

LOGBOOK

Year: 2005

Season: autumn

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

OCTOBER 2005

AUTUMN (i)

23rd October 2005

Juan and Penny to the entrances of Fuente Aguanaz on the drive in from the airport. The end of the road down now ends in a car park with 4 "interpretation" boards about water use and more boards in the two old buildings. Walked up the new(?) track to the middle entrance. The track continues beyond to the north and a short distance up the right bank towards a house. At the side of the track is an open hole which appears to drop down onto glass / rubbish but needs investigating (site 2359 at approx 044666 480179)

Took photos 13 – 20 around the Aguanaz entrances.
Took photos 21 – 22 at site 2359.

24th October 2005

Juan & Penny walked from lower TV Mast track past Cueva Lammas and then up to the west towards a small valley noticed on the map. Nothing of interest in the valley, but at the northern end below the only hollyoak and next to only pine tree in the vicinity lies a hidden shaft about 12 – 15m deep. There's quite an impressive echo. Just below the top, the roomy rift is partially blocked by a couple of large blocks and these may have to be pulled out or smashed up before anyone can descend. [Site 2360. Video of stone falling. Photos on vidcam: 100-2241 to 100-2245].

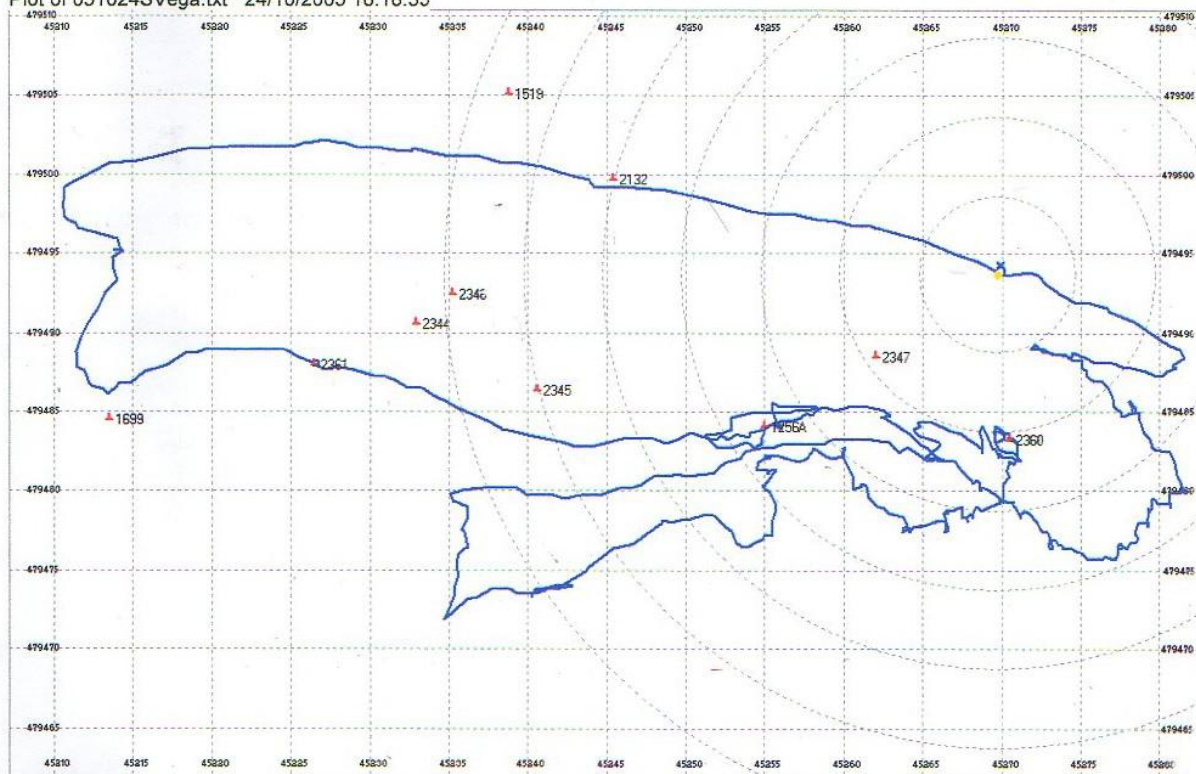
Walked on to try and find the 8m long cave with a tube entrance at site 1256. Failed, despite skirting all the cliffs in the area.

Headed towards the top of the track and came across the open rift – site 2361, a walk-in rift with an undercut at the 3m deep end.

2360 @ 30T 452705 4794832

2361 @ 30T 452265 4794880

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25th October 2005

Early 10am start for Ian & Juan to Cueva Collada with 2 ladders and a rope. First pitch has bolt (only one seen) on a knob of rock just before the wet crawl to the head. One ladder hung off here through the crawl down the more spacious right side of the drop didn't reach the floor so the second ladder was used to supply the last 3 or 4m. Pitch seems to be at least 8m deep. (The survey file suggests that the 8m vertical measurement is from the base of the ledge (in the narrowest part) 2m down - so the pitch is really 10m deep.

Juan down pitch and then to the head of the next drop through the sinuous rift. The second pitch seems to have become smaller possibly because the left wall has moved in against the end of the rift. The top appears too small (for normal sized people) as it is now.

Left the 1st pitch rigged and bags in for the November contingent to push on. Came out and headed to the depression to the west. Still too much jungle but this depression needs another look in winter.

26th October 2005

Juan & Penny on a 10.5km circum-navigation of Muela and Mullir. Weather very suitable for shorts - must have been 25C. Walked up to site 128 and then S past 489 and 487. Both appear to be in strange places on the map. GPS of site 1198 - the first of the "eye holes". Then round the hill and up to site 1199.

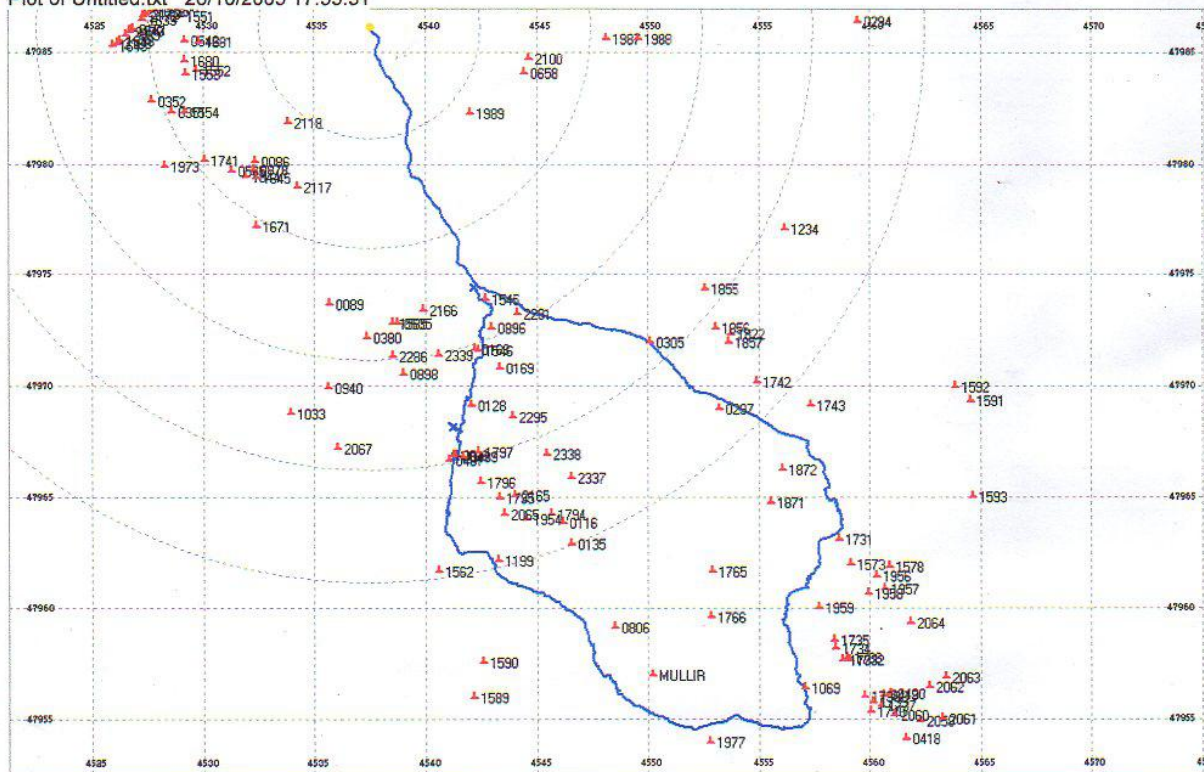
Contoured round below the cliff line at about 700m until we ended up below the col at sites 181, 182, S of the Hoya de Yusa. Decided to take the green ledge at about the same altitude on Mullir rather than the ledge down below the overhanging cliff (this needs a walk along).

Contoured south at about 700m and then east along the southern side until we were overlooking the head of the Cuatrim valley. Then headed N finding site 1069 (2 shafts) in the wrong place. GPS and photos. Continued north to meet the depressions to the east of the Hoya de Yusa and then dropped down to the track beyond the deserted farm.

Noticed that the Cellarón track is being done up with 30000 euros of EU money. The sign calls the area Cillarón.

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W 1198	30T	454128	4796681	Flag	I E	607.4
W 1069	30T	455707	4795634	Flag	I E	669.0

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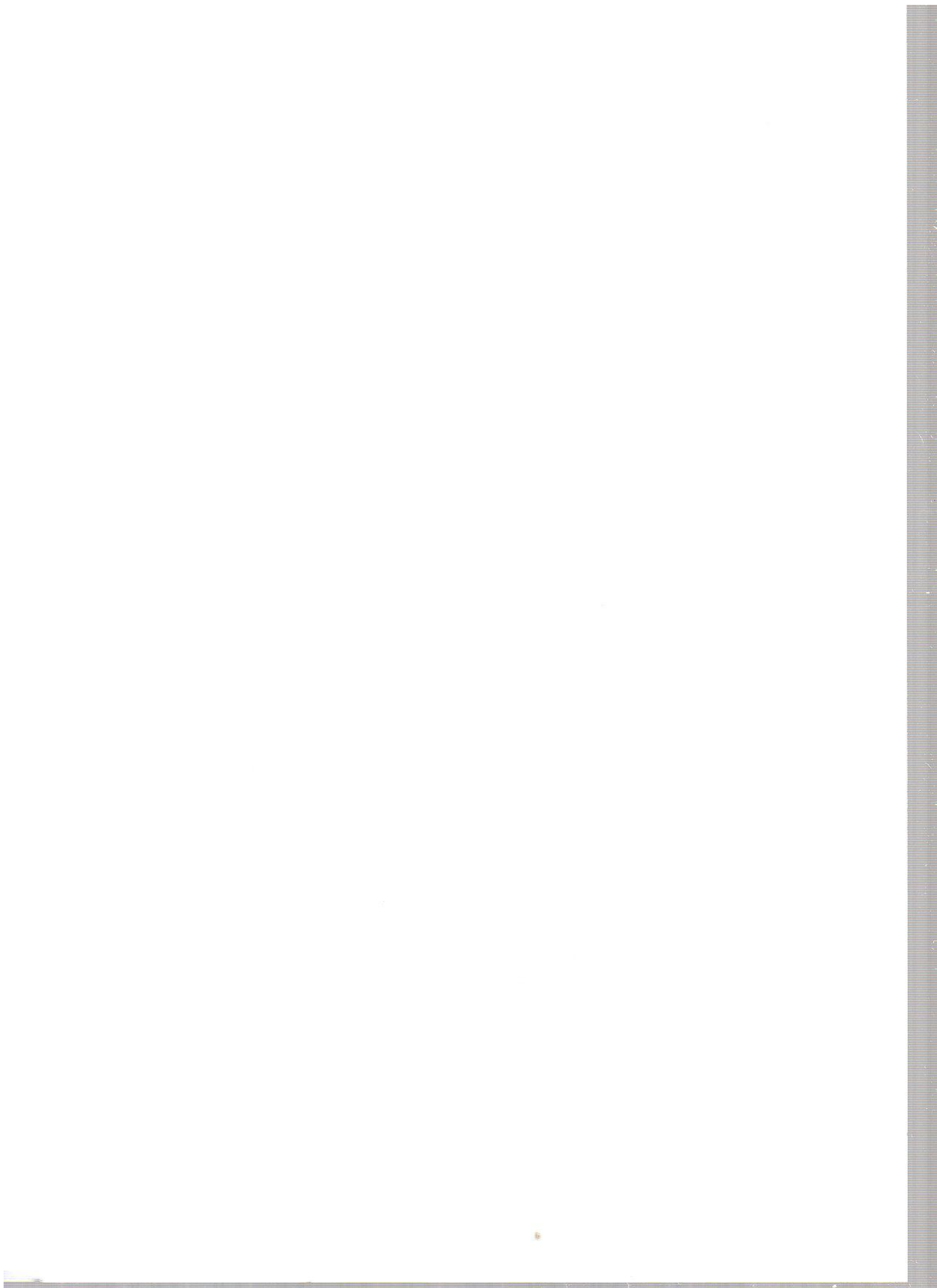
29th October 2005

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Ian and Juan back into Cueva Collada to look again at the second pitch. Ian down first pitch this time – Juan stayed at the top as the double lifeline arrangements didn't inspire confidence with the ropes pulling under the ladder and possibly pulling it into the narrowest part.

Ian put in bolt at head of second pitch – which does appear smaller than the first pitch. Second pitch now needs a ladder and the pushing team can get to work!

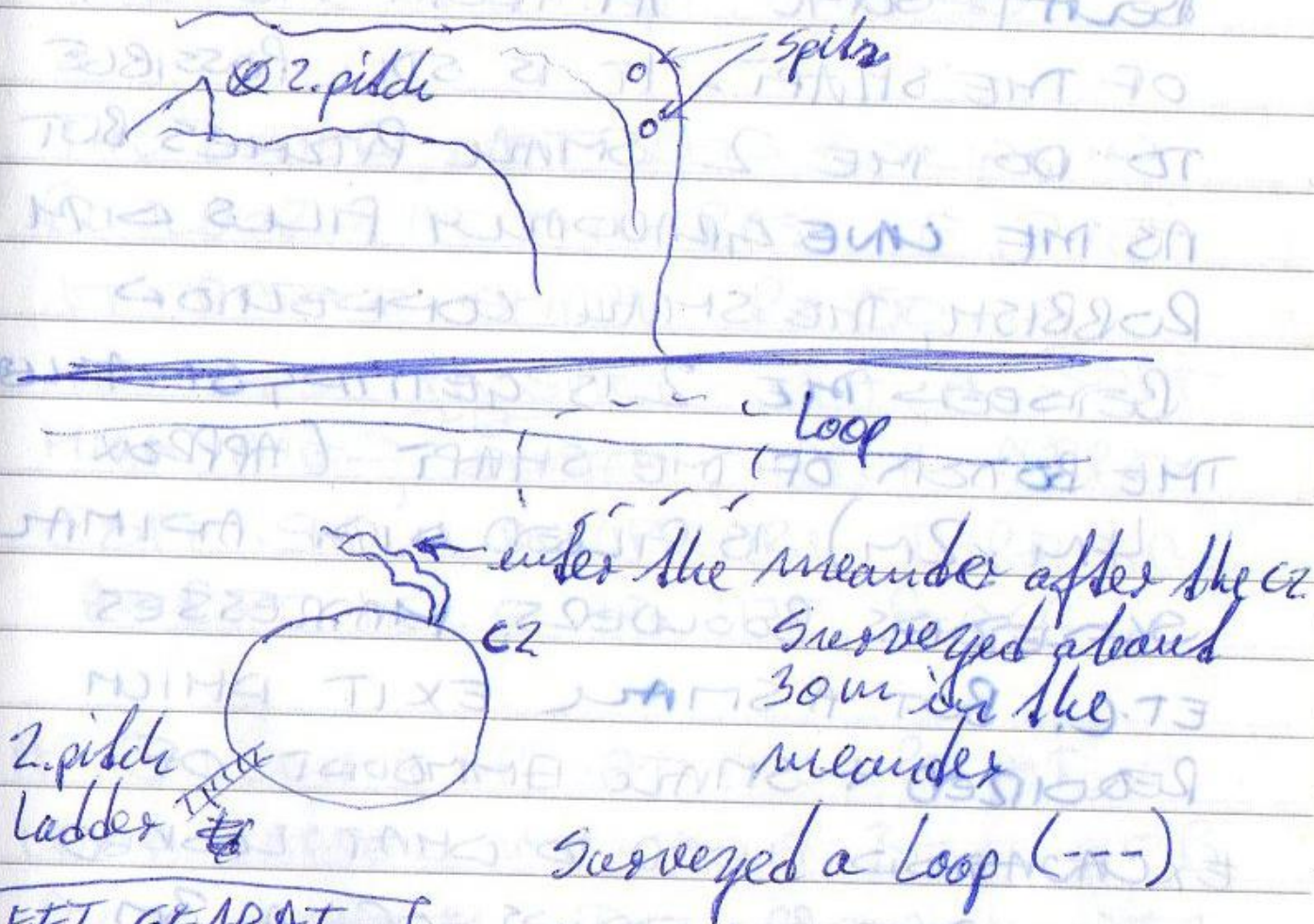
Coal brought out from the seam in the left hand wall of the entrance crawl burned quite nicely. Also some Roman / modern pottery brought out. It may be worthwhile "excavating" the floor of the sit-up "chamber" back round the corner from the head of the first pitch.



Tuesday 8/11/05 Collada (394)
 Torben, Peter, Dave Bell

Carm and Pedro helped cavers find the entrance - team got underground at 5 pm

Nie crawl to head of the first pitch, with a bit of mud. Head of second pitch is not badly narrow.



LEFT GEAR AT
 HEAD OF FIRST
 PITCH:

2 rope

1 ladder on 1. pitch

BRING: 1 ladder + 2 hangers

The meander continues
 caving left at the last
 station.

Thursday 10/11 - Cam, Pedro

TORCA CARDOENOSA. (682)

TO DROP THE PITCH DESCRIBED AS
LOOSE + BOULDERY FROM LAST
VISIT - (SEE MAP → 2040)

LOG BOOK DESCRIBES A 5M + 8M
ENTRANCE PITCH. WE DID THIS AS
1 SINGLE 11M PITCH REQUIRING 2
LADDERS AS THERE A GOOD NATURAL
BEAM SOME 7FT FROM THE EDGE
OF THE SHAFT. IT IS STILL POSSIBLE
TO DO THE 2 SMALL PITCHES BUT
AS THE CAVE GRADUALLY FILLS WITH
ROBBISH, THE SMALL CORRIDOR
BETWEEN THE 2 IS GETTING SMALLER
THE BOTTOM OF THE SHAFT (APPROX
4M x 2M) IS FILLED WITH ANIMAL
SKELETONS, BOULDERS, MATTRESSES
ET.C. BUT A SMALL EXIT WHICH
REQUIRED + SMALL AMOUNT OF
EXCAVATION LEAD TO WHAT LOOKED
LIKE THE BEGINNING OF A 3M
PITCH BUT IN FACT WAS AN
EASY CLIMB

2 APPARENT DAMS OR FROM THERE

① A HIGH LEVEL MEANDER
TRAVERSE - APPROX 20 FT LONG
THIS PASSED OVER THE PASSAGE
BELOW.

② THE PASSAGE BELOW LEAD DOWN
SLOPE INTO AN IMPRESSIVELY
SIZED PASSAGE WAY OF ABOUT
1.5 M x 8 M HIGH. ~~THE~~

THE WATER, LAST SEEN SINKING IN
BOULDERS AT THE BASE OF THE
ENTRANCE SHAFT REEDS
IN THIS PASSAGE VIA A 30 FT
HIGH AVENUE ^{THE} ~~WATER~~ WATER APPROX
30 FT SLOWLY DISAPPEARS THROUGH
A RAT HOLE IN THE FLOOR.

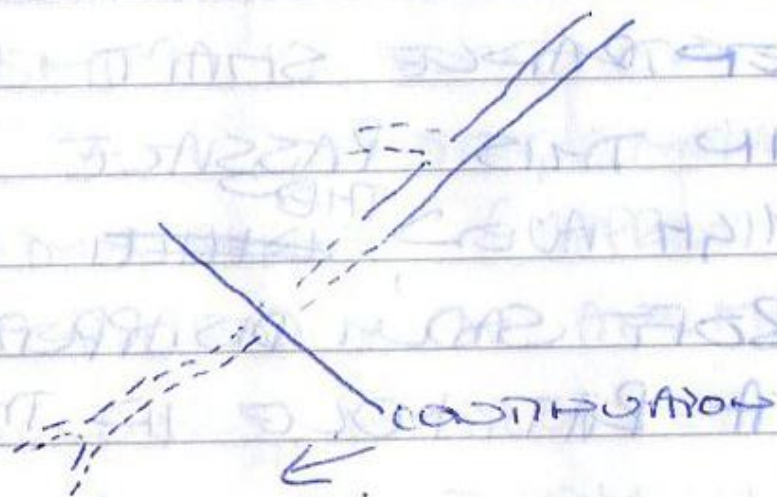
A 3 M CLIMB OF RAT THIS POINT
LEADS AFTER 1 M TO A 3 M CLIMB
DOWN ~~WATER~~. THE PASSAGE WAY
ASCENDS STEEPLY FROM HERE AFTER
15 FT TO A CHOKER.

COEVA CANDENOSA (681)

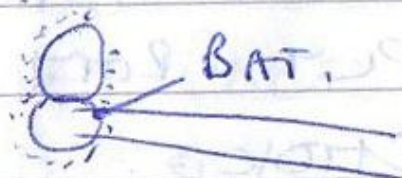
TO CHECK OUT SOME OF THE
CRACKS GOING OFF THAT STATE
"STILL GOING" ON THE SURVEY
THEY ARE NOW HOT!

CONTIGUES FLAT OUT THEY DIPS
DOWN + SPLIT INTO 2 VERY
NARROW LANS ON - TOO SMALL
TO EVEN DIG

ROUGH SKETCH FROM SURVEY



THERE WAS A BAT AT THE BASE
OF THE OTHER CRACK WITH THE
2 AVENS



Finally, the best discovery of the day!
The rough track between La
Collada and Cobadal is now a
beautifully smooth tarmac and
concrete road.

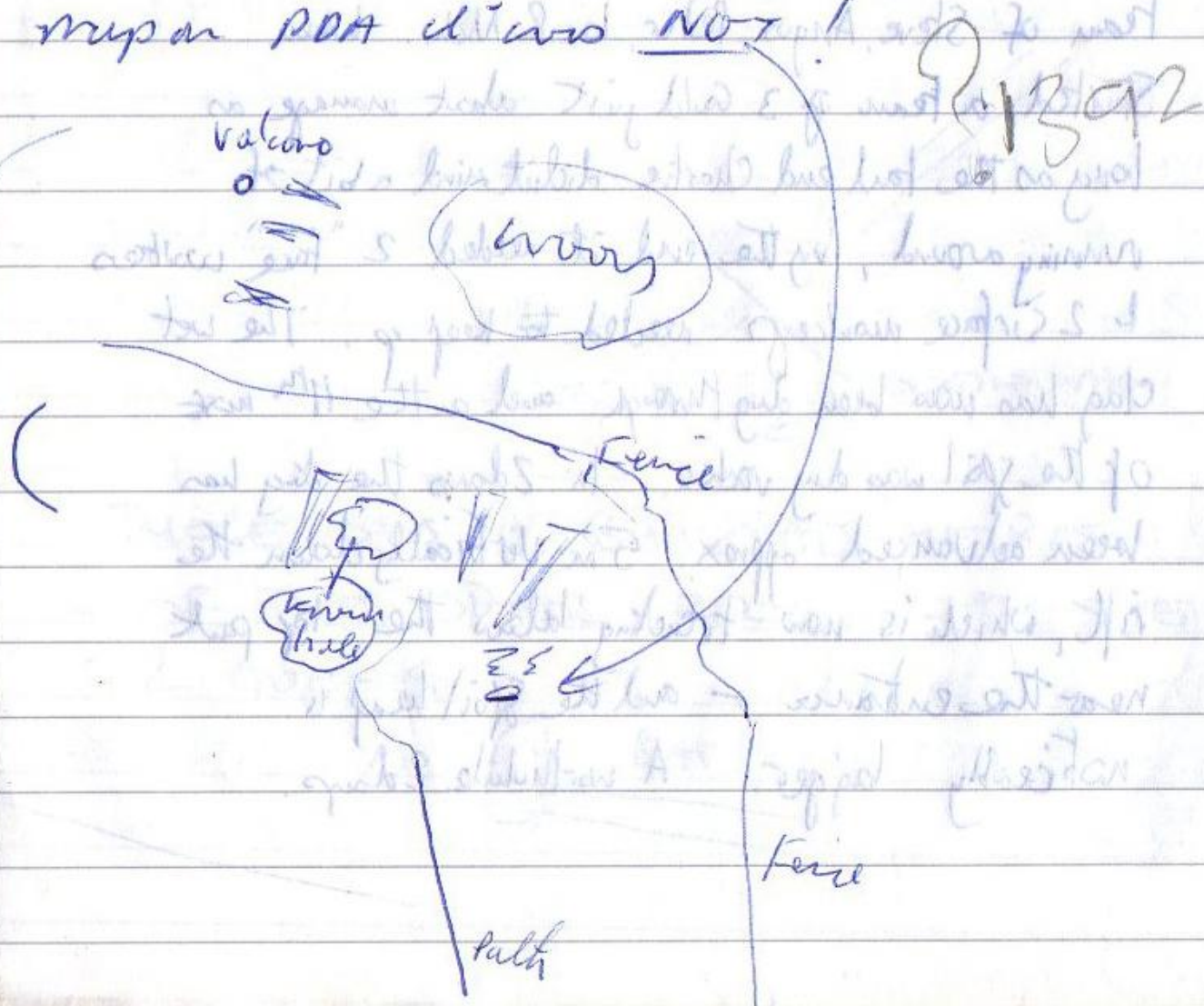
10^m & 11^m - Tabla Dig (Bolton, 1880)

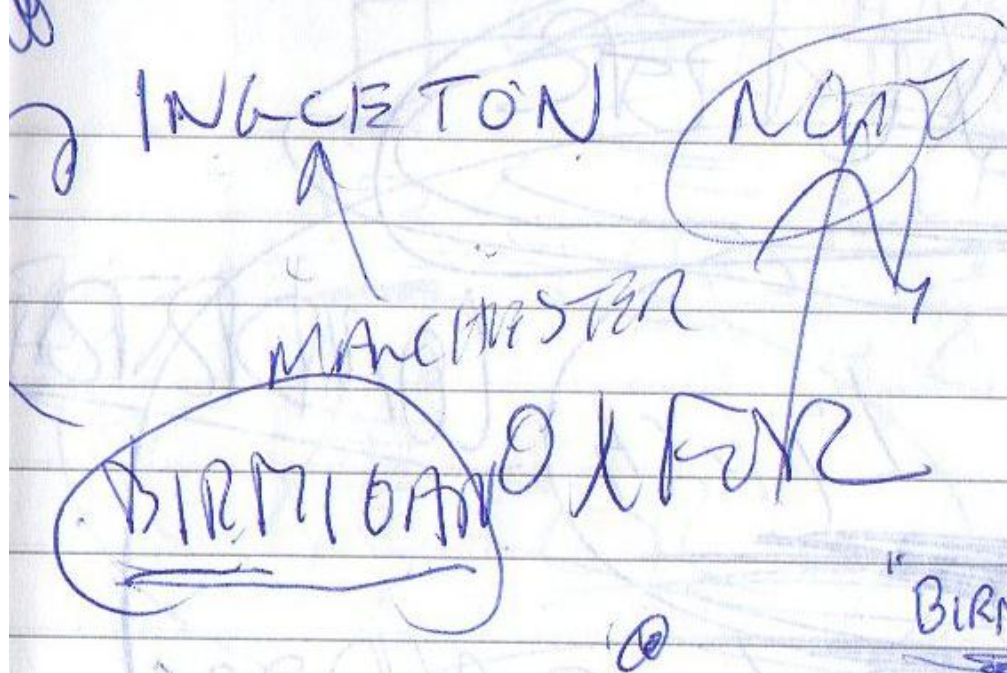
described as possessing the best shaft in Matienzo,
This sounded interesting on the 10^m, Steve, Angus & Nick
Joined later by Terry and Ian. on the 11^m, a 5-man
team of Steve, Angus, Peter, Ian & Nick. When
started, a team of 3 could just about manage as
long as the tail end Charlie didn't mind a bit of
running around, by the end it needed 2 "face" workers
& 2 surface monkeys needed to keep up. The wet
clag has now been dug through and on the 11^m most
of the spoil was dry rocks. In 2 days the dig has
been advanced approx 5m vertically down the
rift, which is now trenching below the top part
near the entrance - and the spoil heap is
noticeably bigger. A worthwhile 2 days.

11/11/05 Phil & Ken - Volcano.

After making up snappers with new match heads we walked up. Put in 4 kubs & 5 Snappers (one double), but it did little so still had to go! Need 1.5 km

Track hammer & get set to make page a at Esbr. On way back found a cave under a cliff, blocked by a rock moved rock & could see down some 8m down a 45° slope into a cave - I assumed it was known, but on looking a map on PDA it was NOT!





11 Nov - St Martin's Day and
Fiesta time in Matienzo.

That explains these 3 pages

EXETER

HENRY

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13 ans ALA SUISSE

19...?

EXETER

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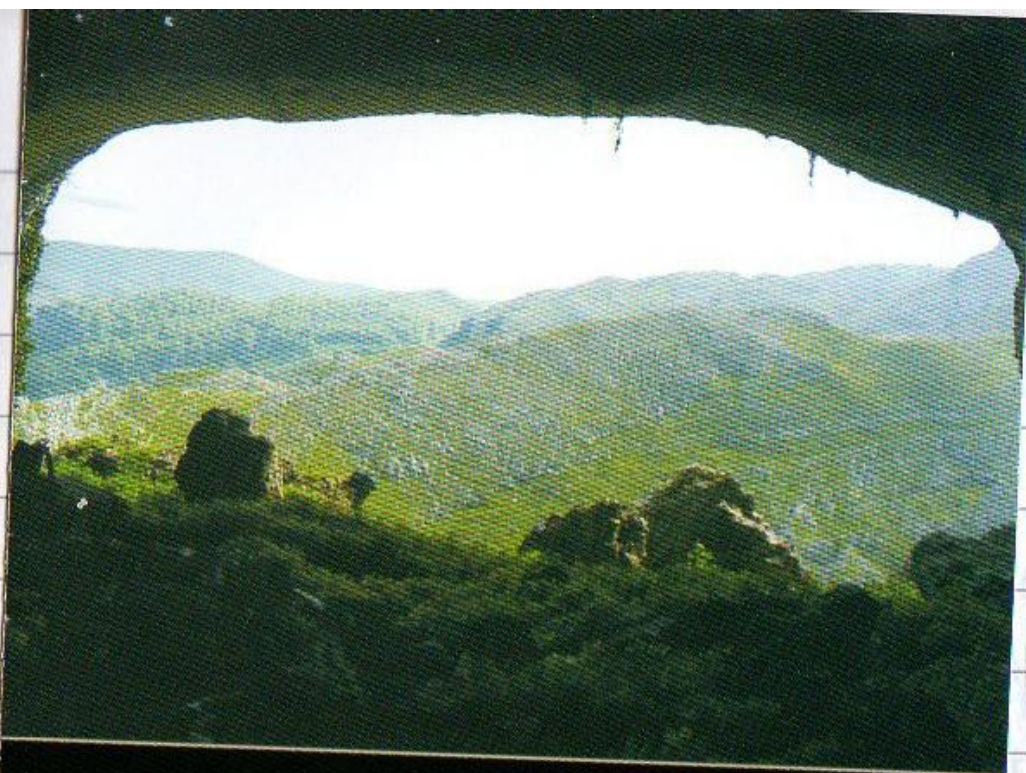
MARI
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XT-ORD Interns

This exhibition →
uses several photos taken
from Matienzo web site.

In each case, the photographer
is credited, and the Matienzo
Expedition is listed on the
leaflet



Cantabria: Diversidad Subterránea

Del 8 al 25 de noviembre en la Sala de
Exposiciones del Centro Cultural La Vidriera (Maliaño)



11/11-2005

Torben, Peter
Carmen, Louise

Papa Noël

16 hour trip to Hall of Tubes - next to Hole in the Wall-Chambers. Surveyed Hall of Tubes and had a good look around.

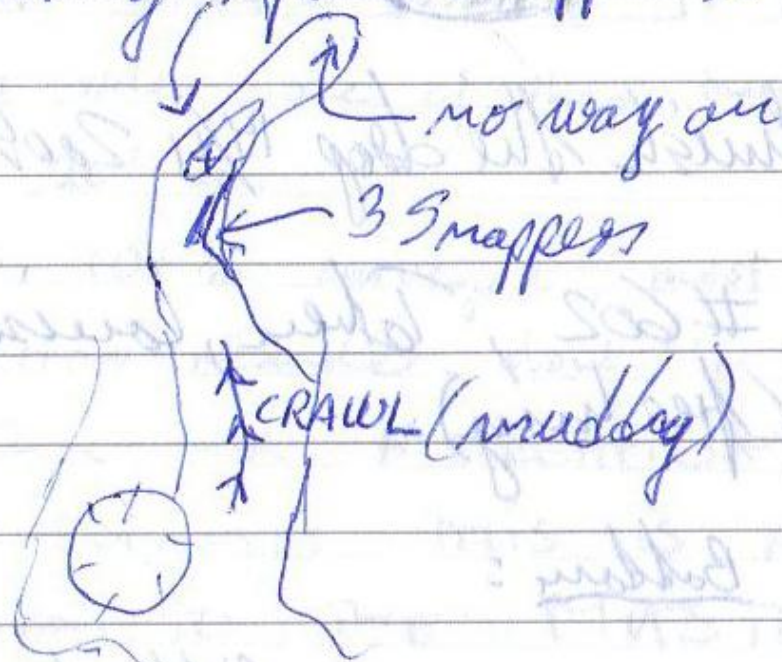
Made ~~off~~ surveys in Hall of Tubes and ~~in~~ at the very end. Looked for a connection at "G". ~~Then~~ Launched a time capsule of survey paper in the hope that one day it will be discovered.....

Best lead: in the floor of Hall of Tubes a shaft of about 8m (c survey). Undecoded. Didn't survey loop in Roundabout Chamber - could not be arsed. Leads to nothing.

Torben only carried his camera - and took 2 photos. he slept the whole way.....

13/11 2005 #2167

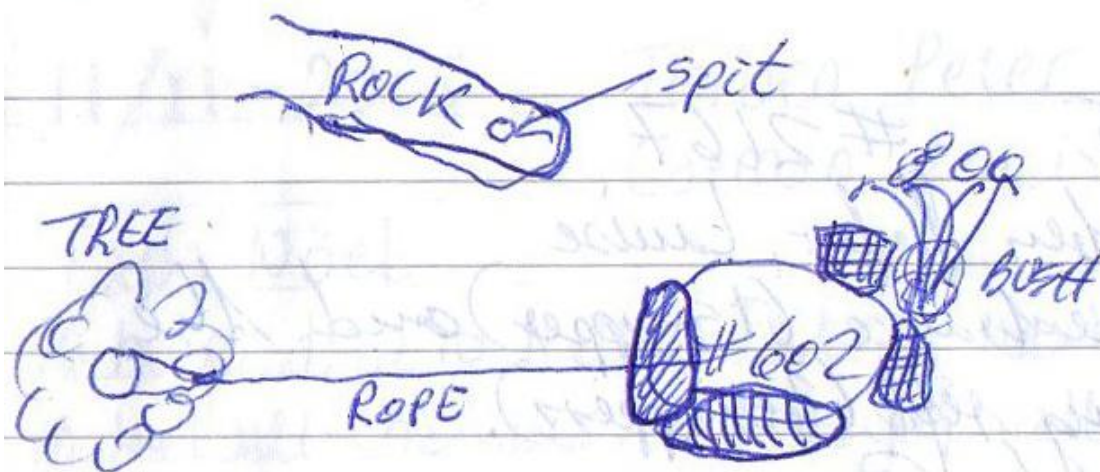
Phil, Torben, Peter, Louise
Enlarged entrance (1 snapper) and the
draughting rift (3 snappers).



The way on is down the rift as "x".
The rift is about 20 cm wide and 2 m
deep, so snappers/cops are useful.

13/11 2005 #602

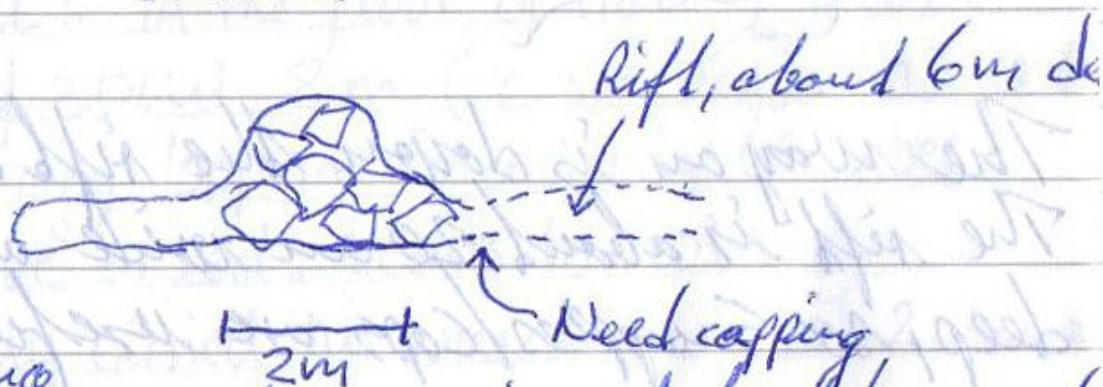
Torben, Peter, Louise
Removed the boulders on top of the
shaft. We were soaked in mud from
#2167 and it was raining, so we got
cold and finished after putting on



We will finish the loop 14/11 2005.

14/11 2005 #602, Toben, Louix, Pete
15m shaft (free hang).

Bottom:



^{entrance}
The ~~shaft~~ now has a rim of boulders and is covered with logs.

14/11 2005 Collada - Carm, Pedro

Went down the cave as far as
carm left on 8/11.

Continued another 10m, where the
meander broke out into a larger passage
with sound of stream.

A short climb down to stream. Downstream it soon goes to top of 40' pitch, which we left as we had no tackle.

Instead we went upstream. Main passage ended at boulder run-in. it has avens off the side, one of them may have a passage 20' up.

About 105m surveyed, most of passage is a narrow meander about 1m wide and about 12m high. A STRENGTHWAY IN THE FLOOR SUGGESTS THIS IS AN INLET LEADING TO THE MASTER

RIVER CAVE - OH YES,

CAVE LEFT DE-RIGGED BUT HANGERS

STILL IN PLACE 2 AT TOP OF 1ST PITCH + 2 AT TOP OF 2ND PITCH. ~~2ND~~ PITCH MORE LIKE 10M THAN 8m.

Subj: **RE: Matienzo**
Date: 10/11/2005 21:27:04 GMT Standard Time
From: artcaves@yahoo.es
To: Uzueka@aol.com

Hallo Juan, first thats good news for Penny as she has only a little time to wait now. News from here as from early Thursday evening. Tuesday evening Torben, Peter and Angus went into Collada. Down 2nd pitch and surveyed the rift for 30m -still going but ran out of time- and also surveyed a small loop. Total about 60m. Rained all day yesterday, sat around the fire at Peter's house and drank tea. Today Torben and Peter went to rig Papa Noel, ready for a push Friday. Peter and Carmen went off prospecting down known shafts in Cobadal, not sure where. Big team (5) was digging at Tablon this afternoon for over 2 hours. Still draughting and below our feet is a space, but dont hold your breath for a break through. Big Steve had a rock bounce of his top lip, cutting through it to a tooth. Weather dry but getting colder. I will give another progress report over the weekend, off to the bar now, bye, Ian

Subj: **news**
Date: 12/11/2005 17:44:41 GMT Standard Time
From: artcaves@yahoo.es
To: uzueka@aol.com

Hallo Juan, not much has happened here. The big trip into Coteron Papa Noel found nothing really. Carmen was with the Danes and she said it was not a highly motivated excursion. Torben was tired. They noted one or two things and have derriged after about 14 hours. The shaft that Peter and Carmen went to gave 20 ms at the bottom before closing down. Yesterday 5 were again in Tablon for 3 1/2 hours and we have removed a lot of stones: probably down about 8ms now. The roof is still dipping down at 45 degrees. Phil and Kevin went to Volcano and did a trifling bit of damage. They say it requires a big mechanical hammer to really make progress. Today, after the fiesta (I got to bed at 5am) it has been raining heavily. The Danes went off, very late to do some digging at Franks. Peter and Carmen I dont know what they did. Phil, Steve etc were festering, as I was today. bye, Ian

Subj: **Back in the UK!**
Date: 17/11/2005 19:04:37 GMT Standard Time
From: smith_peter2004@yahoo.es
To: uzueka@aol.com

Hi,

How are you? We hope Penny is recovering from the operation with no complications.

We'll be in touch again over the next few days, we have to send you the log book and survey data. I'm not sure now if it's Angus or Torben who has the data of the surveying they did in Collada. That has to go in before our data.

Tackle has got spread out. Big Steve kindly offered to pressure wash the ladders and ropes we brought out of Collada, and I don't know what he's done with them. But they must be in his house. And the Danes were going to give the tackle they'd used to Ian.

The big question, everyone was wondering, is if Penny is ok now, will you be going to Matienzo at Xmas? Carmen was seeing the bottle half full for you. She said you got to within 50-60m of the new pitch with Ian, so you should be able to do it!
I think it's a muddy tight hole and not one to be done too often!

Subj: **Re: Back in the UK!**
Date: 18/11/2005 15:39:15 GMT Standard Time
From: smith_peter2004@yahoo.es
To: Uzueka@aol.com

Angus got 30m along the meander, more or less to where you and Slug stopped according to the description in the Matienzo Underground.

This means you haven't heard from him or got their survey data.

We want to scan our notes so we can send them to you. Haven't had time yet.

Phil hasn't been in, but we were also thinking that if the cave goes far, he'll want to enlarge it.

I saw some black stuff above the pitch, but wasn't hanging around to look at it more closely.

We took a camera in so we could get some photos of the known cave if there was nothing else happening. So, no, there weren't any photos taken.

Subj: **collada/candenosa**
Date: 21/11/2005 19:18:57 GMT Standard Time
From: nuclear@omicbomb1.fsnet.co.uk
To: Uzueka@aol.com

Hi Juan,

Penny still recovering well?

We've attached the raw data files for the two bits of surveying we did. Sima Candenosa and the upstream meander in Collada.

Obviously the last station in the Candenosa survey is the entrance. We can print that out and draw it up.

The last station in the Collada survey is where Angus and Torben finished. The unexplored pitch down is roughly below station 16, and the cave goes upstream to station 0 where the passage was blocked by a boulder run in. If you prefer, we can wait till you have the full survey before we do any drawing up.

Despite your last e mail, I don't think we can be accused of grabbing in Collada! When we arrived in Matienzo on the Tuesday afternoon, the Danes and Angus were already there and they said they wanted to do Collada. We thought it was getting late and decided not to go. But we took them to the entrance with Carm's GPS, and I gave them a survey and told them the description mentioned a passage still continuing. They got no further than it seems Big Nose got, but still couldn't be arsed to go back. So just to keep you happy and prove that your theories were not just bullshit, we did it on our last day!

The next lot of grabbers can take photos.

Carm and Pete

Subj: **RE: Matienzo**
Date: 21/11/2005 22:41:53 Romance Standard Time
From: redder@post6.tele.dk
To: Uzueka@aol.com

Hi Juan

I just sent the mail below this to your Matienzo-mail.

And a few more words:

MAtienzo was very wet. Reminding me of the easter 2004. But less people made it less muddy.

2264, 0394, 2167 and 602 was checked and we made a trip into Papa Noel

In all of them there is still leads. A few of them will need capping or Snapper-Phil. Phil enlarged 2167.

I have prepared the survex-files of what we did and just need to draw the surveys. I will finish it within this week and e-mail you the package.

Best Regards
Torben

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Subj: RE: Matienzo
Date: 22/11/2005 19:42:03 Romance Standard Time
From: smith_peter2004@yahoo.es
To: Uzueka@aol.com

Hi Juan,

Sorry, that's something I forgot to mention too. We went to Santander one day and went to the water board and spoke to Fernando. He repeated that they can't give permission, that only the Central government water board can do that. But it was better not to ask them.

Your address is on the latest proposal and I said he should write to you if necessary.

The other thing, talking to Terry, he said he'd explained to you how to dissolve the Leucophor powder and something about not taking it down the cave in bags.

I think Easter is the time to do it! Or will we have to test the Collada stream too?

Cheers

Subj: RE: Matienzo
Date: 04/12/2005 13:01:27 Romance Standard Time
From: papard@easynet.co.uk
To: Uzueka@aol.com

Juan

No photo or map as my camera battery was flat! And I did not have my GPS as all we were going to do was dig it being late in day due to mending the old snappers with new match heads etc, also I thought out route was so well traveledetc, You did not send any JPG. At the time I thought it was known as I recognized it, and it was only when I looked at my PDA did I think it was new. But on looking again I think (certain) it is 1392 but this is shown in wrong place! The location is NE of 1624 not SE! In Matienzo I did not have access to the survey or pic of 1392 looking at the survey Jim did it does seem to be the same. Prob need to GPS it in Feb!!

I have attached a photo of Volcano after the snapper shot.

Phil

Wednesday 28th Dec 2pm → 5pm Steve, Juan, Ian, Andy
and Joe Sims.

Digging in Tabbons. About 4-5°C on Re surface. V. good
draught in.

MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT