

LOGBOOK

Year: 2009

Season: summer

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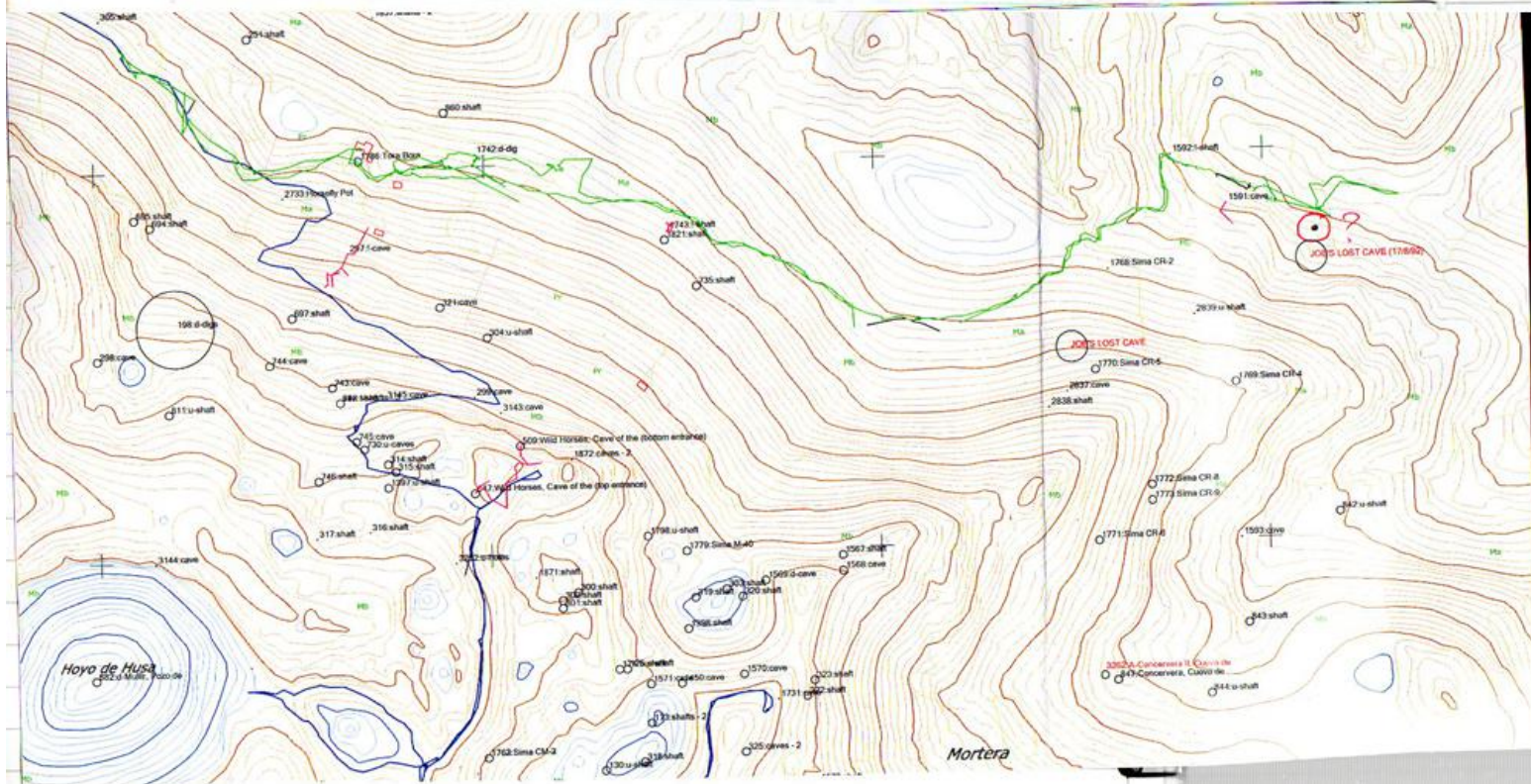
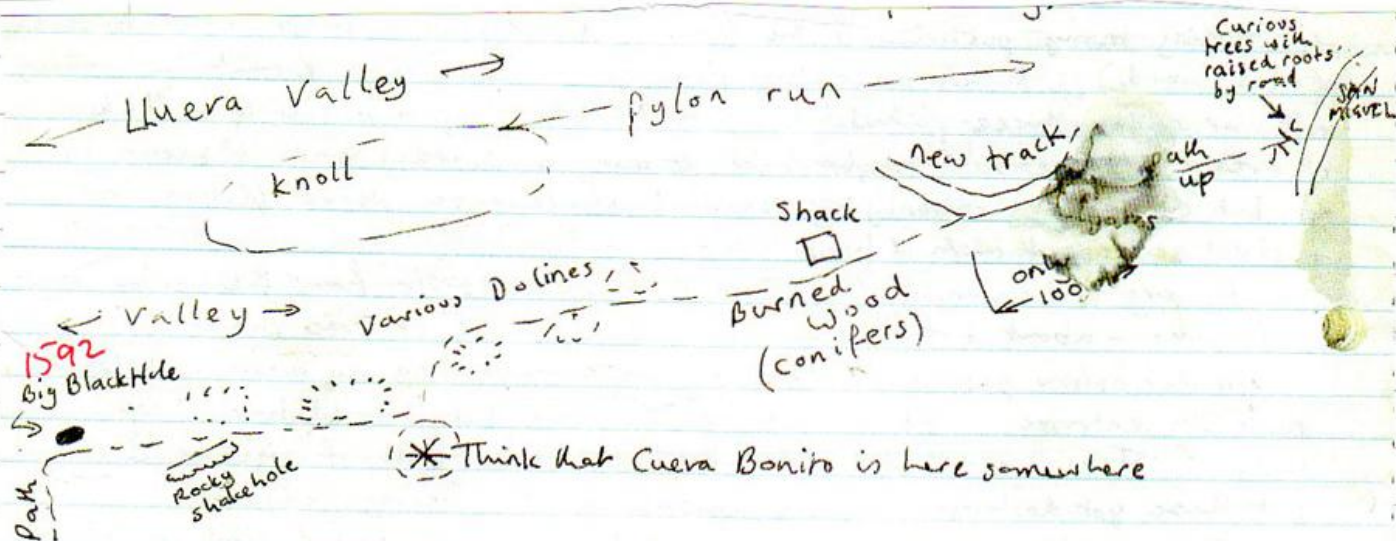
Juan Corrin, January 2015

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SUMMER 2009

Sunday 12th July 2009

Juan & Penny on another search for the mythical Joe's Lost Cave. His account in the 1992 log book (17/8/92) seemed to pinpoint it fairly well but there were two old solitary beech trees seen above the path amidst dense jungle. Juan managed to circle both but a much better look is needed when there is less vegetation in winter. This must be the right area – the land below the designated corner on the map seems to agree with “various dolines” as well – so JLC is now site 3280.



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Pete. 13
12/7/09
with photos

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14/7/09 Pete, Juan + Lea

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To site (3281), a cave that Lea and Pete had been shown before between Hornedo + San Antonio. Open hole, drops down to pk into dry stream passage 4m wide 1.5m wide, but then becomes a bit grotty with various inlets. ~~and~~ The stream ~~is~~ sinks before a possible dig through a flat out section. See survey.

On other side of vegetated valley, saw another open hole ~ about 30m long in a couple of lengths. Inhabited by foxes which seem to steal bags and leave them on the passage floor.

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Pete + Juan each got a bottle of wine from Lea for taking her underground; and got a tour of her house (including her excellent paintings) and her garden (again).

length = 95.5m

15/7/09 Pete, Juan, Chris Cannon + Phil Parker

Off to site 3261 - shaft + various possible caves including good drought near Hornedo, on the north side of the road. Parked at Santa Juliana stream and walked up-stream to resurgence.

A small dig and investigation above attracted the farmer + 2 sons. ~~From~~ Field opposite dig/resurgence is at 0449282 4801737
Resurgence is at ~ 04492308 4801735; dig is above in the open wood.
Another stream comes down from the top.

Pete Followed the farmer's sons into the cave & half way up

dogs

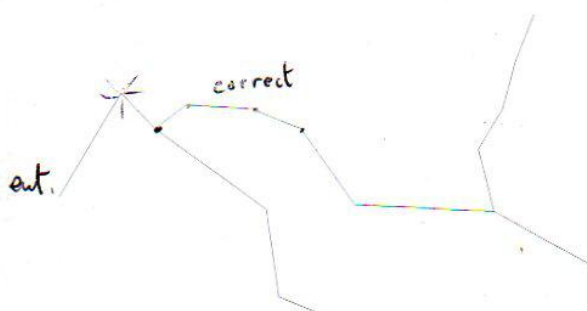
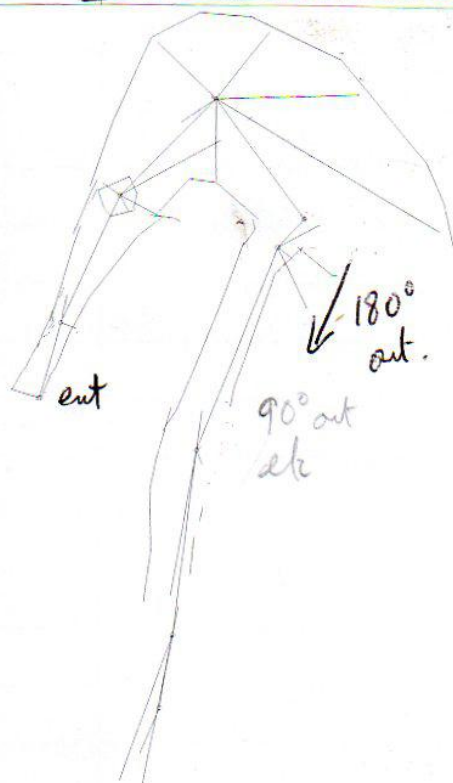
(3282)

the cliff below the shaft. Pete in boiler suit, helmet, light etc. Kids in pumps, no helmet, no light, but with a stick.

Phil + Juan + Pete then explored and surveyed the cave, trying to use the Distox + Chris's PDA. Chris couldn't ~~After~~ get through the entrance rift.

Eventually got the Distox talking to the PDA and found the difference between the splay lengths + legs. But, after Pete slipped and banged the Distox, compass readings appeared to be 90° out and horizontal legs 87° out vertically. So gave out up with that and surveyed out using 'confined tactics'. Compass + clin + Distox for length + pencil + notebook for sketches + PDA for recording data. A bit of a mess really.

Length surveyed = 97m

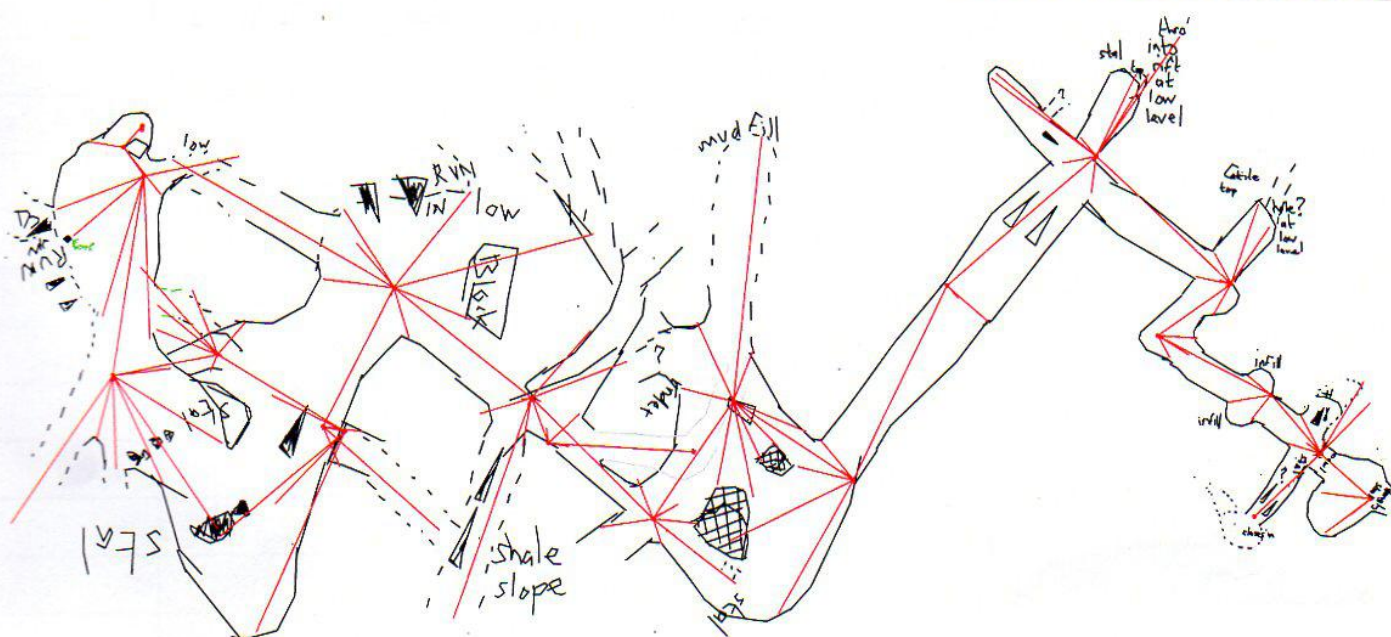
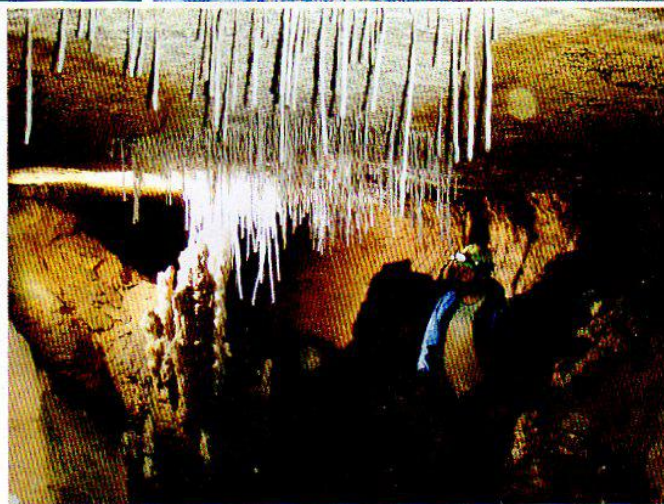
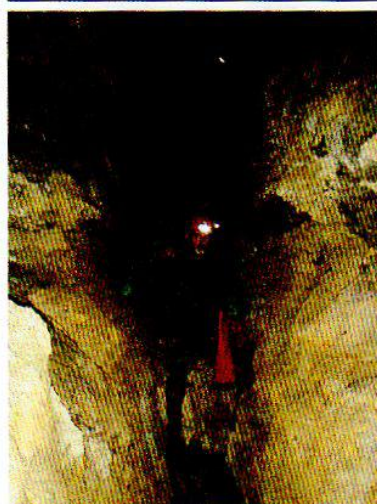
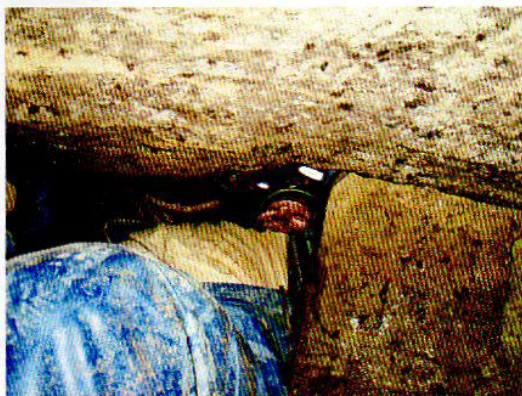


16/7/09 Chris Camm + Phil Parker used scaling pole 25ft up to hole above entrance to Aguanaz. About 4m of passage.

17/7/09 PS+CC+ PP to ~~Lab~~ More Cave W of Aguanaz - more found (3268)

18th July 2009

More fun and games with the DistoX in site 3268 Cueva del Laberinto west of Fuente Aguanaz. Chris Camm, Phil Parker and Juan survey about 1/3rd using the DistoX. It only required knocking a couple of times to bring back reasonable readings. Some photos taken on the way out.



Phil Parker, Pete Smith & Chris Cann.

19 July 09 S.E. 3170' (LESS DESCRIBED SHOULD SAY DRAGON WAS STATION
8 NOT 6).

SUCCESS A LINE OUT WITH DRUG + DRUG TO DETERMINE
WHERE FINAL CREEK ~~WAS~~ WAS IN RELATION TO GULLY
OUTSIDE, UNDERNEATH IT, AT ABOUT 4m DEPTH (TO ROOT
LEVEL OF CAVE PASSAGE. DIG STARTED DOWN BUT
SHOOK DOWN WHEN WE THROU THE DRILL,
NEEDS LARGE BORDERS CAPPING TO PROGRESS.

20 July 09 Phil Parker, Chris Cann

3283
middle
distance
FURTHER ADVANCEMENT WEST FOR A LOOK AROUND BOTTOM
FURTHER IN LOW WATER CONDITIONS. SHORT CANAL
SECTION FORMED BY LOW ANGLE AND CHAMBER,
(ROOM 306) FROM STEPS UP ^{APPROX 1.5m} INTO CONTINUING PASSAGE.
3-4m WIDE IN HIGH SNAIL STREAM TO ROOT LEVEL
AT FAR SIDE OF POOL, WAY UP INTO BORDER CHINE
ON LHS FORWARD TO MOUNT MAY BE PASSABLE AFTER
WORKING FROM ~~POOL~~ ^{AND} POOL.

THAT SURFACE + UNDERGROUND SURVEY WAS TAKEN FROM
MIDDLE EAST TO BOTTOM EAST ALSO TAKEN IN
LARGE SHAKE IN ~~OF~~ MIDDLE EAST DEPRESSION.

SUSPECT BORDER CHINE WE WERE IN IS UNDER THIS
SHAKE. SURVEY PLANNED IF IT DOESN'T RAIN!

21 July 09 Phil Parker, Pete Smith, Chris Cann.

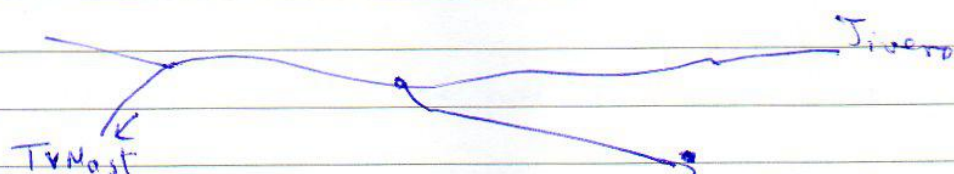
3283 SURVEYOR TRAIL (BOTH AROUND) AND SURFACE TO TRY
TO FIND POOL ABOVE BORDER CHINE. INCREASED TO SPOT
AND FOUND DRAGONHOLE NO. 1, LINE OUT OF DRAGON
AND ABOUT TO DRILL ACROSS DOWN 3m AT EAST.

NEED TO WORK FOR PARTICULARS OF NEXT TAP IN CAVE.
LOW + HIGH WATER WILL BENEFIT FROM WATER
REMOVAL, AND MORE INTO THIS CONES & OUT OF

From in "Room 306". TO THE EAST OF THIS WATER
WRECKER IS A VERY NARROW RIFT WITH SOUND OF
FALLING WATER.

21 July Bobby + Milly Ozano

Walked from end of lane between TV mast track + Jivaro



Across lowest field + into rough ground

- ① found cave more or less ^{near} where 1846 is marked
2' slot down low entrance into small chamber muddy
crawl leading off which choked - no draught - But ~~1846~~ is in ~~S. Miguel~~
web GPS check
- ② Rift / shaft feature bears no resemblance to
description of 574 much too open. Read

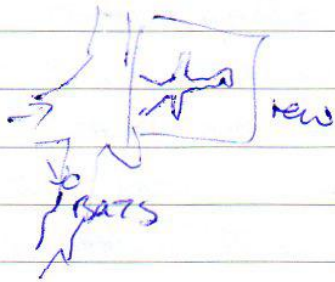
20 July Tim C. Breiden S. Senry S. Ben S.
Ali M, Roste H, Clare G.

3116- 4 entrances

Suss get "dese" again. Actually it was Ben's idea
but not sure who picked the route. Park at the bottom
then walk straight up the hill. 2+ hours to get ~300m!
mainly bracken roses forming a web that needed cutting
through

anyway found the cave. Bats and jumper spiders!
put a couple of leads and bolt clunked up? on
survey. ~10 bolts found about 50m of chamber/passages
all end up too small
way back, bush worked to nylon and back. much

ocean goes. DO NOT. try to bash up the hill.
It takes a long time and you end up covered in scratches



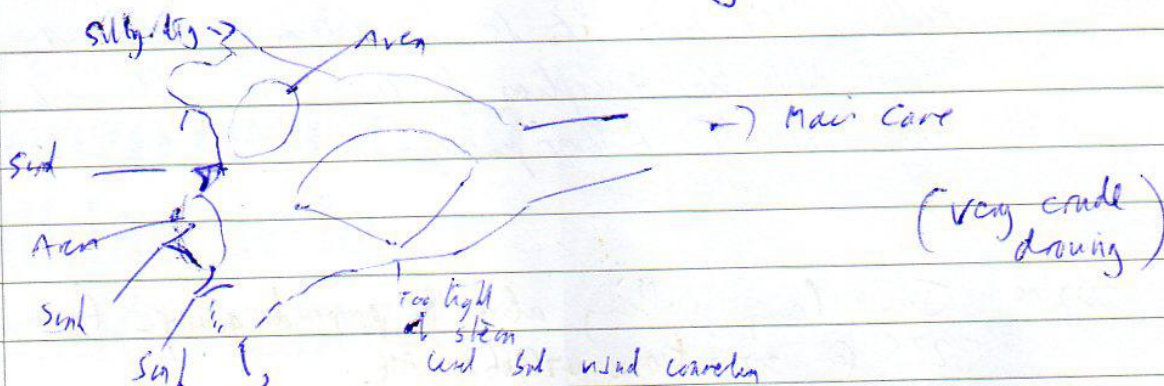
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2 || Sully - SOSS - Rosie, Ali, Tim, Brendan, Jer, Ben. → Ade in the Road
From one extreme to the next; this time a 30 sec approach ^{to} a hole in the road. Down past the spiders & snails to the head of the first pitch - one knot had seized to the bolt, so that was of no use. However, the rest were good and the tight ^{Pitch head} ~~extreme~~ ^{opened} up to a good 35m pitch*. Believed that there is another pitch (20m) ^{below} below this. Using the in-situ rope to guide ^(tyroline) us over to a boulder ~~pitch~~, I then went downwards - which chokes to nothing. Climbing up you reach the main chamber.

Right, under the helactites, leads to a large chamber and some humungous boulders. You then follow a scree slope to the left and down a climb with horizontal cracks to the mud. Here we encountered shrimps and the start of the mud. A boulder choke begins, navigation is difficult; follow the draft through. First drop to the floor towards the water, at this point climb into the roof (tight) and weave until a rift to the right is reached. This opens to a large chamber; at the bottom and immediately left you reach open passage which leads to the main passage. Follow this, over and around mud obstructions, keeping to the stream most of the time. This passage eventually ends, where water drains into a gravelly rift with a potential sump. Various leads from here - two a ways, a silty rift and

45m rope
3 changes.

slightly drafting drainage hole. The clear draft further back is less obvious from here. Further investigation to follow.



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22/7/09 Suss - Ben Stevens.

Went to a walk with a Mela looking at potential dig sites. 164, 652 unable to find draft. 1580 & 1959 have good outward draft.

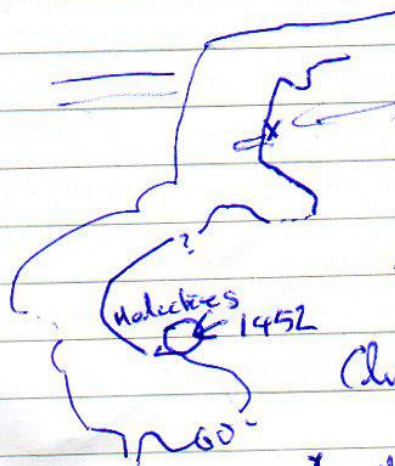
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New site, 613m
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Shaft in Hoyo de, Maxi, fenced, small entrance, seen to enter below, ~ 10-15m deep at least.

22/7/09 1452/98. Times / ROSCH / Alim / Senn / Bred / S
Photos taken @ helictes TW AM, SS.



X = left climbed up ~ 20m after nose claimed it did not go anywhere. passage continues off top of climb < 45° loose floor. will return.

climbed by times. today. nose bit

* smell @ bottom = mesquite from yesterday. I thought it did not go!

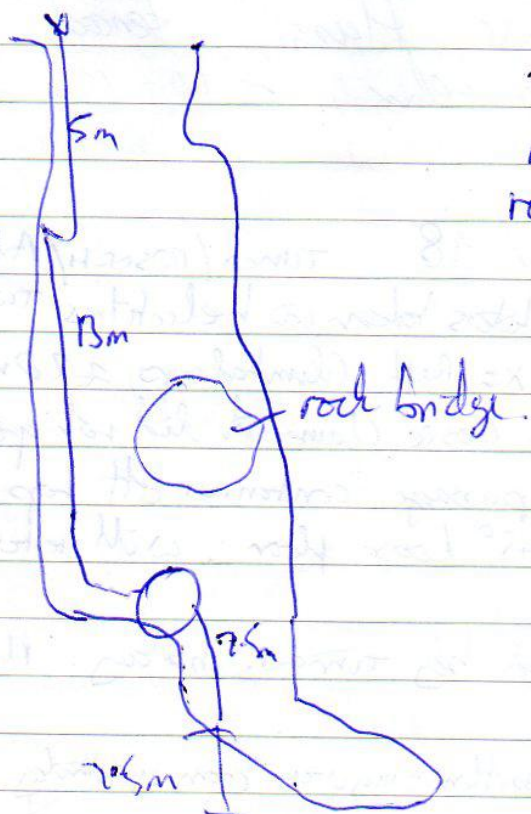
Looked at all leads off the top of the boulder slope
- area opposite point 1452 joins volvo could be climbed
further. It looks to be a solution over and has no
draft. With the exception of Tim's area, the rest of the
leads exclude further passage.

Brendon

23/7/09 Joan + Penny walking above the proposed quarry - found site near
3285 @ 307 0451012 4796670 Alt.
Two metre deep drop to 3m long 'tunnels' chambers.

23/7/09 Sen. Stan Brendon, Sen. Jan ~~Planchet~~ Sloan, Clare Youngs
Ali Motavazi - SUSS

Drove up onto Mevela to descend site 3284.
Shaft drops ~ 23m, no way on, no draught,
boulder fill, could be dug.



Afterwards went to site
1959 and dug for an
hour, made ~ 80cm progress,
return with better cogs is planned.

Los vecinos de Matienzo reclaman la nulidad de la concesión minera

- Piden un Estudio de Impacto Ambiental del proyecto de cantera
- Acusan a la empresa de «ocultar datos» y responsabilizan a Industria

OMAYRA G. BUSTAMANTE/ Matienzo
Los vecinos de Matienzo de Ruesga han solicitado la declaración de nulidad de la concesión minera que la Consejería de Industria otorgó el pasado 17 de febrero de 2009

DAÑOS COLATERALES

Las cavidades, también en peligro

Aunque el proyecto cita las cuevas de Cofresnedo y Patatal, no valora el impacto que sobre ellas tendrá la cantera, tampoco menciona la posibilidad de que la cantera desobstruya alguna cueva actualmente desconocida, critican los vecinos. En la zona de Matienzo se encuentran grandes redes de cavidades que atraen a centenares de espeleólogos de varios países cada año, se tiene constancia de la existencia de unas 50 cuevas dentro del perímetro minero, y unas 3000 en área de influencia del poljé de Matienzo, con restos arqueológicos, y 4 con arte rupestre declaradas B.I.C. (Bien de Interés Cultural), las cuales albergan fauna cavernícola, incluidos endemismos y colonias de murciélagos.

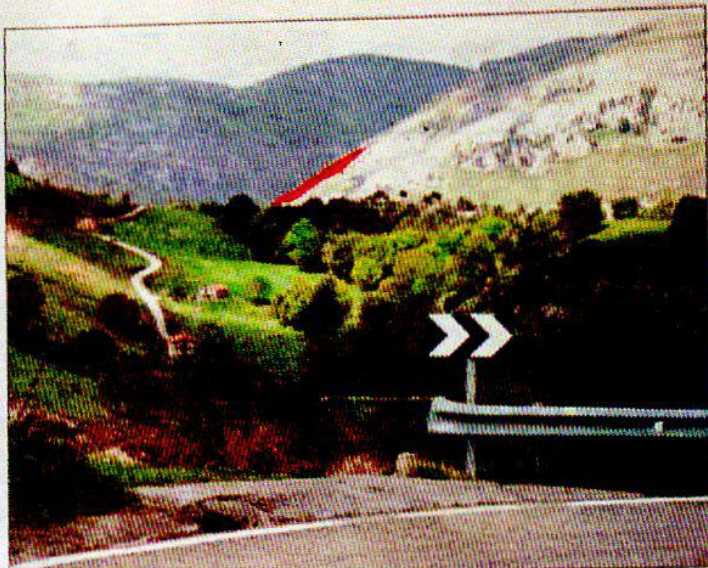
a la empresa Exploración y Proyectos S.L. para la explotación de la cantera Júpiter situada en el paraje de Cubija, en La Vega.

Estos han solicitado la realiza-

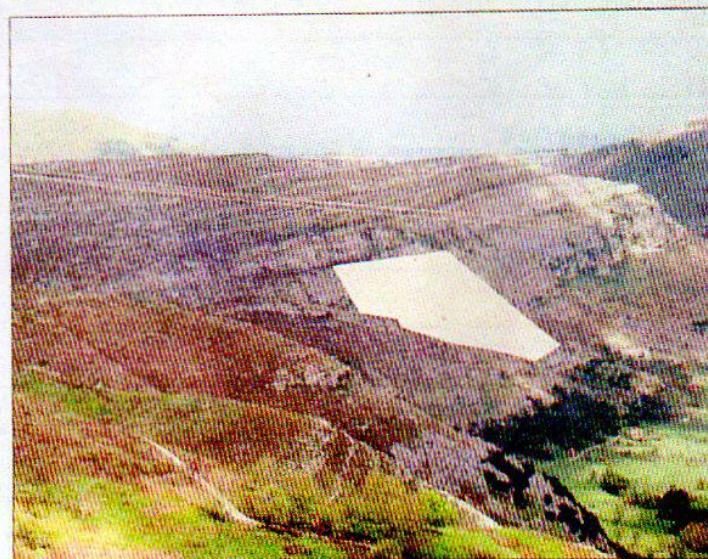
ción de un Estudio de Impacto Ambiental, que anteriormente había sido desestimado por la Consejería de Medio Ambiente, para tratar de impedir que el consejero de Industria, Juan José Sota, otorgue a la citada empresa la licencia de actividad de la cantera. Los residentes de Matienzo consideran que el Estudio de Impacto Ambiental es «absolutamente necesario», y debería tratarse de un proceso público en el que todos los afectados e interesados pudiesen participar.

«Las ocultaciones en el proyecto de la empresa minera han sido constantes, se han cometido numerosas irregularidades por parte de la administración, se han pasado por alto multitud de temas y, además, el proyecto presentado por la empresa minera es muy flojo por lo que no debe ser aceptado», señala un vecino de la zona.

Asimismo, también denuncia que en la iniciativa elaborada por la compañía además de ocultacio-



Situación de la cantera Júpiter desde el puerto de Cruz Usaño. / EL MUNDO



Vistas del emplazamiento de la cantera desde el puerto de Alisas. / EL MUNDO

nes fundamentales que impiden juzgar su viabilidad legal, tiene «errores graves de base», como son las coordenadas donde se encuentra la explotación, por lo que la administración debería suspender la licencia de explotación y la concesión minera adjudicada.

Entre los motivos que aluden para lograr la desestimación de la concesión están la visibilidad de la cantera desde diferentes puntos de la zona, (única condición impuesta por la Consejería de Medio Ambiente). Otro de los aspectos planteados han sido los ruidos y el pol-

vo en los accesos, que afectaría a «los tranquilos barrios de La Vega y Cubija», como consecuencia del constante paso de camiones cargados hasta con 30 toneladas de peso, en unas carreteras muy estrechas. «Los puentes existentes no soportan el peso, por lo que sería necesario hacer una remodelación de las infraestructuras», advierte un vecino. La sensibilidad del poljé de Matienzo (valle cerrado de origen cárstico), declarado punto de interés por el instituto geológico y minero de España, también se verá dañado.

23/7/09

Phil Parker, Pete Smith, Chris Carr.

Dug in site 3215 called various boulders.

Left needing either a large hammer or more capping. Rocks would benefit from some support! (Cane required).

Photos taken by Phil Parker in summer garden.

24/7/09

Braden + Jenny Sloan, Clare Youcas, Ali Mortavazi, Rosie Hadfield, Tim Webster - SUSI

Hole in the Road - volvo

Went back to the upstream extensions - water level higher than previous trip (? ~ 1m higher in choke in places, but could be significantly higher and still passable).

In the extensions the pooled water was a bit deeper but mostly unchoked

- Dig in first chamber - sandy aft extended but too light, no draft

Dig in ? sinkhole in first chamber

- excavated down ~ 4ft, but walls + roof are boulders and significant progress would need shoring. Fairly draft - and good potential

Some ? side passages looked at - close down. These may correlate with ? on survey

Terminal oven marked on original survey

- both climb to 12m, Dist A gives height as 25m

Initially rotten rock but higher up the rock improves. Rugged on stave to top bolls - are seen to continue up, no passage visible so far

Resurvey of extensions started from over cairn.
still to be completed.

- Still to do -
- complete resurvey
 - finish scaling over
 - further over which doesn't look to connect
 - potential side passages to examine

✗ With a bit more rain the boulder choke would probably be passable but unpleasant. There was not an obviously higher water level in the extensions and there was no stream flowing. It may be hard to see water levels rising while in the extensions area.

Brandon S

24/7/09 Chris Cann, Phil Pash, Phil P, Pete S + Joan to site 3166 - potential top entrance to Vaca. Excavated crap and very hard sandy limestone. French group excavated daylighting old store (was called 3286) which looks a good prospect.

25/7/09 Joan + Penny on Gnar. Pashed just before Mario's house and walked up to just before the below the summit. Found a cave that seemed to match description of 1548 (8m high + tunnel to a dig) but was 100m W of point @ 0450658 4796693 ↑327m. Nearer to supposed point found another cave that matched the description except it's only 4m long. (0450755 4796659 ↑345m). (No cave @ 1548 place).

1st is ¹⁵⁴⁸~~3287~~ 2nd is ³²⁸⁷~~1548~~.



From: Quin, Andrew <a.quin@lancaster.ac.uk>
To: Juan Corrin <uzueka@aol.com>; Peter Smith <smith_peter2004@yahoo.es>
Subject: FW: Matienzo area
Date: Fri, 24 Jul 2009 17:11

Juan and Pete,
 Just got the email below offering some help on gastropod related issues in cave 793. See you all in a week or so.

Cheers

Andy

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From: Han Raven [<mailto:schelp56@hotmail.com>]
Sent: 24 July 2009 17:03
To: Quin, Andrew
Subject: Matienzo area

Dear Mr. Quin,

Accidentally I came across your website including the article about a deposit with fossil terrestrial gastropods. I am a geologist with strong interest in molluscs. For my studies and later my thesis I did geological fieldwork in the Cantabrian mountains (Leon, Palencia, Asturias, Cantabria) between 1976 and 1983. Besides studying the geology I always sampled recent terrestrial molluscs. Since then I have continued to study the mollusc faunas, visiting the area at least once a year (as my wife is from Asturias) - presently I am on holidays in Gijón (Asturias). Although I wrote a few papers on molluscs from the Cantabrian mountains this only covers a very small part of the material and data collected. One of my observations is around the strong biogeographical differentiation between the northern and southern sides of the Cantabrian mountains. For years I have speculated how this is caused by events during the Quaternary, but I lacked material to back this up. Therefore I am very interested in cooperation with your project.

A quick reading of the article on the gastropods of cave 793 (Ruesnga) reveals a number of areas where I could help:

- Identification of Cochlostoma, Chondrina, and other non-identified species. Those that I cannot identify can be sent to specialists of whom I know quite a few, for example one who just wrote a thesis on the Chondrinidae of Spain and a recently retired professor who is specialist in cave snails.
- Correction of probable errors:
 - o Arianta arbustorum and Caracollina lenticula are not known from Cantabria - at least I know of no records and Arianta is a well known species from other parts of Europe whereas - - Caracollina lenticula is a typical representative of the Mediterranean fauna

- o Several names used are out of date (e.g. Cyclostomidae, Cochlostoma berilloni, Xantoniquidae), etc.

- Assistance in interpretation of the changes in fauna and possible causes.

I can correspond in English and Spanish.

By the way, though I work as geologist I also am scientific associate of the Netherlands National Natural History Museum - <http://science.naturalis.nl/research/people/cv/raven>

You can always reach me through this e-mail: schelp56@hotmail.com

Best regards,

Han Raven

Minder SPAM in de verbeterde [Windows Live Hotmail](#)

Goled up under the Goro summit. On walk back via site 3259 came across a 6m deep shaft (underscald). Will need enlarging before anyone can descend but it is larger inside. Site 3288 @ 0451330 4796560 ↑ 357?

25/7/09

Chris Camm, Phil Parker

3283 Attempt to syphon the water out of the low wet end of passage was a miserable failure as we could not get the water to draw along the pipe (Does Mr C need a larger set of lungs?) No sign of daylight coming down through the boulder run-in. (See 21/7/09)

25/7/09

French team + Pete Smith

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→ see 4 pages further on

26/7/09

Chris Camm, Phil Parker, Stuart + Penny half hour visit.

3283 A new scheme to remove the water from the low wet end - generator outside the entrance and submersible pump at the end of the passage + assorted electrical leads. However... after cecasing outside (worked fine!) once inside the system did not work - eventually traced to a duff socket on one of the leads! Pump etc left in cave for the next attempt and soaking.

N.B. Shaft 2359 GPS reading of 30T 0446667
with accuracy rating of 3.6 m. 4801775

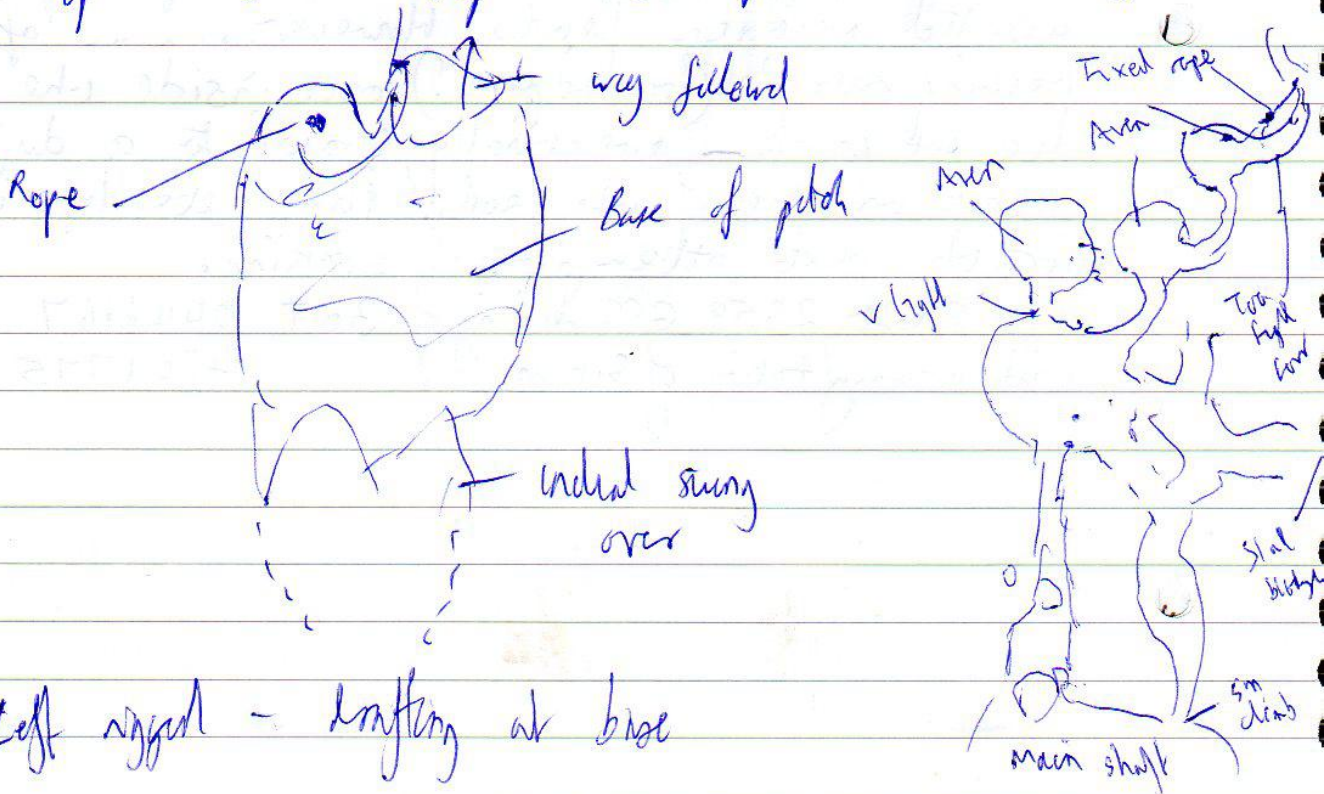
26/7/09 Suss - Brendon / Turb / Rosie / Ali to 472

After some extreme rallying up the track we made our way up to the shakehole in the blazing sun. The location on GPS is slightly off, but the entrance was pretty obvious.

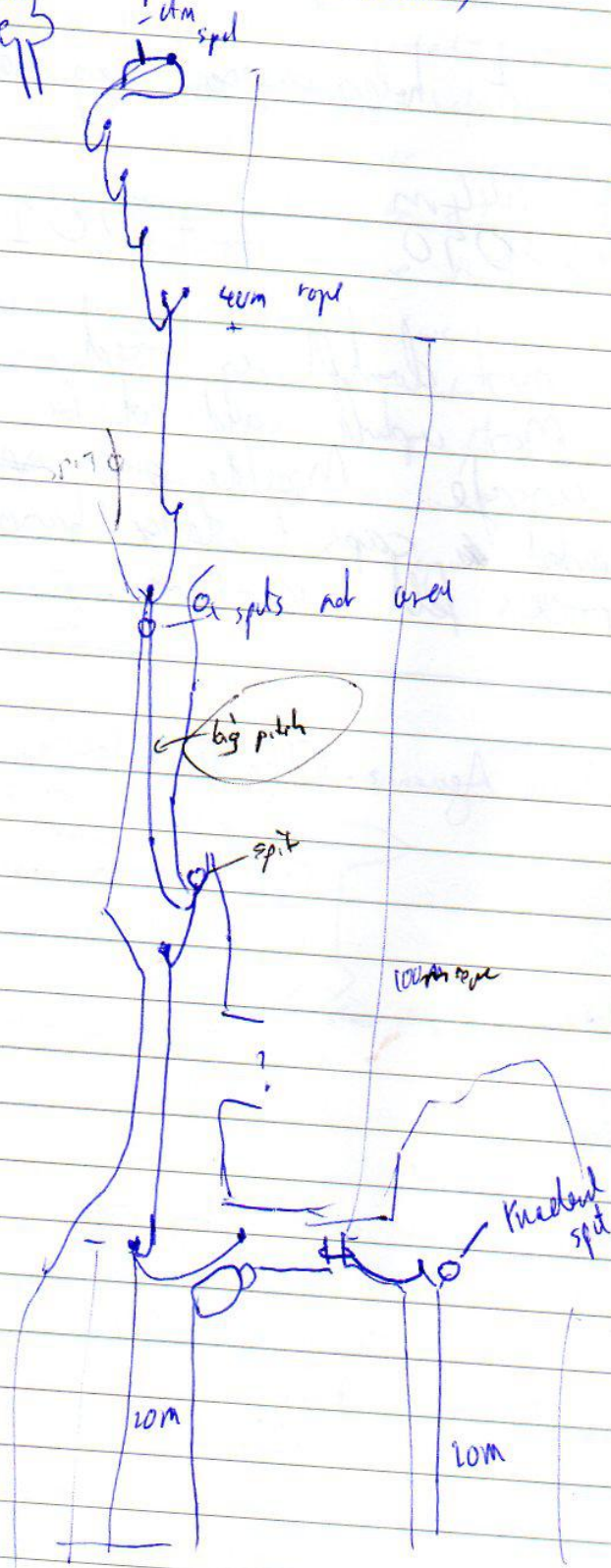
Found 1 usable + one welded spit on the surface - put in 1 through bolt, and began descent - slight excitement as $1 \times 0.5 \times 1 \text{ m}$ Boulder became belated and was dispatched down shaft - one 20secs of crashing.

Almost completely resolted - only a few spits visible most of which were unusable. Swung onto opposite side of shaft critically, but no obvious delays for further drop.

Dropped Ali to floor, then explored off the level you pass on the descent - dropped further ~ 15m pitch (also resolted) and aft explored at base - ready to aft, climb up to inside rope and further climb down.



Now Topo (not to scale)



26/7/09 Ben Stevens, Clare Yuen, for Stan - SLBS

Went to look at holes exposed by new road
to Llura valley.

Alt 444m
30T 0453090 4799072

* This reading
is up the hill in
a field.

3 holes visible, most downhill in road, top 2
on side of road. Most uphill could not be opened
without leaving it unsafe. Middle one ~~opened~~ dug
for ~1m, but needed caps / sledge hammer.
Down all 3 holes rocks fell 10-15m.

27/7/09 GPS of points @ Aguana. Edge of shale. Plots 1

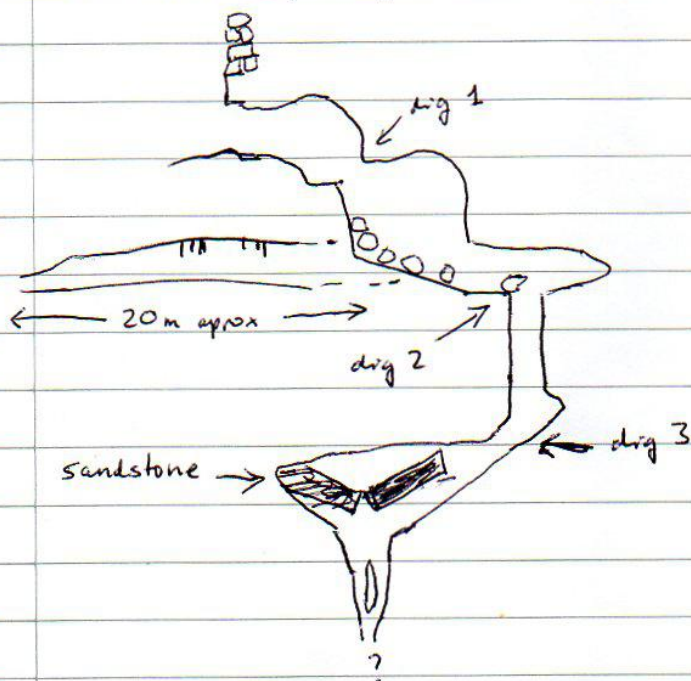
Tiva survey started

1452 Started W.

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25/7/09 - 3286 Cold-store dig above Low Pot

The French team started clearing out area just inside entrance, then the blockage before first 2 or 3m drop. This went to a small chamber with two ways off. One was a rift passage/crawl getting too small, the other was a 4m drop under some boulders, where the draft was coming from. The boulder was smashed and we dropped to another dig. This went to another chamber created in limestone under sandstone beds which had then split and fallen in. Under these beds, ~~is~~ a number of rifts/pitches unite but become too narrow. Estimated depth for whole cave varies from 20-25m.



30 July Bobby - Ozano
Returned to site visited 21 July
Cave was 1846

Rift/Shaft was new GPS 0453352 4794529
Both photo'd ~4m deep.

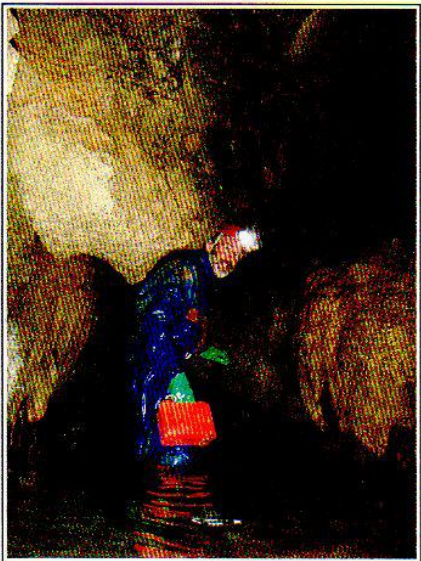
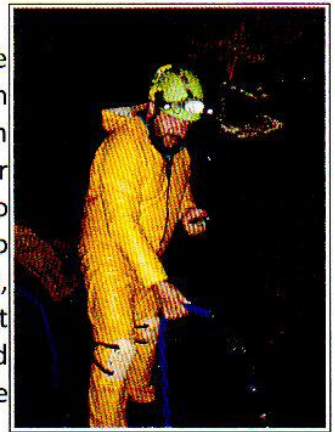
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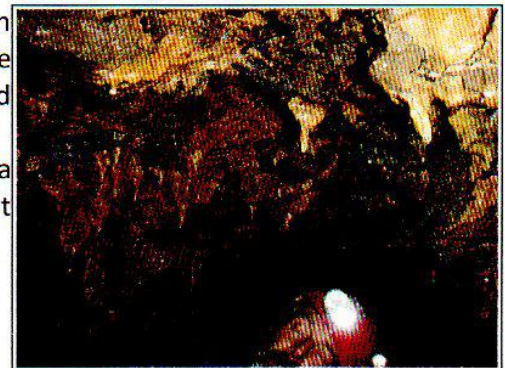
27th July – site 3283 Chris Camm, Phil Papard, Phil Parker and Juan.



Juan and Chris enter the cave and sit around while the generator is fired up and the submersible pump, 40m into the cave, clears 8" depth of water in a pool in about an hour. Chris attacks the boulders at the far side of the water, allowing Phil Parker and Juan to enter the extension. Crawling over breakdown leads to a another pool then mixed caving: pools, walking, hands and knees crawling, wading, etc for about 140m. Along the length are tree roots and boulder run-ins. One, cobble choke forms the roof for a few metres and includes blackened bones all held together with patches of calcite. The cave heads upstream south and east, apparently passing under a depression to the southeast of Aguanaz resurgence.

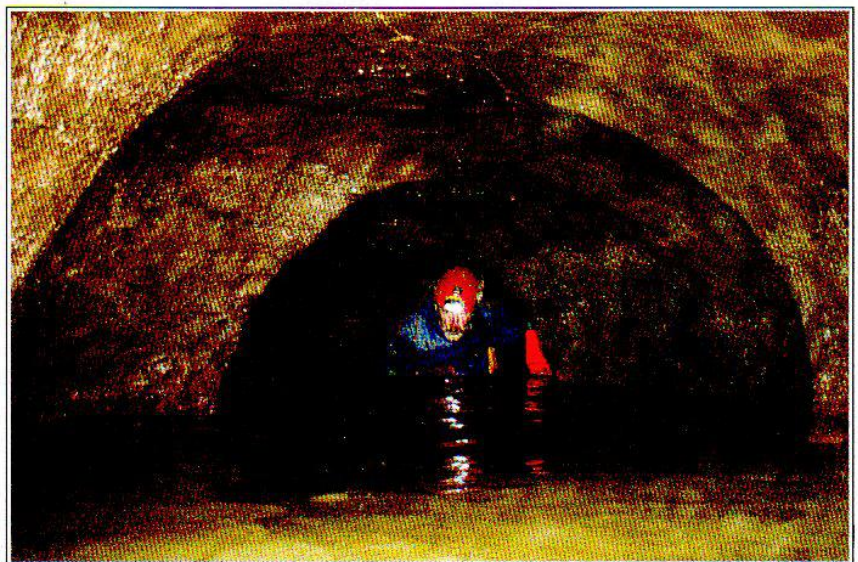


After a walking section, the water comes from under the left hand wall at a waist-deep pool. A draught comes through 3" airspace and the roof rises about 2ft in. Should be a straightforward duck but might be constricted on the far side. Chris and Phil Papard meanwhile investigated the run-in at the drained pool. This was surveyed to under a large surface depression a couple of days ago. Visual and voice contact was made both though the choke to beyond the pool and crawls, and from Chris on the surface to Phil Parker at the base of a boulder-filled rift beyond the wet constrictions.



A "days digging" could open up a new entrance which would cut out

the chest-deep entrance walk through and having to drain the pool. The cave needs pushing and surveying.



28/7/09 GPS of Aguany Cavers entrance:
 Point taken is 6m from entrance on a bearing
 of 15° ~~the~~ the entrance. 30 T 0446585
 from. 4801645

Accuracy rating of 4.5m.

PSD Perlas

Entrance @ 04465864 4801639 m.

28/7/09 Top entrance to 3283 excavated. Juan, Chris, the 2 philo.

28/7/09 Hoyuca trip to Far Stops - see following page -

27/7/09 Tim Wether, Brandon Sloan, Rosie Hatfield

Site 98 / 1452 (Hole in the road).



Climb at end of 98 above the survey cairn.
 This was started by Brandon with Tim belayer
 on 24/7 - see previous report.

Climb continued until the rift opened to form
 a ledge about mini sized. from here climb
 up through a layer of crystal sandyskiff.

However horrible rope drag means it would be
 better off to bring belayer up to this ledge.

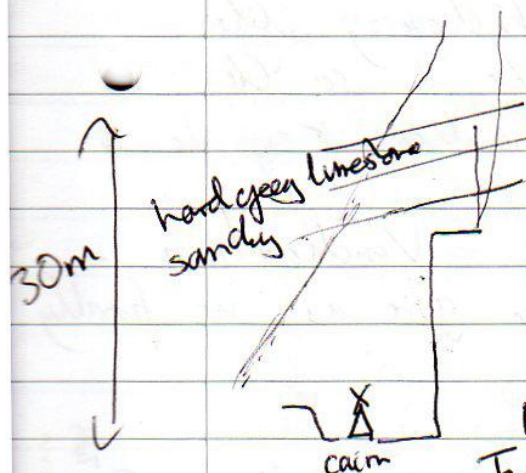
A few meters above ledge a very obvious
 and welcome band of hard grey limestone was met.

Placed a bolt and looked up. Still goes up possibly
 10m? can't see a definite finish.

Running out of rope ran to Tim chickening out.
 Traverse left and down a bit along the band of
 good grey limestone lead to a point directly above
 the cairn. 2 bolt pull through set up and

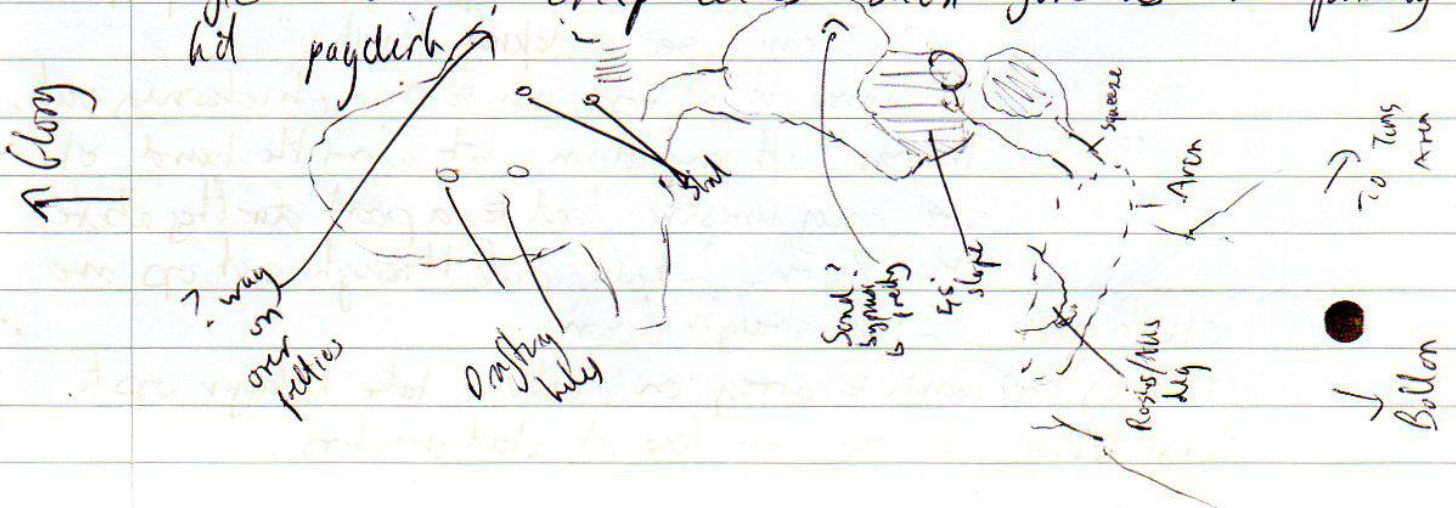
reheat made. 28m straight down.

If any one wants to carry on, advise take belayer up to
 large ledge. Follow our line of stud anchors.



After Tim returned to the floor the three of us moved our attentions to the boulder choke under the altar area. I had a quick poke ~~under~~ into a few holes in the choke which all drafted, but there was one with black spaces visible... At the far right of the choke a squeeze between blocks with a boulder wedged in the top led into a small chamber with a rock pile and a hole in the roof. This led to a 45° slope up - which after a small amount of gardening with a crowbar allowed a squeeze into a 2m high passage leading to a chamber with some pretty stal floor and sandy floor. Continuing on across lead to another squeeze into a larger chamber - 10 x 15m with 4ft high pure white stal, stroms, some obvious ways off, and a draft. With a small photo kit and no survey kit we took some pics and a video of the passage through. The obvious lead is behind the pretty stal and so we did not pursue it until the photos are taken. The passage appears to be following the right hand side of the choke - so the way on to the steamway continuation may be a cone.

Suggested none for the chamber - Vindication -
after all the crap leads Snon gave us we finally
hit paydirt



3283

29/7/09 Chris Cann, Juan Comin, Phil Pappard, Phil Parker.
 Another nice early(!) start. Top entrance made a
 little safer with a snapper and some rock crumbling. Upscream
 to the duck - Phil Pappard went down and advised two
 airbells/3 ducks so we dug out the floor downstream to
 increase airspace a little. Passage beyond was mainly
 deepish sands with ^{low} ~~one~~ avenus going high. Upscream
 ended at a snag. Aven partially climbed for possible
 high level passage continuation. ~~Phil Parker~~
 Surveyed out. Photos 2 pages on.

David Gledy

From Yesterday: 28/9/09

Alex Ritchie

Hoyuca to Far Stomps via Gorilla Walk.

Daren Jarvis

Ian, Yared, Alex, Darren and Paul (UHUCC, BRCC, SUCC)

Ian Vincent?

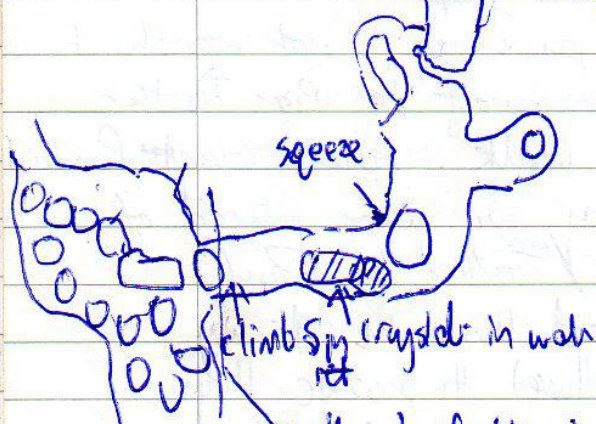
We started as early as we could for a day when
 the supermarkets were closed. Almost turn down one
 terrible road. Went down slightly less terrible road and
 should have gone down the next road! The cave entrance
 was easy to find and led straight into the main entrance
 series. The way on was easily found using the coloured
 survey and went the long way in. Found our way to
~~Pigs~~ ^{Pigs} ~~Fi~~ Quadropheria - which was really pleasant. Made
 a slight detour up marathon passage - not worth it
 if it can be avoided! Found our way to Pigs Trotter
 Chamber and then along Gorilla walk. After Giant Panda's
 link three of us turned back as we were tired of
 stooping. . . (Continued by Alex ^{Yared} written by Paul)
 Darren and I continued onwards considered this was the right way
 we turned right as the survey said and followed the passage through
 some deep pools. Afterward the passage got a little confusing but
 we followed our nose until we broke out into large chamber.
 we climbed up a boulder slope on the other side and continued for
 2km along a very long passage with ~~some~~ high formations.

we then hit a T Junction and head left searching for the famed Astrumay chamber however we failed to find it. We went right at the T Junction to find some huge boulders assuming this was Colloas. Knowing that the others were waiting we hasted out rather quickly, meeting the others on how later. (We find out later that the part we explored was actually the For Stomper).

28 29/07/2008

2366 - New passage after boulder choke. Climb over boulders then back down to stream way head along until another boulder choke climb this then the rope climb. Follow the passage upwards and turn right upwards. Turn right at 5 meter ladder passage, climb up ^{belly} high boulder the slope to the left and back down in large very unstable passage. Cross the chamber (shown) below to a small canyon which gets too tight high so climb down through obvious hole into new passage. * Warning * very delicate crystal formations in water. Slip through squeeze on ~~right~~ left into beautifully decorated chamber. Pictures in 2366 Summer 2366 boulder.

 - Boulder choke, possible way thru



right side w- line is new passage

~~and [scribbles]~~

29/07/08

Site 98/1452

Trip back to re-survey the new find, started from the cairn below the awen. Using clin, compass & disto it appears that most legs are taking a $\pm 20^\circ$ trend. Mocking around the chamber, you can see small claw marks, which prove a little disturbing. Photos were then taken, and in the centre of the area a ~~massive~~ drift ~~line~~ can be followed down - the floor is in fact fallen ceiling. Brendan continued down to area that floods again, which seems to draft a little. ^(approx 10m - unsurveyed) This may be continued further.

Having photo'd, we continued across the calcite and into a small passage with stals. Following this, you enter small chambers descending slowly into a final chamber which contain muddied gower pools.

These seem to block where the water may continue, despite a good echo. We surveyed this and then returned to the main chamber.

Brendan dug into a sandy area ^{to the right} before entering the main vindictum chamber) however this gets to a small rift, of a similar nature to the boulder choke (flaky rock with mud). It doesn't seem to continue.

In conclusion, the large boulder choke of Vindictum holds the continuation - there is still a draft and the lower parts of the boulders seem to get to flooding passage, may require digging.

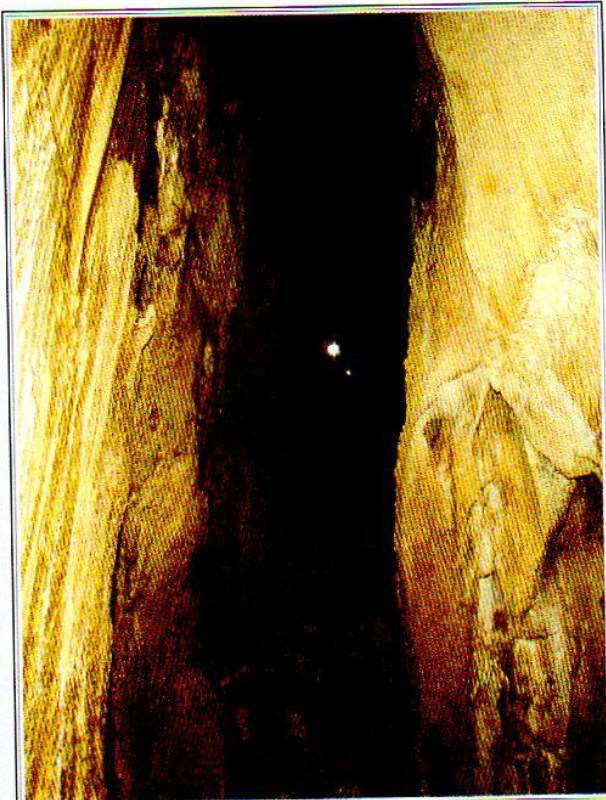
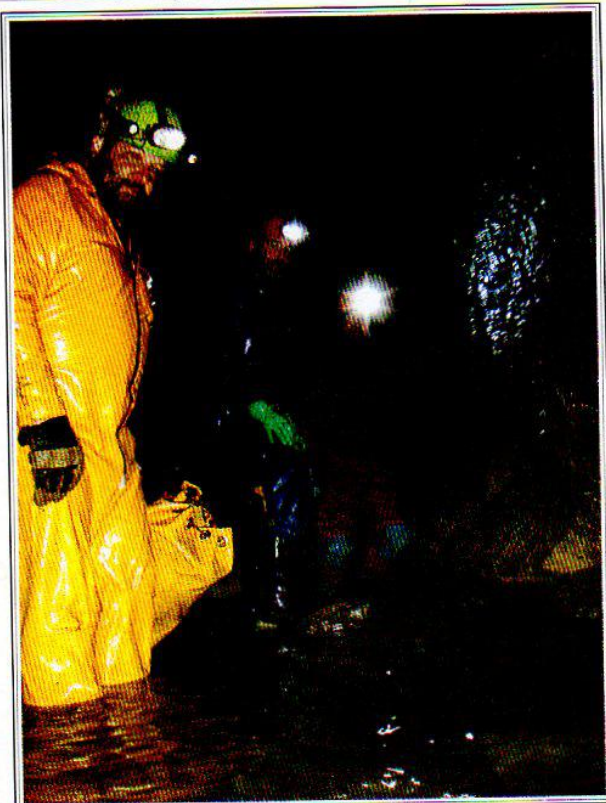
29/7/09

Ali M, Jen S, Ben S + Clare Y (SUSS)

Continued re-surveying of 0026 - TIVA from 27/7/09

1st day: Tied cave in to EPS on surface + surveyed most of the passage above the 11m pitch, excluding the rifts (as Jen got stuck + it seemed like a lot of hassle). Lots of singing and mud flinging occurred. Pushed a few small crabs... not very far.

2nd day: finished surveying passage above 11m pitch. Closed some loops + did the rifts. Jen got stuck in the same place from the other direction. Ben was very pleased with less than 1% error over 600m of passage - printed it off as proof!



INVISIBLE CAVE Site 3283 29/7/09

30/07/09

Site 026 - resurvey

Jen S, Brendan S, Ben S, Clare Y (SUSS)

Last day of our resurvey of 026 beyond the pitch.

Slightly surprised by very large toad near bottom of pitch.

Stormed along main streamway until we got to the deep bits, then we all lost enthusiasm somewhat so had some lunch and surveyed down a dry section which, trying as we might, didn't connect through. Brendan wanted to use Kevin the inflatable Killer whale in the stream, so wandered off till he got to a chest deep section, then came back. The rest of the team found a variety of excuses for not wanting to get wet, so we headed back, surveying up the side passages and taking photos as we went. ~~Pushed~~ Pushed a few climbs & crawls, & found a section of flowstone with a pretty stal chamber at the top, and a climb over a false floor (~5m) which bends to the left & hits the rift. A window through to an aren (~10m²) on the right around 3m diameter - passages were visible off the top. There was a footprint in the passage leading to the aren but we don't know if this has been climbed. Paused to photo the toad on the way out.

30/07/09

Chris Cam, Phil Parker, Paul Clout-Walker

GPS: BH
3291 30 T 0446713
4801639

Went off to find some connection with 'The invisible cave' (The name being in contrast to how easy it seemed for Chris to direct and Phil to ferret out). Found the presumed/expected hole and Phil dropped a few twigs down to see how it went - it seemed to go deep by quite some way. Chris then suggested looking further up the hill toward Aguanaz Cave's entrance. On the way we spotted a dark patch in a ~~thorny~~ thick thicket. I bashed through to a tiny hole with a reasonable draught and dug out a few ~~toad~~ ^{rocks} ~~rocks~~ we GPS'd and then worked our way (labouriously) towards the car. - Paul Clout-Walker

3291

3290

30/7/09 3034 - The hangclades. (see entry 7/4/09 + 12/4/09) ^{Grave Death!} ^{Burny Burnett!}
Dropped the 'tight' 30ft pitch in the floor, immediately after the squeeze under the wall from the entrance chamber. The suspected 30' pitch was in fact 30' - descended corner of an old Red Ox kaffer! Pitch is unfortunately blind - with a gravel floor in a 0.8m wide rift 4m long.
(Please note use of metric + imperial in this entry).

30/7/09 Times Ali M, Rex & H. 5055
Trop into "Cave of the Wild men"
saw eel exactly where it said on the survey
climbed last rift before sump to a roof take running along
top of rift. no obvious way on. no draft.

Wednesday 30/7/09 Tubbas - Pedro, Big Steve, Ali.

At previous end dug around blocks against hangwall to reveal drop into mid-floored area, not entered. Drought seems to be coming up from right just before here, so Pedro cleared rubble to reveal 2m drop, too tight at top. Drill batteries failed so couldn't cap this.

Wednesday 31/7/09 Tubbas - as above + PP, Juan.

Steve quickly opened up drop from yesterday, ladder used on 2m drop. From here routes down through unstable boulders pushed to daylight slots leading sideways. Back over came entrance Pedro found a chamber with formations.

Core all formed against hangwall of fault dipping approx 50%?

31/7/09 See entry after Times inlet (01/8/09)

Friday 31/7/09 Must be in a different universe to the last two trips!
Paul Clement-Walker, Chris Camm, Phil Parker
3291 and 3290

Went to get into yesterday's finds. 3291 - laddered the open hole into and down a rift, 14m to sloping rubble floor. Upslope closed down although narrow passage to right looked passable. Down slope, immediately on right led into

high
a parallel rift which closed in one direction and got
to big drop in the other. Bottom of the rubble slope
could well be ~~reaching~~ into the highest rift reached on
the 29th July trip into Invisible Cave. Return trip,
mob. handed, to be made soon.

3290 - Dug to open the hole, then capped off the
side of a boulder to allow Paul access into a not-too-clearance
5m length of downward sloping passage. Draught appears to
be coming from a 150m wide by 100m high mud filled
hole at lower level. Any further progress would require
boulder stabilization before any digging was to be undertaken.
N.B. Paul reckons it is the best hole he has ever seen!!

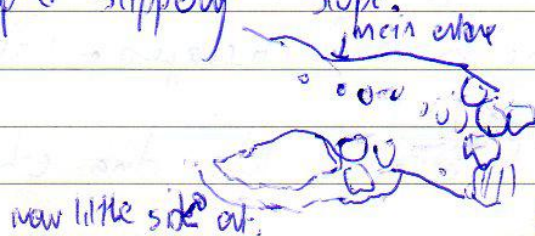
Paul Parker

01/08/2009

59. Molino, Cueva del

A quick photo trip into 59 proved entertaining for me (Alex), Darren
and Paul. Heading downstream from the entrance the water was
soon met and we barely waded in. Easy going led to deeper water
where we attempted to swim but found very difficult so we
started to traverse instead near the water. Clambering over boulders
in ~~extending~~ continuation of the passage lead to a fun slide down
into chest deep water (video). Traversing/wading along we
eventually hit some water that was very deep and not traversable
where as we felt like going though as we wanted something
quick and easy for last day. We headed out and once we
were within day light we split up and I headed up some short
climb to the left. After scrambling up and under a few boulders
and following a short passage I popped out into daylight
in I guess a new entrance (entrance was not on survey) near
the main entrance up a slippery slope.

Alex. Brecc



forgot photo of new exit survey.

1.08.

Bobby + Milly.

Wandered along Enase n. street to 1556 & Sima de fiesta.
Went to small cliff above Sima + discovered 2 more
of Matienzo's shortcuts.

(A) - 2m through trip - cave ~~entrance~~ entrance leads
after 1m turns 90° and pops out after 2m.

(B) About 10m a cave entrance leads to a 4' drop
partially blocked by a flake/boulder.

No GPS or Camera (luckily, because thunderstorm then started)
Milly most unimpressed.

RE

1.8.09

2594 - Ali + Phil P (+ Steve Hilly Sue)

Entered just need to make future progress much easier.
Down slot in floor, route to final choke is under vertical ~~flak~~ slab
approx 1m x 1m x 0.1m, needs removing for digging. Thought for
like-poor day for draughts. Seems to be large cavity on
RH just before the slab.

1.8.09

Valina - Carmen + Patrick

Rio Rigga - climb ascent + push tube seen from
stream way. - (this is "STREAM PASSAGE")

Aven needs serious bolting or scaling.

Crawl pushed (marked as low dig) is still
that.

Cave to streamway still rugged.

Also to rig climb previously ascended by P. Smith.
into La Pita - Ali wants to take a look.

No obvious drops + no obvious way on - still
rugged.

1/8/09

3012 John Southward, Chris Cann, Phil Parker
In chamber @ end of cave draughting out of left- and
right-hand forward passages + two backward passage.



We dug the low wide left-hand

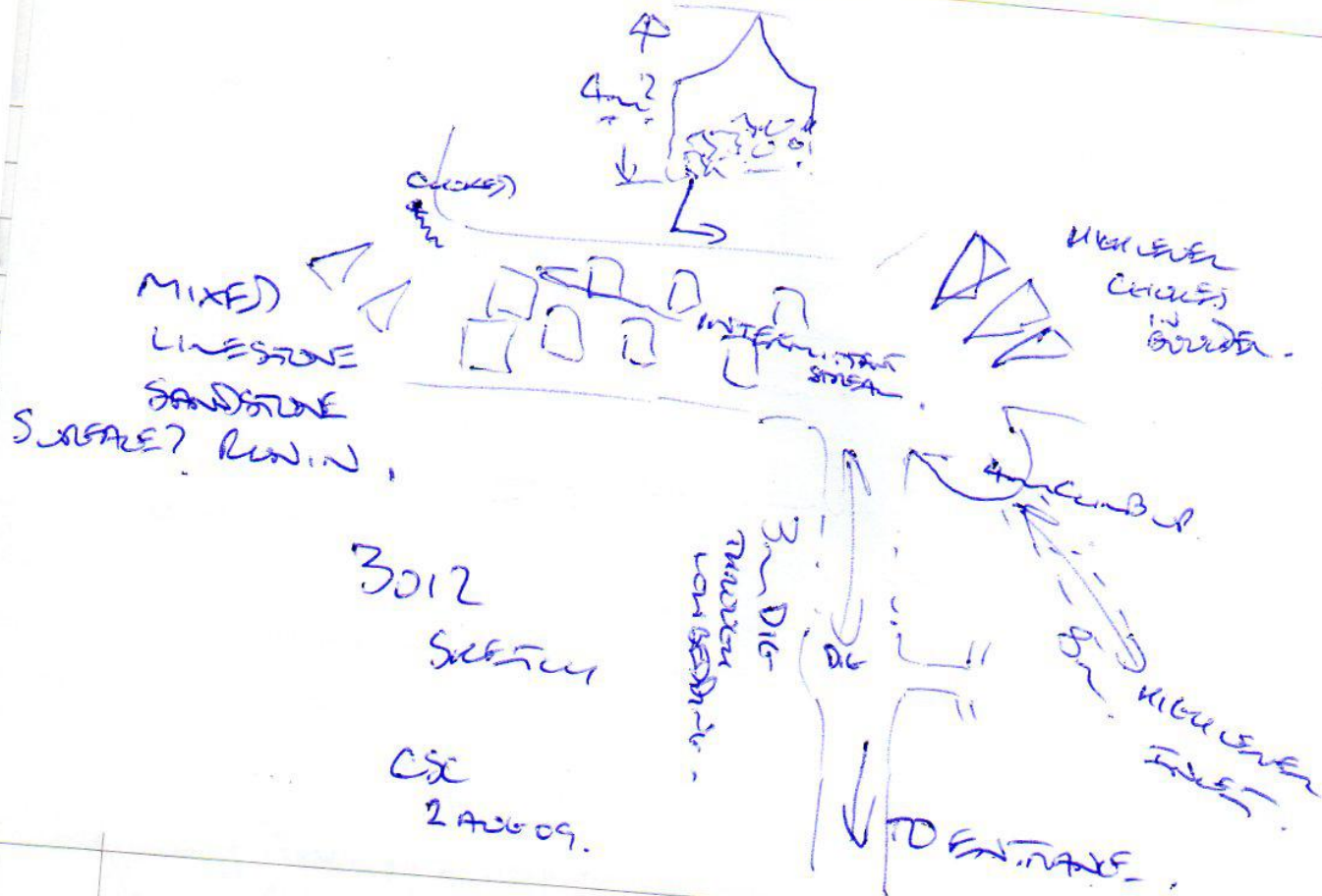
passage for 2.75 m and got into a large cross passage with 4 m climb to right up into 8 m of inlet. To the left the passage dropped down to obvious ^{small} exit for ^{any} water running through this passage. Passage gives all the signs of being a large old passage. Length from climb on right to water exit point 12 m.

DOO SKETCH

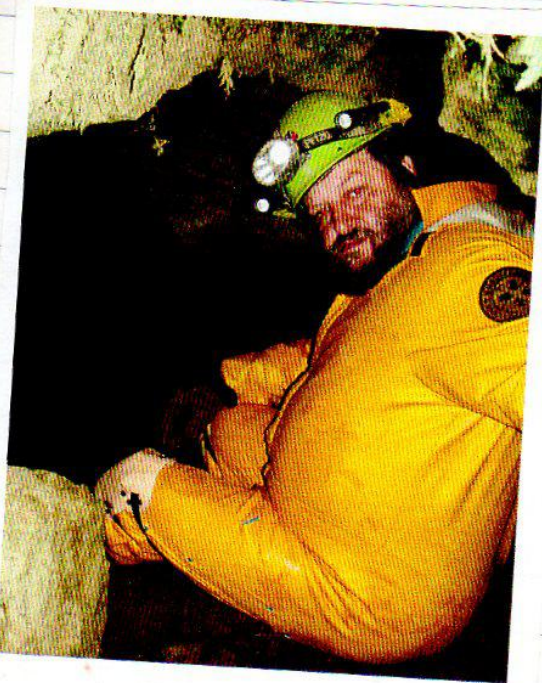
OVER

01/8/09. Off Toru - Boring + Dave G. Explored inlet into canyon passage - approx 100 m after passing through boulder choke. Hunch + knees (some lower) progression with a few inches of water - occasional pools of around 1 foot deep. Predominantly mud floor/walls. Slight drought in - but was steeper last year. Saw 'woodlice like' creatures in water - completely white. Halted after approx 140-150 m when roof lowered to around 1 ft, although passage widened to 3-4 m. Needs thin/determined person in dry conditions to pursue further.

(31/7/09). Far end of Toru - through choke - attempting Rima. Boring + Dave G. Surveyed new area found whilst attempting Rima connection. Unfortunately even our inlet going away from Rima. Descending rift passage over blocks to a floor covered in shallow pool covered in crystals. Squeezed round block and into continuation of rift with very predominant silt + siltstone decoration. Rift forks. Right hand side blocked by excellent siltstone decoration. Left hand side heavily decorated - but impossible to climb up through + beyond. Mass of large boulders + false floor. No apparent way on. Retired to chamber which appears to have been visited previously but not surveyed. Very very large and not planned at all. Several squeegee led to terminal chamber with hanging death everywhere. I am not returning. No obvious way on at present.



10, 11, 12 etc.
 PAGES 8 & 9 of the MARINZO 2010 CAVE



IT WAS A PERFECT FIT WHEN
 HEARLEY LONG SOLD IT ME ????

Prior to BAR TOMAS I was a
 size 42"!

Where's the Stringer?

FUCK, NOT ANOTHER SQUEEZE.

31/07/09 774 - Moreauca : Mandy Patrick, Kevin B, Lezhong, Adam Holsley.
Fu Warren Brohan

Trip to the extensions fand at Easter 2009. Draught blowing out from the left fork was followed and found to end at a boulder choke. ~~is~~
A pitch ^{in this chamber} was also belled and dropped (~20 m) with an immature streamway which is too tight.

Other passages were investigated on the way out, ~~including~~ a handline climb down to a pitch which we didn't have time to ~~exp~~ descend, draughting ~~we~~ very weakly. We surveyed the finds, and Patrick took some photos of the formations, and we derigged all but the awkward traverse.

02/08/09 Torno - Patrick Warren, Caren Smith, Mandy Fu
2366

We attempted the round trip and had a look at some leads on the survey. The sandy dig at the bottom of Torno Chamber was pushed for around 20 metres. ~~It is fairly~~ ^{awkward} The flat out sandy crawl can easily be enlarged, but as squeeze ~~to~~ between some rocks may need to be enlarged by hammer and chisel for a normal person to fit!

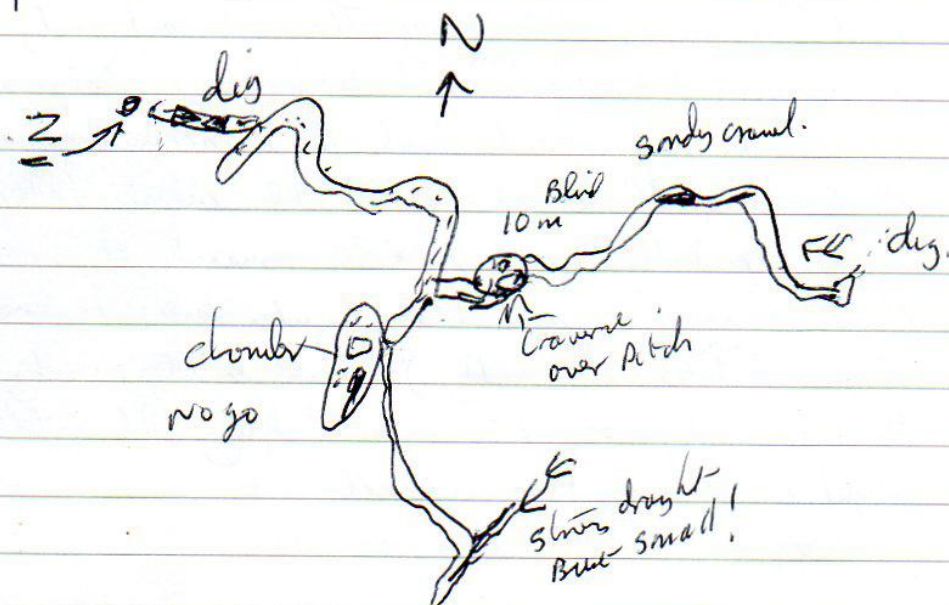
At the end of the crawl a small chamber where you can sit up is met, probably around 2m x 3m squared. A drop under a rock on the right as you enter the chamber leads to over welly water.

A ~~low~~ ^{+tight} streamway (possibly...) which could possibly be followed above the water or ~~possibly~~ it is wider but very cold in the water.

Slight draught can be felt, ~~add~~

Please
leave
space here!

2/8/09 Harry's Cave - 3234 Ali; Steve; Pete; Phil
 Objective was to survey the passage found by Juon et al the
 day before that was only surveyed with Juon's watch
~~and~~ Compass! First problem was PPA found to be
 flat -! so left - $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs late. Before we got to start-
 point (St-6) we looked at dig past climb done day
 before at St- Z (or N1 or IN), Petro got through and
 after $\frac{1}{2}$ hr dig not followed. 225 m of passage found
 & surveyed incl dropping a 10m blind patch - dig at
 both ends found, main drought is from East end,
 but - this is a long dig needing 'Caps' or food snappers.
 PPA gave up after 45m not of 225m surveyed with paper &
 pencil! but - used Distix. Came out & back to Pablo's for
 beer but - left ladders on wall! Look saw them on way
 back from family day out!



01/08/09 J. Clarke, H. Long, Juan, Lank, Paul, Simon
To Cold Store Cave and took a scaling pole to
climb in 1st side passage on left. Passage at top
went to chamber after 25m with all ways on-
choked or too tight. Back down and John started
digging under wall at back of alcove. Got thro' into
nice phreatic tube which was partially blocked by
sand at a U-bend. He started digging but needed
trenching tool so left for the 'Grabbers' to pinch.

Juan, Lank, Paul & Simon went into passage at
top of slope in 2nd chamber + surveyed approx
300m but Juan smashed the compass with his
heavy weight!!

02/08/09 John Clarke + H.L. back to Cold Store Cave
and thro' passage on left before going into 2nd
chamber. Got down pit + John got up for side +
down another pit at side and out into an open
passage. A low spot opened onto a slope into
a 5m wide x 2 1/2 m tall passage and a slope to the
head of a 17 m pitch.

03/08/09 John Cl., H.L. + Phil Parker back to C.S.C.
with ladders for pitch. John + Phil down and surveyed
approx. 80m of good-sized passage to a 4m climb
up, followed by a 4m climb down which stopped
play.

04/08/09 John Phil + H.L. to C.S.C. with a few
bolts + extra ladder. Unfortunately, below the drop
a short length of passage ended at a silted-up old
swamp. Back at foot of 17 m pitch produced a few
more metres of passage.

Harry

04/08/09 Kevin Brohan + Adam Walmsley -
 Contrabandistas - (663) - 5 hours of digging
 through a false floor of flowstone opened
 the way to a 5 m pitch. Silted at the
 bottom; half way up, a body-size ^(extinct) river
 passage carries the draught. Continues for
 - 5/10 m to a sandstone blockage.
 Could easily be dug with hammer & chisel.

3 Aug Bobby Milly

Returned to sites near Sima Fiersta

GPS + Photo

Photo No

3293

A Cave with two entrances

0451736

4796971

144 147

(+ 0451735 4796968)

3294

B

Cave reading rock flake breaking

0451743

4796958

145 146

5 Aug Bobby

Returned to area between Sima Fiersta + Cantolovergo (150)

C GPS + Photo 2810 0451758 4796949 X??

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149 150 151

D 2811 0451799 4796863 ✓

E 150 0451953 4790825 6

153, 154
155

F 2975 0451937 4796836 ✓

156 157

G 1556 photo only.

158

Add to 2811 - at end of main passage 10 m continues on and
 up but smaller with a slight outward & draught probably
 another surface connection. (Query ref - ~~Easton~~ ^{Easton} ~~high~~ ^{high} ~~book~~ ^{book} 2008)

4 Aug 2009

Tez, Carmen - Walk to large depression Hoyo de Huesa prospecting.

GPS:

(3295)

Triangular fence: 30T 045 4786 4796241

(3296)

Hole in track up to depression: 30T 0455267 4796488

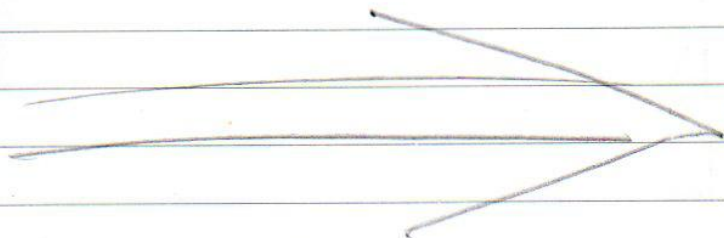
05/08/09 H.L. + J. Clarke - Riano area

Went to 3222 and John hammered off enough of the "saddle" to get down the pitch, which was 6m deep. He went for a look, and said there was going cave. Told him to go for 10 mins and after 25 mins he walked round the hillside having come out of Espada!

3226 was dug out and went to 9m of rift passage to where it got too narrow.

60 m down-valley from Espada entrance up under scar was a free climbable rift (6m) to a pool. Not possible to GPS. Walked back to car + then walked around the hillside below Cold Store Cave. I found a 2m long choked cave south west of C.S.C. GPS 045139.4800961

(3292)



Matienzo 16-23 May 2009

Peter Fast Nielsen, Bjarne Buchardt and Torben Redder (Denmark)

17th, 18th and 20st may 2009, #458

Peter and Bjarne for the first time in Hidden Hole, as person no 10 and 11 ever past the squeeze. We had at thorough look around in the chamber at the bottom of Gloom Pitch, but there are no new ways on. Follow the western passage. Where it enters the grotto and turn right, there appears to be a passage to the left, just 2 meters past the dripping water inlet (climb 1 meter up). It is worth noticing that Jonas Binladen and Torben Redder on one of the last trips many years ago had a really good look around the inlet, but missed "squeezing coulumn passage".

Description of "squeezing coulumn passage": Squeeze past the 3mx0,2m coulumn into a walking size passage with a few squeezes. The passage end in a unpassable tight place, that was located from the other side, about 5 meters away, another place in the cave.

P15:
Half way along the walking size passage, there is a p15 (2 spits). This water dripping pitch leads to a muddy slope down and a steep phreatic tube sloping up (use about 20 m of rope for belay up the tube) leading to Dining Chamber through a hammered hole.

From Dining Chamber, Precarious Tube leads to the bottom of the muddy slope at the end of p15.

There are a lot of avens in the new area.

Places that need a second look is the chamber west of Dining Chamber, as this was surveyed as the last on the final trip May 20th (18 hour trip).

Survex file:
Survey dxf file:
Survey DistoX file:

Pictures by Peter Fast:
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#0458_p15.JPG

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19 May 2009, various unknown numbers
Peter Fast Nielsen, Bjarne Buchardt, Torben Redder, Peter Smith

Details by Peter Smith will supplement this description:
More details Peter?

4 shafts were entered in this order:

No 1:
Site no: _____
Torben Redder and Peter Fast

Survex file:
Survey dxf file:

Survey DistoX file:

Pictures: ?

No 2:
Site no: _____
Peter Fast

Choked shaft. P30?

No 3:
Site no: _____
Torben Redder

P2 leading to slope down. Choked. Length about: 15m

No 4:
Site no: _____
Torben Redder

P30? . Double shaft. Sloping bottom. Choked

Survex file:
Survey dxf file:
Survey DistoX file:

Picture by Peter Fast:
no4.JPG

Relative location of the shafts:

No 1

No 3 No 2

No 4

22 may 2009, #0394
Peter Fast Nielsen and Torben Redder

As peter and I struggled along the muddy entrance crawn, slowed down by rope and getting progressively more muddy, Peter said: "This is a horrible mudhole and now I remember that this was the cave you should tell me not to enter again". But I had happily forgot what I was told years before.

DESCRIPTION

At the bottom of p5 we enter the 50m tight meander heading west. Where it ends the way on to the right says "tight". Smashing a bit of rock with a stone turns it into a nice flat out continuation.

Survex file:
Survey dxf file:
Survey DistoX file:

MAY 09
Torben +

See
PS email
22/5/09

From: Ben Stevens <bjstevens@theiet.org>
To: uzueka@aol.com
Subject: Re: [Fwd: Matienzo]
Date: Mon, 3 Aug 2009 14:28

(37)

Juan,

Reckoned ~30m when I plotted them in the same Survex 3d file. However meant to mention (left a note in the tiva survex file) that the GPS fixed point has a very suspect looking altitude (think it was ~126m when the valley floor is at 146m!). There should still be a tipex mark on one of the trees on the right near the entrance which would enable the entrance to be re-GPS'd and the survey tied in more accurately - didn't have time to do this myself.

Ben

From: Warren, Patrick <Patrick.Warren@unilever.com>
To: uzueka@aol.com
Subject: RE: Matienzo Morenuca - surveyed length
Date: Wed, 5 Aug 2009 15:19

Hi Juan,

Back at work now...

Just to confirm that the total surveyed length of new stuff in Morenuca is 700.96m. There are two fictitious vertical legs, marked as such, in 0774-09-04.svx and 0779-09-05.svx. I inserted them to get an idea where the bottom of the holes might be in relation to Regaton and they calculate the length. There are also some duplicate legs but they have been taken out already by *flags duplicate.

Cheers,

Patrick

5.8.09 Uzueka - Al: Torker, Comer.

Resurveyed Wardrobe Passage - fair amount not on previous survey.

6.8.09 Uzueka - Al: Cecilia Lloyd

Passages beyond Flashbulb Hole to LH + RH ~~was~~ over stream - very nice & pushed overney passage, but clino broken so need to go back.

06-08-09 K Brdhan + J Wang - 4.15.

Have been pushing a rift at the end of helictite passage. Good draft but hideously tight.

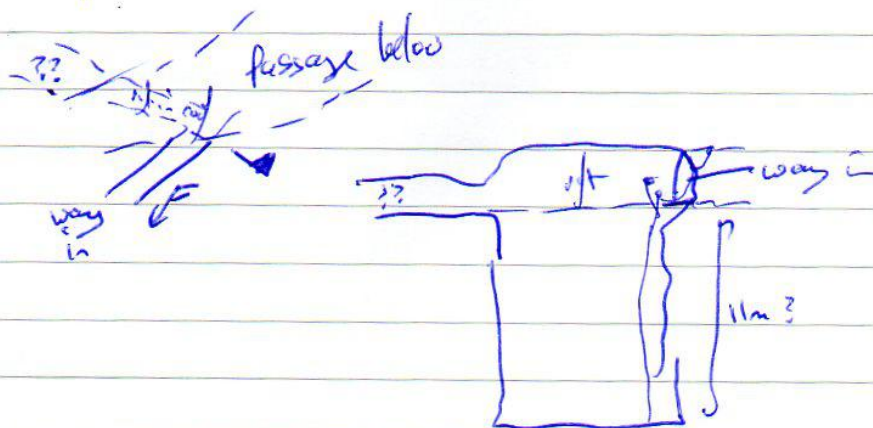
6.8.09 Dyjand - 2 slot with good draft to SW of Cow Lane? (Seeed online 148.07 6800940 (approx)) - Al:.

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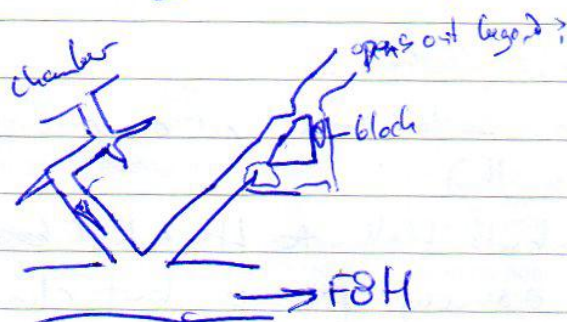
3.8.09 Ali, Torben, Vazuka.

High level chamber before Flash Bulb Hall

Pitch on left - as low as ^{SRT} digging (could be improved) so only torben descended, into a previously entered passage. Open bedding visible to left across pitch



Then bedded out with a little further on main route to FBH - Torben dug round block on right but couldn't pull out block. Good draught.



Then Photo X'd from Flash Bulb Hall to Torange, which we rigged

7/8/09 DAN H. John P. James (Reddies) Andrew L.

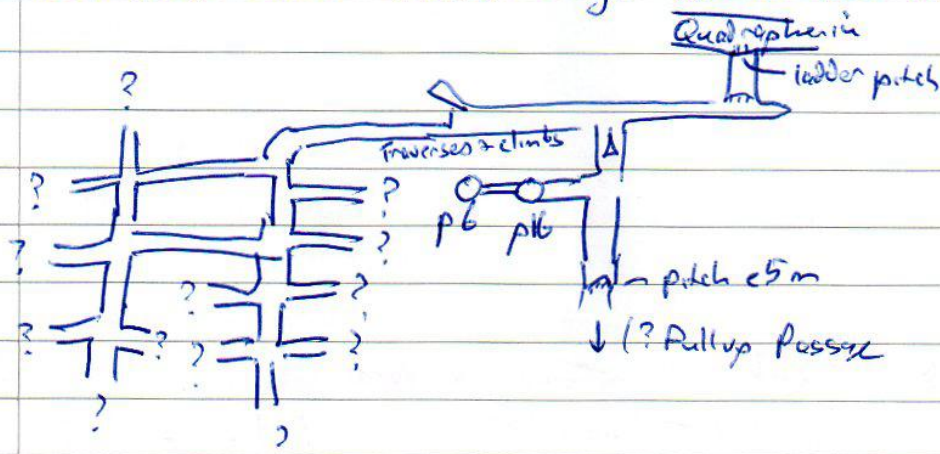
Surface digging (GPS 30T 0447667E 4799467N) a 1m Ø hole produced a slot 4 snappers used to remove boulders. Dan & Andrew ~~climbed~~ passed through slot into small chamber - 10m to dig more boulders (loose!). Draughting in and out?

3297

Cave @ 0447612 4799541 Andrew L. James surveyed

7.8.09 Vzuoka - Ali Torken Sent.

Descended last ~~pot~~ pot in floor after traverse beyond Flashbulb Hold 6 m deep, rift on RH side pushed to Julian drop of 16 m (narrow at top). Short passage ~~and~~ connected to passage. To left joins rift connecting to ladder in Quadrophonia (top of ladder v. corroded & re-rigged). To ~~right~~ left in rift connects to start of more of big rifts and tubes below traverse - got lost so ran away.



08/08 J. Clarke + H.C.

3303

a). Small hole in scar beside road. 2m deep drop into small chamber.

GPS. 0448781. 4799281 Alt. 333m

b). Hole in rock outcrop in subsidiary depression beside larger depression. 2m drop into 2m dia chamber with possible dig in floor. No draught.

3304

GPS 0448587. 4799204 Alt. 300m.

08/08 Bobby / Mully

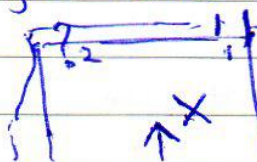
Basmartin

3307

a) Overgrown shaft with tree ~2m wide 4m deep, slight stone rattle. 0450506 4797641

photo 168

b)



Foot of cliff open entrance 5' high
Quarry and entrance - both need anti-nettle clothing
GPS from position of X

169
-172

1892

See 9/8/09.

0450570 4797679
will return with stick etc

3166



Dec WAVING,
TRAINING DAY.

All welcome.

Tuesday ^{4th} August - Torca la Vaca

J. Pemberton / J. Wood / J. Dingle / J. Omon / Lloyd. E.P.C.

— A trip to rig the cave ready for extensions beyond Footers
Expedition Supp (Lake Bassenthwaite) was completely open (1 foot airspace)
• Rodders and Johnny went to scale an oven in some Northwest trends
passage surveyed 150m plus of higher level passage - crapped out ref.
Rodders. 127m

• Jude + Lloyd + myself surveyed 70m of thing tall passage by linking an
Oxbox between "Havenplate lane" to "Help me Lloyd passage" leaving one
Draughting parallel rift for further exploration

Wednesday ^{5th} August - Angonaz

D. Hibbott / B. Toogood / Kieron / J. Wood / J. Pemberton / EDDIE

ELDON P.C.

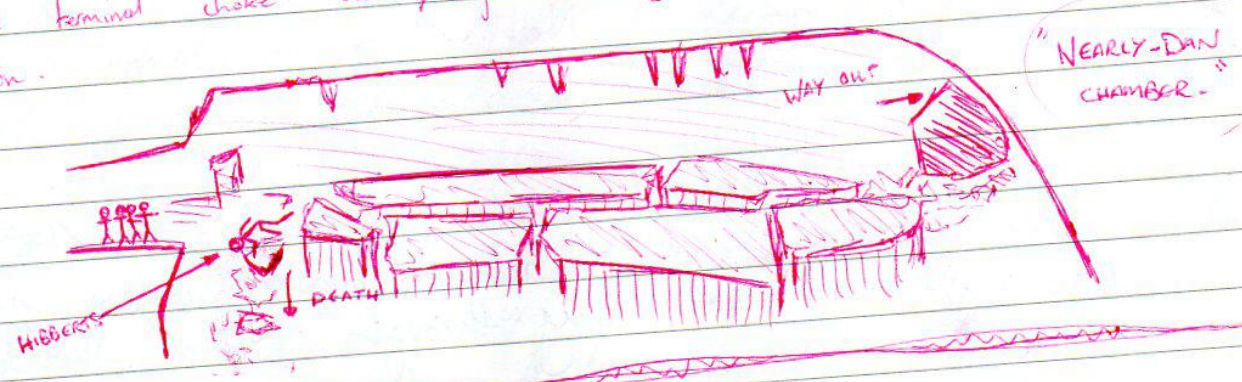
— Dan, Kieron, EDDIE + myself dragged all gear up towards the dry post
upstream. Jane + Bob bitched it! I went out to recover them + got 1s
in Jungle. Kieron could not get back out of boulder choke (-unable to
assistance from Eldon P.C.) Swam back through Dan had bottled 40m+ up as
in main stream passage outside + largest inlet passage trending West.
• Surveyed a passage heading east 70m ending at a too tight rd continued
on, No Draught! EDDIE free climbed 30ft beyond a tight Squeeze

An alien which continued out of sight.
• Eddie + myself ventured up the west trending passage. Noting four Tall Draughty aliens with small creatures at the bottom. (link to surface?)
The passage continued through a choke to two shed decks and a continuing stream passage - leading to a flat out crawl in stream - slight draught.

Thursday 6th August - Torca la Vaca - E.P.C

After a massive long trip we reached the far limits of row pot terminates the present end of the earlier expedition. a quick 6m climb leads up to a 'Wacky' continuation of the passage leading to a large breakdown chamber 'Nearly-Dan' chamber. A few long ways off could be seen continuing. The first (higher level) lead off for 500m of large passage heading south to a bedding. This was pushed by Demolishing Stud to a massive draughting to tight crawl.

• A lower passage at the bottom of the chamber lead for 500m to a terminal choke. The passage obviously sumped to the roof. No real ways on.



SATURDAY 8th August - E.P.C.

ANDY - D. Hibbert - B. Traynor - Barny - J. Wood - J. Robertson.

Exploration of lower choke in Nearly-Dan chamber. Through densely choke into massive overflow passage "Henry's Way" continues for 500m to a massive breakdown chamber 20m high with a massive hole in the far side continuing but very dangerous! A short lead was followed "Redders Stud" ^{Bull's trap} ~~round~~ was surveyed.

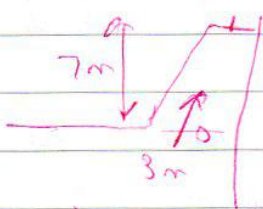
an inlet heading east was surveyed for Room still continuing with ways off passing "suit ripper". A further surveying trip is planned.

09/08/09: Terry Conn, Jones, Cairns. Quaking at 318g. A bit more progress allowed us to view ahead to where a lowering of the ceiling makes the prospect look a bit less promising. Lots of work needed and ~~but~~ no detectable draught today.

09.08.09 Bobby Milly. Besmartin

Returned to nettle infested spot. Only R.H side had above the other was a shadow. GR. At entrance 0450569 4797686

Survey !! Ent ⁰ → 1 ^d 7m ^b 315° ^c 0°



	^a	^d	^c	^r
0	3	0	1.5	1
1	1	0	0.5	0.5

It didn't go Netles won by innings & 80 runs

4/8/09. Jez Wong, Kevin Bohan. - 415
Digging at the end of helectite passage where rift becomes too tight. Snapped way through. Once through the squeeze passage opened out into a small chamber with two pits filled with rubble. Way on, following draft is towards the back on the left squeezing between several large stals. Passageway continues for 30 - 40 m with many helectites and stals decorating the passage walls and ceiling. Way on blocked by three large columns and will require removing them to get past. Strong ~~tree~~ draft felt from beyond the columns. Looking

between the columns the ceiling comes down and passageway blocked with loose rubble which can easily be removed.



9/8 2009 #458

3 trips (4/8, 6/8, 8/8), Mandy, Torben, Adam (8/8) searched for wasps all the way to where it gets close to Cephalos. Found several small connections. The section from Cloon Pitch to Robinhead Traverse was not looked at. On the last trip (8/8) 185 meters was surveyed. All finding added to ~~the~~ survey. A window in Cloon Pitch needs checking.

06/08/09 J. Clarke + H.L. - Riano area

Walked in the area to the north of the line of Espada Cave and on round the hill, finding:-

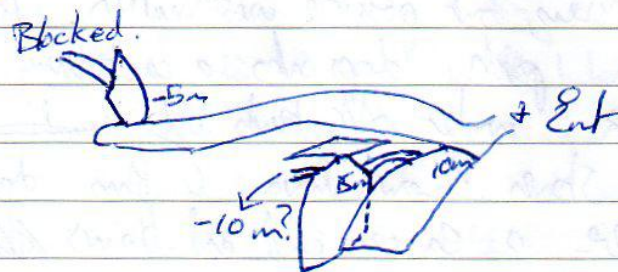
- (3298) a). Hole in small scar not far from bottom boundary wall; about 2m long crawl to choke.
- (3299) b). At end of small stream gully is open cave entrance. 4m of stooping leads across a low chamber to top of a 5m slope down to a deep pool, which is presumed to connect to Espada Cave (103).
- (3301) c) Small, body-sized tube in scar in jungle about 2m long.
- (3302) d) Undercut at base of scar in alcove. Low crawl to a small hole straight in, but a draught seemed to be coming thro' a choke straight ahead. Length 3m.

06/08/09 J. Clarke + H.L. - Riano

In afternoon - walked across to Site 3199, and John got beyond where I got at Easter. The left eye hole was passable, and dropped thro' into an enlargement all in sandstone boulders with no obvious way on. He described it as not a very safe-looking place!

09/08/09 J. Clarke + H.L. Back into 3234 to survey a few oddments and to pull gear out from the western passages route starting near St6 from the Easter survey. Finished that and went to look at the narrow passage that needs snapping. Should be relatively simple! Made our way back to entrance with John taking photos as we went. "Paul's Dig" pushed to?

08/08/09 Kevin Brohan + Peter Smith
 Contrabandistas. - At the bottom of the
 first pitch there are some tight meanders
 which lead to a second pitch (15 m) -
 not on the sketch. More meanders
 beyond this, but they will have to be
 dug. Throwing down a rock indicates
 another pitch of ~ 10 m. Survey might
 go like →



Also descended 3253 → slightly draughting with
 at the bottom. Too tight 5m deep.

8.8.09 Uzecker - Ali Santi Lloyd.

Descended 5m pitch seen yesterday which connected into Alex area. Surveyed
 main & first part of full-up passage - all previously cleared. c250m.

9.8.09 Uzecker - Ali Santi Torben

Continued survey - some previously unentered passage but didn't go far. Main
 bit left is following low stream passage upstream - prob. the 200m long (approx)
 passage on old surveys.

10.8.09 Uzecker - Ali Caroline Santi Paul. Surveyed passages located on or on
 6.8.09, & just part of Day Series.

Found (tooth)²¹⁰⁶? skull fragments, & charcoal (?) in Day Series. Possible connection
 towards FCH notes.

10/08/04 394 Collada, Kerran Rooney, Mandy Fu,
James Carline.

Kerran's hunger got the better of him in the entrance crawl
~~so~~ so he went back to the car to sleep it off.

Dropped the pitch from the window into the chamber marked
'A' on the survey. This was ~~very~~ done by running the ladder
over a very loose overhanging lip into the chamber. Below
~~was~~ a set of holes behind the ladder drop about another 4 or
5m to loose mobsters, but possible contamination. Ahead
(East) a large 10m pitch drops into a continuing passage.
To the South a ~~large~~ under rift leads off ~~and~~ ~~down~~ for
15m or so at least. Stones thrown down this dropped for about
10-15m. The draught here is a very cold and blows ~~the~~ strongly
outwards.

Also climbed up the draughting border choke under the
surface shakehole. Manage to cut up for about 20m to
where much bumps and tree roots could be seen. No obvious way
to get any further up yet.

Finally we ~~found~~ ~~the~~ ~~entrance~~ dug open
a passage at the west side of the chamber where the window (A)
starts from. Got about 5m before a bright draughting
off can be climbed down into. Further progress here
would require ~~some~~ some explosive persuasion.

5/8/04 Tono. Mandy, Jet, Kevin, Adam W.

Kevin made good progress ^{digging} in the sand filled tube in Pasture of Progression,
making around 8 metres.

The rest of us went to Tono Chamber to have a further look at the sandy
dig to see if it can be pushed further.

I ~~not~~ ~~get~~ ~~back~~ made it to the end of the sandy crawl and got
a better look at the water. It appeared to be about welly depth ~~water~~ pool.

with a couple of inches of airspace. I managed to get through the wet squire ~~and~~ into new passage on the other side.

The sandy crawl continues for another 20 or so metres and then a junction with cobbled floor is seen, with at least 3 ways on. A cold draught could be felt. As Adam and Jez didn't fit through the squire, we planned to ~~to~~ return on a future trip to enlarge the passage.

7/8/09 Tono - ~~Kevin~~ Mandy, Jez, Adam, Kevin
A return trip to the sandy dig in Tono chamber, with lump hammer and chisel ~~and~~. A hole above the pool was enlarged in an attempt to avoid getting wet. An awkward rock in the sandy crawl was also reduced in size to aid progress. After Shaws digging, neither myself nor Jez could fit through the ~~to~~ pool bypass, so a return trip is planned, and we surveyed the ^{new} passage to the pool.

11 Aug 2009

Returned to area around 2548 to GPS sites
noted 21. Aug 2008 + Not documented

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|--------|---------|---|---------|---------|
| (3308) | 174 | 1) Narrow shaft 4m deep | 0453144 | 4794574 |
| (3312) | 175 | 2) Shaft is in clints which widens | 0453146 | 4794560 |
| (3312) | 176 177 | 3) shaft in clints (A) from 21/8/08 | 0453180 | 4794416 |
| (3314) | | 4) shaft in clints (E) " " with mountain ash | | |
| | | (photo did not take for N°4) | 0453243 | 4794541 |

GPS returned to box

Bobby

11 Aug 2009. - 415 - Jez, Kevin.

Returned to 415 to survey new part beyond tight rift in helictite passage, and possibly

dig beyond where columns prevent further progress.

Surveyed new part beyond the squeeze up to the columns before deciding that removal of the columns was too much of a major dig. Continuation of helectite passage is in a southerly direction with a good draft, but would require some major digging possibly with shappers.

From: Gledhill David (RNL) North Cumbria University Hospitals <David.Gledhill@ncumbria-acute.nhs.uk>

To: 'uzueka@aol.com' <uzueka@aol.com>

Subject: (no subject)

Date: Tue, 11 Aug 2009 10:25

Attachments: P8070579.jpg (2914K)

Hi Juan,

Attached is a sketch from memory of a thing Barney and myself found on the way to the airport last wednesday.

Couldn't see it on the list on his pda but may have been 'previously enjoyed'.

Barney should have given you the gps for it already.

It's in the camposdelante area, up on the hill around the 350m contour to the west of site 3115 'torca del hombre'.

From 3115, go west and you will note 3 depressions marked in blue. The site is just north-west of these.

Large walk-in opening in sandstone outcrop. Dry sandy passage with rift entering on left. Ahead is step over boulders to head of pitch (not descended). Pitch damp but not wet. Floor seen but no readily obvious way on - no draught on hot day.

Rift entering on left entered at roof height. Easy traverse on fragile ledges. Dry sandy floor seen but not descended to, owing to time constraints by ryanair.

Daylight entrances at far end of rift. Easy egress for quick through trip via middle entrance, furthest entrance mainly collapsed.

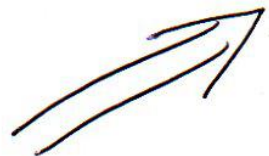
Lower down in depressions noted earlier was a very very cold and very very strong outward draught (on v hot day) amongst boulders in small depression near path (see Barney for GPS). Removed numerous rocks and draught stronger. No further progress attempted due to pending check-in time at airport.

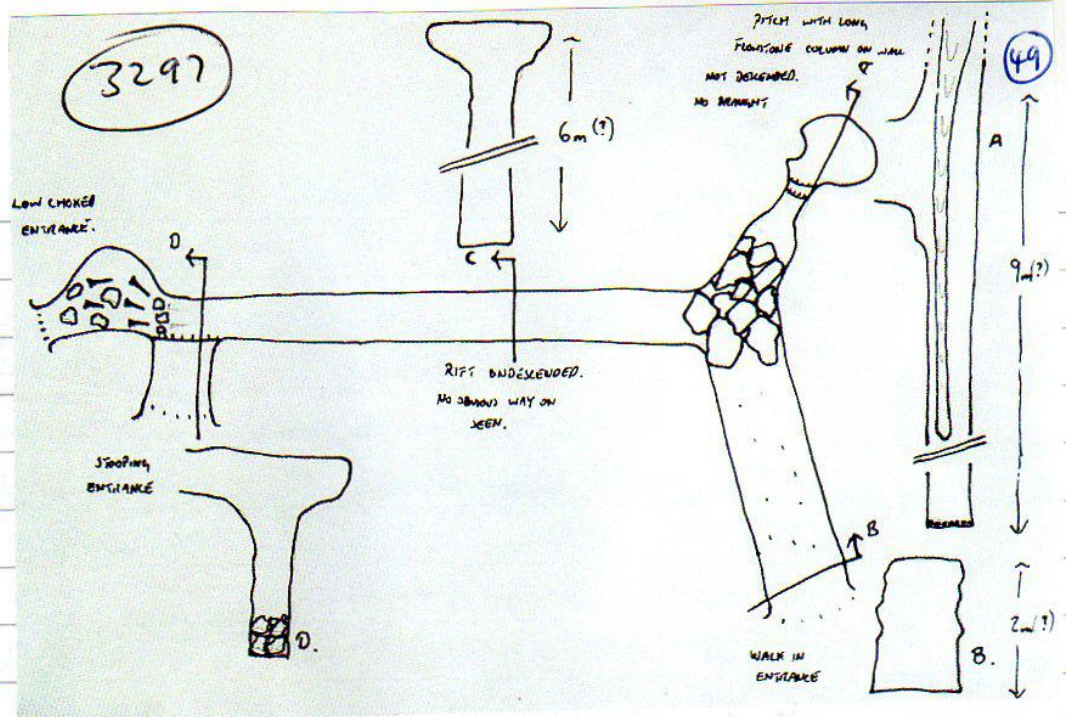
Camera was left in car - sorry.

If the above are already known, please ignore this twaddle.

cheers

grave deadhill





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 To: 'uzueka@aol.com' <uzueka@aol.com>
 Subject: the 'other' other alum pot
 Date: Tue, 11 Aug 2009 13:42
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'Alum Pot' = 3118

Hi Juan,

Attached are some pictures of the other other alum pot (oap pot?) that Barney and myself came across on monday 3rd august and subsequently descended on the 4th. Barney has the GPS details and possibly a picture of me in it for scale. Large open pot with no unaided route down. Approx 16-20m deep depending which side is descended. 15m x 20m diameter ellipse.

Walls mainly large sandstone blocks covered in very loose undergrowth, the top half of which consists of the inevitable brambles.

Floor of pot a trifle humid, covered in large boulders and rotting fallen trees which makes locating potential leads virtually impossible. No obvious draughts on very hot day.

cheers

Grave D

Re 3117 revisited.

Slightly disturbing entrance picture and sketch survey attached. 4th August 09.

Keyhole entrance at base of small limestone outcrop excavated. Tube rising up from inside entrance to choke at surface level at top of outcrop.

Way on is constricted squeeze to right - enlarged slightly by removal of the only pretty (by member of Southampton CC and certainly not by eldon members, even though we are a set of rotten bastards). Floor is dry mud and old moonmilk.

Drop down 2m into chamber. No draught (hot day) signs of very small inlet at floor level and outlet on opposite wall. Cave crapped out with no possible digs seen. Entrance back-filled with large branches, plastic drums & boulders to prevent cattle attempting pirating trips once we had gone.

Is the 3117? Pictures disagree?

10/08 H.L. South Vega

- (3310) a). 2m long cave just about uphill from the west end of the water tank beyond valley to Cefraler
GPS 0450752.4795553 This is ~~1460 GPS~~ Close to 1460.

- (3308) b). 5m wide ent. into overhang and a crawl across to a possible way on by digging up a slope. No real draught.

GPS 0451089.4795715

- (3309) c). Small hole at foot of rock face in a largish depression. A dig should gain access to a 2m drop into a small chamber.

GPS 0451499.4795637

12/08 J. Clarke + H.L. South Vega

- a). Returned to 3309 and got into small chamber (see above). Not a lot else to say!

- (3317) b). 5m climb down to a complete choke. The entrance is in a small scar in corner of field.

GPS 0451393.4795675

(3316) 12/08 J. Clarke + H.L. Riano area

Went for a wander round to the west of Cubio del Llanio and found a low, wet rising with a reasonable flow.

GPS 0450850.4801403

(3300) 9/8 JOHN SOUTHGATE, HARRY B., TONY BROCKLEBANK & PETE CLOVES
KIERAN ROONEY, CHRIS CAMM.

E.C & H.B. stayed on surface lifeling. Descended to top of fifth pitch ~~bolting~~ (S.E. Rpt); PC descended and could see hole into sixth pitch - needs persuasion.

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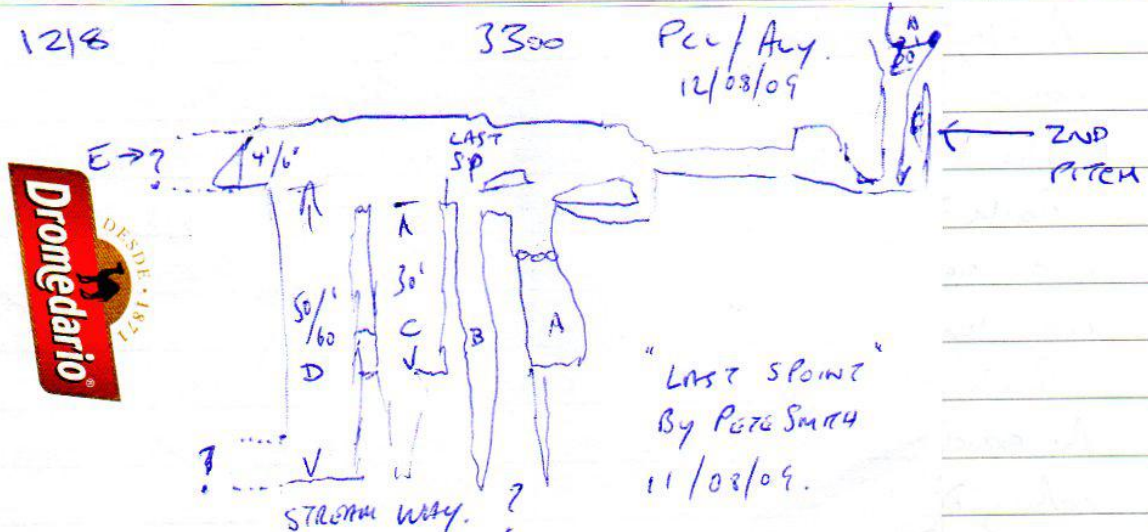
3300 SURVAY Pete Smith / Peter Clues. / Harry II / Torrey Brockbank

ENTRANCE PITCH NEEDS BOLTING FOR SRT OR
A BIG BLOCK WILL KILL SOMEONE SOONER OR
LATER. (IF IT GETS POPULAR).

3300

12/8

3300

PC / Aug.
12/08/09

"LAST SP" By PETE SMITH
11/08/09.

- A. - ~~TOO~~ NOT DESCENDED (BLOCKED?)
- B. - DESCENDED - TOO TIGHT AT ABOUT 30'
- C. - DESCENDED TO SHELF WITH VIEW OF D THROUGH WINDOW
- D. - NOT DESCENDED
- E - PROBABLE DRAFT.

3300

10/8 T. BROCKBANK, PETE CLEWES, PETE SMITH & HARRY BRISAND

TB & PC rigged 6th pitch in SE rift. P.S. descended and broke it.

P.S. & HB surveyed other direction.

3300

12/8 ALI NEIL & PETE CLEWES

Descended two of Paw rifts - Seabrook - South Rift. way on may be straight ahead where draft appears to come from.

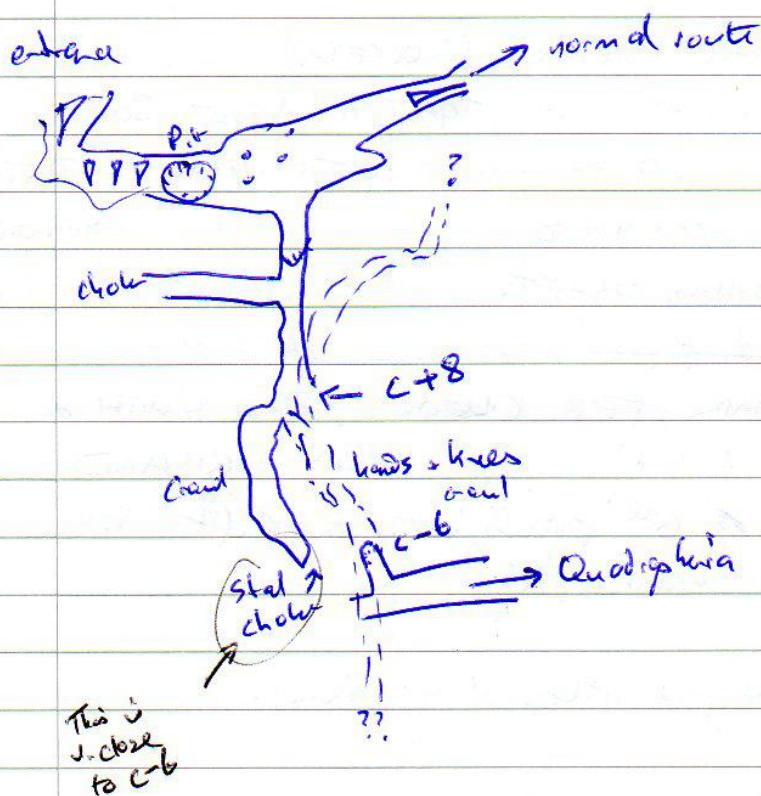
13/8/09

Uzueka - entrance. bailed for hole to Quadrophenia. Hi, Sen Chude.
 passage on RH when light of daylight starts to crawling soon
 enters to walking along rift then lowers to reach ending at stal
 chole - last part probably not previously entered.

Climb up rift just before reach to awkward slot which can be
 avoided by traversing back & climbing up at flowstone to roof
 of rift, then easy traverse. Direct route has an old bolt, but prob.
 easier free-climbed than laddered. Short hands & knees crawl
 links to short climb down into Quadrophenia area.

Back in rift, traversing opposite way enter passage with but rift
 & no sig. of previous exploration, still going. Possible way on
 over top of climb to Qp.

Route is possibly easiest way into cave if you can't get high
 the squeeze, aren't carrying much gear & don't mind exposed & rifts -
 nothing different.



7th August 2009

Lank, Rachel Mills, David Mills, Paul Gelling, Simon Gelling, John Clarke, Juan

Site 3234, Cubio del Llanio. Juan and John re-surveyed the batch 09-04 (completed with a watch compass) as batch 09-09 and explored to the south and west to a tight upwards squeeze. John removed oversuit to explore about 60m of passage to two pitches.

Simon, Rachel and David pushed and dug through a tight section to create a loop at the northern end, between the solution chambers and the crawl. Paul dug at the base of one of the northern rifts to a dig. On another day this was pushed by John to a choke.

11th August 2009

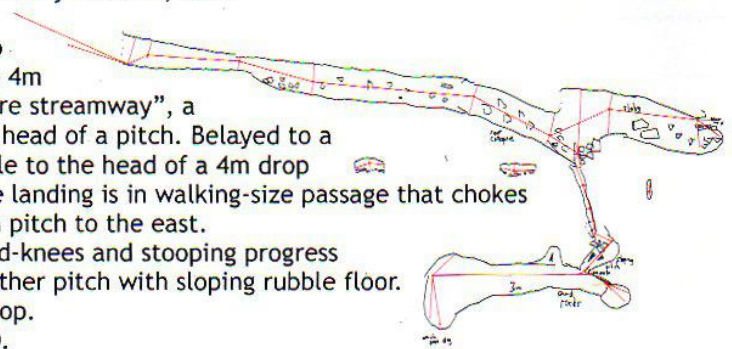
John Southworth, John Clarke, Harry Long, Harry Brisland, Juan

Site 3234, Cubio del Llanio. The squeeze

up was snapped and destroyed. A walk up enters stooping and hands and knees, up to 4m wide, passage to a junction with a "Yorkshire streamway", a sideways shuffle to a small chamber at the head of a pitch. Belayed to a large block, the ladder lies over loose rubble to the head of a 4m drop over stal. Explored by John C and Juan, the landing is in walking-size passage that chokes with a possible dig to the west and an open pitch to the east.

Back in the main passage, 40m of hands-and-knees and stooping progress reaches an enlargement at the head of another pitch with sloping rubble floor. A continuing tunnel is visible beyond the drop.

The extension was surveyed as batch 09_10.

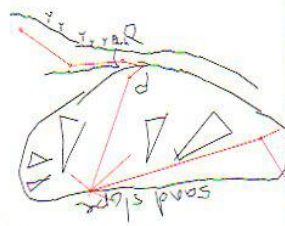


13th August 2009

John Southworth, John Clarke, Harry Long, Harry Brisland, Juan

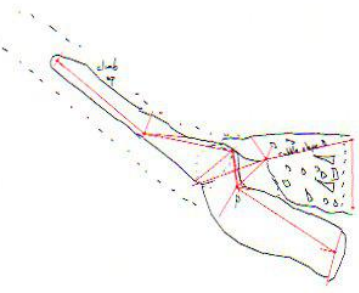
Site 3234, Cubio del Llanio. Three leads pursued, the first two in the passage above the snapped section.

1: The western pitch was descended by Juan, John C and John S. The slope descends to a 5m drop into a walking-sized passage. Back under the pitch head, the route chokes immediately and the continuing passage to the west chokes completely in calcite. Above is an awkward greasy climb up into the "tunnel" first seen by John C a week before. It may be possible to climb here or traverse round into the passage on either side from the pitch head.

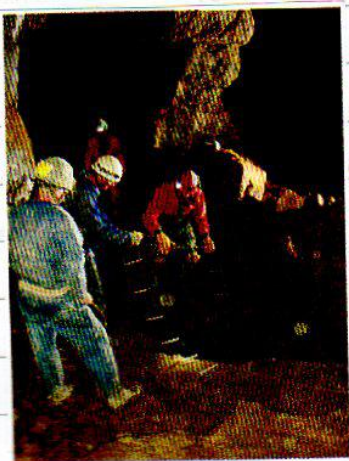


2: The pitch at the end of the "Yorkshire streamway" was descended by John C and Juan and the hole down laddered from the previous pitch with a deviation off a 4ft stal. The pitch drops 8m into a blind hanging rift with solution pockets and a steeply descending floor of sand.

3: The third lead was the "20m drop" near the northern end, just before the floor rifts. John S descended first and then Juan through a tight, muddy slot to a rubble floor at -3m. The pitch then breaks out into a fine rift and is a free-hanging 15m drop to a large ledge about 3m above the floor. A passage can be seen leading off about 4m up but is very awkward to reach up a tight rift at the bottom. Up and over a 2m high rock ridge is another pitch which appears to spiral down for about 15m. Between the top of the nearby aven and the base of this latter drop there is about 65m of vertical development.



The first pitch at least may be better tackled with rope for the free hang after the muddy drop.



4794728

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Bill and Len. ⁰⁴UA4968294728

4/8/09

OPPOSITE SIDE OF TRACK TO 879, Dug out hole,
SFT Drop. TO TIGHT BUT GOOD DRAUGHT.

3122

13/8 PETE CLEWES, TONY BROCK (BANK) & TOM HOWARD

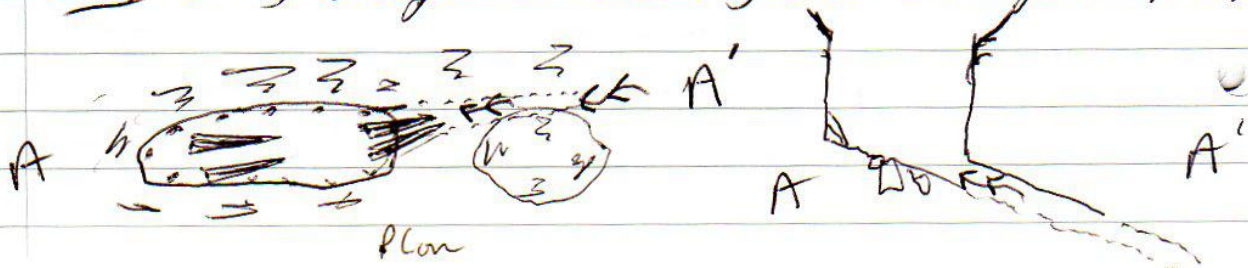
Removed debris from Snapper put in last Antennae.
to reveal 3-4m of draughting passage behind
a block which needs breaking up. before we can
get in. Stones rattled down 3-4m as well.

Cave description should say "drop down entrance,
passage heads left to small chamber. Just
before this on left is crawl to small hole with
draught. Down from entrance in blocks way
on appears to enter 3-4m passage."

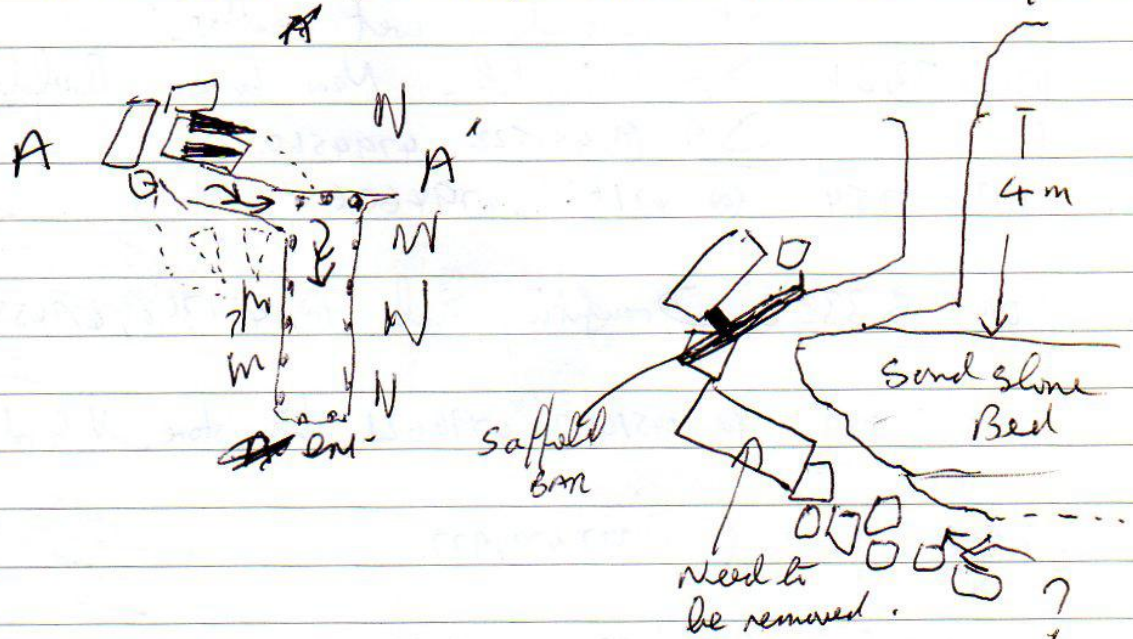
Needs work!

14/8 Pete Clewes; Phil Papard & Hilary Papard. 3264

Hot walk up from TV car park S. Vega via Valano (strong
draught-in) to top of wood and new collapsed hole found
in May (3264). Pete sat down 4m to wood & branches that
had fallen in, some stacked up, larger items lifted out. Using
a long branch ~~the~~ material was removed or pushed down a
hole on North side of hole to show a 50° slope against
the West-rock wall. This passage needs digging in every
foot (sail etc) depth gave a length of 5.5m at 50°
Very strong draught in showing this is a good prospect.



13/8/09 Phil Papard, Lenny, Bill & Kieron to 3166
 Aim was to make hole safe prior to push at another trip.
 Scaffold bar placed in hole by Lenny & Bill to support
 possible unstable rock above small chamber at end of dug
~~rock~~ crawl. Another bar is needed to support a
 further rock to allow digging & removal of large
 flat rock. Very good drought-out - dig looks good, can
 see some 4m down 45° slope with sand stone roof.



14/08 J. Clarke, J. Southworth + H.L. - Riano
 Returned to 3316 and J.C. crawled into the water
 at the rising only to find that it got too tight 3m
 in. A dig a few metres to the left of the entrance
 gained entry to about 25-30 metres of hands + knees crawl
 with a number of branches all ending in pools of water
 with no way on.

15/08 Mustard Pot (2742) found collapsed. Needs digging out.

15/08 Ali + PP detache Sima de la Piluca. (472)

15.8.09 Ali, Phil P.
Pengged Sina Peluca.

16/8/09 Kieran + Len + Phil S Vega

1344 @ 451938, 4794802 Filled with rubble.

010 = 3319 @ 451595 4794512 1m wide x 2m high in cliff face. 2m long. Filled with sand.

011 = 3320 @ 451596 4794521

Stream sink in wet weather.

012 = 3321 Draughting hole Near barn. Boulder opening at base.
Dig. @ 451522 4794560.

013 = 0854 @ 451678, 4794606

014 = 3322 Draughting sink. @ 451708, 4794557.

015 = 0894 @ 451493 4794621 Wine store. V Good draught.

~~016~~ = 0407 @ 451377, 4794477.
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017 = 3323 @ 451334 4795092

Between clints. 9m shaft v/d. Narrow.

020 = 3324 @ 451348 4794994

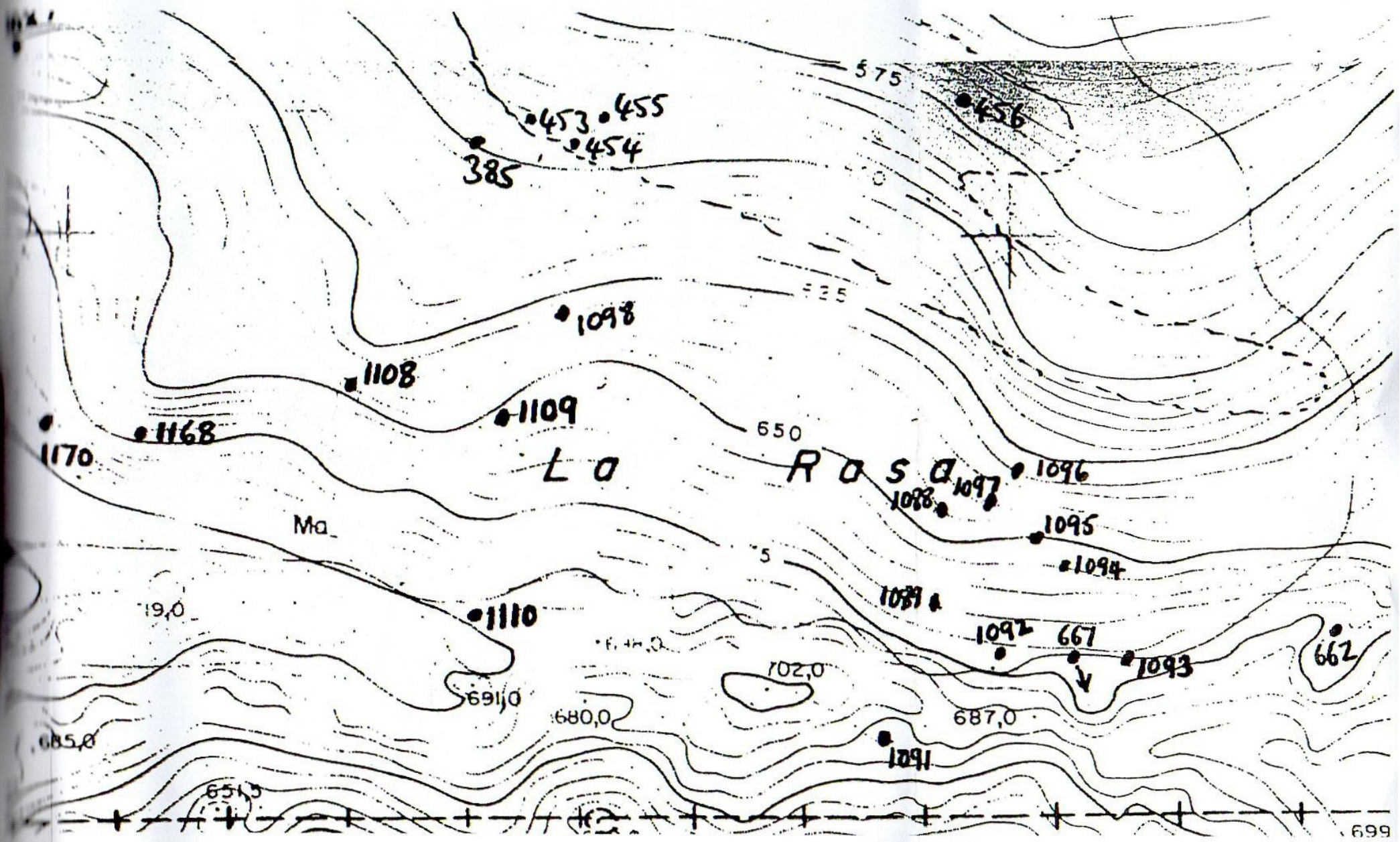
Under boulder. Can see 2 2m. No draught.

16.8.09 Shaft approx 20-30 m down valley from Cueva del Bosque,
previously found by P. Smith.

(3325) 5m drop into 3m x 1m vft with impenetrable fissures leading off
- Ali.

15/8/09 Ali + Phil Papard 472

Walk up to de-rig cave - no problems - lost
through built in missing NO.

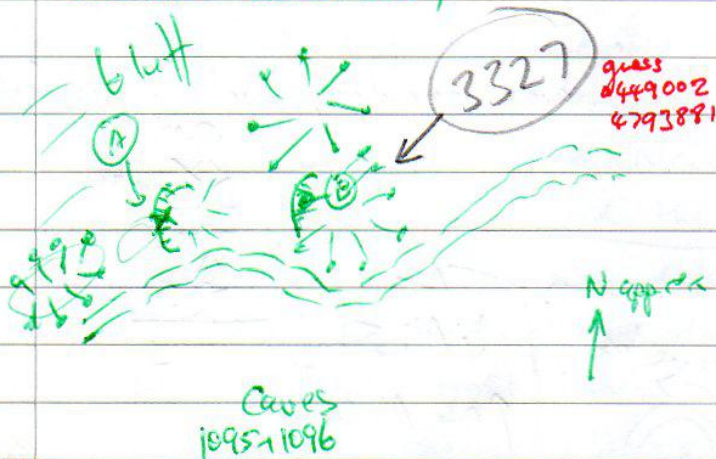


Ali's slides (10 years ago) of Tillo's area??

1098 - description should read covered by pile of rocks, just S. of track.
18.8.09 Ali, Pedro.

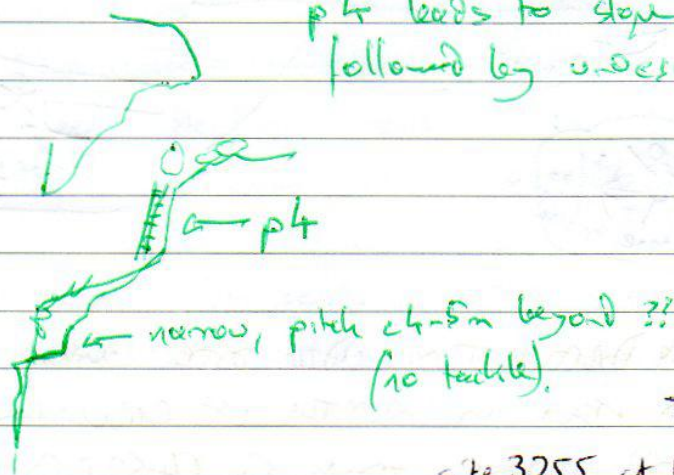
Surveyed 1094 & 1095 - see PS. 1094 has trace of Catalan point mark.
Two sites below track,

Surveyed length of 1094 = 27.8m



See email
22/5/2009.

A is probably 1096. 2m square entrance at foot of 4m cliff
p4 leads to slope down c5m
followed by unexcavated patch - c5m?



This site was GPS'd as
site 3255 at Easter (but is probably 1096)

B - rift in cliff face, daylighting out. 9m pitch, choked, daylight but

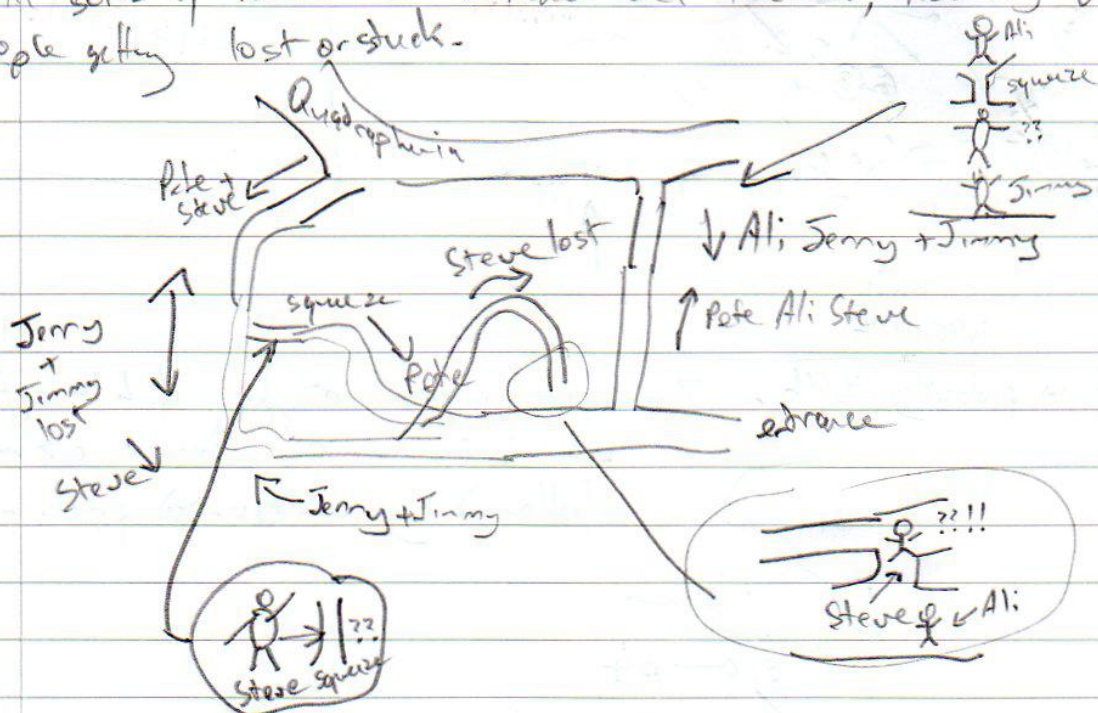
(Need to see AN's maps of 1994-5 to check original locations)

14.8.09 Vaneke - swayed ~~to~~ up club from entrance to Quodrophina.
 Then to Dog series - bones Dog, Goat & Cow. Not swayed because
 compass inoperative.

Pedro & Steve looked at traverse ~~into~~ over top of club into
 Dog series, PS gained low ongoing bedding but not pushed for
 lamp failure. Rope left, needs rigging properly.

Bills looked at off passage beyond traverse - didn't go, one possible
 high level over inlet not reached.

All sorts of routes in entrance area tickled, involving various
 people getting lost or stuck.



19/8/09 SUMMIT DOCUMENTS Dig site under sandstone bed
 3326 Dig a few m NORTH of CHERMAN WATER TANK (marked)
 on map WATER TANK @ 0452013 4801330
 on 26/8/09 @ 0452013 4801338 (approx 100m way from tank
 to center of CANYON marked on map)
 Dig is approx 1.5m wide with rubbish in it looks same
 under ~~stone~~ RUBY SUMMIT DOCUMENTS. Under 1-2m
 above the water tank is a fossilized CANYON + gravel.
 ore.

Cueva del Bosque :

5 Aug - Steve, Paul Clement-Walker, Pete S.

- dig in draughting passage at top end of cave. Made progress but more work to be done, floor is dropping away ahead
- surveyed chamber at bottom end of cave that had been reached by Squirrel and Juan 27 years earlier.
- on way out, Steve explored ~~another~~ chamber above the passage leading to S and J's chamber, and Pete entered chamber 'upstream' from pitches.

16 Aug - Steve, Ali Neill, Pete S.

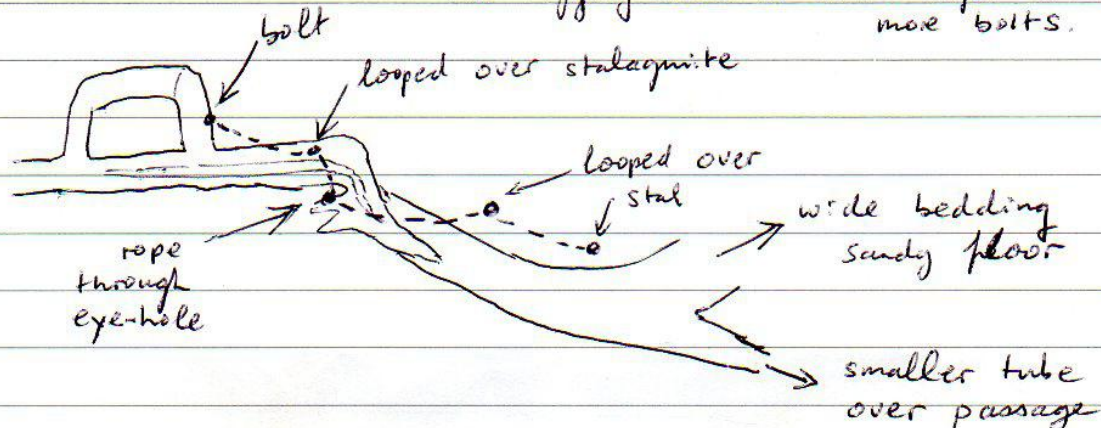
- surveyed and explored the 'upstream' chamber; Ali found that a draught enters through a slot in the roof at the top of the chamber
- Ali explored tight passage on right just after crawl
- Explored and Surveyed 'Steve's chamber'. In different directions it went to = an aven with hanging boulders in the roof and a very low crawl. = a drop down into the tight passage Ali had just explored = ~~back out~~ another drop down back into main passage after the crawl.

Total length of cave is now 265 m.

14.8.09 Uzueka - Dog Series -

After looking at 1974 survey, virtually everything looked at beyond the dog skeleton is on the survey. The start of the traverse is reached by going round an oxbow on the left.

The rigging could be made safer with more bolts.



20/8/09

(3268) MAKE CAVE. FINE? DAY OF SURVEYING + OLD PHOTO.
JUAN C, CHRIS C.

21/8/09

(3263) FORMER CAVE BRO-SERVE / CHRIS C
PUT A LINE THROUGH SERIES OF 3 DIGS THEN
BROKE DOWN DAM FURTHER UPSTREAM TO DIRT
LEVEL OF RIVERBANK SURF, NEEDS DIGGING WORK
TO INVESTIGATE UPSTREAM.

From: harry long <strans@hotmail.co.uk>
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Subject: Summer left overs.
Date: Thu, 20 Aug 2009 12:25
Attachments: Mat_Summer_09_065.jpg (3109K), Mat_Summer_09_064.jpg (2741K)

Hi Juan,

Herewith the few extra bits that we did on Fri 14th Aug in the Rianio area. The party was John Clarke, John Southworth and myself. Not sure whether you will give the 25 metre long cave adjacent to Site 3316 a separate number or combine the two as they are almost certainly joined - albeit possibly by a submerged passage.

a). Site (1809) Re-examined the dig up into the small chamber at foot of entrance climb. This was draughting out, and may repay a larger dig which will be relatively easy as the floor is compacted silt. The two routes out from the small chamber mentioned in earlier description were both draughting out strongly but will be hard digs with not a lot of space to stack debris.
(attached photo of John Clarke emerging from the entrance)

b). Site (2783) Re-examination of the strongly outward draughting slot under the partly felled tree suggests that it is a possible dig, with bed rock on two sides and rubble on other two. It will need permission from the houseowner up the valley to carry out a proper dig.

c). Site (3225) The slot was dug, and access gained to the 2 metre drop. Unfortunately, the only way on is an over-tight, steeply sloping tube.

d). Site (3316) John Clarke tried the wet crawl at this previously unrecorded rising but found it got too tight 3 metres in. Another entrance was located 5m to the left and a short dig gave access to about 25-30 metres of mainly hands and knees crawling with a number of passages leading down to standing water.
(attached photo of the entrance as digging commenced) 3316-41-2009-03

Harry Long

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Subject: la vaca / langdales
Date: Wed, 19 Aug 2009 14:19

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Add this to description of site 3034 ^{See pdf file.}

Hi Juan,

I've just been looking at the latest version on the la vaca map, especially the bit under 'the langdales'.

Not sure if this is in the logbook, but Barny & myself had another poke around there the other week.

Dropped the narrow shaft/rift in the langdales and found no way on so looked at a few other things in the area.

There is an obvious fault running downhill from the langdales, and this contains a number of interesting sites which are well worth looking at.

Unable to GPS due to extensive tree canopy, but the 2 sites of interest are approx 30 & 50m down the hill from langdales.

The first is a small depression that appears to be a swallet at times, although dry when we've seen it.

The depression is full of sandstone block from which emits a strong cold draught on a warm day.

We removed copious amounts of boulders and got down to limestone walls, although still full of boulders.

Easy digging but will need scaff bar etc to shore up.

Originally noted this spot at easter last year - as did Andy Pringle - I left cairn as marker which he found.

Second spot is an obvious rectangular shakehole rather similar to entrance of la vaca, but about 1/10th the size.

Very very strong draught out from small hole (8") in right hand corner (when viewed from uphill).

Several hours spent digging clay bank away from hole with limited success. Needs bigger shovel.

Looks like a tight rift at present but further excavation will allow better view to see if it widens or can be persuaded.

These two areas really do draught very strongly, much more than the langdales does, but will need quite a bit of time & energy go further. They do appear to be in the correct place though.

cheers

Grave D

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Subject: Morenuca survey drawn up - please check the names (of people
and places)!
Date: Mon, 17 Aug 2009 18:48

Hi All,

The drawn up survey can be downloaded in various formats from here :

http://www.patrickwarren.me.uk/0774_files.html

I recommend the PDF versions unless you want to start playing around with the SVG files. At the moment it's split into two A3 sections, one containing mostly the new stuff (the LHS) and the other containing mostly the original survey (the RHS), with an overlap between them. These are derived from a "master" survey which is currently organised to fit onto A1 landscape.

Names of people - can you make sure that I haven't left anyone off the list for the 2009 trips : Kirsty Bamber, Kevin Brohan, Mandy Fu, Dan Hibberts, Beth Jupe, Becka Lawson, Sam Pemberton, Adam Walmsley, Patrick Warren, Jez Wong.

Names of places - based on previous email discussions these are currently :

Happy Holiday Traverses
El Camino de la Luna
Smaug's Lair
Unobvious Junction

There seemed to be some keenness to have a lunar name so I looked up the Spanish translation of "Moon Walk" and similar phrases, giving either "El Sendero de la Luna" or "El Camino de la Luna". I'm currently using the second version because that seems closer to the sense of "way" rather than "footpath".

Regarding the names (or anything else!) - please let me know if you want anything changing or adding.

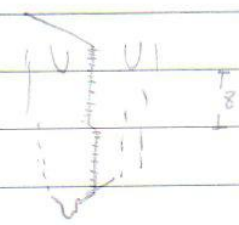
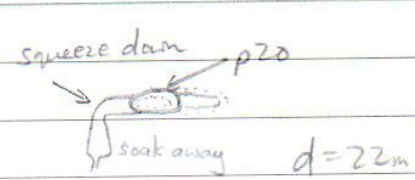
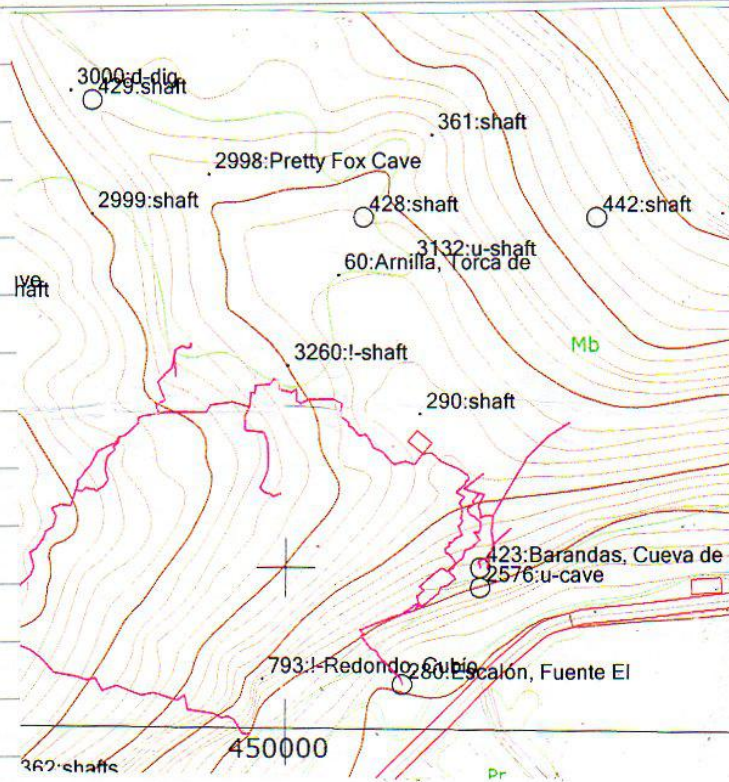
The A3 split is not ideal but at least I've been able to print out the two halves and stick them together at home. Please feel free to suggest a better way to present the material!!!

Cheers,

30th August 2009

Pete, Penny and Juan up to sites above Colmenas to "finish them off". Three ladders at **site 3260** allowed Juan to descend past Pete's previous limit earlier in the year, to a ledge at -12m and the floor at -20m. The floor slopes down through a squeeze into a smaller part of the rift where any continuation at low and middle levels appears to be extremely small. No draught on a hot day.

Then looked at **site 3132** (which Pete and Ian had looked at in a previous year). Confirmed as "becoming tight" a couple of metres inside the entrance. **Site 428** was found in position and confirmed to be a 20m deep shaft.



From: Peter Smith <smith_peter2004@yahoo.es>
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Subject: Rv: Simas en carretera San Miguel de Aras - Fuente las Varas
Date: Mon, 31 Aug 2009 12:32
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----- Mensaje reenviado -----

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Enviado: domingo, 30 de agosto, 2009 22:07:59
Asunto: Simas en carretera San Miguel de Aras - Fuente las Varas

Hola, Peter

Ya siento el retraso en mandarte los datos de las simas, pero ayer al final no pude hacerlo. Las coordenadas UTM son:

- 453304,4799029
- 454589,4798625

Las primeras coordenadas son de una sima cuya boca se abre en la superficie de un escalón o berma que han dejado pegado al talud de la carretera, muy cerca de la cima del puerto (lo llamaremos S1, para entendernos). Las segundas lo son de las bocas de otras dos simas que se abren, una al lado de la otra, en la zona en la que han instalado unas máquinas que muelen piedra, a mitad de subida desde Llueva (S2). Ambas zonas están marcadas en el plano que adjunto con sendos círculos rojos. Las tres parecen bastante profundas.

También te adjunto fotos de las bocas (de la primera y de una de las segundas)

En cuanto hable mañana con la dirección de la obra y con Patrimonio te digo cuándo podemos quedar para que, si os interesa, las echéis un ojo.

Un saludo.

MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT