

15th July - Arrival of the German Branch
(Gerhard, Chief Wombat) courtesy of Franzjörg
Krieg & Barbel & Hannah & Babystier Barbel, after a
4 days drive from the ^(heart of the) good old Continent & several
beach stops & a visit to LOURDES. In spite of my
forceful attempts to break the VW minibus under the weight
of my gear it did make it up to Lagos without pushing.
¡Hola Picos! and a wonderful welcome with the
peaks all tinged with orange..

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G.W.

Expedition Hatching Tales no. 2.

Our shipping & trip to Lagos (Phil D. +
Sally) ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~tried~~ ^{tried} (see earlier) to
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up the hill. I was wearing "warm for eating" breakfast at 6:30 in the mist. I get rather hot - I ran. I ran. I get to the turning, waving frantically at the only car to go to Cangas that early. They stand at me in a hostile manner as they turned up to Lago Encinas. So I it.

We continued walking. A bus-over passed. We thought at it. The made obscure gestures, walt down the road 100 yards, followed by a galloping dog, did a 3-point turn, and walt back up. A lot of trouble to go to, to avoid giving us a left.

We continued walking. The upper La Landia came by a gas in a left to about 2 mi from Cangas. We walked the rest of the way, admiring the houses & scenery, that when driving oneself, we has no time for.

To the Rio Grande - Café & Tortilla. Aha! a sign over the door "Tourist Information," new since last year. Phil goes over - "Open 10 till 2", says he. We stay in the bar. Come till 10 pm. As I go up the stairs in the Palacio de Justicia, I see "Cerrado los Domingos".

OK. To the Spar, and Two Radice (Spar). They are impressed by our hand-drawn maps, and tell us a bus goes to Covadonga. So we go. We get on, and thanks to a left from an immense Dutch guy, especially in the night, we are led by 12 roads up the hill.

To the bank camp at night, as it is dark, but we find it.

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tell us a bus goes to Covadonga. To the north.
We got on, and thanks to a lift from
an immense Dutch guy especially in the night, we
are back by 12 noon. The bus was full of
To the bank group at night, as it

- 15/7/88. still d (Hill and ...)
- 1) ... (Vaya Atseda)
 - 2) ... Phil D., John C., ?? (100y to further)
 - 3) ... (Secret Valley)
 - 4) Steve B, Fred, Roy. (Arca Path)
 - 5) ... Pauls B & Coyle (")

All of them were told off of the pissal-
 A-ven at Top Camp owing to no carries
 of gear or food & lack of enthusiasm for
 carrying. I went progressively of the lack of
 work.

Down to the San Juan Lea, Boca's de
 Queso & Vino!
 2 hours, including jogging on the And
 Path

[Signature]

~~Working with Paul [By Dan]~~
 After resting down the mountain with shoulders rather
 sore, we proceeded of a short walk to
 'Edinayo' (a madre) & back seemed very appealing
 ... better. Walking down to the
 ... no rendering about
 ... the dye detector in the stream
 ... at the cave. Scrambled up
 ... for photos
 ... of the most
 ... we then carried

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on up the 'hill', (well sheer cliff) to the top of the hill. Much easier and than I thought that slope was bloody steep, & we relied on our gear & gorse for too much. At the top we were both getting wrecked & it took several kilos of courage to stand on the edge. I take photos of what we'd just climbed. Hopefully I can take Paul's final words as we reached the top: "That will be the most dangerous thing you do on expedition" as true.

Strolled back to base camp & recounted our tales of adventure. Oh, by the way, there were a couple of small entrances half way up the hills, one of which might have gone, perhaps ???

Dan

Just a brief note on how to get to York base camp if you are lucky enough to have a vehicle handy.

Go to Congo and turn left opposite the Camp. Continue down this road for a while. Past the turning for America the gorge gets progressively more spectacular - it's a lovely morning. The trip for a clear day. Go on past the border with Leon & eventually there is a turn-off to Soto. This road is single track but tarmac and goes steeply fringes, with magnificent views to Soto. Continued through Soto (the bar Pena Santa will divert you if you lost) and branch right at the end over a bridge. Continue for a few yards until the road looks as though it ends. Here there is a sign pointing to a white van and the sign 'Refugio Negabana'. The route is the route to the top and back as you get put down is along the mountain (the ash of the valley - that's right).

has to be taken 1st gear and with a great deal of caution
avoid the occasional pothole. Don't be tempted by the occasional
back off in the forest and keep to the main track. After
you come out into a grassy alp continue for just a bit
more to reach the hut and the York Camp.

Journey time from Cangas is about 1 1/2 hrs.
It's very spectacular, certainly just as much as here and
well worth doing. If you want to walk back, it's 3 hrs to
York top camp and about 2 hrs further to our top camp.

Wednesday, 16/7/86.

So. Half way through week two. Here
I sit with a bottle of cider contemplating last
Sunday's Observer - "Cabinet desert Thatcher", and
a truly awful look about naval death &
destruction by Douglas Reeman. Hat (Seleira
Salongs to our Jefe.

Evergas, Sab evergas, also is at Top Camp.
What they aim to achieve up there is such
vast numbers I know not. Maybe some of them
will come back down & brighten my day.
I suppose I should do the washing-up but
inspiration is lacking.
Slow, slow expedition. Slow.

Steve

Bigger
of Steve

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Things we need - next shipping trip.

- A "slice" for frying eggs.
- Some wooden spoons + large spoons for serving up
- Top/Box camp stove.
- Some salt

We meet the Yugoslav cavers!

Their address:

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→ HUDEC SVJETLAN, ČAČMANSKA 2 41000 ZAGREB, YU

KOMISIJA ZA SPELEOLOGIJU PLANINARSKOG SAVEZA HRVATSKE

→ KOZARČEVA 22, 41000 ZAGREB, YU

Commission for Caving in Croatia

the leader of ---

the club

And get pissed!

Wed 16 July - Franzjög & Martin May from Base to Top to Ridge Cave to top of Fred 17
Flintstone and back in reverse order. Both arrive thoroughly satisfied and just a wee bit knackered.

Gerhard carrying 25+15+10m rope + personal gear to Top Camp (6 hrs...) returning 9³⁰ pm.
Among the things encountered en route, apart from millions of grasshoppers/termites & the like, were one rebecca and 9/9, as well as Blas & his mate.

T.C. wants BOG ROLLS! (So does Base!)



There are people who walk around Camp on bare feet.

There are also people who pick up metal rubbish (bottle lids &c.), bend it to little sharp-edged sculptures, and then throw these somewhere into the grass.

Our medics will be happy about the consequences...

17 July - Franzjög drives Fred, Martin & Paul C to an X-ray doctor at Arriandias & possibly to hospital at Oriedo; off 1^{pm}.
Gerhard down to Cangas with them. Got BOG ROLLS & wooden & serving spoons &c., no "egg slice" unfortunately. Got a lift back up to Covadonga by a nice history teacher from Santander, then WALKED ^{up} 40 minutes, watching hundreds of cars driving down in the mist and five going up (four of which full and the fifth a sod, the driver grinning at me and then driving past) before a very nice elderly Dutch couple stopped and took me up. Visibility being down to nil we invited them to a cup of tea and I walked to Lago Ercina, with them...

Gerhard

5³⁰ pm all fogged up - Joany T & Gerhard setting out for Top Camp with the remaining Aquaguard, Bog Rolls, Salt, Maltol, 1 wooden spoon, margarine, & a few more ropes & ladders.

We arrived after a lovely 4 hrs walk, the clouds remaining around us all the time. Unpacked the main food dump from last year! Dave H not coming down unless desperately

⑦ needed - Left T.C. 10^{pm} with rubbish & one empty
Sigg bottle, to be refilled with petrol and taken up a.s.a.p.

Other things needed at Top are:

Phil D's set of nesting bilites (from the store tent)

pens

fresh vegetables (tomatoes, ^(red) peppers, spuds, &c &c, & fruit)

Iodine

pepper (i.e. the spice) & herbs if pass.

also, some fresh
bread would be
a very good idea.

Had a lovely 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs walk down in ever stronger rain. Encountered
two bright glow-worms & one enormous toad. Got lost
quite a bit between Sed 2 & Sed 1 - never has the Fuente at
Las Bobrias tasted so sweet! Down 12⁰ am ...

& Tomorrow Pushing Trip in F20! * * * * *

Welcome Ian Houghton - thank goodness we have another
White & driver...

Fred is in hospital at Oviedo, under observation for one
night, hopefully to be picked up tomorrow.

Gerhard

PS A soaked Melanie arrives 1³⁰ am having failed to find
Base Camp for about 3 hours!

16/1/86 (a) Dye Detectors (controls)

① gully Blay near Beyers. time 11.30 a.m. 15/7/86

② low stream near Pomper. time 2.30 p.m. 15/7/86

③ near RLB

Go to ... and walk to the campsite. At the end of the valley pass through some huts and down the river valley. Follow by stream bed to just beyond large tree where the water resurges. The detectors are placed one on the right and one on the centre of the stream facing downstream.

② R.P.

From RLB facing downstream climb the left bank up to the road. Follow this and take the left hand fork. About 200 yards along this there is a path to the right leading down to the stream. Walk upstream until you reach the stagnant pool. The detectors are below the first stagnant pool where the water comes out from under the rocks.

The trip to put in the Dye Detectors - Roy & Martin.

Having put the first set of detectors at RLB on Hutch's suggestion for a "nice day walk" we start down hoping to get to where RLB a RP nest. This was so that we could note any more resurgences. It all started off fine but as we went further downstream we soon found that the gentle valley became a gorge and the streambed turned into a series of waterfalls. At first there was no problem since the falls were either climbable or old trees had fallen down the waterfall and these could be climbed down. When the gorge narrowed, we

managed to bridge (at some) of the spots (at one stage my fell in up to his neck). Onwards we pressed wandering why hitch had sent us here, getting days walk path. Soon we were traversing along rocks walls then leaping off to boulders, using logs to aid climbing and basically getting very wet in the process. Some pools we just had to wade across which meant water, ice cold water, up to the armpits. Soon I was just wandering about in just my socks and shoes, this being the most practical dressing. Eventually we came to something we decided not to climb down and the return was made to rejoin the easy route back to R.P.

Did we gain anything from this exercise except a brilliant days fun. Well we found that the stream sinks before the cascades with a small amount continuing down the cascades.

It then re-emerges downstream from a series of cracks in the wall of the gorge. Some of the water jets out about 3ft horizontally. Not as impressive as Haysla Mine but still pretty good. An approximation of the amount of water flowing is five-10 bath taps fully turned on.

... of Nadin. ... yellow steps ...