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ARIO LOG VOLUME II

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has written
anything in
logbook yet!
this
have they?

or

What's This Thing?

A fragment
of your imagination

Comments on the Shaft Bashing Kit

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4/8/87 by Gerhard

- 1) As to 5/5, William says it leads to a hammered squeeze and then becomes too tight. ^{I don't remember ever having explored 5/5!} (?)
- 2) I seem to remember 4/8 had been looked at by Richard & Steve R in '85 or was it 4/9? The cave they investigated chokes in death-threatening fashion, (see a few pages later in the shaft bashing kit.)
- 3) Arcat F, referring to the holes found by Richard, Graham and Mike on 2/8/86.

The former is a very ~~narrow~~ ^{narrow} slit indeed (25 cm)!

The latter is a tube some 10-15 m long, apparently used temporarily as a sheep stable. It was looked at to the bitter end by Margot & me (on the way to a 2/6 photo trip with Martin Hicks) in 1985. (It is situated at the Top Camp side foot of the huge erratic boulder known as Redondo del Conjurao.)

BS. Have been to 5/5 today. Beautiful calcite crystals more than an inch long in the entrance! Didn't go down what I thought to be the first pitch, and afterwards spent an hour failing to locate 22/5.

Bearings from (a point slightly above) 5/5;

22° to deepest point of Jon la Cebra (not far down from the entrance)

27 1/2° to Lavicante

38° to Cabeza Verde

51° to Cabeza del Coru

Cruzubera, Julagay, ^{2a} la Formosa
or ^{2a} Julagua cannot be seen from there.

Covers Supper / Breakfast.

- Large stew pot
 - Cornbeet hash
 - with cornbeet, potatoes, onion garlic
 - + white / cayenne pepper.
- Small bent pan
 - ~ Tuna hash.
 - As above but with tuna, not cornbeet
 - ? For sherry.
- Medium pan with wooden spoon
 - = fried / stewed tomatoes
 - with red wine + oregano.

A full menu of side dishes, salads and sweets will also be available, together with refreshments including the house Vino de Mesa "Got 'ly already drunk."

4/8/87 continued. Another 4hrs shaft-bashing walk in the evening. Got up to 27, marked survey stations ②, ③, ③A with little red dots, and tried to pick up the bearing towards 'head of first Big Pitch'. This, however, does not lead down into the bowl - it more or less follows the cairned path! At the right distance (more or less) from 27, the surface consists of an unholy mess of boulders and scree. No clear tectonic features except an ill-defined bedding plane(?) striking 21° and dipping 70°-ish. - The top of the Big Pitch is at the same level as the Aris Camp, i.e. a long way below the bottom of the Jou del Jutayu (=bowl). If there is a short cut to it it could start out from any old entrance in

the Jov, but there isn't going to be a plumb-vertical cave to that point. - The only entrance along the right line from 2/7 is the 6m circular hole between two route cairns marked by & choked with sheep's (3) bones, which I wasted half an hour upon (and regretted it). No other significant finds. Encountered 4 rebeccas during the walk down.

Gyrfand

Tuesday 4th August - Wednesday 5th August.

2/7 Surveying Trip Surveyed Supper Time - Wet Ledge above false floor. Surveying Time - 8 hrs. Bill Stead: Book, Mike BL: Tape, Dan Inst.

At eleven o'clock they walked up the hill. Dan, Mike & don't forget Bill. By half one they were changed and went down the cave. Photographer Martin gave them a wave. The kachle bag slipped thro' the rifts with great ease. This caving trip was a jolly good wheeze. They passed Paradise square & on down the climb. The cavers had an excellent time. The direct route they did not miss. At the bottom of a pitch they stopped for a... rest. Out of the rift did Dan & Mike pop & found themselves over a vertiginous drop. Back to the rope the two cavers did go. Pleased that they hadn't fallen below. Down the ropes they zoomed and glided. With rocks & walls they never collided. At supper time the three began to survey. Damar balaclavas kept the cold at bay (almost.) Down & down they surveyed over a hundred metres. The cave was devoid of brown furry creatures. Eight hours later we started off yet. They missed & missed; the ropes swung about

(14) Back at supper time the three cavers ate,
& carried on eating until it was late
They went thro' the rifts & climbed & thrived
On small chassy rocks their fingers scabbled &
clutched.
In Graham's rift the packbag burst,
The three cavers swore & started to curse.
Litter was scattered all over the rift,
This was not their idea of a gift.
Out of the cave they made great haste speed
On rear ends & shovels they continued to feed.
They arrived at the surface 21 hours after the start,
Proving caving makes you fit & is good for
the heart.

Its dark now & I can't see the page,
& as I can't be bothered to think of a
rhyme I'll just end here.

Jim.

Excellent trip. Good work shops!!!

Tuesday 4th - Weds 5th, photographic trip in 2/7
Martin, Sherry & Lynn.

(The ~~first~~ haiku poem will be copied
into the logbook later.

Thu 6 Aug 1987.

(5)

Walk to the Polish T.C. abandoned due to bad visibility,
MBL & PC Edam & Hamy bring down lots more Morn/flakes from
our T.C. —

Found that D1 has been relabelled 12/8, and
the new inscription (admittedly in a more sensible
place than the old one) lacks a year.

Gorhard in the meantime had a look at the reputedly
diggable sink in the Vega de Aliseda. There's definitely
CAVE below the floor of the valley, but ~~it looks like~~
it looks like one would had to shift a ton of
pebbles in order to gain access, only to find it
collapsed & choked again after a few metres. (There's
a whole lot of shakeholes all around it.) Anybody
fancy applying some chemistry? eg.

Thursday 6th August Jonathan Cooper & Silvia

(6) Silvia's 1st carrying trip of the expedition!

Will it be her last?

A re rigging trip, which did less than intended although I was never very clear about what was intended. It did less than it because I felt very small and a long way from home.

Jonathan put a ladder on the next climb - PARLO'S ^{or POT} PITCH. (with rope.) and rigged the first pitch after the first very knobbly rift. I sat surrounded by bags, tapes, wires and a bolting kit and endeavoured to pass Jonathan the right bits without losing them or me down rifts or holes in the floor. This was difficult as I don't know the difference between a wedge and the other one that I can't even remember the name of. ~~We took a~~

We took a long time getting down the cave as I struggled to relearn the principles of downward changeovers, particularly on the big loop on the second pitch. [Graham: will you try to cater for those who don't do ten one armed pull-ups before bed] And as Jonathan struggled with a large tackle bag which obviously had no desire to go deep, and strenuously resisted attempts to make it do so.
? strenuously
strenuously?

Jonathan's carrying shorts also proved a hindrance - for those tempted to imitate the style. At the front they vunched up to resemble a large cord-piece. This has enabled me to answer the long unsolved question of why medieval man was not, in general, active in carrying.

As far as we went, I thought it was a good cave and I have to admit I enjoyed myself.

Thanks due to Jonathan without whose route finding on the way home I would probably still be wandering around Tullyhugh.

Thursday 6th August

Surveyors "Take it to the limit"

Steve R on Book

Dave H on Internet

Martin H on Tape

Val Downie on himself

The Incredible Shrinking Man on Euphonium

Roy Rogers on Trigger

etc.

"He turns the air blue with the greatest of ease
 The Speleo stack is a 2/7 square
 His knees are a-tremble, his brain has gone dead,
 and his Troll suits eviled away"

Cave now 620m deep, OK?
 It took us 15 hours to run this out
 though, so take note!

Warning! If you piss pukes in, 600m
 underground is not a good place for it.
Always carry a spare helmet.

Actually I quite like surveying these
 days - a sedate activity quite suited to
 gentlemen of advanced years.

(8) Friday 7th

Martin run down straight from 2/7
to Los Lagos to make sure Lyon cables the
right way.

Dave sleeps all day

Steve attempts to make sense of his
survey notes

Silvia + Imothe read. ("Silas Marner" + "Red Rover")

One of my websockets + my generator has
mysteriously vanished - Could I have left them at
the cave entrance. Then so unsettled we
I eat Quers Cakes + drink Richard.

Earlier we had:

Onion soup with gartic croissants

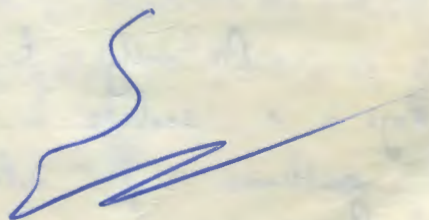
"Reheat special" stew.

Jonathan Flapjack ("enore" by popular
request)

Lots + lots of tea.

Then Dan, Harry, + Paul Cooper go
caving! To verify, survey + push. (One of
them brought a camera + then was talk of taking
a Pole or 3)

Mo han, the mist came in again.



Friday 7th Aug. cont'd

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Mike Bol & Gerhard's surface surveying around 2/7 continued. Loop closure 80cm hor., 7.2m vert. over ~500m circumference.

Climbed down 6 ladders & rope from 24/7, and another rope from 21/7. Failed to locate 10/7 where there's supposedly all one tape. — Found unmarked rift entrance just above main col, close to 21/7, above 5/7, ~~(in fact below 10/7)~~. Unaware of the present ~~usage~~ usage of numbers we labelled it 28/7. It has a 35 drop plus bounces, and nothing much to rig from. Sketch map & bearings to follow. Gerhard

Saturday 8th August

Decided that Graham's hat deserved some recognition in view of his idiosyncratic contribution to the rigging of 2/7. It was agreed that a Graham Naylor memorial award should now be constructed featuring an appalling hat - badly underdrilled & funnelled round the top. After several attempts, however, we ended up with a lot of cracked rocks and a pretty reasonable looking hat - well, better than several I've prussiked on. We need to take lessons from G.A.N. himself.

W.

Silvia "I don't see why the boy's got the best seat" Dave.

Date (unsure) sat/Sun. Dan, Paul, C, Harry.
Rerigged the first big pit, and down to the false floor (supper time). Brought out one bucket bag with spent carbide, and found it very mechanical and hard work.

Martin "I'm really quite innocent, honest" May

(10)

EXTRACT FROM

100 CLASSIC SRT TRIPS
IN THE PICOS

Number 97: ~~Pozo~~ Pozo Claro (28/7)

Etymology: This is rather obscure. The literal translation is "Bright Pot" (not "Clear Pot"!). Probably this is a pun on "Cueva Oscura".

History: The pot was discovered by Gerhard on 7 August 1987 whilst waiting for Mike B-L. A partial descent was completed by G. the following day. The pot was bottomed by Silvia ~~one~~ one hour later.

~~Tackle required:~~

Tackle required: Walking waterproofs (no trolsuit),
helmet, SRT gear

Take a light if you intend to stay overnight.

50m rope, 1 ring hanger, 2 twisted hangers,
3 maillons, 1 25' lightweight ladder. Cave food,
The Great Book of Knots. (1 string & 1 maillon opt.)

Access: Having paid 10p goodwill fee to the landowner, walk up the Jultaya path from Arrio. Talk nicely to Anabel & Julia whom you meet on the way. Follow the path up almost to the Bayeya ridge. Just before you come up and look into the Jon del Jultaya, keep right and traverse into the obvious scree valley. Climb up this part of cliff