

LOGBOOK

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

FEBRUARY 2003.

15/2/03 Pete, Ivan & Penny to site 1836 - the unexpected 20m shift "still going" from Xmas.

Pete and Ivan descend to find usual story. Slope down down to head of p7 which unfortunately has a solid calcite choke at the base. Four ladders just reached the floor of the final pitch.



Then wandered around valley below the "vineyard"

1846 small sink becomes far too small after 3m. Photo GPS.

1847 muddy dig by sandstone wall. Draughts out warmly on a cold day. Stones rattle down a couple of feet. Photo. GPS.

1848 5m wide open hole with rubbish. A 2m climb down onto the rubbish leads to another 3m climb down.

Photo & GPS. Between 2 pylons just above the road.

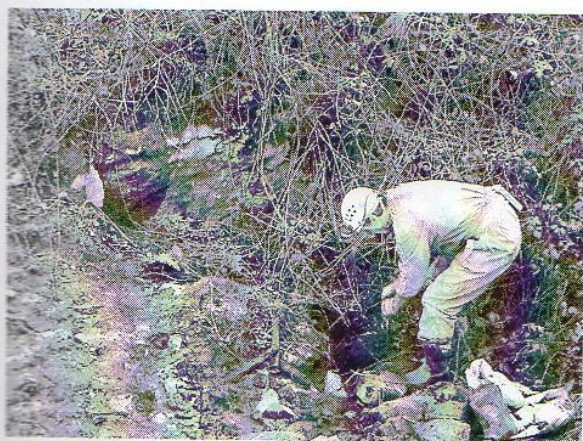
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1848

22/2/03 Penny + Juan went up TV M^o. track onto the S. Uega
motorway to the Azpilicueta service area to try and sort
out grid references (carry on from Xues)

GPS

- 1854 30T 450496 4795050
- 1853 30T 450443 4795010
- 1852 30T 450427 4795005
- 1851 30T 450419 4794972
- 0676 30T 450279 4794963
- 0332 30T 450305 4794963
- 1850 30T 450316 4794941
- 0854 30T 450311 4794936
- 0675 30T 450325 4794956
- 1849 30T 451158 4794906
- 0853 30T 451196 4794947

22/2/03 azpilicueta area

853 photo & gps. No sign of tag. Shaft top covered with plastic bags & wood. Requires dig and appears tight 3m down.
up the hill & to the W is a set of digs, holes that may repay attention- includes 1849.
1849 collapse cave under large blocks. L 5m. Photo & GPS.
0675 photos looking east & then west. & GPS west ent.
0854 photo & GPS 12m? deep. Needs hammer, chisel and crowbar to deal with entrance block.
1850 just below 854. Shaft top needs digging out. Stones fall for about 10m. GPS photo.
332 GPS & photo.
676 GPS & photo. Right up against small cliff.
1851 5m long hole with u/d 3m hole in base.
Appears to slope down. GPS at centre N side & photo.
1852 GPS at centre N end. Steep slope down meets vertical limestone face with 5m long cave under. Cave slopes down to bouldery middle.
1853 just above 1830 covered with rocks. Sloping pitch 4m deep that appears to choke at base. U/d. Photos & GPS.
1854 U/d. Photos & GPS. About 10m deep. Small opening. Other possible sites in area not looked at.
~~1855 below Canada (1822)~~

23/2/03

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- > Juan
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 - > Me, Steve O, Nickie, Pedro and Joe went along track from road top at Llueva
 - > to old farm above the pinnacle cast and jungle. The theory was that it
 - > would be easier than in the summer - prob was but only just.
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 - > Looking for 10 dia shaft next to tree farmer said was the known one to
 - > Pedro etc. After a lot of jungle bashing Pedro found a 5 m deep hole some
 - > 3-4 m wide and 7m long with a flat floor, at the West end was a hole, a
 - > boulder needs moving out as loose but too big to pull up - will easily
 - > break up. We went down by putting the second of two ladders we had (no
 - > rope!) on the entrance ladder. Cave is in a rift along line of surface
 - > shaft but then drops down some 4-5 m and seems to go under the floor of
 - > the
 - > surface hole. Could not look down due to bend in pitch, but is big and
 - > about 50m deep - big echo and has a draught.
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 - > Location (GPS) - elev 348m - 0455305/47972589 1856 9
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 - > Below this through more impossible jungle is a dig at bottom of big
 - > depression with an old charcoal floor above - reasonable route from hear
 - > to
 - > track near the big pylon at edge of area and above main Llueva valley -
 - > easy track from here to road on south of valley below track to Celaron
 - > (near pylon)
 - > This track is probably best way to get to both holes!
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 - > Dig is down slope of small boulders need to check when better day for
 - > draught, will not take much digging to see if it is worth while.
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 - > Location (GPS) - elev 279m - 0455256/4797434 1855
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 - > Phil Papard
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Subj: **Sunday's shaft**
Date: 25/02/2003 21:29:38 GMT Standard Time
From: P.smith@ono.com
To: juan.corrin@matienzo.org.uk
Sent from the Internet (Details)

You'll have heard from Phil by now about the shaft we saw on Sunday. Still not the real Sima del Cañado¹⁸²² apparently.
I was wondering if it could be dropping into Covarona, but after a quick look at your interactive map on the web site, and guessing its position, it must be miles away. What do you think? Perhaps it drops into new passage of Covarona size - that would be better.

Juan

Pete thinks that the first was NOT Sima Canado, this was the one we went looking for. However, the one found did not fit the farmer's description, ie "go down here (obscure track) big deep hole near tree, you can't miss it". This was not a big hole (yes surface bit was, but as all bottom could be easily seen this does not fit) also no big tree, and more crucially very difficult to get to and no where near track ie you would miss it, unless you spread out like we did and wore caving suits etc. We think Canado may be more to the west., but who knows? Do you have a description for Canado?

Phil

Juan

Thanks I had seen this entry on the Web, I wondered if there was a fuller description? I take it from this that the name comes from the Farmer and has not been explored?

Attached are the notes from Pedro's Rift in Valline that was surveyed on 9/11/02 by Martin Holroyd et al. I don't think you can do much with them as they don't seem to have thought about how to tie them into the original survey, they just start at the 2m climb up from the rhs of the final chamber at the end of FN passage - the spot is easy to find, but we will need to survey it in at Easter. This final chamber as well as having this ascending tube on the right (looking to end), has a big aven on the left. When looked up with a good light you can see what looks like a further smaller aven that seems to be delivering drips/water, but more interesting this seems to be in the roof of an upper chamber, possibly with a passage or chamber extension going off over the top of Pedro's Passage, but some 10m+ above it. This will need bolting, prob about 15 bolts.

Notes in Valline File (733)

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Subj: **RE: Matienzo**
Date: 23/03/2003 20:08:19 GMT Standard Time
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Sent from the Internet (Details)

Had an entertaining day in the Serruco-Azpilicueta area. I'll agree with you that it's confusing, and that 1851 is probably 340, but we can check everything again at Easter. The main things I looked at were - first in what I think is 1852. But the cave entrance is not at the bottom of the shakehole, but up a little at the far end of it. About 4m of cave slopes down to some boulders that I was able to pull out, to a crawl into a bedding plane chamber, about 6m x 8m. # 1830?

Then at what I take to be 341, the wind blowing up the slope suggested that it had to connect with Serruco, so I had a look in Serruco to see if there was any passage going back that way. And sure enough there was, behind some boulders, about 50m of average Matienzo passage, that had escaped our attention in the past. Something to survey and video at Easter.

And it's hard to believe that no one's bothered to do 1113. The echo sounds promising.

In conclusion, by the time I'd finished, it was too late to go to the Vega Bar, so I went to the Baker's.

TRAIL

The shaft (double shaft) is
since smooth. On the floor
are the remains of a small
animal (cat?) on top of the
bedrock.



I'll return to the R. hills to finally discover San Cayetano (1800)
but 23 years after it was deserted by the farmer to the lake →

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