MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT

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Matienzo Spring Bank 2006

1 June 06- Piluca - Hilary and Phil GPS 0451721\4793960 alt 655m

Small hole near top 60m from split in track, walk to left, Cumbre to rt and to hole. Hole covered in brambles etc, stones drop 5m sounds good size. Pic with Hilary sitting.

2. Tablon Wed 31 May – PP; Big Steve; Andy; lan (242)

2pm digging trip. Worked to East side of rift back filling rift to west at bottom of excavated rift.

Andy managed to remove part of flake making access easier, much hammering etc, removed a number of blocks to give access to open section of rift and looking into a bigger section/chamber. Was possible to get through but loose block needed removing to make safe. Bar called so we went for a drink!

Tablon Sat 3 June – PP; Big Steve; Andy; Ian Sat was declared a Wednesday as it was near Pentecost, thus it allowed us to go on a further digging trip. Pedro did not turn up but we thought "what the hell, he would be pleased for us if it went!" Cool day with inward draught, but not constant.

1.15pm start, while PP and lan surveyed and photographed in, Andy and Steve removed boulder and crawled through to chamber and glory. Well there would have been glory if there had been an open way on. Two holes in floor look possible digs, with the one at far end looking the best. This is about 3m deep in a stream washed hole with boulders forming one wall. At bottom the floor seems to be false with holes down some 1m plus – needs some stabilising prior to digging but no real problem. Little draught today and varying, although hot in sun air temp was only some 18 to 19 deg and was cold overnight (9 deg). Need to check this hole in summer when draught better to ensure it is best prospect. Chamber seems to be formed on bedding with water warn roof (half tube) and it appears to have changed from a 48deg slope to more vertical – could be top of rift passage blocked by blocks from the slope?

Survey points:

Net middle of hole level with field 0-1 1/70 -90 7/--38 1-2 155 2-3 4/10 234 -49 Bottom of rift 0.3m off floor 3/65 136 -15 3-4 4-5 4/70 108 -14 1m into chamber, hole to south under block 5/20 117 -9 Survey pt marked St6-3m hole & best dig nearby 5-6

4 June 06 Muela – Phil and Hilary
Walk but on way took photo of 135
located 806 as 0454852/47912 Alt 747m – photo of Hilary looking into cave, secondary holes above

