

MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT

LOGBOOK

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

AUTUMN 2009

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From: Peter Smith <smith_peter2004@yahoo.es>
To: uzueka@aol.com
Subject: Re: Matienzo book
Date: Mon, 21 Sep 2009 10:23

Morning!

I won't need your slide scanner, thank you. I did all my slides with Lank's scanner and Pinto's pictures are all small black and white prints.

Yesterday I went to look at 3258, the dig you found above the "quarry". It slopes down for a couple of metres, then sidesteps left to another series of rifts that get too narrow, but are about 6m deep. So about 8m deep in total.

Jose Miguel keeps taking orders for calendars, about 10 have been ordered so far.
Cheers

From: john thorp <john.thorp@tiscali.co.uk>
To: Tony Brocklebank <tony@laptopbits.co.uk>; Juan Corrin <juan.corrin@matienzo.org.uk>
Subject: Fw: Hold that powerpoint
Date: Thu, 24 Sep 2009 19:49
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----- Original Message -----

From: Peter Smith
To: majorsims@hotmail.com
Cc: john thorp
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2009 7:16 PM
Subject: Hold that powerpoint

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altitude is 250 on map but perhaps should be 245m due to road cut back.

Hello Jon

This is a message from Big Steve. To tell you about the shaft he did yesterday. So you can tell Juan when you see him, or at his lecture! It's a shaft that was broken into by the roadworks in Lluvea. The archaeologist who's following the works told us about it. This is the Grid ref: 454397 4798612.

It has two entrances, as in the two photos. Steve got to the bottom, despite 4 ladders not reaching the bottom. There's a tight meander leading off with good draft, and an undescended pitch, about 80 ft down, a 3 sec drop. The archaeologist came back to say the contractors had changed their mind and wanted us out. So no more exploration at the moment (Sundays only!)

Also there's a photo looking up, and a sketch survey.

Juan and Footleg should be interested as it's right above Biggo. Leave them to work out how far apart the two caves are

Cheers

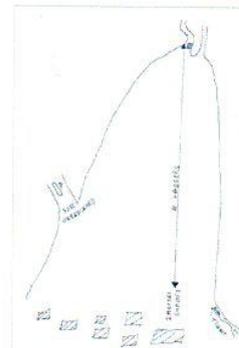
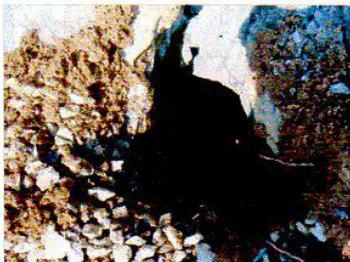
Pete, Steve and Susie (birthday girl)

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W/c 11/10/09 (Chris Cann, Phil Gookin, John Southworth)
staying at Urganes.

Maze Cave dig. Shaft nearby - 11m deep. (3334)⁶ See later

15/10/09 CC, PG, JS + Juan to site 3291 - Entrada Tres - to
carry on the initial explorations of Phil Parker + Paul
Clement-Walker.

Down p15 to boulder slope that drops steeply to a chiche.
On the right is another level that heads south over a short traverse
to a 7m drop to perched pools and an area of stal and small holes.
On the right of the first slope is a steep over to an 8m drop to
a slope and a 2m climb down. A duck under the left hand
wall into a boulder slope meets a rift with a 7m pitch down to
station 14 (at the top of the boulder slope up from the water) in
Invisible Cave.

CC + JS + PG dug into cave with p20 in rift + large passages that
all close down in rift. Over inlet in Aguanar (3335)

18/10/09 CC + JS + PG digging at site 2415. Short distance along
passage. Draughting in well. Loose roof.

18/10/09 Pete Penny + Juan drove down Uleeva road looking at
holes, holes that have disappeared and holes that have appeared.

(New) Site 3328: Slightly above road. Tight slot down seems to open up below.
Needs capping. 30T 0453566 4798841 ↑410

(New) 3329 Road drain swallet. Probably closed about 2m down
30T 0453863 4798487 →

site 1990 - the "set back" has disappeared, and probably all that is left is a "meandering fissure". (photos)

(NGW) site 3330 - Cave above road has a water tank in the floor.
30T 0453878 4798590.

site 1989 - Saw top of pitch on ledge - Pete uncertain - but description Rts. (photos)

(NGW) 3331 - Cold store above road. Completely built of rubble - walls and domed roof - remove any rock and it could all tumble down. Slight draught from hole in floor.
30T 0454407 4798133

Look @ Roads Works Pit - ~~still needs a number~~ ← Right Both extremes need a cap. (photos) 3334

Site 1984 - almost obliterated. (photos)

1987 - rift appears to be intact by road-side. (photos)

(NGW) 3332 - high above road @ corner that used to have a deep depression in the bend. Oval, tight hole carries on down about 5m v/d. Partly covered with a dissected boulders (photos)
30T 0455075 4798636

Then drove down to Rádones and over to see the Lieganes team at site 2415 (photos).

~~THE~~ BAMBOOZLE HOLE 3333

Depression completely filled with bamboo has small entrance 4 metres up one side with strong draught. Left from entrance is soil slope leading ^{past a small blocked tube,} to a passage which chokes but before choke is a tight ^{vertical} rift. To the ~~left~~ ^{right} of entrance a low crawl lead to a pitch. At ~~the~~ roof level a wide rift at right angles appears to close down after 6m. At bottom of 7m pith a ~~lens~~ ^{lens} shaped rift with lens shaped hole at eye level leads to a cross rift. ~~Both~~ The right ~~is closed by st-~~ leads ~~to~~ ^{at walking} to a small choked chamber after 2m. The left lead to another tight rift ~~with~~ where the draught descends. Stones appear to drop about 10m but no prospect of digging. Back at bottom ^{of the} pith a low crawl of 2m. lead to ^{at walking} rift visible from top. This closes down after 6m. Half way across rift which is a continuation of draughting rift leads off tightly for 10 metres to ~~the possible way~~ ^{calculated} a boulder blockage which may yield to persuasion.

1 or 2 PHOTOS

TAKEN PHIL GOODWIN

SHAFT IN WOOD

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TO ONE SIDE OF DEPRESSION IN WOOD IS A 6M SHAFT LEADING TO A RIFT WHICH IS CHOKED AT BOTH ENDS, BEARING FROM ENTRANCE TO FAR END OF RIFT IS 220°

1 PHOTO J.S IN SHAFT
TAKEN C.C

HOLE NEAR MAZE

3335

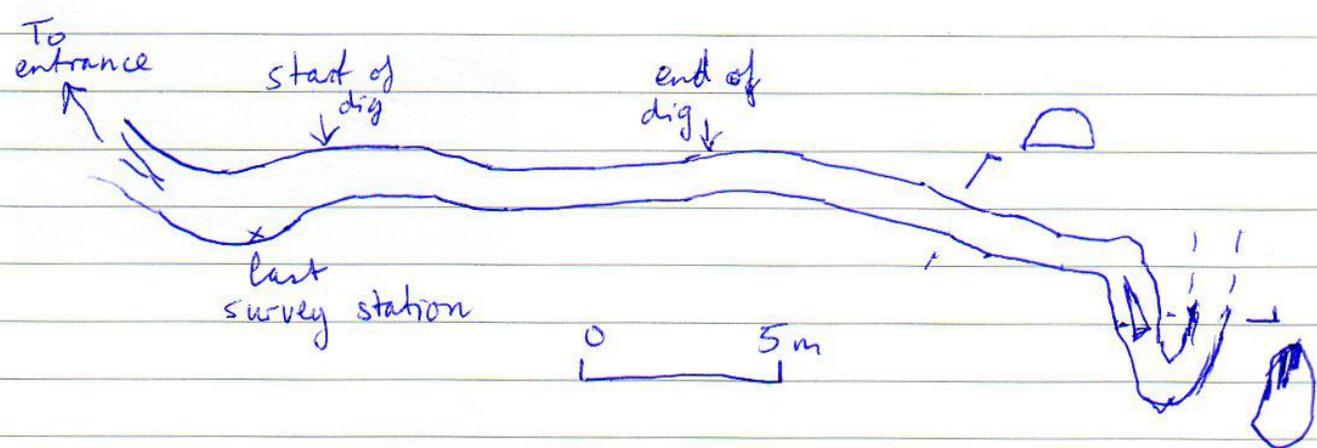
From Maze Cave enter next shake hole and follow right side uphill to rift in side of bank. Rift drops 2 metres to 2 wayson at right angles to the rift. Righthand passage enters small chamber at 3m. ~~at~~ and chokes. left hand branch ~~goes~~ starts with a squeeze into small chamber, turn right for 3m to LH turn into 4m wide chamber with soil run-in up to roof. Hole in floor at base of run in through hole, turn left, then down right passage blocks in all directions.

1 PHOTO TOP OF SHAFT
TAKEN J.S

Pete explored site 3258?

Sunday 25th October.

Juan, Pete + Ian away @ 1230 to Llanio and the sandy dig @ the south-east corner. Spent about 3 1/2 hrs digging and Pete crawled through at the end into a stooping passage to a rift with stal that need breaking. About 20m explored in all.



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7/11/09 Text from PP, Llanio down pitch in CUS has
a 3x3m passage not explored yet.

From: Philip & Hilary Papard <papard@easynet.co.uk>

To: uzueka@aol.com

Subject: RE: Matienzo Llanio

Date: Sun, 8 Nov 2009 20:40

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Juan

= 237m

241 m but the last leg is on known cave. The line with no passage detail is up top part of pitch and crawl – all less than 1m wide and difficult to survey. Main lead is low duck and some avens etc – prob about 50m looked at but not explored.

Phil

From: uzueka@aol.com [mailto:uzueka@aol.com]

Sent: 08 November 2009 19:48

To: papard@easynet.co.uk

Subject: Matienzo Llanio

Hi Phil

Are you online? What news of the new couple of hundred metres?

Cheers

Juan

Juan Corrin

UK : 01706 874669

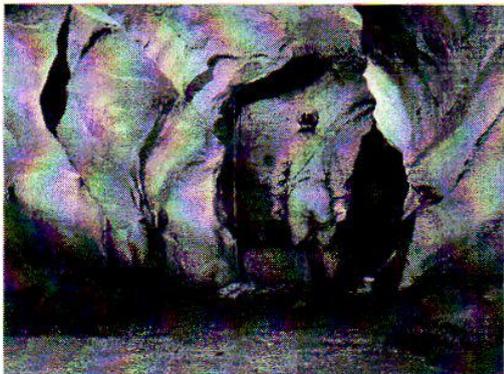
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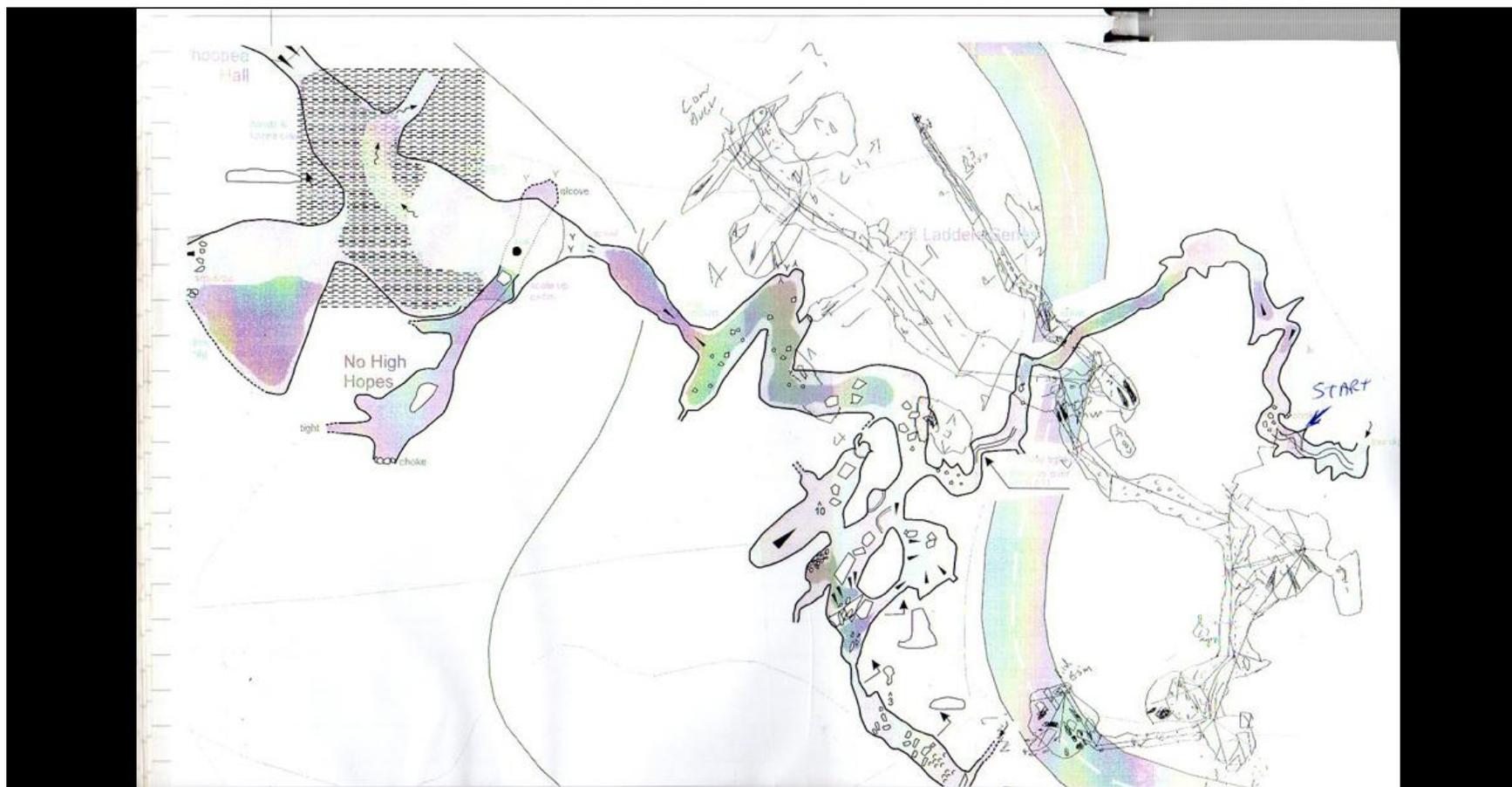


From: Philip & Hilary Papard <papard@easynet.co.uk>
To: uzueka@aol.com; smith_peter2004@yahoo.es
Subject: RE: Matienzo Llanio
Date: Mon, 9 Nov 2009 10:17

Juan

The duck at the end of the bigger passage is upstream, it flows down to the SE before turning back on itself in a smaller passage almost parallel to a low outlet on the right at the end, too much water to follow yesterday. But as the weather was extremely wet I expect in dry weather it will be ok.

Phil



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14/11/09 - Pete - 250m surveyed in Riso including some
oxbows not surveyed before.



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April 2009 WP484 Site 3237 0445838 4801103 100m alt gps 5m acc

Open entrance in large rockside shake, draughting, needs digging underground. Photo taken CC of entrance area. Entrance is to right of large rock in middle left of shot. Return planned for May.

Returned May 22nd to dig and survey. Underground photos taken CC. a) John Southworth looking at a calcited boulder (just below light beam) blocking possible way on. Once beyond this obstacle the passage encounters a cross rift with a few formations. photo b&c of taken from entry point John looking at choked end of rift. d) The dig without the boulder. e & f passage detail. g) Animal claw marks on side of a boulder. h) looking back up the entrance slope.

Site 3265 WP495 0446469 4801634 10m gps acc

Shaft on east side of bottom of a shakehole. Shaft top was dug and is about 5m deep to a mud floor. It comprises one solid wall and gaps in boulders. There may be a rift at the bottom. Left site for better prospects. 2 photos JS digging top taken CC.

Site 3266 WP498 0446311 4801741 65m alt from GPS

Classic cave entrance but unfortunately chokes after only 3m. It may have been truncated a few metres away to the South round the back of the bedrock it is situated in. Photos taken CC. JS in entrance and a shot from the entrance up to a house in the same field.

Site 3267 Location 31m South and 14m East of 3268 over the top of the current South West extremity of 3268.

Photo of John S by tree in shake. In bottom of shake is a rift aligned roughly N-S.

This has had lots of bottles dumped in it and slopes down steeply to the South (about 3m deep) to a choke. Subsequently a small bat was noted in 3268 in the passage below this shake.

Site 3268 Maze Cave Draughting hole found and then dug out into a labyrinth type cave. The cave is developed under a thin sandstone bed and consists mainly of infilled and reworked fossil passages under this bed. There are some breaks within the roof bed at these points more of the sediment filling the passages have been washed out. There is a very thin layer of material under the roof which has fallen off the roof over time. Once inside the entrance go left and after a about 4m left again down a slope into hands and knees. Route enlarges and steps down to where a small flow comes in during wet weather. after the step down bear right passing a slope on the right that is taped off.

We have shone a light through this taped off passage without needing to disturb the floor. Floor is unusual consisting of shale type material off the roof. (You can pass the other side of this passage further into the right hand branch of the cave). Just past the taped off passage mentioned above the route to the furthest reaches of the cave splits into 2. The small flow mentioned above disappears into a small passage under the lefthand wall that can be followed for a few m to where it was too small. just past this point a T junction marks the split in the routes to the rest of the cave.

Lefthand series. Needs description. *(complete)*

In August a small extension was achieved by bolting up the LHS of the end of the large rift at the bottom of the 5m pitch

Righthand series needs description. *(complete)*

Photos taken CC (photo e taken by John Southworth)

a) entrance hole prior to excavation. b) John in a typical passage in 3268 the thin layer that peels off the roof has caused the roof colour change. c) The remains of one of a few egg shells that are present in the cave. d) John S in passage back towards one of the larger groups of stal.

e) Chris C at same formations. f) Formations shown in e&f but from opposite side closer to entrance (these will be taped off) g) Close to the entrance but well out of the range of daylight seedlings search for the surface. note animal skull in foreground. h) Seedlings shot again. i) In the right hand foreground of this shot is more of the fallen thin roof material partially covering the rock. j) John approaching the head of a small 4m climb down which was dug through to. This climb really needs a bolt as it is lacking a nearby natural belay.

Site 3269 on the way back to the airport. A little way below road in a steep bank a hole goes in through boulders around the same horizon as some springs. Having no gear exploration was left for another day. Not inspiring. WP499 0451294 4801702 200m alt from GPS

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