

to the draft, it goes up, probably to a lower entrance.

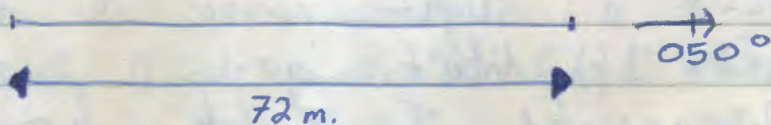
As for the tales of fur and excitement not to mention falling boulders and that "floating on air" feeling... they will have to wait for tomorrow (today, I mean)... I think my starter is ready now.

Rob

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Well, sadly and despite much effort it did not happen.

Grade 5(!) Line Survey of Discoveries



After several hours of tacklebag lugging we arrived at the Special Agent Sea to have "peaches" on the beaches.

Alas the peaches were pears and it all went wrong from there.

Mouth to Valve inflation was necessary for the Speleo Ship Enterprise.

Eventuall all was ready and with some trepidation Rob got into the boat and rowed off into uncharted waters, with me lining him from the shore.

I don't think I'll ever forget watch his light floating off down this deep emerald lake.

After about 20m he disappeared round a slight corner to the left. It didn't go.

Disappointed I pulled him back to shore and had a look myself. Indeed the lake was a swamp. No possible climbs up without serious (40m) bolting.

I too rowed back to shore.

The "inlet" on the right just before the S.A. Sea was pushed (I got wet up to my waist) and it connects back with the sea.

We brewed some hot chocolate and packed up 4 tackle bags leaving the boat floating on the lake.

James

On the way back we looked out for ~~possibilities~~ to push high in the vain hope that they might provide another "Terra Series". Not very likely but worth a try.

We followed footprint up the "USS Enterprise Allowance Scheme", noting the boulders ceiling as we went. There had to be something big just above us. James found a climb up a vertical boulder slope and invited me to push it. I did so and found another vertical boulder climb, this one in a rift with a narrow slot at the top. James accepted my invitation to push it, breaking through (literally) into a big upper level which he explored.

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while I waited. He ~~was~~ was in a rift parallel to the streamway and soon returned saying he'd found a pitch which needed dropping. "A Hard Days Knight"

Having enlarged the slot above the chink we fetched a rope and bolt kit and explored the pitch. No way on. It was now approaching midnight - time to head out, - the car had departed us.

We took the 4 tackle bags back to the "Boys R Back" junction and after a quick fifth upstream headed "out" with <sup>heavy</sup> <sup>on</sup> "tacklebag" each...

Rob

### LEFT DOWN CAVE

2 tackle bags  
include BDU containing  
4 big lumps carbide  
1 1/2" diameter)  
4 small lumps carbide  
(3/4" diameter)

At Boys R Back - Under round  
Over drive  
Junction.



JH

It's O.K. (advisable even) to  
leave my radio down here. Jim

\* (I'd leave the Kamrats too)

Well perhaps it is the end  
of another era of oucc's  
exploration of the Picos.

We've been here many times  
before.

Once again another large piece  
of the puzzle has slotted into  
place. The line between the  
Hoya La Madre and Culiembro  
Resurgences is more definite,  
a third system has been found.  
There are, I'm sure, many  
new caves to explore that  
could lead into this  
system and downstream, well  
the water must go down..

The future of exploration here,  
like the caves themselves,  
is unknown. It's the biggest  
fear, but one of the greatest  
excitements. Let the good  
times we've had roll on.

James,

Ha! Have found error  
in Survey from Klingon  
to N.M.H.S.

The cave is now 7m deeper  
for Sam for depth of lake.

BARGAIN.

(Small amusement for someone  
who's survey Klingon to  
Well, Jim twice).

James

No More Heroes, I must leave  
you now.

C9, I've love you since the  
day we met.

For two summers we've  
known each other, shared  
secrets ~~with~~ together.

I'll never forget you.

But exploration must go on.

So, to bigger and better (or at  
least as good)

things.

James

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The end of another short chapter is the arrival of OUEC in the Pecos. The discovery of the large stream is another significant piece - the hydrological puzzle but the swamp has all but demolished those dreams of a mega-system. There is still plenty to do down here - several inlets need exploring, the traverse above the beach needs pushing and upstream is still wide open so anyone finding an alternative, easier entrance will be in luck.

Good luck to the next visitors

Dave

THE END