

Transsylvania Transspeles

31st Mar - 13 Apr

If you thought coming to Transylvania was like this:



then you're about right. The cattle atop of a cliff was our residence!
Arrived in Budapest, Mike & Yarkie took us to Szekely's 1st. Cat posed by being josed by police. It got nicker. Wandered over to Yarkie's Telecom van. It had 4 youths, bordering around suspiciously. When they realised it was ours, they fled. Come back later & looked in - went off when they realised we were now guarding it from within. Crossed at Mohacs up at a spigotty train to Transylvania (Szekely)

The players:
Chris Demibany
'Independent Hungary'
Paul.

Use to meet you very nice contact.

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Christian
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Chris Vernon
Mth...
Martin L
'Matyas'

From 2nd:
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Kamandor Norbert
(COUN CARST RESEARCH)

- SSC } Steve H.
Malcolm Lea
Jacqui Vernon
Leuk Saymo
Martin Hicks
Dimitri Kovacs

Vare Laszlo } C.S.A. Chi
Kupa Laszlo

Romanians

Hungarians English

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2nd Apr Pestere de la Vadul - Crisul lui Iacsoy Cave

I'm happy because here OUCC and me & Hungary friend
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Chris Alot.
Bumbo

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Tues 2nd Apr Crisulua cont.

This was a cave with an access problem. While most people walked to the cave (got up too late to catch the train to Halta Pester a (Cave Station)), Paul, Katiha & Chris drove to a nearby village to get the keys off a woman in a shop. Found village (had shop, but it was her day off). Found another village (had honey) stopped to ask a gypsy woman - she said wrong village, but could she have a lift? Found another village, found her house, but she was not at home. A neighbor pointed at the hillside nearby & said she was working in the fields somewhere. Fortunately, in a small Romanian village everybody knows everybody else. Man working a horse-drawn cart pointed further up hill. Then some children told us to climb over a fence. Past a man's potato field with cows, a man wearing a cap pointed at a group of small farms. At the third farm some people were building a house. One of them was the woman responsible for access. Hooray! Paul showed her his student ID & after a long conversation she said the gate was open, she had permission to go in & appeared. Hooray! By the time we were 2 got there, wave 1 was just emerging. By splooshy river cave with steps & concrete walkway. That sort of thing. Most people caught trains back to Smedley's, rest hitched a ride back in the Wartburg with a gear problem.



Cave Station



1/4/96 Izbandis cave

Everybody being home no sleep! (olive!)

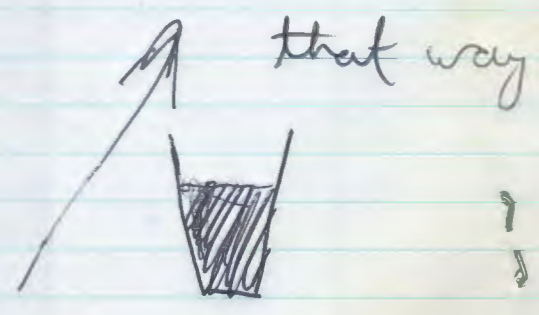
At Afternoon we go cave. (Izbandis)

You moved very slow and I have to wait so long that I feel that I will freeze. I'm no baby - Her!

We make evening long pub trip and bridge.

I drink too much, Chris say -> I drink only no alcohol he is very nice

Katship



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3/4/96 Peștera Vinului (~~Cave~~ Wind Cave)

The largest cave in Romania, and probably the one with the heaviest set of gates.

The natural entrance (first passed 1957 by B. Bogaméni the 'uncle?' of the erstwhile drunken miner with an extensive collection of panographic wallpaper off whom we acquired carbide at the wooden house down from our castle) is now blocked, but a wind blows the curtain leaves out of the mined entrance, which has an iron ladder between gates 1 and 2. Once through the second gate the main stream is quickly reached - a fine phreatic passage with the stream disappearing towards what sounded like a set of cascades. Fine stream leads to 'the Torpedo' a limestone formation which constitutes some club or other's 'emblem'. Above is a niche to a well decorated chamber. Stream continues until a part of a step-ladder leads to a couple of more substantial fixed ladders to level II (of 4). Here the pace is supposed to increase so much that you should divest yourself of excess clothing & leave it until you return. Continued walking, climbing, ~~and~~ stooping, sliding & occasionally haversing via a couple of muddy puddles (sorry drinking pools) to the impressively flat floored and ~~convenient~~ ^{at Level III} camp site with convenient cooking ledges to Sala Neagră (Black Chamber) where ~~some~~ slight navigational confusion ensued in beginning the return via the Racitza Meander - very serpentine with wide ledges at different levels. Split up to take different levels back. Some jolly nice gypsum was around.



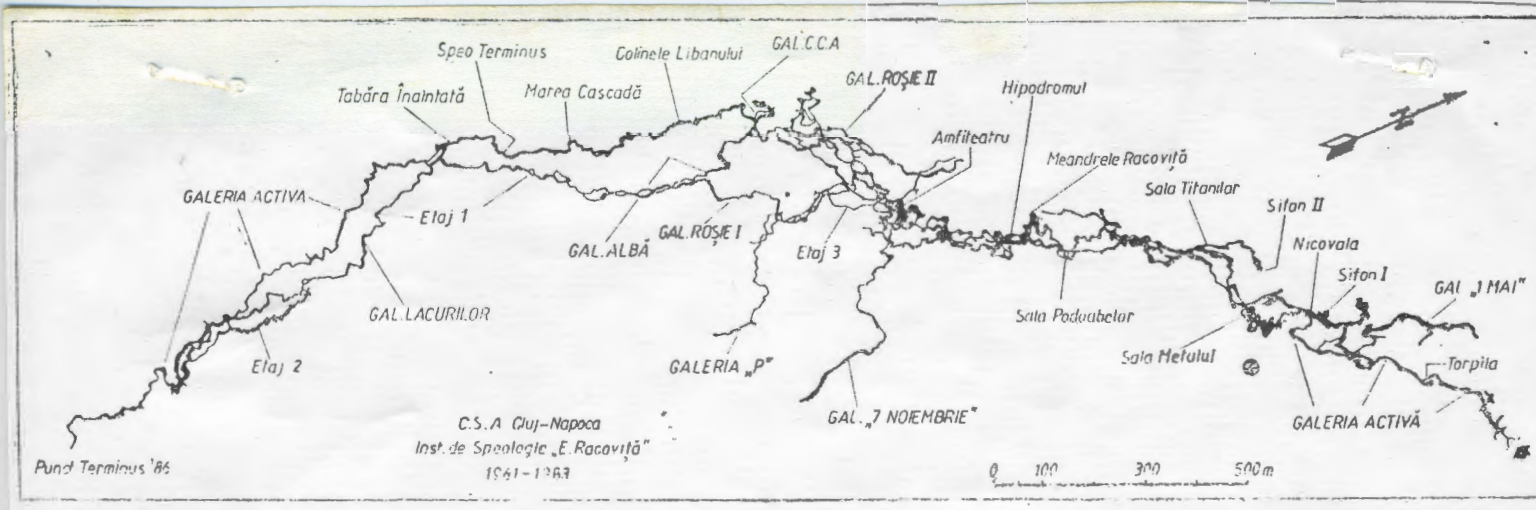
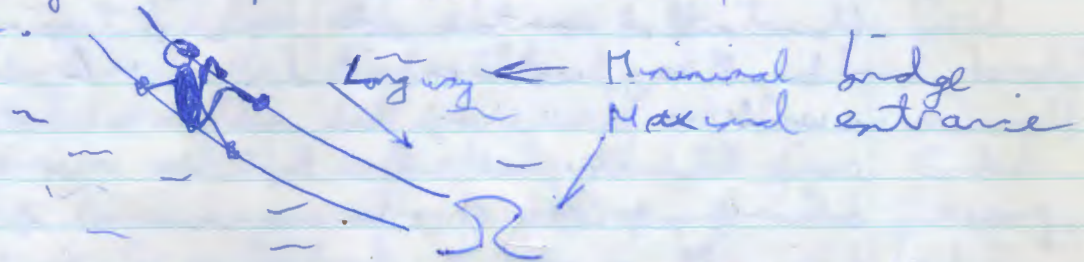


Fig. 205 - Peștera Vântului

4/5 Pestera ~~Valea Misidului~~ Ungurului, walle V. Misidului, Pestera Napistilou

Crossed dodgy bridge to pub, then Steve & Chris D crossed dodgy bridge to impressive entrance of Pestera Ungurului.



Pottered along the lovely Valley Misidului following our tissue route map. Didnt get as far as Maul

Considered what the route up the valley had been a valley with some limestone. After the... of the 'cave' had... Then English get everywhere!

- 1 CAVE - VINTULUI 44 Km
- 2 CAVE MOANEI 1200 Km
- 3 CAVE PONORAS. 4 Km.
- 4 CAVE JZBANDIS 1. Km
- 5 CAVE VOULCRISULUI 1 Km



for at a res... each. Side desc...

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5/4 Finding Moarai & a quarry followed by feeding a Romanion.

Bus depart for Budapest.

Cornill took Keturka + CD to find Pester a Moarai - big river flows out of mountains onto track. Typical Romanion entrance - big & very well cabined. M.G., Lend, M.H. went for a walk up the hill through beech woods into oak woods on the sandstone covering the limestone, and back into beech before a big 'barroite?' quarry. Much evidence of past mining pits & tram ways - reminiscent of S. Wales - really!



Comel having been politely appalled by our best culinary attempts the previous night provided a tureen of vegetable soup with vermicelli, followed by roast chicken & chips.

6/4 Peștera Moanei followed by a Romanian feeding us
Martin L, Martin H, Katerka, Chris, speleodog. Laid/Clan ^{bag} _{watch}
Sunny walk in summer conditions up valley bright with spring flowers amidst autumn leaves
and last of winter snow. Eagles & storks overhead. Speleodog at heel.

Speleodog confidently followed us in to the first
grotto through slats. Inspected it, then allowed herself
to be carefully assisted out. Lovely stream cave with
a few gravelly wet bits & debris to add fun. Ended in
big chamber & a degenerating meandering calcified streamway.
Oit is time for a splash of soap on the walk back.



Mud towers
photos: Dr Cioba

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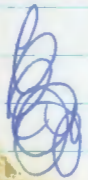
7/4 Into the Valley of Hell

Gabor, Martin H, Martin L, Henrik : Ascent of W face of ^{Pobraz} ~~Pedras~~ hill in search of caves. Exploration of a 60° slope covered in damp beech leaves and loose wood & scree was rather unnerving at times, but a couple of short pneumatic tubes were noted & Gabor dug out a 10m long cave in which some bear bones and both parts of its glower jaw were found. The top was not a plateau as expected but a peak with a wooden tripod & survey stud. Down a marginally less vertiginous slope in search of Henrik to ~~the~~ a bauxite mine entrance with fine ice stabs of various descriptions.

Katinka : ~~Sunbathing~~ Guarding the cars ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~thieving~~ gypsies

Matyas, Chris D, Chris V : P. Pobras

Matyas ~~had~~ reappeared : having gone to Chuj for an exam, postponed it to some indeterminate date, returned to the castle, disappeared again, he was back. We drove to the Valley of Hell & slogged up the side of another valley. Postera Pobras takes a fair stream, & gives a lot of bats. Matyas had found a 700' m of beautifully decorated passage last year. Not many people had been there, so it was quite a ~~privilege~~ privilege. 4 1/2 bolts later we'd probably earned it. The final 40m pitch was left rigged over the winter with a Romex climbing rope draped over a lip in the full stream. Put the 1/2 bolt into a narrow Yorkshire rift, then left it for someone else to finish. It was time to go to Chuj.



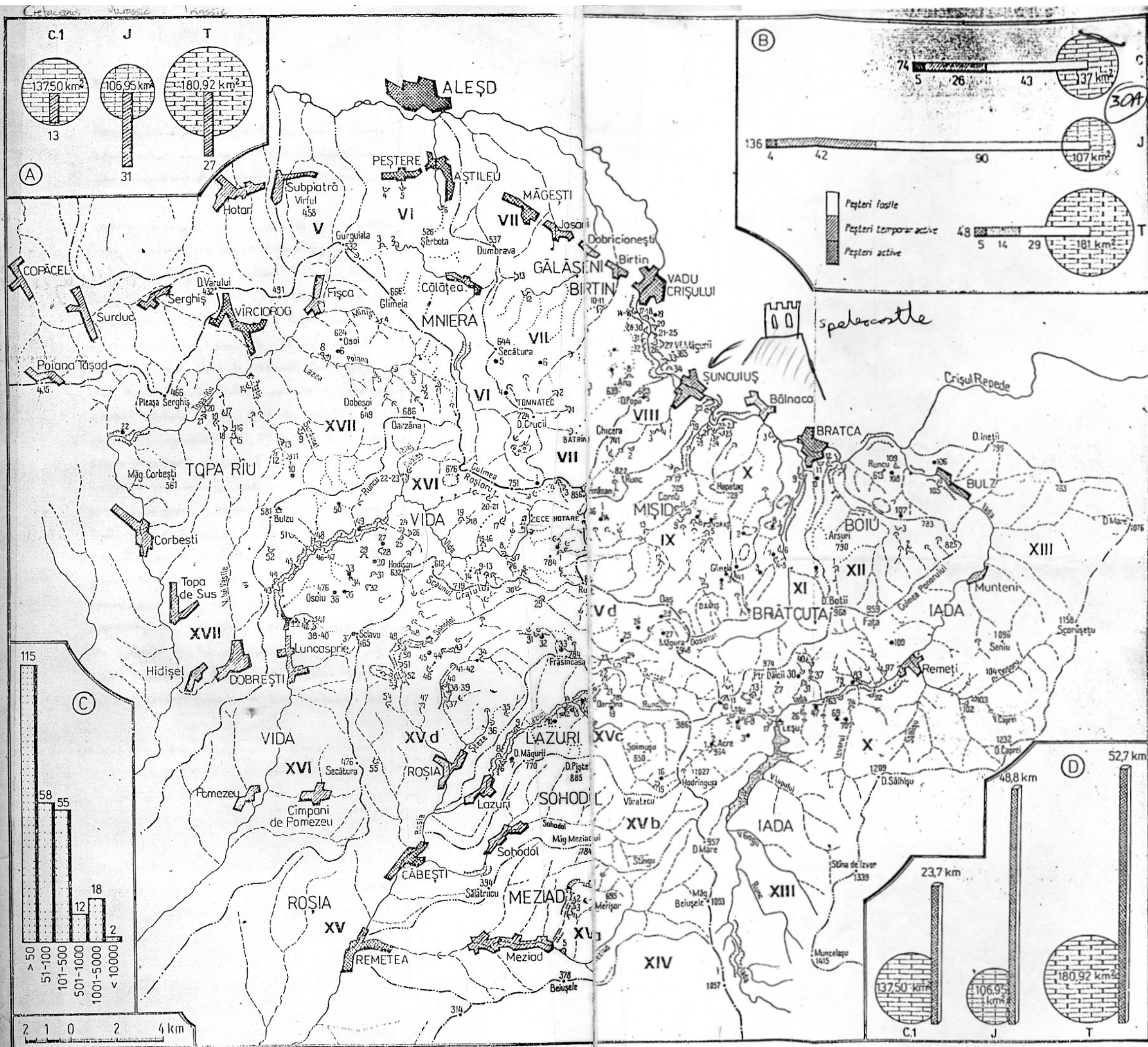


Fig. 39 — Schița bazinelor hidrografice primare cu amplasarea avenelor și peșterilor din Munții Pădurea Craiului.

A — Frecvența avenelor în funcție de vîrsta și suprafața rocilor carstificabile; B — Frecvența peșterilor (active, temporar-active și fosile), în funcție de vîrsta și suprafața rocilor carstificabile; C — Distribuția peșterilor în funcție de lungimea lor; D — Lungimea celor mai lungi avene și peșteri în funcție de vîrsta și suprafața rocilor carstificabile în care se dezvoltă.