

MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT

LOGBOOK

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Juan Corrin, March 2023

Jan / Feb 2023

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On Sunday, 15 January 2023 at 11:09:51 GMT, Club Montaña y Espeleología La Cambera <m.e.lacambera@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Juan

We are now in monte llusa in front of a hole. We are see 4 parabolts. It starts with a 25 meters dig approx. It's yours?

The coordenates are:

X: 0449305

Y: 4804830

Z: 337

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La Cambera

El dom, 15 ene 2023 a las 18:13, Juan Corrin (<uzueka@aol.com>) escribió:

Now in Matienzo! That torca is probably site 5102.

See <http://www.matiencocaves.org.uk/descrip/5102.htm> There is also a topo.

Cheers

Juan

Hi Juan

Indeed, it is the 5102. We have also seen the 5103 ⁵⁰³¹ ~~5035~~
We have also found a shaft (LC233 Torca del Viejo) with a 13x13 entrance and a large well of approximately 40 meters.

Near it we have found another hole LC234 (Torca del Spray Rojo) that begins with a ramp that ends in a small projection where there are 2 parabolts and where desobstruction has been done. Halfway up the ramp and marked with a large dot of red paint is a small cave. I have been looking in your database and I have not found it.

I have seen that the LC228 (Torca de los 5 Cráneos) corresponds to the 5101

Coordinates LC233(Torca del Viejo): X: 0449309 Y: 4804933 Z: 320

Coordinates LC234(Torca del Spray Rojo): X: 0449345 Y: 4804974 Z: 290

Cheers

Gustavo

On Tuesday, 17 January 2023 at 18:47:35 GMT, Club Montaña y Espeleología La Cambera <m.e.lacambera@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Juan

I'm sending you a photo of the LC233 (Torca del Viejo). I think it doesn't correspond to the 5031.

Cheers

Gustavo

El lun, 16 ene 2023 a las 15:21, Juan Corrin (<uzueka@aol.com>) escribió:

Hi Gustavo

Your shaft LC233 Viejo could be site 5031

Your shaft LC234 (Spray Rojo) must be site 5035 (Cueva de la Llusa 3)

Map attached.

Saludos

Juan

El dom, 22 ene 2023 a las 17:35, Juan Corrin (<uzueka@aol.com>) escribió:

Hi Gustavo,
Apologies for the late reply.

Site 5031. <http://www.matiencocaves.org.uk/descrip/5031.htm>

I've been talking to Pete Smith who took the surface photo. He says he couldn't get close to the shaft and that the photo could be taken from the other side.

The shaft was explored at Easter 2022, but I forgot to link the photos taken at the time to "April 2022" on the description page. These photos can be viewed at <http://www.matiencocaves.org.uk/entpics/5031-2022e.htm>

We still think that 5031 must be LC233 !

Best wishes,

Juan

From: Club Montaña y Espeleología La Cambera (m.e.lacambera@gmail.com)

To: uzueka@aol.com

Date: Monday, 23 January 2023 at 07:19 GMT

Hi,

Yes, you're right Juan, it's the same place. Mystery solved. LC233 = 5031

Cheers

0349 26 Jan 2023 Juan, Pete S.

Site last visited in 1982. The entrance was widened to make it just large enough for 2023-size cavers. A 5m ladder pitch belayed from the tree above the entrance to a slope down to the bottom of the chamber. It's well-decorated with a range of stalactites, stalagmites (one with a red top), and gours. Completely choked at the end of the chamber and also up the slope from the ladder. About 10m long in total and 8m deep. Slight shadow of a boot imprint confirmed that this was the site explored over 40 years ago. A good site for underground photography at Easter?

Quick look into 0708 and 0709. In the latter a bone at the end * appears to be broken or another one.
* in an earlier photo

Update to 0252 survey. ✓

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10 Feb 2023 South Vega Andy Q., Pete S.

1480: We removed the stones at the top of the slope and Andy slid down first into a low passage. Towards the right it got low after a couple of metres and then seemed to close in about another metre after the constriction. Opposite the slope, an upwards rift more or less parallel to the passage did not appear to continue.

1478: Only a couple of boulders needed pulling out and Andy again slipped down (only about 1.5m, not 3m as in the description) to a passage towards the right. This continued for about 5m to where a rift turned left into the hill. At least 2 or 3m long, it was too narrow to follow.

3383: We lifted out a few rocks, enough for Andy to poke his head inside. The crawl could only be seen to continue for about 1 or 2m.

1481: We couldn't find this site. If the grid ref. is right and it is in the field, it's likely that it has been covered over.

Valline

From: Peter Smith (smith_peter2004@yahoo.es)

To: uzueka@aol.com

Date: Friday, 17 February 2023 at 18:45 GMT

Hello Juan

It's been a busy day in Valline today. I went in with Guy and his (Spanish) neighbour David. The idea was to check exactly where Rotura connected. First he pointed out where he finished his survey at the canyon, which was on the wall practically opposite the far end of Jim's tyrolean line. The place where the pitches from Rotura entered is less clear on the survey because it isn't complete or very precise. If you look on the survey, the passage to the west of where it says Clapham Bypass, of the two pitches shown, it would be down an aven above the second of them, which has an exit for water at the bottom. But in the same area there is a third aven-pit, that some of the water comes down, and more passages that link with the small maze that then connects with the big passage. I suggested that we should organise a re-surveying trip at Easter.

David also went down the first of the pitches on the survey, the p?. It went to some rift passages that split into two or three. We also looked along the side-passage between there and the canyon, that ends in a small chamber with a c. That has a draughting dig in the bottom.

Also today, some of the Catalan team were in the cave, but not exactly Catalans, and including the English caver Lee, They were going to try and dig the big choke at the end of Bathtub Passage. But we didn't see them and I haven't heard what they've achieved.

Good luck with tomorrow's meeting.

Cheers

Pete

WhatsApp messages to Pete Smith from Lee, a member of the Catalan team, re Vallina 0733

19/02/2023, 7:02 pm - Pete Smith: Hi Pete, sorry I didn't come back to you sooner and the typical late exit from Vallina and lack of signal. Just arrived back in Ason, so would have been too late to head over your way anyway. Regarding progress, yesterday we were up in the boulder choke in Bathtub passage. We tried both side of the boulder choke and clean them out a little. The one on the right hand side of the gallery that drafts is really quite complex due to the over head nature. Will come back to it next visit.

Today has been more productive. There are new galleries in the Galeria Pita that we will survey next time. I think it is unlikely that we be able to meet up this time as we return to Castellon tomorrow. I'll try to hook up with you next time we come up. Will definitely be around in summer. Hope visit to Vallina went well. I'll send you a little update when I get back and we've put something on paper.

Cheers, Lee.

19/02/2023, 7:03 pm - Pete Smith: Thanks Pete. Will definitely see you guys in summer, as I imagine that we will camp behind Bar German again. Pretty happy with the trip, good direction of progress toward north/ north east, toward V.3. Let's see if we are lucky. Many thanks, Take care and will catch up with you soon.

19/02/2023, 7:03 pm - Pete Smith: There was a short reply from me in the middle

19/02/2023, 7:06 pm - Juan: Received. Thanks.

Re: [External] Speleothem Phosphate Palaeothermometer

From: Wynn, Peter (p.wynn@lancaster.ac.uk)

To: uzueka@aol.com

Date: Wednesday, 22 February 2023 at 10:19 GMT

Hi Juan,

All went well in Matienzo at the weekend. We had some good trips into Llanio and managed to collect a fair amount of water. We set up various drip collectors, so hopefully these will be full by Easter.

I attach a short paragraph which explains the work we are doing in the cave. If you could have a read through and let me know if this is suitable, much appreciated. You may want to tweak the final sentence to correctly attribute to the 'Matienzo Caves Project'.

Thanks and best wishes,

Peter

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