

MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT

LOGBOOK

Year: 2003

Season: Easter

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

EASTER 2003

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13/4/03 Sunday

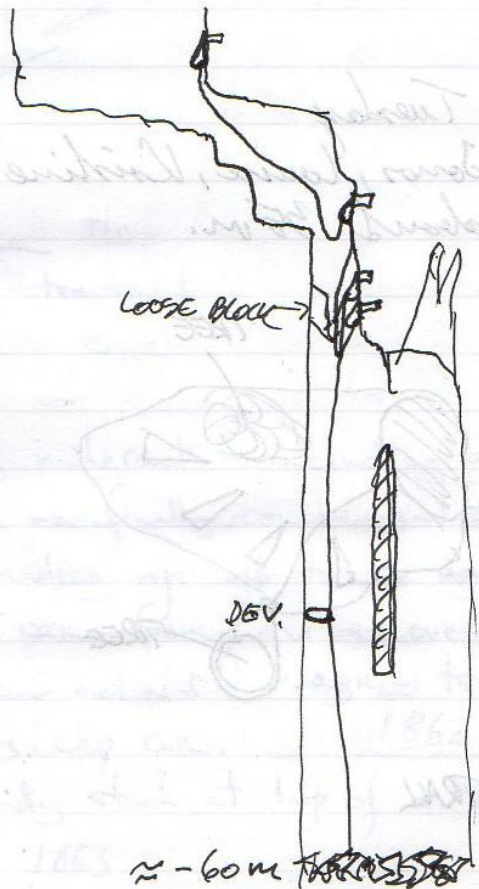
Pete, Phil, Hilary, Juan, Penny, Torben, Jonas, Louise and Christina off to Uluera to find 1856 from the bottom end. Parked at the farmhouse at the end of the track that left the Uluera road at a brick garage. Path through the jungle surprisingly easy going - helped with GPS position - and found the hole, no problem. 4m ladder pitch into oval hole about 4m x 5m with the 60m pitch at the western end.

Jonas, Torben:

TRAIL ←



The shaft (double shaft) is nice smooth. On the floor are the remains of a small animal (rod?) on top of the boulders.



Phil wandered along the hillside to finally discover Sina Canada, (1822) about 23 years after it was described by the farmer to Pete. →

2003 JST 2A

Further up the hill, site 1857 was found up against a cliff face.

A pair of eroded cracks descend about 10m with a connector through.

1822 @ 5537(7) 9723(1)

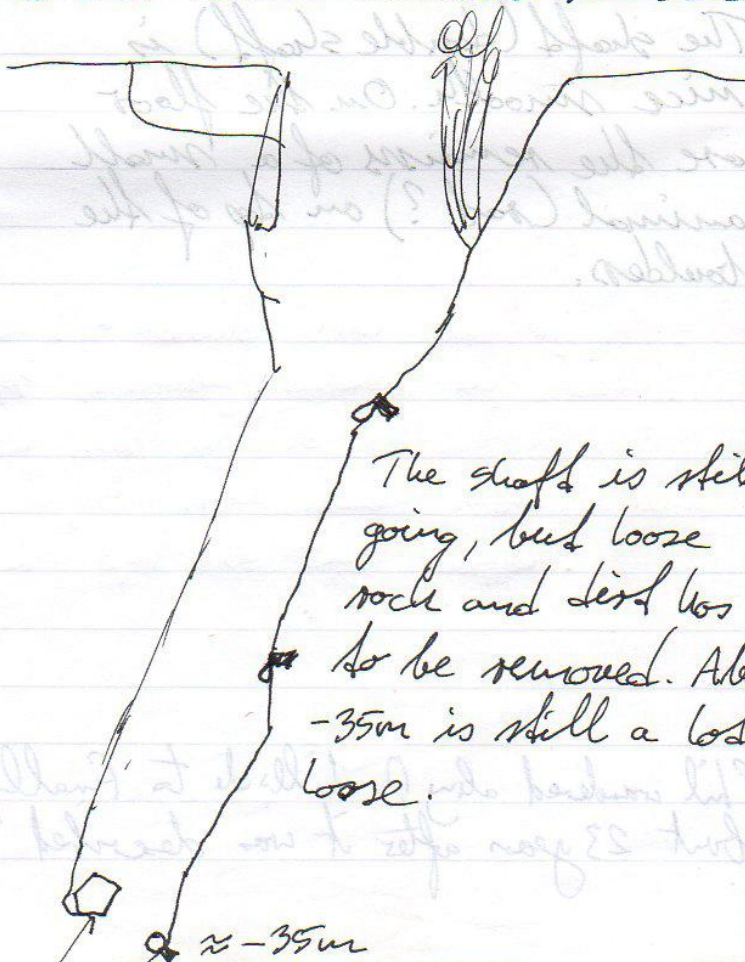
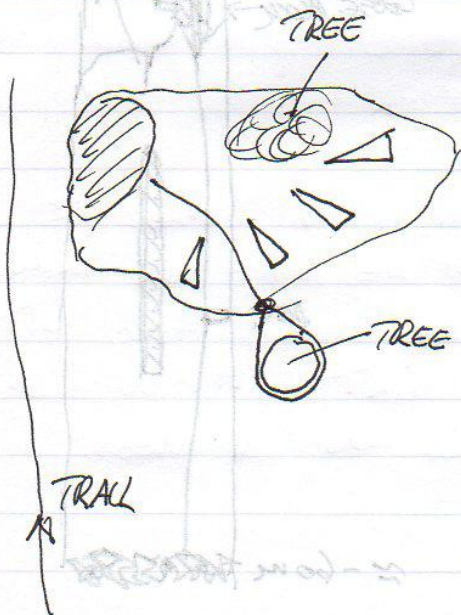
1857 @ 5534(3) 9719(4)

14/4/03 Monday Torben, Jonas, Louise, Kristine digging in Høllen Hole at the "Diagonal Connection".

Many thin layers of caliche ~~was~~ ^{were} removed, and the distance to Cephalos was reduced by 5 cm. Then the caliche layer was so massive that we were not able to break it.

15/4/03 Tuesday

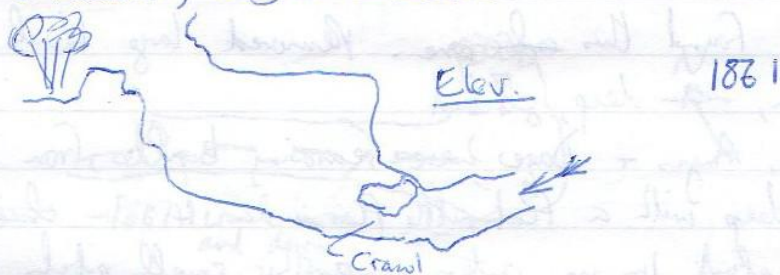
1822 Jonas, Louise, Kristine and Torben descended side about 35m.



The shaft is still going, but loose rock and dirt has to be removed. Above -35m is still a lot loose.

15/4/03 Harry + Lank wandering along S. Vega upto the car park at Sel de Suto and on up the side valley. Lank spotted a hole on the opposite bank, and when we finally got to it, there was a good looking, descending ¹⁸⁶¹ rift with an outward draught, at the junction of the track back down to the car park found a strongly out-blowing undercut that would dig. ¹⁸⁶²

16/4/03 Harry, Lank, Juan + Andy P (joined later by Penny) returned to above 2 sites. The first one closed up just part a crawl + split into several phreatic rifts - all too tight. Depth 8 metres, length 6 metres.



Next we dug at the blowing undercut - including going back for drill + generator until we finally could crawl thru to a 1.2 m drop, with a narrow leading rift off to the right (looking in) which was where draught came from, and an over-tight hole on left dropping a further 2 metres (?) - again too tight. The leading rift would probably cap OK. ¹⁸⁶²
After this we tried getting Andy stuck at top of a 7-8 m shaft that sounds big below. ¹⁸⁶³



1864 Finally went to a rift in field above side track (running above Arsenal) and got down 7m and along 6m to a choke with possible dig under left wall. →

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Lank heard McPringle talking from the ground near where he was resting. A small hole in the grass allowed communication to those below.

15/4/03 Angus took his Discovery up to Apilicusta to investigate the holes catalogued over the last couple of months.

1858 is a boulder-covered "chamber" at side of track. Rocks need removing to explore.

50 Miranda and John Forder extended passage leading to 341 over greasy mud. Pitch needs ^{and passage} surveying.

1859 John found nice entrance rift above Sereno but it only dropped down to an undercut with floor choke. $L=10m$ $d=5m$

1113 Eventually found this ~~and~~ one. Removed large block over shaft top JF down, 20m deep, choked

854 Meanwhile, Angus + Dave were removing boulders from entrance of 854. About 15m deep with a flat rubble floor in a $4 \times 3m$ ~~chamber~~ base.

15/4/03 A window about 1m up enters a another small pitch that ends up 2m below previous floor.

1865 On cliff above Apilicusta a 2m high 4m long rift which gets too small

1854 10m choked shaft. Descended by John.

1860 2 holes at top of 10m deep shaft. Choked

339 Checked this out to be 7m deep and choked.

18/4/03 Parts Phil P Andy P + generator later joined by Ali or Pda Egan went into space on left previously entered by Haski.

The draft was coming out of the top of a rift heading into the hill. This project now needs more shoring and could be the ideal spot to try snappers.

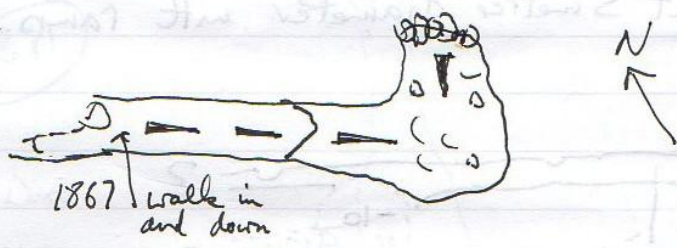
17/4/03

Jean and Perry to Rioño to look at the depression 1802, full of jungle. Tried to get in at the base but eventually gave up and walked up the road then down the track to the top of the depression. At this point, the farmer's daughter arrived and showed the best route in. Seemed to end up on limestone surrounded by jungle with a couple of escarpments with possible holes 15m away through jungle. Needs an over-suit.

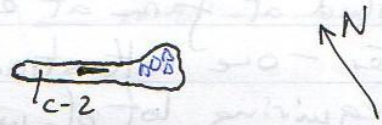
We were then shown a couple of sites where her dad had cleared the ground and exposed a couple of holes.

1867 is a wall-down 2m wide + high passage to where the route turns left and meets a boulder choke. Cold, but no draught. (Both entrances are above the chicken coop at site 1804).

length about 12m long



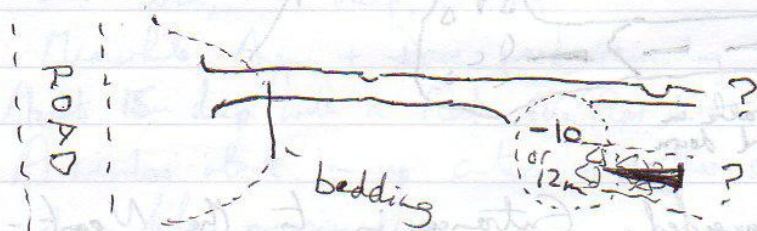
1866 is probably connected. Entrance is to the West - about 15m metres. A 3m slide down a narrow slot to a floor which drops down to ~~with~~ a small, choked chamber. L=6m depth 4m.



Met the father on the way back who mentioned shafts covered with rocks in front of the beehives. (1870)

17/4/03 Andy P, Lank + Harry eventually set off to Cobadal. Were diverted from joining Phil + Co. from digging by an entertaining day out!

First point of interest was sighted from car - low bedding about 5 metres from road edge. Whilst Harry looked at this, Andy looked at a small, black draughting hole lower down - and declared it is a "goer." 1/4 hr later after a frantic dig he crawled in wearing his colourful shorts + tee shirt, only to return after a few minutes for better gear. This enabled him to crawl for 12 metres to the top of a 10-12 metre deep pitel opening to the right with a traverse on left to unexplored continuation. Pitel about 5 metres diameter with ramp on far side.



Went on down into Cobadal and took road to north side and parked at farm at end of it. Walked around to various sites - one with strong outward draught from fallen blocker requiring lot of work. Worth a further look + number.

Met the "phosphate girls" much to our pleasure - eldest called Anna, but "no holes on their land". Walked back towards car along hillside, finding only one real site of interest, a 2 1/2 metre deep rift - free climbed by Andy (in shorts!) to a further cork-screwing passage which was continuing.

Farmer says there are further sites further up the hill in the eucalyptus trees.

Watch this space for further developments.

Harry

16/4/03 Vallée - Pet. E. At. Dave Dave Dave (D³)

West via the *Prague* to Haymarket chambers. Voice connection from top of pit in lost sock to third chamber.



loaded at various inlets & side passages in Haymarket. 2 slots near record over - one containing bits of brick.
(cont later)

17th April Mula

30 45557(7)E

47 96470 N

1871

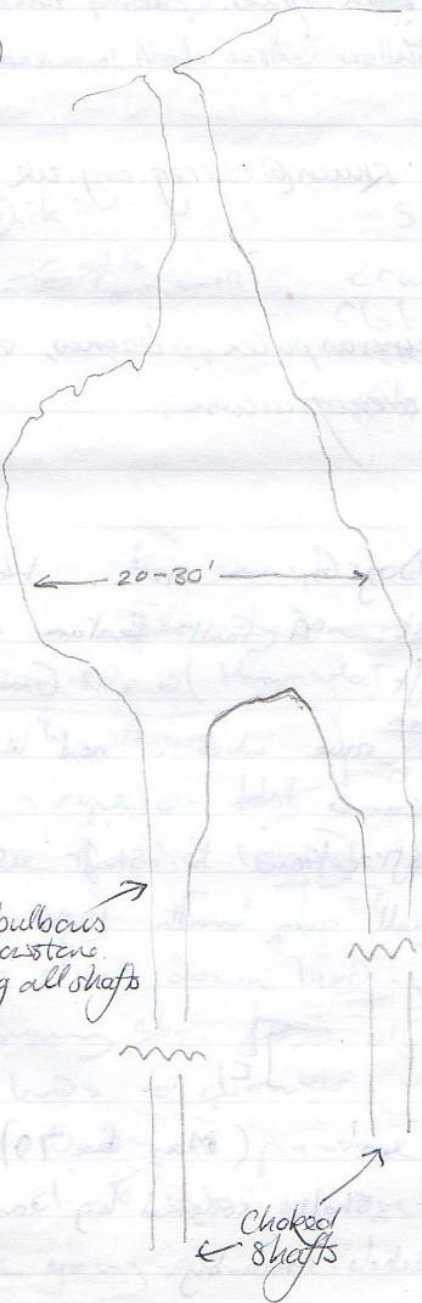
At 613 (UTM 79)

W

E.

Grade | Elevation |

1/3 of way down opens to West
20-30 access EW - 10' N-S
Bridge on N Wall shaft follows
other side 5' diameter main
shaft (on West) ramp to top of
Shaft narrows to about 3' diameter
lined with soft chalky flowstone
Deepest depth 21.9m
Smaller shaft smaller shorter
No draft. No way on



found by Pete Martin
ISSA. c/o Rhuan@carreg.org.uk

"Pete's Pot"

30 455614 E Small undercut 3m wide, 3m long 2m high
47 96595 N

30 455605 E ⁽¹⁸⁷²⁾ 2 small caves, 1m approx 2.5m x 2.5m x 3m long.
47 96621 N

30 455531 E Small entrance, no depth. (1.2m)
47 96477 N

Ref? ⁽¹⁸⁷¹⁾ likely to be 299?
30 4554484 E Hole with tree. About 40' on 45° slope to the
47 96720 N North.

Alt 588m

(contact Rhian Hicks rhian@carreg.org.uk if probs!)

15th April Subero 2

3 crayfish, 50+ Gammarus pulex, leaches, various spiders, caddis
will send photos for identification.

17 April Bobbay Teal + Dogs

Walking on N. side of Enaso

A) Between 967 + Summit. A fault feature in the hillside has
Access to narrow rift.

B) Close to 1595. A cave which is next to a water trough 2-3m
and a roof entrance

C) Close to 70. Rift entrance to shaft. Sandstone bed roof


D) 10m North small cave with tight 2nd entrance 3m long
(of C)



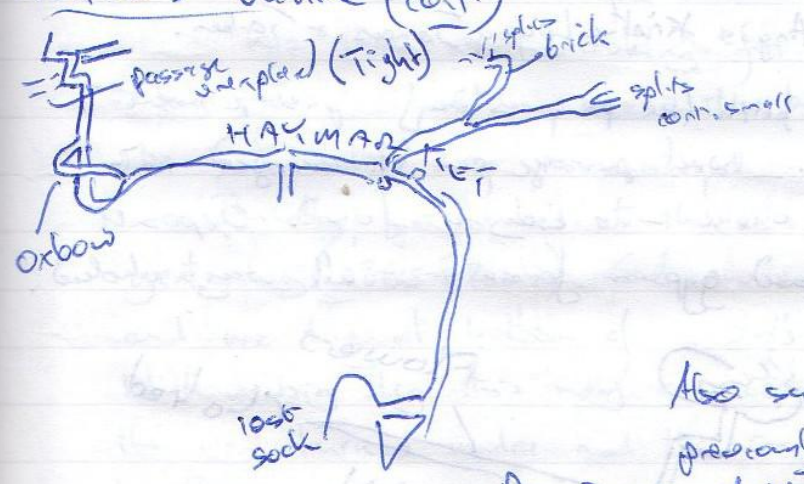
E) P. Rich about 40' (May be 70)

F) Above 139 Shaft covered by easily removed rocks

G) Cave in shakehole nearby.

- u) Shaft with 30' drop to rift flow and sloping further descent in hillside between + below 779 + 1600
- v) Level with 779 rthw shaft with capstone ? 
- J) A little above I shaft in bramble
- K) A little above J shaft in shale hole
- L) Two large rocks over deep shaft May be 1600 but did not look roomy, felt it was a little further east.
- m) On inspection was 1813
- n) Bedding came in same depression as 1813 (noted in description) through top done (is there passage to the left?) Why no site number? As usual more questions than answers. Needs another walk with GPS. Bobby

16.4.03 Valline (cont)



Sump very low
 crawled passed previous
 flat out to more sump
 (No Froth)
 15m sumped.

Also sumped lost foot entrance - not previously done - & tidied up other bits.

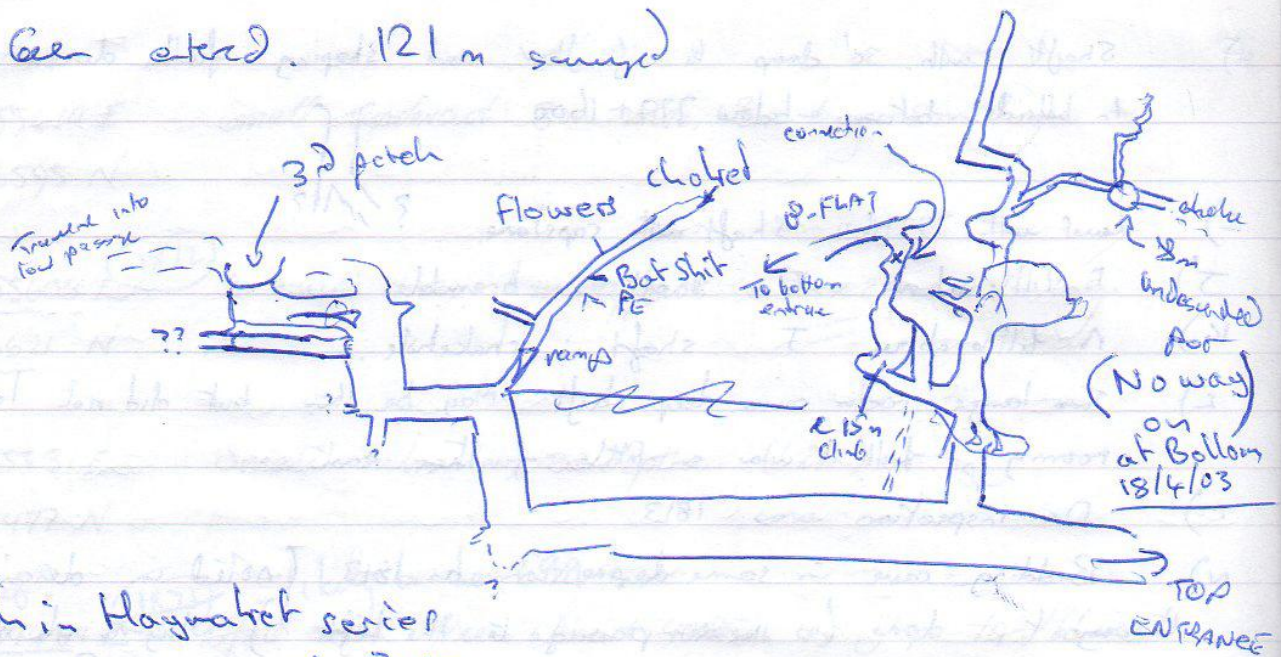
Round trip of Hayman to Canyon & back by

16.4.03 Valline Pigeon, ANell, Angas.

normal route in is quite arduous / sporting!

As it was noted there was a rope on last pitch from top entrance, we decided to look for top end of P-Flat passage (sumped last summer). First ^{main} L.H. junction leads to left turn to top of 15m climb down leading left (headline useful) through squeeze leads to sunny str. ~~from~~ at top of climb in P-Flat. Straight on at T junction leads to chamber where various leads looked at. A not obvious climb leads to passage passing on 8m undescended pitch. Noted climb into passage at top of slope up from pitch to passage going at least 20m - unsure if it

was been entered. 121 m surveyed

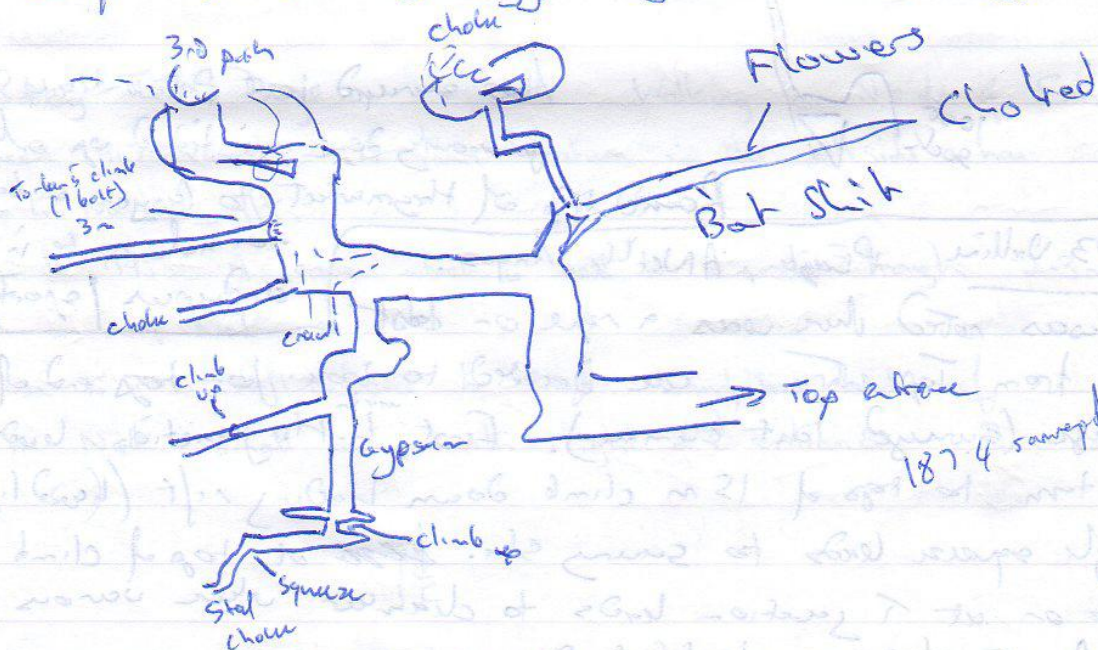


Pitch in Haystack series

8m no way on at Bottom
 tight mud tube + narrow rift (to right)
 Boulder choke above looked at possible tight climb up in blocks.

18.4.03 Vallis. Peter A Neil Angus Kristine Louisa Jones & Torben.

Torben did climb near top of 3rd pitch (see previous day) - passage went 33m to end. Previously entered. Next passage on left surveyed into a chamber with a draughting choke - no way on found. Opposite this some passage with good gypsum formations - all ways choked.



18/4/03 Jana, Lank, Pete, Andy, Terry, Juan + Harry - all "over the hill" to Cobadal and to the cave by the road found yesterday. Pete + Andy assaulted it, bolted it + Pete down the pitch - choked each way. Juan filmed + the rest of us lazed in the sun! Surveyed 1868.

Lank, Terry, Juan + Harry then returned to Riano and went to 1805 armed with the drill and plugs + feathers. These removed a large lump of the offending boulders but it needs more of the same and we hadn't any more battery power as we had used it to open a way down into the slot nearer the entrance. A 2 1/2 metre drop lead to 5 metres of rift heading back to the entrance. It ended at a place where a hammer was needed with another 2 metres visible to what looked like a complete choke.

We then went looking for a shaft that the farmer had told Juan about up near the beehives. This turned out to be 7 1/2 metres deep in 2 steps - choked at bottom. (1870) ^{See sketch}

Finally, we looked at the 2 sites Juan had been told about yesterday (1866 + 1867). Got an audible connection between them and we dug at bottom of 1866 trying to find the continuation. With a big dig this may be possible as we reached the point where the wall turned under and the roof had the same anastomosis as in 1867.

19/4/03

Hidden Hole (Tookeer, Jonos, Louise, Angus, ^{*}Marinda, Doug) Checked 2 shafts. See "MATIWOZO UNDERGROUND". Done 17/4/03

* I was not on this trip - must be some other Dave

DBB

18/4/03 Jane Pat & Andy P

Left others after finishing off 1868 and returned to Phosphate area. Look at several sites.

2124 (a) 8' Rift seen yesterday. This had cork screw passage to end in total blockage at mud floor.

Jane did not find any other sites on east hillside whilst Andy & Pat were in (a). We therefore went looking on other side of farm.

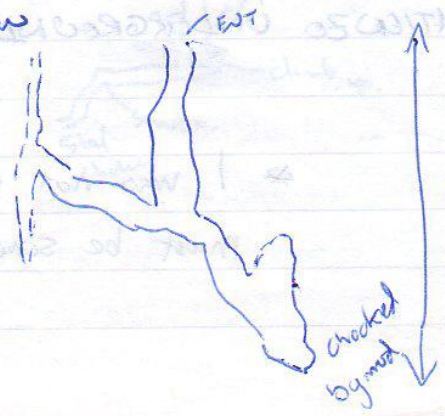
Pat & Andy went in to (b) resurgence which feeds cows water troughs. After digging for 20m through flat out shite in water we went out.

Jane had found a sink above which we expect feeds resurgence. Jane had found (c) site of sand stone boulders. These were removed to allow Andy to enter a rift 2m high by 1 1/2 m wide and 4 m long. There was a slight draft which most ~~pass~~ pass between the many boulders.

1873 (d) Next site was large rubbish dump in shake hole with walking size Vadosse passage going off. Rubbish all over the place. Pat & Andy turned round at climb down. Next side (e) was a shake hole with draft coming out of slots in rock face and very cold & very strong draft coming out of small hole at floor level.

1874 Andy declared this is a stonker we will return see tomorrow account.

1870 SECTION



Teng W &

CIRCA 8m

L circa 10m

No Draughts.

19/4/03 P. Bryan, M. Wall, Angus, Tufty. (GPS locations)

Checked entrance of passage noted that entry still possible.

- A ¹/₂ 50325 94315 Silt excavated c 1m dia. covered by block. c 5-6m deep? 1875
 - B 50282 94789 " " " " do. c 10m deep 1876
 - C 50194 94786 " " " " do. c 2m to chock 1877
 - D ¹/₂ 50196 94802 " " " " do. 1878
 - E Small horizontal through trap c 10m long 50158 94883 1879
 - F ¹/₂ 50174 95033 Silt covered by blocks c 4m deep. ? Passage 1888
- loads off. 0. descended.
Photos in 030419TUFTY.

19/4/03 Andy P, Heskey, Jane & Toby C, Steve M. Cobadal.

Dug out the draughting hole we found yesterday 1874

This yielded quickly to Heskey & Andy's attack with shovels, meanwhile Jane & Steve went & finished off the disgusting rubbish tip cave next door which fortunately doesn't go. 1873

Jane stood on the top rungs of a ladder to allow Steve to climb down into a rising passage lined copiously with decomposing trash which mercifully rose swiftly & choked. Heskey & Andy soon managed to insert themselves into a hands & knees crawl in the draughting cave which then lowered to flat out and was dug through by Heskey to a short section between mud banks breaking out through boulders into a sloping streamway. This got to walking since before a collapse from a chamber in front and a wriggle down through boulders into a meandering streamway. This went on but eventually lowered just before an inlet on the right came in. We went up this until it lowered to hands & knees & men decided to leave things until tomorrow & come back with a survey set & do it properly. It feels like 150-200m has been found but we'll know properly when it's surveyed.

It is only 70 to 100 m & is part of a cone Terry found last year, but did not push us etc. geology told him it was not worth it.

19/4/03 Volcano 1391 Eski, Plit, Ken + Helms, MAS
+ Jo Anne

Day down old post - to log + get - links to bottom chamber. After 3 caps + 1 1/2 hr digging got hole through to small draughting choke about 1m away from chamber, about 1 deep dig should get us through.

18th April 2003

30 450560E 47 97462N alt 475m Deep hole, not sure if it goes.

Small entrance on W face of shakehole - loads of rubble. Can see underground about 4' (1889)

30 450465E 47 97685N alt 508m 2nd of a line of five shake holes from NE. Curves round to right & choked with a soft sediment infill (1890)

30 450353E 47 97868N alt 506m ? = equivalent to 1354? (lesser house once bot)
Drafting entrance, choked with boulders. Chamber approx 12 x 6', fluted with 8' long to left. Rock hanging in entrance is shaped like a horse's head

30 450289E 47 97875N Alt 510m ? equivalent to 1355

Deep entrance shaft with horizontal development. Shaft approx 50' deep. 12' x 6' top. Chimney next to it. Large fossil stall at entrance. Entrance faces S cut of hillside. This will be Rosmeth (63)

30 450 512E 47 97635N alt 507 (1891)

Cave/dig! loose fill floor - mud covered boulders. N facing entrance. Go in South into small vertical rift. Widens to a 6' x 5', 3' high chamber. No obvious way in or draft.

30 450574E 4797676N alt 503 ¹⁸⁹² Bogged entrance (No number on map) "Rock shelter"

30 450531E 4797622N alt 510m ¹⁸⁹³ 12' shaft ~~going~~ going into blackness

Pete & Anita McNab, Rhian Fricks & Andy Kendall.
contact Rhian@carreg.org.uk.
19-4-03

Biological Note Cave No 77 Cueva de Rascavieja
1 Greater horse shoe bat

20/4/2003. John Miranda & Alama went to Cueva del Picon however, they went to a hole higher up the hill (by mistake) which proved to be a "new" 60 ft deep shaft, with 'nada' at the bottom directly below the pylon! ¹⁸⁹⁴

20/4/2003 Steve Penny, Joan + Terry. Into Orchard Cave (618) to video and position, vaguely hoping to coming across the team in 1874. Then tried to find Cueva Torcida (Fat Boy) 613 at the quoted position but eventually discovered the large phreatic remnant about 1/2 km away. Impressive site that requires return.

20/4/2003 Harry on solo walkabout at Riano. Nothing very exciting, but a hole right by track where it passes between the Riano rising and the "window" down to the sump - marked (X)



21/04/03 Lank, Terry + Harry back to 1805 for another session with the plugs + feathers. Removed enough for Terry to get thro' - down below no go: blocked with big slabs - up into chambers leads to a continuation of the rift, Hammering produced a few feet of progress to a stal. boss that required stronger measures so he returned for me to have a look. On getting to the 'end' the cave started talking to me! It was Lank in 1804 and without him going through the squeazy bits he could see my light. I think the draught, which was reversing, was mainly coming up from a lower level.

From there we went to the second depression on floor site 100 and after talking to the locals we pulled enough debris out to produce a draught. Would need an 'organised' dig to continue.

Spent rest of afternoon in Uzueka playing in the entrance passages.

H.L.

20/3/03 1874 (Snottite Cave).

Surveying.

We split into 2 teams: - Andy P, Tuffy + Jane C surveyed from the entrance to Snottite Junction which is roughly where yesterday's exploration finished. Pete S + Keskey went to Snottite Junction & started to push/survey from there. Pete or Keskey will have to describe what they found as I'm not really sure of all the gory details.

Team Pringle left a few obscure side passages for want of a strongly draughting day before inserting themselves into extreme mild & misery. The surveying went like clockwork (in this digital age) with the teams finishing exactly together at Snottite Junction.

Q: Why do some people Jane need to take their passport down this cave?

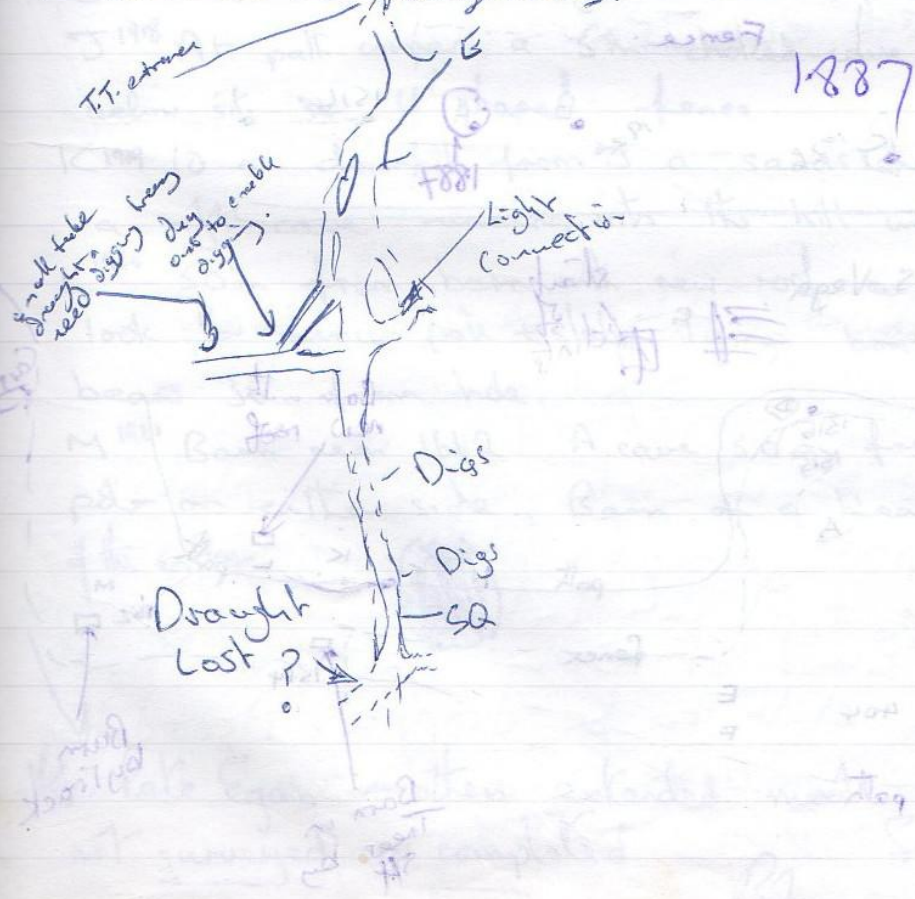
OK - I ~~am~~ fell for the Spels bullshit & thought we were coming out in FRANCE. I have faith or what!

20/04/03 *Serica de Canada (1822)* P. Purand M. Dobie K. Millington
 P.P descends down muddy gully to ledge (boulder on left) 7m
 carry on down to slippery traverse still in muddy gully to
 second drilling point 21.7m still in gully 3m x 3m
 descends further 4.7m puts in bolt back up to slippery ledge.
 M.D carries on down into vertical shaft 2.9m in total
 split at -20m by boulder floor. Carries on down from
 few loose rocks (nothing to write home about) ends in rocky
 floor no draft. Parallel rift doesn't go.

→ 20/4/03 1874 (Snottite junction) Pete S. + eski.
 Trucked upstream for approx 100m to small rift chamber
 with stream entering from aerial 2m from floor. Crawl
 80m splits + faces probably 6-8m rubbish dump in
 shakehole adjacent to 1874. - eski

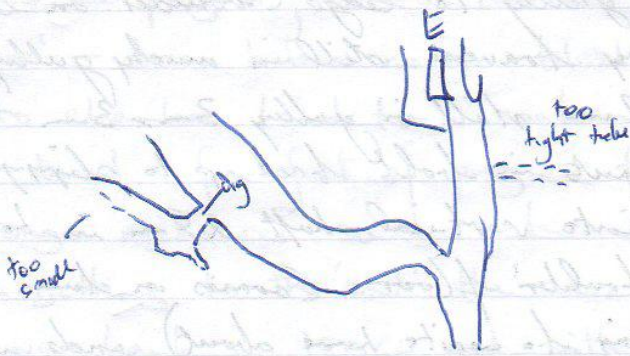
22.4.03 Ali, Jane Chilton, Seth E.
 The Carthage Cave from yesterday.

Farmer said
 the depression with
 this cave was called
 "Las Esquimaduelas"



1514

Jenny's cave - dig in side half way through



21/4 Ted + Bobby S. Vega

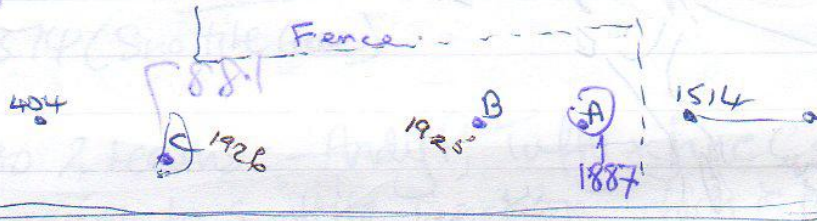
1887

A Dug into cave spotted last year near Jenny's cave

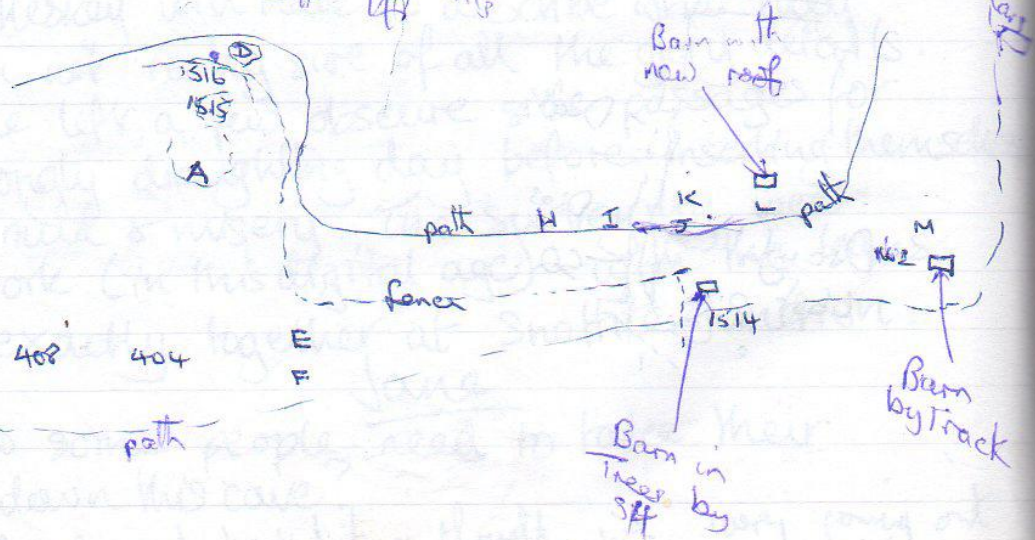
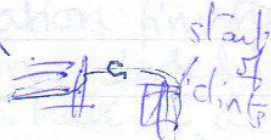
40 m of passage with various low crawls as the way on and an outward draught

B 10 m W Dig 3 m from fence. Small rift going into the hill

C Hole at the base of a cliff in a shalshole 10 m up from the corner of the same fence



22/4 Ted + Bobby S. Vega



See 25/4/03

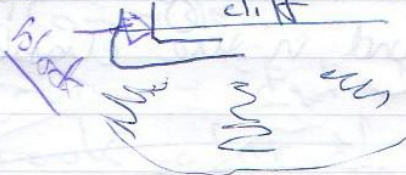
~~These sites need GPS in Summer~~

A 1912 Hole 1/2 way down s. side of shidehole 6' drop to descending slope

B+C Turned out to be 1515 & 1516

D 1913 Shidehole to NE of 1516. Low crawl came at foot of overhang with outward small draught

E 1914 Visited as (E) yesterday. In hacking rocks at entrance a small checkstone fell from roof into hole - a rope should be sufficient to remove. The hole turns right into a rift with a cliff 10-15' drop.



F 406 Obvious broken fence surrounds wide open 20' shaft with possible way on at floor.

G. 1915 5m long open goat shelter type in 1st cliff below path Vega bar on bearing 350°

H 1916 Ruined fence - one post sticks out as a marker surrounds an open hole sloping downwards

I 1917 10m beyond a shaft covered by 2 planks.

J 1918 At path corner a 5m choiced cave with large entrance below site 34. 'U' shaped fence

K 1919 10m downhill from J a sandstone block covers a rift cave running into the hill with a decent draught

L 1920 50m from barn with new roof on a covered shaft look for fence pole + slabs lying horizontally - barn bears 36° from hole.

M 1921 Barn near 1662. A cave 50m from barn with wooden poles on either side. Barn on a bearing of 188° of the entrance



R. Cault

* Pele Egan + others extended most southerly passage not surveyed or completed See previous page

BB

PI
21P
22-4-03 Pete, Carl, Juan, Tufty, Angus
OSO Serruco

Trip to survey the passages on both sides of the pitch, while Angus and Tufty started rigging the pitch. There seems to be a drop to the left of the main shaft that goes deeper. Some pottery was found in the chamber in the right hand passage.

22-4-03 JUAN

PLEASE CAN YOU PHOTOCOPY VALLINE ORIGINAL SURVEYS (GRAPH & TRACING PAPER) & SEND THEM TO ANEILL 97 MOUNT GOULD ROAD, PLYMOUTH PL4 7PX

21/4/03 Papa Noel Ali Reher, Dave
1471 3 x Dames.

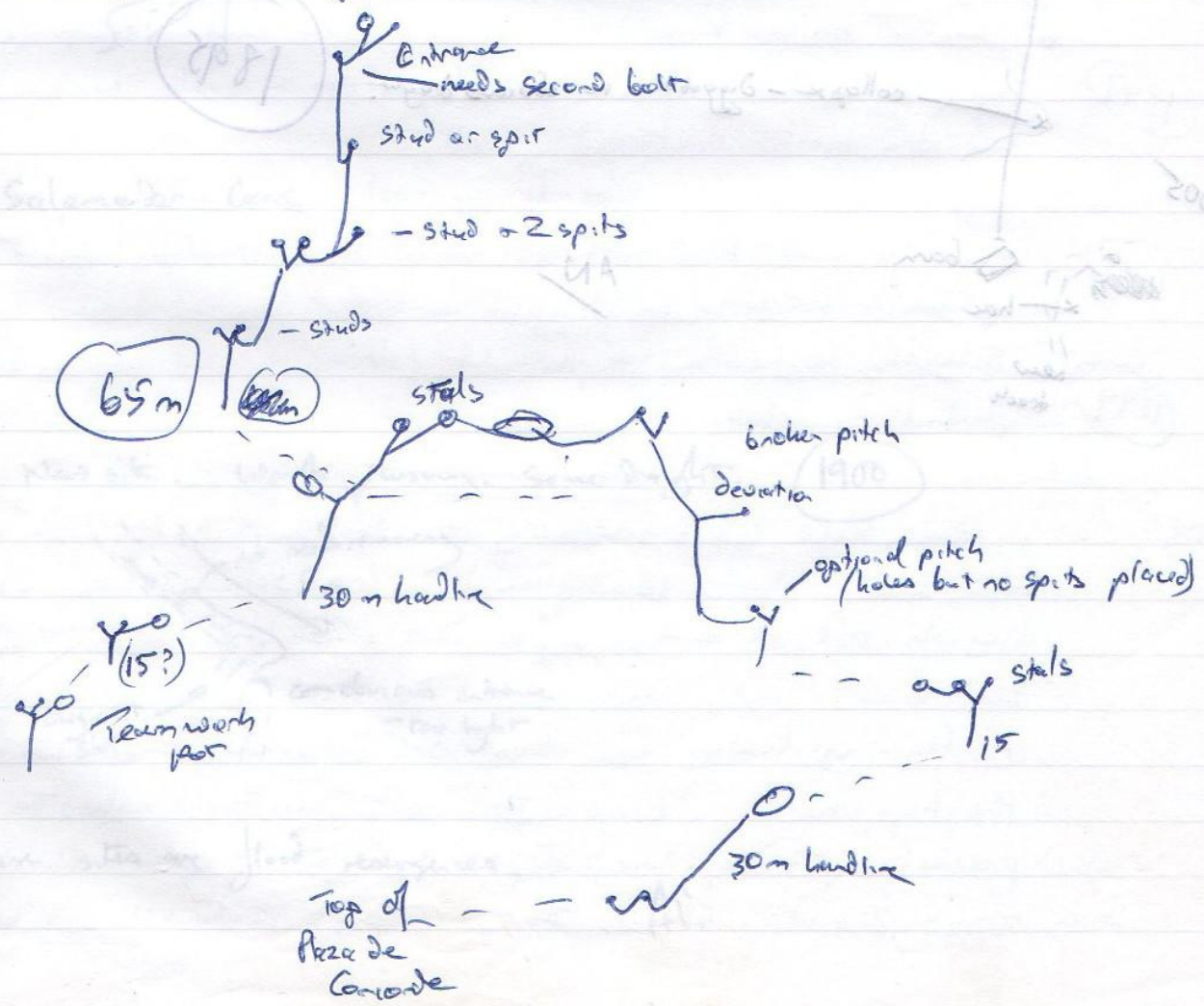
Continued team work pot with photo's upstream at rift junction. pitel was dropped to a slope up + climb into section of passage this led to head of +30m pitel head with long shrow still to be dropped. According to survey this passage has 2 doubled barrels to RIFP.

Then went down rift to pitel descended
20/4/03. Short traverse over the top ^{of pitel} leads to
continuing passage 2/3 m wide & high after
5m (approx) a drop of 3m (needs handle)
was reached this needs to be descended.

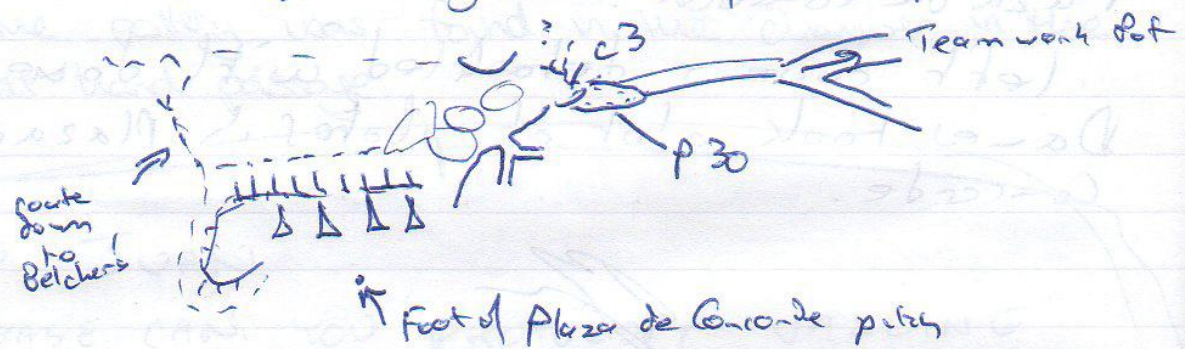
Note - this passage could be in rock above
Plaza de Concordia.

left cave & detackled with daves.
Dave took alot of photos in Plaza de
Concordia.

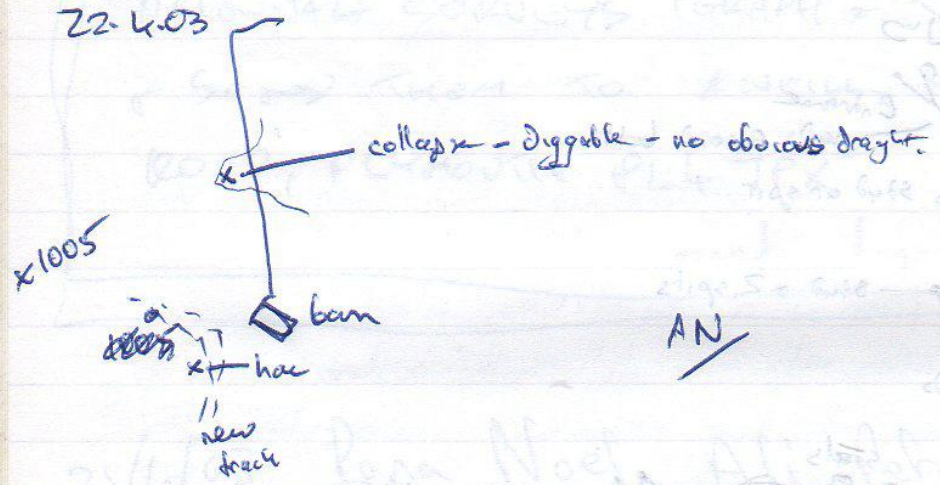
20-4-03 Repax Noel rigging



20.4.03 Papa Noel - Andy Morse, Angus, ~~John~~ Dave. Rigged main way in to Pt. de Concorde - ~~some~~ rigging improved but needs more work (P. de C needs bolting higher, second bolt needed on extreme slab). Got down into Plaza de C + heard Pete E. & the Daves who were looking at pitch ~~at~~ in passage below Teamwork Pot. Eventually met up with them, having descended the 30m pitch. There a rope up for B in climb below, enabling an exchange trip to be made. Noted passage on right at top of 30m pitch.



22.4.03

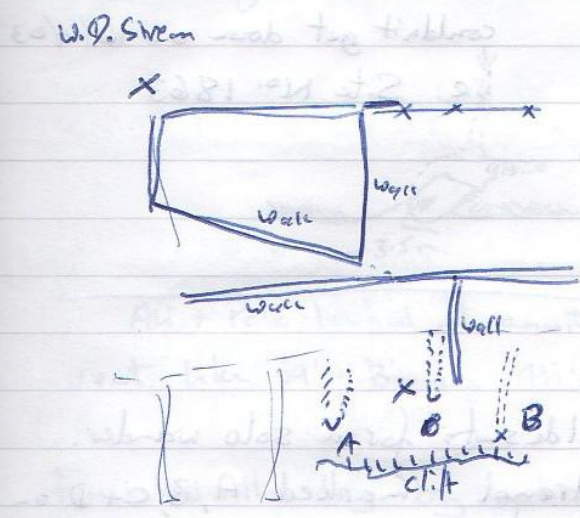


1895

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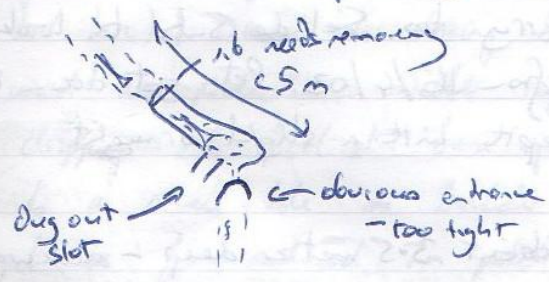
[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes and sketches at the bottom of the page, including a circled '1895' and some diagrams.]

23/4/03 Sel de Suto. Harry, Hank, Peter E., Al.



A - Salamander Cave

X - New site. Work pursuing. Some drought. 1900



All these sites are flood resources.

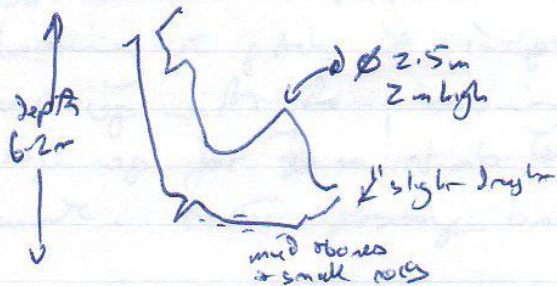
Al.

1881
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Shelf under small tree 5 m above track

Tight entrance to 3 m pitch onto slope no small chamber.

Slope up to dry with slight draught.



This was the one Andy Pringle couldn't get down on 16/4/03 i.e. Site No: 1863

22/4/03 ~~Pete, Ali + Harry~~ Harry to Sel de Suto for a solo wander.

Found 4 sites on beyond Arenal - marked A, B, C + D on enclosed map.

1896 'A' was a 4 metre drop under a sloping outcrop at top of a small gully, blowing out a cool 9.6°C (outside temp. 18.5°C).

1897 'B' was a hands + knees crawl-sized opening bending sharp right after 2 metres + then slightly left into a small chamber. This was also blowing out fairly well.

1898 'C' was higher than 'B' and to the east and is a low opening under a scar. Flat out crawl down dip of bedding choked after approx. 4 metres - no draught on a hot day, or echo.

1899 'D' slightly higher and to the east of 'C' is a small sloping tube choked completely 2 metres in - no draught.

23/4/03 Ali, Pete, Lark + Harry to Sel de Suto to look at the above and also site 1863 from 16/4/03. Pete got down - OK to diggable rift at 6.2m depth with a slight draught.

'A' from yesterday was about 3.5 metres deep - awkward at the top, to an enlargement with 2 over-tight holes. The one parallel to the scar may cap, and seems to open out a bit approx. 2 metres ahead. The other back in to hill was where

the strong outward draught was coming from. Good echo thro' this, and floor would dig easily altho' debris would need hauling to surface as no room for stacking. The 2 salamanders might need to find a new home!



Ahi + Pete looked at another site lower down - also a flood vent like 'A' + 'B' - see Ahi's note.

Finished the day by getting wet feet in Arenal, where all 3 passages were blowing out strongly.

Harry

23/4/03 Serruos - Dave Bell, Dave Tuffery, Dave King.
(Angus, Tuffey, Dave)

New ropes taken in as previous trip had made them very greasy from slime on rock. Hand line recommended from entrance as very slippery. Smaller bypass to the main "ladder pitch" divided. Rigged with studs. Next trip must take an extra nut as one lost during derigging. Y hang at top of short pitch to slippery ledge. Y hang at rebelay. (Nut lost here). Decent to sloping boulder ledge. One bolt put in. Bags used as protection. Better rigging required. ~~Main chamber~~ Water dripping into pool at base of pitch. Main chamber stops steeply to a small hole in boulder chock. Some remained and 2 bolts put in for outward 7m pitch into small chamber. Various light ladders off with all too light. Draught felt coming from the flow which enters a thin vadose beyond. At the top of main chamber boulder stop in opposite direction. Thrown rocks rumble for a few seconds.

This was not decided as lack of time.

23/4/03 Terry W & Dave King.

Location of sites Nr the TV mast track continuation

A) 4m long rift $< 0.5m$ wide covered by slabs Max depth seen 5m needs uncovering & descending. 1489

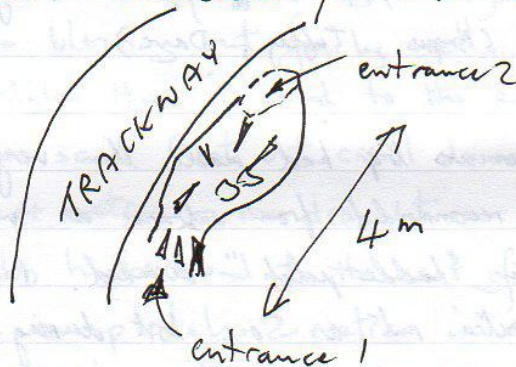
30T 0450948/UTM 4795050

B) Known shaft with two entrances ? 1338

30T 0450950/UTM 4795126

C) Digable shafthole leading to a fissure at least 5m long draughting out. 30T 0450887/UTM 4795133 1901

G) Small Cave Fragment partly blocked by debris from track Located just where track starts to descend west to Seldesoto. 30T 0450227/UTM 4795043 1902



H) 4m square shaft with trees growing at entrance Circa 20m deep may be in 2 drops sounds big draughts out gently

~~30T 0450227/UTM 4795043~~
≡ 1117 ≡ 580

(Pictures taken) 30T 0449813/UTM 4794574

I) Known (DCC?) dig¹ by stream² in Seldesoto 879 30T 0449681/UTM 479472

J) " " " " " 30T 0449661/UTM 4794724

1117

24/4/03

TERRY W. & PETE SMITH

580

Back to H7 To drop it. Suspect this is the same as 580 which Pete says was descended by Tupper Thomas. 2 ladders proved short so retried with 3. One rung remained on the ground. The lifeline was 3m short.

4m square shaft becomes a fine 3m diameter round shaft with almost free hang (after the first 4m) of 20m

A ledge 3m from the bottom gives access to an eyehole on the south side of the shaft from where a parallel pitch of about ~~6m~~ 6m lands in a small pool. The passage may exit to the south in a meander. Gentle draught out. Needs a revisit with tackle.

Total depth circa 25m (30m of SRT rope attached to the trees will bottom both pitches)

2 Drafting fissures reformed in the field below H7 580 (not easily diggable) } 30T 0449764 / UTM 4794602 (1903)
} 30T 0449743 / UTM 4794585 (1904)

Another short diggable fissure with a weak draught at 30T 0449791 / UTM 4794558 Length circa 3m blocked by sandstone rocks. (1905)

4
+23
+

1910

24 April. Juan Penny + Bobby + Ted + N Enasco
Walk to check finds of Bobby + Ted 17 April

A The left feature seems like a slip rift and also has had a draughting side rift (diggable) just inside the entrance 1880

B. Hole by trough too small to count, ends being sealed
C + D Rift + Post + Cave are 967

New 1881 Hole on uphill side of path to 967. Slope leads to rift into the hill. Cool

E was 1595. F was not found but notes show it to be above G 25m? slightly west

H* 9m deep climb to chamber 1883

New 1882 10m down hill from H. 2m climb down then slide into collapse chamber with holes in floor.

I - Count as a dig no depth or draught

J* 4m choked shaft 1884 in bramble bush

K was 779 L was 1600 M was 1813

N the through cave was given the benefit of 1885
Looked at entrance to 1829.

On return found G - cave in shale hole - 1886

fox, 1 hare spotted.
Bob Cawthorne

1883
* 4m long rift. A 3m climb down onto boulders where 2 consecutive 3m climbs down leads to a duck into a 4m long coffin chamber under large blocks D=9 L=13m

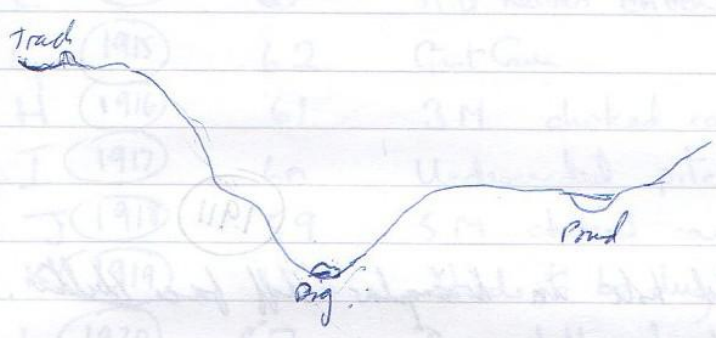
* 1884 2m climb down to outler short sloping climb to a set of bars. L=5 D=4.

1) brown (100%) dig by stream sediments
2)

21/4/03

Dave Bell, Dave Tuffery
Walk to area to W of Papa Noel. 7 holes found of no particular importance.

1. Potential dig off new track at near Papa Noel. 507(3) 504(6)



1906

* This one is important!

2. Draughting hole with non draughting slot further up slope. 506(0) 9512(7)



1907

3. Hole beneath small dead tree in side of 20m depression. 5065(8) 9534(0) alt 370 - No go.

1908

4. Large drift immediately north of depression (3) above. Trees in bottom. Looks promising but no go. 5066(7) 9533(7)

1909

5. 6" wide non draughting slot below dead tree ~ 4-6m deep? 5053(2) 9541(0) Clint

6. Non draughting horizontal crowding ~~large~~ sized chamber 3m long. Through crowd into chamber 3m x 2m. Goat skeleton. 5052(8) 9545(6)

1910

6. cont.



Further round corner to W a upslope
small bedding plane hole $\frac{1}{2}$ m deep.
at base of cliff face & behind a
v. large boulder. Nothing there.

1911

7. Crouch sized horizontal hole in triangular cliff face shelter.
No draught.

2m diameter - 2m from entrance 30° left then 6m straight -
Stops. Contains large number of rusty rustine tins. Quite
wet inside. 50649) 95505).

Photos in 030421 DRB folder.

Send Jones/Turber CD of all photos
Gmail Jones for address around 1/5/03.
Get received

0191


25 April P Smith Bibby S Vega
Repeat of 22nd April walk with Ted, armed with GPS + P Smith

Letter	Note	GPS ID	Description	Other
A	1912	64	3M deep choked hole	(B/c 1515 (1516))
D	1913	63	4M cave ends in choke	
E	1914	65	Still needs chokestone removing	
G	1915	62	Goat Cave	(F = 406)
H	1916	61	3M choked cave	
I	1917	60	Undescended pitch	
J	1918	59	5M choked cave	
K	1919	58	Needs to be dug, less draught today	
L	1920	57	Descendable shaft	
M	1921	56	5M. choked cave	
N	1922	55A	Error: A is as described on 22 nd April	

but N is what was GPS'd.

N is very closed and of similar entrance appearance
It is a little lighted and needs a couple of rock protrusions

GPS removing for inspection. Probably a no go.
P 66 From 21st April site 'B' Right feature only about 5' deep
best to forget this one.

OK - Not numbered.
Bob 

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