT Standard Time
From: acdps@yahoo.es
To: Uzueka@aol.com
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1191

Hi,

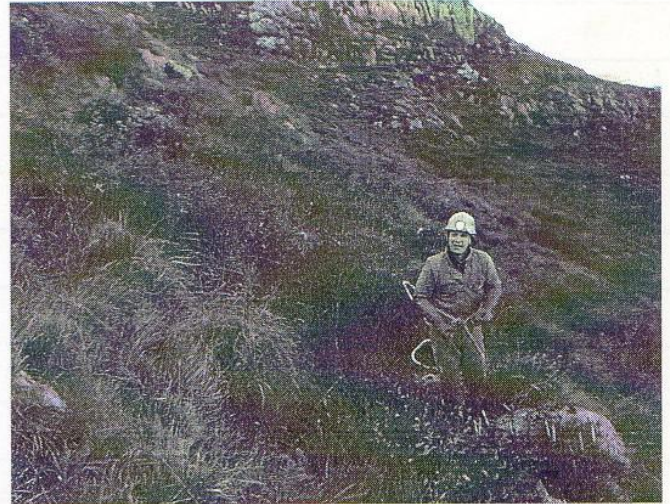
The people in Valline should explain what happened, if they haven't already spoken to you.

Here are two photos of one of the other things we did on Sunday (we were at Sel de Suto, nowhere near the climbing wall). There were two small shafts, I free climbed down one and Heskey did the other with one ladder. The shaft is on his right although you can't see anything. They seem to be in the area of 1191 and 1192. But you've seen how good I am at locating sites, and the description of those two doesn't help much. Do you get the photos? And the other day? That's because your message appears to promise a photo from October and there was nothing attached with the e mail.

The Danes (who don't go to fiestas) have been in Papa Noel. They went down a crawl off Luck of the Dogs and reached a shaft about 50 m deep. They say it's something they'll do at Easter. Also they were looking at some passages in Coterón near the connection and there seems to be more than on the survey but it had all been done before.

--- Uzueka@aol.com escribió: > Hi Pete

- > Thanks for the email. I had to look twice at the
- > photo for the shaft -
- > vegetation seems to alter a lot between June and
- > October - I've attached the photo
- > from this October. It did seem deeper than 11m as
- > well! I'll move 1761 (your
- > site) to the position of 1876 and free up number
- > 1876.
- > I'd always thought that 1033 had some archaeological
- > interest. I seem to
- > remember when we were there that we "rushed" down
- > the hill as it was getting dark.
- > Might be good to carry on at Xmas?
- > Why did only Phil get across the traverse?
- > I suppose the "something else to do" was the
- > Climbing Wall dig and you found
- > half a km?
- > Andy will have the latest web update and this should
- > be up by the end of the
- > week.
- > Cheers
- > Juan
- >



Subj: **Re: Matienzo**
 Date: 15/11/2003 20:04:10 GMT Standard Time
 From: papard@easynet.co.uk
 To: Uzueka@aol.com
 Sent from the Internet (Details)

Juan

I have some pics and locations of sites around 1033 (I did not know the number at the time) all were blind chambers and may be already known.

Vallina did not go well, I got over traverse to find that Tim is a lot smaller than me! I dug out the floor so I could get through (very very sticky clay), the problem was that you could not squeeze through due to the drag on the clay, it needed to be big enough to give a slight space. Did not take long using my stop as a tool, but the clay clogged up everything and it took me half an hour to clean off my gear. All this would have only been a slight problem except Eski and Ron would not go across the traverse after seeing me get on the far ledge and see/hear a lot of it crash down!! - so no survey!!

The landing for the traverse and the crawl need digging out more to make life easier (ie so you can go through with gear on etc) will be easy job with small entrenching tool, half hour at most. Passage past crawl is a good size and getting bigger. I would have gone further, but I had left my helmet and lamp back at Matienzo (I spent so much time sorting Ron's lamp and helmet out, I forgot mine!!)

Subj: **VT00002**
 Date: 19/11/2003 20:31:02 GMT Standard Time
 From: tmw1@globalnet.co.uk
 To: Uzueka@aol.com
 Sent from the Internet (Details)

Dear Juan,

As you have probably found out the fly/drink crew had a good long weekend with almost perfect weather. Caving was rather a second concern. Whitaker played the excuse that he had forgotten his helmet and failed to enter Vallina in the absence of flat hats, wooly hat or any hat to stuff with paper. Pappard reached the entrance and found himself not only sans helmet but also without light and in true HSE style decided to continue. I always said he has a thick skull! but him if a descender makes a good digging tool? Enough of this banter. I walked back to La Secada from the bend in the track above Vallina, Lost Pot Entrance. Set off uphill on the track to the ridge. Three roadside caves seen in the first 300m one drafting strongly. Took the first turn right after about 1km and the proceeded SE uphill to a farm/barn. I've been told the Catalans are exploring a cave near here. At the farm there is a choice of footpaths. I headed North in light woodland and after about 30m the path squeezes between rocks and an area of large clints and boulders is encountered in these is an ill defined rift/shaft at least 8m first drop drafting strongly out. Is this the Catalans' pot? I meandered to the main ridge south of the Vega and just S of the ridge line I encountered a large rift in the N. side of a depression. It was drafting out extremely strongly and labeled VT00002. Just over the ridge (50m to the North) I was surprised to find myself in the same sandstone outcrop pasture with The Vaccinator about 200m to the NE. I have never seen it in clear weather and was surprised how close to the ridge line it is.

Any way that's enough of my ramblings. Just thought you may know something of these locations mentioned.

Cheers

Terry

Subj: **Matienzo**
Date: 23/11/2003 20:29:55 GMT Standard Time
From: papard@easynet.co.uk
To: Uzueka@aol.com
File: **nov03005.zip** (141575 bytes) DL Time (44000 bps): < 1 minute
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Juan

Digs etc:

- ✓ 1. M17 (marked with green paint) on rhs of valley up from waterfall back of Snows, south branch. Near top of valley some 25m up on rhs on rocky steep slope, several trees in around entrance - pitch some 6m deep - we did not descend
GPS - elev 506m; 0453583/4796817; no pic ~~1303~~ This is 381
- ✓ 2. Skull Cave - crawl in entrance under rock bed - small blind cave with chamber some 3m by 4m - small carnivorous animal skull found inside
GPS - elev ~~472~~⁵⁸⁵m; 0453562/4796992; pic 005 ~~940~~ ~~1969~~
- ✓ 3. 1033? Large cliff with scree slope down to meet cliff - crawl down scree 2/3 along to south end in tube - opens out to steeply slopping cave where scree has not quite filled the cave - dig at bottom on south side - one more day should get progress (nov 03) - warning fleas seem to be in cave prob associated with goats. GPS - elev 517m; 0453386/4796881; pic 006 ~~1033~~
4. ???? Small blind cave high on hill (Cueto) above Bar on route from coll to 1033 - entrance below small triangular outcrop - drop through small entrance to blind chamber about 2mx2m no real prospect.
GPS - elev ~~488~~⁵¹⁵m; 0453469/4796949; pic 007 ~~1876~~

I have some more things from Oct that I still need to sort out (due to my hard disc crash) - I will send them when I get time.

Phil

Lamy Pot = 1776

Hiya Juan

I have some stuff for the logbook:

Matienzo 6-13/11 2003

5 Danes (Jonas, Louise, Torben, Kåre, Bjarne)

We made 3 trips Via Coteron into Papa Noel

We pushed at BBQ at Saucepan St. (Papa Noel):

- (1) 'Unexplored pit' near C+3 ends 10 m down. Tiny rift goes to the NE at the bottom.
- (2) 'Undescended p10 ? m' get to tight 10 m. down but goes further.

and finally some exciting stuff:

(3) 'Crawl continues' did in fact continue some 20 meter to a sand dune, that was dug away to give way into a small chamber (10x15m) with two DEEP shafts, properly +50m (Bring 100 m. rope). The shafts were left undecended and the crawl was not surveyed because the compass jammed.

Marry xmas and see you at Easter time.

Jonas

Martes, 9 de diciembre de 2003

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Voladura para rescatar a un espeleólogo en Matienzo

Se encontraba a 263 metros de profundidad y quedó atrapado en un paso estrecho en la torca Azpilicueta

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Seleccione...

El espeleólogo J.M.H de 33 años, componente del Club Mirandés de Montaña, de Miranda de Ebro, fue rescatado a primera hora de la mañana de ayer tras haber quedado bloqueado a 263 metros de profundidad cuando realizaba, junto a un compañero, la travesía de la torca Azpilicueta al Cubio de Reñada, en Matienzo, del municipio cántabro de Ruesga.

Para que pudiera salir al exterior hubo que utilizar explosivos. Esta solución ya ha tenido que ser utilizada en otras ocasiones, concretamente en el pasado mes de junio en la cueva de Cueto-Coventosa, al quedar atrapado por su corpulencia otro espeleólogo.

La travesía la iniciaron el sábado a las 13.30 horas y, después de hacer un descenso vertical por el que, al parecer, no podían volver, los dos espeleólogos llegaron a un agujero estrecho por el que sólo pudo pasar uno de ellos, que fue quien, a las 16.00 horas del día de ayer, dio aviso de la situación en la que se encontraba su compañero.

Para facilitar el paso de J.M.H hacia la salida de la Reñada de la que se encontraba a 1.500 metros, fue necesario proceder a una desobstrucción con explosivos, tras la cual el espeleólogo pudo abandonar la cavidad a las 8.00 horas de ayer sin sufrir lesión alguna.

En la operación de rescate, además de un técnico en explosivos, han participado el equipo de espeleosocorro del Gobierno de Cantabria, la Agrupación de Voluntarios de Protección Civil de Colindres, el GREIM de Potes y la Guardia Civil de Ramales y Arredondo, informó el Gobierno regional.



ESPELEOLOGIA. Un espeleólogo en una cueva cántabra. /DM

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Espeleólogo J.M.H of 33 years, component of the Club Mirandés de Montaña, Miranda de Ebro, was rescued to first hour in the morning of after to have been blocked yesterday to 263 meters of depth when it made, next to a companion, the passage of torca Azpilicueta to the Cubio de Reñada, in Matienzo, of the Cantabrian municipality of Ruesga. So that it could leave to the outside yesterday was necessary to use explosives. This solution already has had to be used in other occasions, concretely in the past month of June in the cave of Fortified height-Coventosa, when being caught by its corpulencia another espeleólogo. The passage initiated Saturday to the 13.30 hours and, after making a reduction vertical by which, apparently, they could not return, both espeleólogos they arrived at a narrow hole through which it only could pass one of them, who were the one who, to the 16.00 hours of the one of yesterday, gave warning of the situation in which was his companion. In order to facilitate the J.M.H passage towards the exit of the Reñada of which was to 1.500 meters, it was necessary to come to a removal of obstacles with explosives, after which the espeleólogo could leave the cavity to the 8.00 hours of yesterday without suffering injury some. In the rescue operation, in addition to a technician in explosives, they have participated the equipment of espeleosocorro of the Government of Cantabria, the Grouping of Volunteers of Civil defense of Colindres, the GREIM of Potes and the Civil Guard of Ramales and Arredondo, informed the regional Government.

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