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Tim "I pissed into Gavin's shinky, and he pissed all down my leg"

THE LEAN, MEAN WATER MACHINE ^{ooo}

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1 Aug 90

What a scorcher of a day! There seem to be lots of people up here at Aris and water is extremely scarce. At the fuente --- "drip --- (10 second silence) --- drip --- (10 second silence) --- drip --- etc. --- moo-squelch-bang (cow comes and knocks over water canister)" Anyway, Haymarket / NUSS group went down to push 29/5. They chipped off a few flakes of rife wall, but the hole still isn't big enough to accommodate a body - not yet. Meanwhile, OVCC lot with away the time taking sponsorship photos. Graham and 'on glorious leader' go down for a fester at bare. David in plaster a camera around and Jenny sits posing outside Paul's tent, looking domesticated and in the process of consuming the yummy products of Colmans, Tate + Lyle, Mornflake etc. Later on Tim and Kate are subjected to similar treatment - posing in overcoat and helmet at the entrance

of the cheese cave, happily pretending to devour all sorts of carving munnies.

But --- as the day goes on, ~~the~~ water supply dwindles and the queue at the fuente lengthens and the drips slow down even more.

Toni + Jerry go down the "chuff shit pit" (shaft near refugio) and batter away at a lump of ice on the snow plug down there. Progress is slow - why? Instead of having ice picks and ~~shovels~~ ^{hammers}, they have to make do ^{with} a tent peg (as a chisel) and the 'digging tool' (as a hammer). 3 tacklebags of ice lumps are hoisted up. The system appears to be working - ice on black plastic bags in the sun such that the melt water trickles into the washing up bowl. Then, through a filter that is certifiably polluted with donkey sperm - so what!

DO NOT USE THIS FILTER AT
REFUGIO PUENTE (it has been used @ the
foul ones) {also had donkey sperm through it!}

Joan is water monitor. With a fastening toe like hers, there's not much else she can do! Some people have even resorted to trekking all the way to Bobien for water.

In summary, the whole day has been

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devoted to collecting ice, melting it, filtering water, transferring water from one container to another, boiling water, sterilizing water and doing everything possible to save EXCEPT DRINKING IT!!

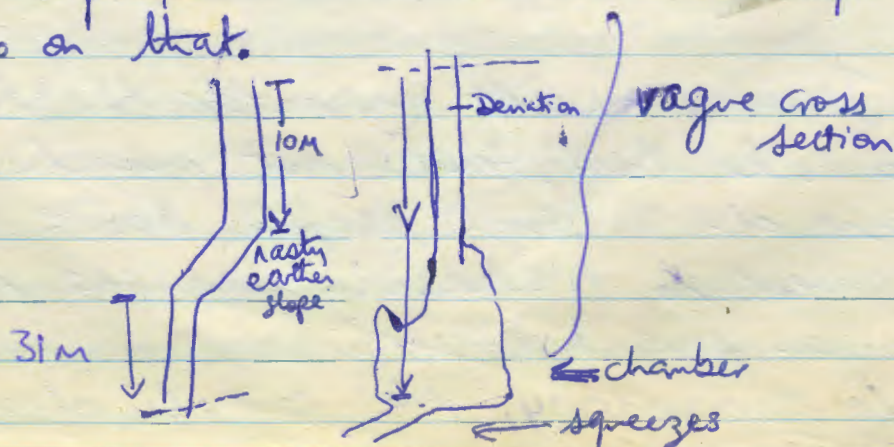
Tenny

Back to Monday

Tony Dave L + Jon take a civilized stroll up the hill. Tony descends 2/7 to fetch the bolting kit which seems to have been dispersed throughout 2/7.

Meanwhile Dave L went to the top of Joltays + saw a very stunning Swallow Tail butterfly. I slept in the sun. We got our gear together + headed down the slope $\approx 40'$ then on the level across to the right. At the junction of 'our path' from 2/7 and the Joltays path there is an obvious hole of about 3' diameter. There has been a cairn erected at the stone that overlooks this hole. BE CAREFUL $\rightarrow$ fall down the entrance + you won't stop falling until you hit the chamber 40m below. This has happened to lots of goats etc + a couple of ? foxes ? dogs.

Needs decent rigging. We used a natural around the boulder @ the top of the entrance but our back up belay was also on that.



So we used 2 ladders for entrance pitch (careful of trying to free climb bits so rather loose. Great care on earthen slope @ bottom - very loose + needs gardening. Earthen slope is only 6' long then 31m shaft rigged off natural overhanging pitch. @ about 14m down deviation (long tape req'd) on small notch. At bottom = large chamber with nice stal? climbable? upper small passages only 20' up from floor. One small blind notch, one small blind crawl, but one obvious crawl down + around boulders to too tight squeeze (but only just) ? 20m rift / pitch beyond now.

Tony + Dave L have a jolly nice little cave going. very interestingly enough, in the squeeze, the draught is going INTO the cave. Does this link with 2/7 + is the movement of air down there sucking air down via # Skull Cave? Couldn't link in the weather outside to explain why warm breath was going downwards.

I'm sorry that this is high on Tottay, and that we want a lower entrance, but if there are enough people this part of the '2/7 system' should be sorted out.

Thank-you Tony + Dave for a really entertaining day.
Thanks ever so much.

Joan

"Timi accused me of having neurons. Is that a good thing or a bad thing?"

DIRK

- and if they're bad, are they contagious?

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30-7 to 2-8-90

Shaft Bashing

Shaft Bashing on the spur between
Tria + Extremes Entered 7-8 shafts between
10ft + 60 ft deep all going nowhere
Root.

shaft bashing left side of Valle Extr
Rish day found, S/E entrance high up
not fully posted (left alone no draught)
found entrance 15ft above path, just
below camp site (100 yds) started hammering
Wed got in Thursday, 25 ft deep
with draught in slopping with possible
dig at bottom.

Entered various rock shelters and
small alcoves nothing big found or
seen.

P. Egan HCC
Peter T Egan

Party consisted of P. Egan, J. Robinson, D. West
S. Hall, S. Napier (HCC)
S. Openshaw, G. Whitehead
MUSS. Andy

2/8/90

My last day in Ariz. Oh sigh. I've had 3 weeks of relaxing happiness,
joyously good company, 90% perfect weather and a multitude of
experiences both relived + new that belong to expedition alone.
And to everyone who's left Good Luck for the denig, hope all goes
well. See in Oxford in a couple of weeks.

John P. H.

P.S. If you could possibly bring me back one EDUARDO (ICONA type) I'd be eternally
grateful.

~~3/8/90~~ 2/8/90

for the information of those new to the water has shortages at Anio.

- ① The big black container is full of snow melt
- ② The small black container is full of B&B water
- ③ Chough Shit Pit is rigged, and there is much ice at the bottom suitable for melting. (Chough Shit Pit is near the old campsite, in the bottom of the bowl in front of the refugio)

2/8/90 Caving - Tim, Jenny & David

Joan came some of the way.

We went to flying Rebell's. We rigged the 2nd Pitch & 7th Heaven with lots of new Edelrid. It is a very fast descent. Several interesting points:

- ① The main hang bolt atop the 2nd Pitch was very loose indeed, to the extent of being $\frac{1}{2}$ unscrewed.
- ② The sheath of the polish rope we replaced was very stiff. This turned out to be due to the fact that it had been melted by abseilers going too fast. This rope is CRAP (If you think the sheath is bad, you should see what's inside.)
- ③ No more points

David

3/8/90

We are going camping, ~~ETD 08:45~~

↳ Tim, Jenny, ~~David~~, David.
Fred.

Plan as follows:

3/8/90: Travel to camp from surface

4/8/90: Move all non-essentials from camp to the top of Gusano Crawl.

5/8/90: Store all the items at camp that do not need to be brought out. Leave cave, denegging as we go, expecting to meet relief party in the shafts. Bring
Fred has just arrived and rendered all this

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invalid.

Plan B

⑧ 3/8/90. Go to camp

4/8/90 Move all ~~non-essentials~~ camp to Heathrow, leaving non-essentials staged at present campsite.

5/8/90 Detackle out of cave until we meet our relief team whereupon we leave cave with one bag apiece (possibly 2 to top of Peruvians)

- 3 agosto - 90.

Por favor cuando vds. quieran intro-
ducir colorante en una cueva, es
necesario avisar a la Oficina del
Parque Nacional;

Pearo Fernandez

(The same one that spoke to me
about the 7 tents.)

23:00 25-7

It seems we still have to do something about
the die.

Later: They came back after finding a walker who
spoke english. Again explained that we should advise about
die before putting it in. The water turned green
from Colombo; from Cain it turned red not
green. I got through the message that we are
not responsible for the red (as they knew) but couldn't
explain why we didn't tell them about the green
(because it involved complicated tenses like "should
have told" — but forgot" which weren't understood).

They were friendly about it but we still may
be in the shit with someone else.

It is probably necessary to (i) explain all aspects of this
situation (e.g. why somuch die went in & why we didn't tell them) and
Dirk

(2) make sure it gets to the right person. It seems the talk to Eduardo did not resolve the situation.

I have spoken to Paulo at Les Lagos & explained that we sent someone to tell ICMA about the dye but he forgot, & next time we will tell them etc. I confirmed dates / times etc. of dye putting in / coming out. Everything seems to be O.K.

PS. Dying to meet Eduardo! Put some more dye in so I can't tell him about it.

Cavin Dave H, Dave L and Tony the last pushing camp / derricking trip

We have left above camp before the traverses:

150m x 9m Edelrid

10m, 15m, 15m, 40m¹ x 10mm Edelrid

1x Dave H goon suit

1x " " sig bottle

1x rope protector

1x long wire

1x bolt kits containing hammer & driver 21 anchors

8 wedges, 10 tapes 2 survival bags.

We left the traverses into safe frozen rigged and the traverses in pin-perched but derigged pitches down to pin-perched.

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June (who did some desigging after all)

GUYs - no chance of
Agua potable at Refugio
since 600 scouts are there though
Annabell is trying to get them
to put the can back under
the spring when they have
finished. Worth trying to collect
some overnight. I'm going to
find a Spring near Cueva del
Texas (beyond Muxa behind refuge)
to see if I can fill the black
~~water~~ water container. The non-potable
water that was in the container

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is now in the pan behind
the stove. \$

Sherry.

p.s. I've borrowed some ones walk-
-man - The batteries on Graham's
have run out. (Its in G.A.N.'s tent

now)

4-8 August Shaftbashing Graham, Dirk

29/5: Tried squeeze. Too tight. ^{G.} Started to hammer, but
hammer head came off and is at bottom of rift. Also
tried other rift but couldn't get very far. Digging rocks
from floor is also a possibility. The hammering needs

(new) hammer and chisel Riffs look continuously tight, but
may be pushable. It is not clear which way is downstream,
though one is deeper by rock dropping. Main hope is to
get lower down in hope of finding wider part, in
which case could go either way (they are the same rift).

5/10: (see report 24-July). ~~8th July~~ (There are lots
of chucked, deep, shakeholes in the area and it seems
there should be cave underneath. This may be a way
in.) Go down 7m pitch. Rope is still ~~there~~ ^{needed},
but a ladder ^{instead} would save SRT kit. Down short boulder
slope. ~~Left goes~~ Two ways on. Left goes up and no where
Right is the possible way on - over small hole in
floor and through large squeeze is another. 5m long 10m high.
*The rift definitely widens beyond the squeeze. ** I think it may be better to stay
*** I think the rifts are parallel. Thigh up.