

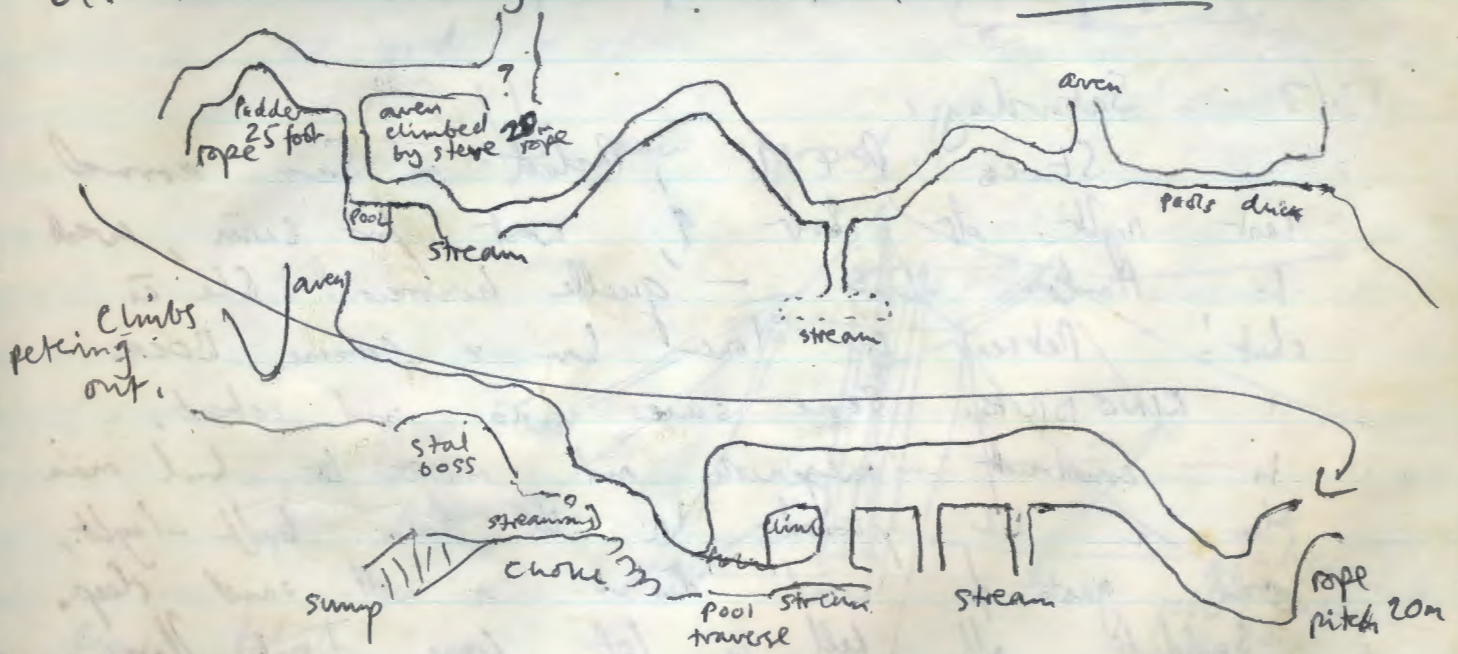
was half full of water.

Above the boulder choke we climbed into a superb chamber - a stal boss as big as 13, Beington road, with no way around. To get up you launch yourself up and scramble up the blank calcite. At the top... a number of climbs & thimble led to great formations & one huge aren which Steve would like to push. Trouble was... our climbing rope was hanging from the bolt driver back up the passage.

Knowing the way, the trip to the ~~bottom~~ top, would be c. 1 hr. Not knowing the way, rigging, searching & coming back, we took 8, and, along with the hangers, we'd forgotten the food.

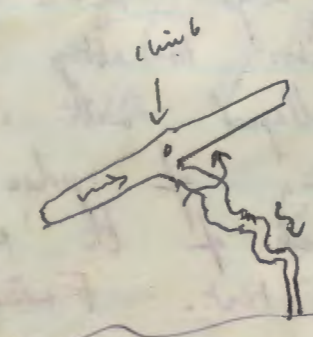
Grade 1 survey

Plan. Elevation



PS DYE
 DETECTOR
 NOTES IN BACK
 TACKLE BOOK

Plan



Gorge

Hatch Last year we found an easy way down to the roaring stream one can hear before the first big free climb. A couple of minutes after the 'hole in the floor with prominent flake to traverse on' there is a turning on the left ~~with~~ leading to a low sloping rift. This leads to a large v. large chamber with a stream in it (v. fast flowing). One can climb up ultimately the hole through which the stream is first heard but there is also a series of ascending steps one of which was just a bit ~~too~~ slippery for me but should be possible with protection of company. Looked v. promising

Richard

12/7/85 Friday. Sean at Lagos.

Last night Phil D, Nicola and Gerhard appeared - they got to Arno and were too exhausted to reach Top Camp. Fred followed them down at 1pm - he went to Arno first to make sure the others were OK.

Nicola, Phil + Gerhard set off again for Top Camp at 5am - some kind of penance? Fred followed them later. I was hoping someone would come down to guard Lagos while I went to Caracas for shopping but apparently this isn't going to happen.

What we need is:

- 1 sack of potatoes
- about 7kg peppers
- Stakes for cow barrier - (if really cheap)
- Tomatoes - 5kg(?)
- Apples - 7 or 8kg
- 2 long handled wooden spoons

13/7 Saturday

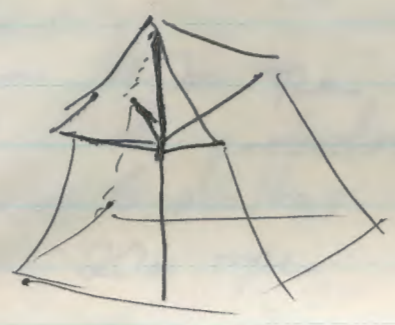
Stoves R+M, packed in Sara around last night at about 9, went for swim, went to Anderson bar - 'quelle horreur! She is shut! Retreat to lower bar & consume BOCKS & RINGS BIRDS. Score some vino and retreat,

to construct meganesh and retreat to bed mac then a bit pissed. In the dawn half-light, odd gusts of wind disturb a well earned sleep.

Suddenly all hell to let loose. Tent flap, I dash out to piara down the kitchen tent as the Achelin candle wanda collapses on all the food. I help R+S tie ropes inside the magic Eavis Tent to stop it falling to bits.

Then my tent collapsed with its characteristic and endearing bending of poles into 'U' shape. We sit in the back of the can, moved to shelter the kitchen tent. Fried Eggs & no

Break, as it is still only 8:30, and the
 snow doesn't open till 9:00. By about 10, the
 wind lets up and we pick up the pieces.
 Paul + Dave H. arrive from Arid, with new
 Hub they were blown over on sod II. The Hub
 tent is made rigid inside with dexion from the
 van, after an attempt to replace the Euler-backling
 centre pole with John West food boxes fails
 utterly after 2 mins, the while they go over.

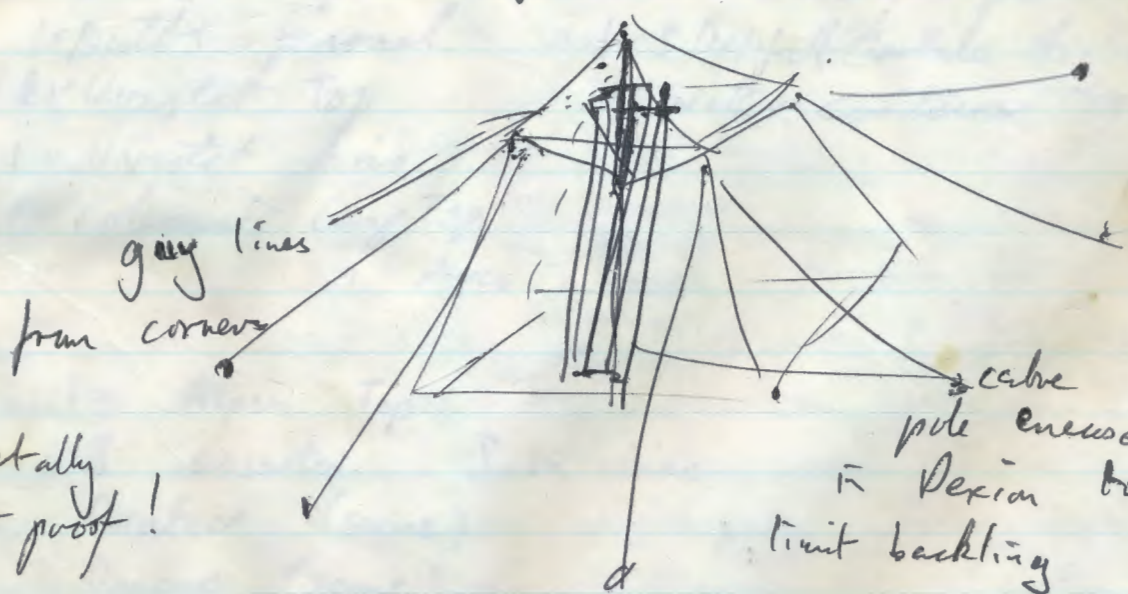


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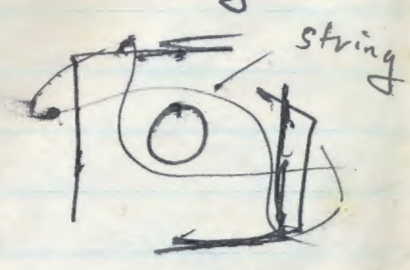
no good!

⇓ new improved!



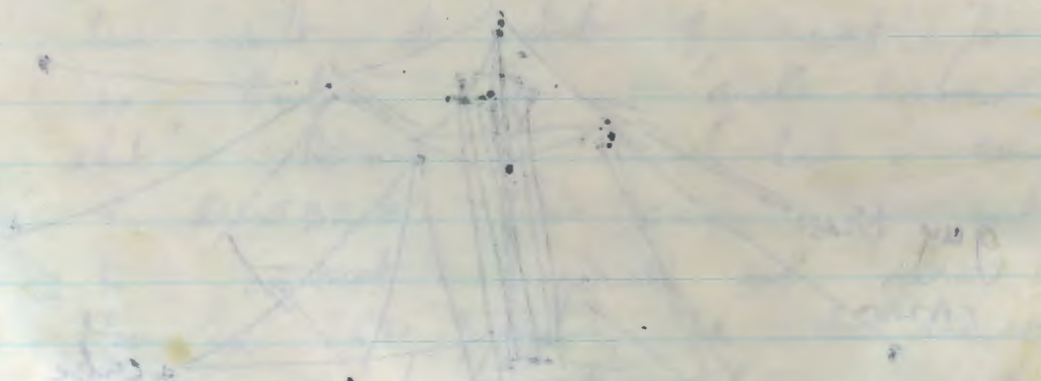
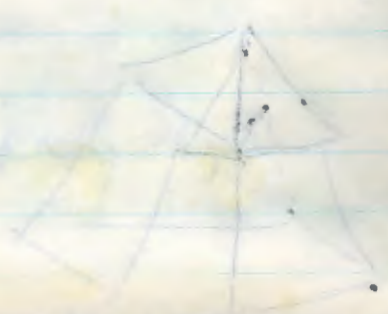
Now totally
 band-proof!

A bit of scaffold. pole
 around the centre pole would
 be even better.



Richard + Sara have gone shopping and Sue
and Ceceff have just arrived (1:40). Was
a hot calm day.

William "People tell me I'm good at it but I don't believe them" Stead.



William
Sue
Ceceff
Richard
Sara



Things we need on the next STOP.

4' Glass set for arid Subarctic lamp + some mantles.
 Scottell pole for Acheson Test
 Tea towels
 Pencils.

Taken up to Top Camp 13.7.85.

Steve R — 40m rope 7 crabs 6 dozen tapes
 6 protectors 20 hangers 1 wire belay
 6 mailbags Boiling Kit
 20m rope 2 tackle bags

Geoff — 1x Alpen Top 1x Sigg - full top -
 1x Alpen Aris ~~1x plastic - filled petrol Aris~~
 3x Bulbs Top 1x ball string Top.
 1x Bulbs personal 1x B.D.M. full Carbide Aris.
 2x Uvistat Top 1x Water container Top.
 1x Uvistat Aris
 1x Coleman's Long Top
 1x " " " Aris

Paul : 1x Alpen Top
 8 assorted J.W. tins.
 Potatoes (some)
 Onions (some)
 20 m rope.
 Norn Flakes 1 Tea

Top Camp

Martin

- Non flakes 2 tins
- Sauces 6 pots
- Mustard 1 tube
- Sau 2 pots
- Sweet tins 4
- Torties 1 box
- Peanuts 1 tray
- Onions
- Potatoes
- Peppers
- Tomatoes
- Bread
- 4 Tins of fruit (cane food)

Ario

Gerhard

- 4 loaves of bread
- 1 tea towel
- 1 gas cylinder
- Several eggs (liquidified)
- potatoes (103)
- onions (63)
- peppers (73)
- tomatoes (8)
- 2 packs of olives
- 1 jar of jam
- 5 knives
- 2 ladders
- 2 (empty) tacklebags
- 2 washing up pads

Top Camp - Steve, Richard, Sarah

- 20m Rope
- washing up bowl
- pasta & rice
- water container
- biscuits
- 6 pineapples
- oranges
- potatoes
- 2 wires
- 1 tin tuna meat
- Bag roll
- peanuts
- 15m rope
- 1 tent
- Alpen ladder
- 3 plates, cups, spoons

Arrio Sean Personal kit + 1 ladder + 1 wire.

Dave H large billy, lump hammer assorted pots, mugs
 attery, tacklebag of ladder, 10m & 20m rope, personal gear
 bread petrol stove.

Sunday 14th.

Imagine for a moment that you are carrying a big pack of gear through the mist looking for a cave, which, for the sake of argument, we may call Hoya La Madre. And, having, as is so easily done in the Picos, omitted to follow the precise route to the cave you paused for a well earned rest on the top of a hill above a shaft in which one of your companions (Steve Mayers perhaps?) was covered in fine mud looking for a way on, and failing to find one. What are the sounds that echo through the mist to your stance on the white limestone? Could they be the sound of revving engines?

Would it be taxing the reader's powers of imaginative cognition to ask him to picture the horror and difficulty of the struggle down the nettled slope with its large (and yet usually concealed by large ferns and other vegetation) holes between boulders? I think it would. Not mine! ~~Yes!~~

~~And~~ And yet the most puzzling feature of ~~my~~ the day would be the diving line at the far end of the cave. Who is to blame? Chris Danilewicz would be a name that an imaginary prosecutor would ask any jury to accept. Was he responsible too for the bolt line up the obvious aven above the terminal snuff? In which case, why does the bolt line not continue into the very promising passage above. Could it be that the last few moves were free climbed, an unlikely thing in view of the number of bolts you would see at the foot of the aven.

A certain time would be needed for the regaining of the top of the gorge. A certain time for consistent effort and near death-defying traverses above large drops with only grass as handholds?

Assuming that the night was now drawing in and that, trusting the cheap map of the Picos de Europa only a little, you were intending to ask the first native farmer who crossed your path as to the correct direction to take for your ultimate destination, how surprised would you be were this very person turn out to be Inyanki, the park warden with whom, in a Los Lagos bar you drank several beers and spoke of ETA well into ^a night in 1982?

Pressed as nuts. SCR, PJD, NCD, GPH, PB.
16/8/85. Yes they are! SCR.

Steve "When it comes to big shafts, I'm a jelly" Roberts.

William "The Cares Gorge looks almost like Swildon's without a roof on" Stead

Geoff "The essence of tent-ness" Hogan

DYE STUFF

~~Phil D. Nicolo went to DOBRA on Wednesday 10th. Dredges 3 locations. (Controls)~~

~~Control~~

~~AREA.~~

Control put
in by

Area.	Control put in by.	On... (Date)	Control collected & Detector put in by...	On...
DOBRA (3 locations.) Phil Duncan.	Phil D + Nicola	10/7	Steve Gale & Hilary W. A not found B + C found.	19.7.85
CARES Dave H for Cutiembro Resurgencia Paul B for Cove detector Dave H for picnic site	Richard G, Sara W Steve M	10/7	Carmarina, Rio Cares, Cutiembro, Cueva Cutiembro replaced by Stephen G. et al. New detector at Fuente Bolin.	17.7.85
VEGA LA CUEVA Martin May (ask Hutch)	Sue R	11/7	Replaced by Sue + Martin	18/7/85
RIO POMPURI RESURGENCE Martin May (ask Hutch)	Sue R	11/7.	Replaced by Sue + Martin	18/7/85
Hoyo la Madre (4 dye detectors) Gerhard, Dave M.	Gerhard, Dave M	10/7	Replaced by Paul B. & Gerhard N.	19/7/85
Hoyo la Madre (YUCPL spores detector)	/	/	Steve Davies & John Wilcock Gerhard N,	26/7/85