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The Incredible Journey

Duncan Earl Mark B

Up at 6:30 am. Finished packing. Drove to Sheffield (north from Chesterfield. grrr...) to pick up Mark, then down to Cambridge to fettle the trailer. Much banging, spanning, socket setting and angle grinding on Work's new driveway later and we gave up with the intended fettle half done as it was going to be far too hard.

Went to the tackle store to pack. Humungous amount of shit, so Earl + I ran away to get more shit from Earl's house, leaving Mark to pack the trailer.

Returned to find the trailer FULL, packed with a mountain of shit rising high above the level of the sides of the trailer. Unfortunately there was still one and a half times as much stuff lying on the ground waiting to be packed.

Advanced trailer packing methods were clearly required, so we constructed a palisade of full tackle sacks standing upright round the edge of the trailer, and then filled up the space in the middle, making a mound which rose up well above the height of the tacklebags (there should be a \langle or href = "photo \langle a \rangle of this somewhere. Got Mark to perch on the edge of the back seat of the car, and stuffed gear in beyond him right up to the roof. Eventually everything was packed except one

onions (Earl + Mark both refused to have
of onions on their lap), and the connector for
to on the trailer was less than 2 inches off
ind.

to Dover, Mark realised that his passport
in a bag which we had carefully packed into the
Fagot #1. Then Earl found the facklestere
in his pocket, Fagot #2. So in Dover we
we Chish'n Fips and then team Einstein opened
miler to rescue ~~my~~ Mark's passport, then rang
a p'lodge to explain where the keys were, and
been back.

and Earl both enjoyed 15 1/2 hours of driving
Europe; Earl couldn't move his feet and Mark
more any thing (in a traffic jam, we spotted
ermans pointing at Mark's face pressed against
window, and laughing) but did get to know
I used the indicators, as the buzzer was
behind his head.

eventually we arrived and everything was alright.
plug on the trailer lights was only a bit
down due to scraping on the autobahn.

Getting for Schnapps, food + beer, which did its stuff
we went back to the Gasthof again for a sesh,
the course of which I lost the ability to stand up
staggered around to everyone's amusement, eventually falling
in the middle of the room.

2000.07.14-15 Phil U Si Lee.

The fantastic fiesta rides south!

Drove from Lanes down to Cambridge, ~~at~~ leaving
at 1830, arriving 2230. Off to tacklestore to be
met by a huge pile of shite, destined for my car, which
was clearly larger than the car itself. Standard unpack
everything, and shove it back in carefully. Root beer bully
loaded, requiring 2 people to close it while I locked it.
A sound of muted creakings followed.

Drove down to Dover, and caught the 0245 ferry.
Kipped for a bit, and drove to Milda's.

Journey unremarkable bar -

- Loones German driving
- Phil's loones driving (didn't notice caravan)
- Si's loones driving (couldn't decide whether to
go off autobahn or not, so compromised, and
aimed for the dividing SA).

All in all, a fairly dull journey.

15th July 2000 Mark S, Mark H fly to Expo

Left central Cambridge at 05.15 on Saturday for
started. Good flight to Munich (Lufthansa; £84 return)
+ took bus to Munich rail station (25 km from airport!)
Carnival in Munich delayed us + we thought we'd
missed the early train - but it was an hour late

we jumped! Got to Bad Aussee via
& Attnang-Puchheim at 7pm. [€30 quid
minibus → Bad Aussee]. Jumped on the last
7.05 and arrived at the door of Gasthof
at 7.15. Put up tent, inspected potato
retuned to Hilde's for a fantastic meal
park ribs, sauerkraut and Knödel. Oh,
Gösser was sipped too. Met Phil + Si Lee
y arrived and drank more Gösser.
ed. Went to bed. (25 Gössers drunk)

Mark S + others.

Earl + Mark roll up in the afternoon.
d drink Gösser in Hilde's, ate more spare
~~at~~ Drank more Gösser. Ducks was
ed so we left, but returned later to
e. Ducks was wasted and failed to tell
ably awful!) joke, and fell over an air
ing unit. Once again, we all got pissed
to bed.

Taty hut fester. Various

right now most have gone to bed.
it is free down on the table. Mark B has

just sliced his hand open trying to open a Gösser
with another bottle, and Mark S has got Peanut butter
all over his trousers. Duncan (your scribble) is surprisingly
conducting himself with considerable decorum.

PS Mark B is OK, now that he has had his hand plastered by
the equally plastered Phil, supposedly Dr. Phil. Hopefully I can go
carry tomorrow. Mark.

Wed 19th Piss up. Again. Duncan, S², Mark², Earl, Phil, Markie

Had several Gössers and then wobbled across the road
to ask about the fridge and sample some schnapps. Couldn't
decide which schnapps to try so we had one of each
(large ones) all round. Yum. Then Hilde gave us a big
mug of Jagtee, which had such alcoholic vapours rising
from it that it could be lit. Polished off all the schnapps
and Jagtee, then hit the Gössers. Back to the taty hut
for more. I gave up early and went to bed, but the
inebriated revelry carried on until 5:30 am.

NB. we need to remember to pick up the bill. And ask
about the fridge....

The 20th. Estimated number of beers sipped: 176
(about 20 gallons
= 2 barrels)

1 July - Steinbrückenhöhle. Duncan, SiF, Martin

to rig Steinbrückenhöhle. Had enough rope to rig of the cave. Found much more snow at foot of pitch - massive snow slope leading down to 2nd burying the spits. 2nd pitch appears several metres shorter than last year, and it is unlikely that there would be any way on at them. Looked at the traverse to the right, figured that it would probably be easy to drill. Bolts placed for the traverse would allow a descent of the second, so figured was no point expending effort digging out the bolts or placing new ones. s. left.

found a hole I'd noticed last year about 10m from 204b. Went to have a look.... TU 1/2 hour

so... Tranngoldhöhle. Same people

that we might get lucky and find a way to 204. Didn't, but found a pleasant little cave. + surveyed perhaps 70m, with a handful of QMs left for tomorrow.... TU 5 hours (?)

Saturday 22nd July Duncan, SiL Tranngoldhöhle

Went to worry a boulder that was blocking a draught to crawl heading towards 204. Initially acting alone, I pulled out all the gravel and small rocks around the boulder in question to find a small rock chocking it in place. Wiggled the chockstone until it came out, which allowed the boulder to be rocked. Repeatedly rocked the boulder back, scraping out gravel from beneath it before dropping the rock back down. Thus was the boulder gradually lowered to allow a squeeze over the top which I didn't fancy attempting without some backup.

Went in search of folks to come play. Found a surveying party, and stole SiL. Mendip lad Si shot through the squeeze like a greased weasel. There was an alcove on the other side and between us we manoeuvred the boulder into it to clear the way. Down a climb, or then a very loose tube at 45 degrees and another two climbs down led to a solid choke. Daylight was visible above the 45 degree choss tube, and we climbed out to the surface. Also connected another branch of the cave to the stone bridge after which Steinbrücken is named, via the hole in the boulder floor.

TU 3 hours (?)

July - Eishla Olly, Dave, Fay, Martin

Eishla with our kit, set off rather late in the afternoon getting rather dark when we found a cave to camp. Did a bit of Bunde bedding to find the main entrance. Followed a marked path to within a few metres of the top camp path. At this point had to spend several hours Bunde bedding to the path.

July - Julia, Anthony drive to Expo.

ham on Friday afternoon, drove for a few minutes, then realised we were on a European Road Atlas. Oh! Fetched not drive to Anthony's house. Watched & get married, drank wine, drank wine (?), ate lots of party food, later, more food & drank Black Sheep, then went & drank Bunny. The next morning, drove to Austria.

of tedious traffic near London but made over in time to catch an earlier ferry (9.50) out somewhere in Belgium. Got up and over. That's it really. There was a bit of an to a German petrol station, where Anthony re to get 10250 out of a cash machine to see if my card worked before realising

that ~~what~~ he meant a slightly smaller number of marks, meaning me to get a tenner out of the cash point, rather than 100 quid! Anyone need any Deutscher marks?

Thu 27 July Steinbrückenhöhle Dubs, Anthony.

Had sesh in fully hot night before. Awake early, breakfast and went up the hill with drill and battery. Had had problems with battery - when we tested it out the previous day, it was utterly dead. In the morning it mysteriously worked. Oh well...

At top camp, spent ages repacking 200m of rope into one HUGE tacklebag. Christened the rope 'Fat Freddy'. Took turn carrying Fat Freddy up to 204. Arrived knackered at about 2:30. We seemed to have used up all our energy and enthusiasm and so sat around for ages.

Eventually went underground at 6:15. Drill was an utter twat, and would only work if the cable from the battery was held at a particular angle, so the drill could only be used if an assistant was less than a cable's length away. Riggged an alternative pitch which bypasses you're so vertical and the next 2 pitches. A fine hairy which is straight down the middle of a big stuff. Think we'll call it 'Pot A Like'. TU 6 1/2

July Andy A, Julian + Bechis drive to Expo

- I set off yesterday from Liverpool
the Green Fish lunch. Down to Bill's house
road. Dumped the car + Andy A picked
- we stuffed all our crap on top of all
and his two bikes. Missed our 9:30 pm
at the 10:45 one + off on the traditional
Mons, Namur, Luxembourg, Pimoseers route.
ended up + ended up going on #7 to Ulm
by hitting Munich. Andy A + I driving, both
d for this look, swapping every couple of
and very Buzzyheads. Did the non-motorway
Salzburg + wandered feebly road but
sped. Arrived ~ 6:30 pm to find a load of
ners who'd had their trip to see the Austrian
stophored until tomorrow but, having come
a hill on the van, had decided they'd better
resh anyway...

- ONCs

Johny Pockets

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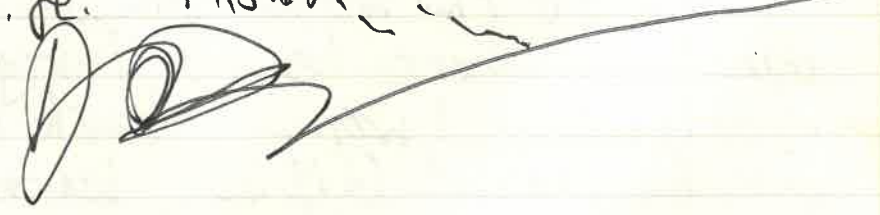
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it's ~~feeling~~ ~~think~~

I really don't know why this happened.
Background: Bles at Mit Des. I wanted to go
to bed because it was getting dark. I
I thought I was pissed off that I went ahead
knocked down. Recalled off into Tony. Didn't want to
Went to bed. Then woke up to hear voices. Thought
I was pissed off that I was being criticised
from dropping out of the conversation about work

outs. Went back into Tony's hut. Flat Argument
with Don that I didn't understand. Next bit I
don't remember for the first time.

Go very soon. h. be. Finished.



1st July Phil, Earl 195 ? Driver drive

went carrying other vast quantities of beer and
Tootled up to 195, and had a think about
it. Finally got around ~~to~~ rigging it, and I
the driver down the hole. Burn. Rigged everything off
instead. Earl went down first, and found the
hole a small hole. I went down to have a look, declared
too small, and sent Earl down it. It didn't go.

27th July Phil, Mark B, Martin 204

1 morning in left top camp at 9.05 and
surveyed in the rain. By the afternoon
else turned up. I went with Mark B and
10aday. I raged Mark B to take of our
so Phil would take it along 110aday in a
y, where he would rig the pitch QM 16a.
ately I won. Mark B and I went
- crawl QM 11c, leaving the sediment
amber with only one foot print. The
merged in a walking sized junction. Mark B
d a pitch to the left, which miraculously
out to be one. After initial excitement
usual stone throwing, we explored to
- going into a hole in the floor and followed
passages based around a fault line.

We did some surveying to the pitch, where we
saw ~~Brian~~ Si and Si. Walk past the top of the
pitch, and thus it was identified as pendulum.
I decided to go out with them as Phil was planning
to go on all night. Unfortunately my SRT kit
was the other end of 110aday, I had a light
Failure (as is now standard), and on the
way back to thread I took a wrong
turn turning down either 12C or 13C which
went quite a distance looking quite like
110aday before I realised my mistake.
This led to Simon Flower waiting an hour
for me (Whoops). But Si Lee and Brian had
Food for us when we got back. &
Phil meanwhile finished rigging the pitch and
descended...

Phil takes over...

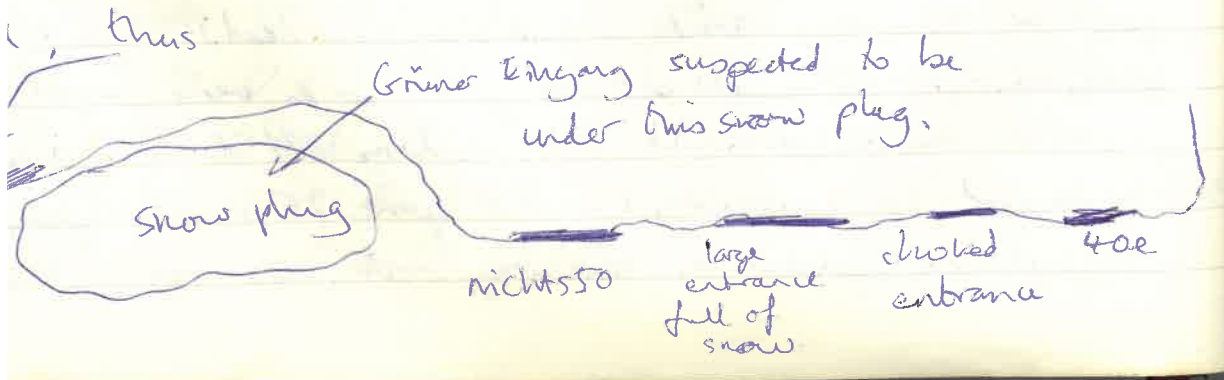
Having rigged the pitch ~~at~~ head off one ratool, one bolt,
and an itty deviation (using an MR - was provision failure), I lobbed
down, and put another deviation and a rebelay in. Meanwhile
Mark was cooling down from the 110-a-day slog. At the bottom,
there was a small hole, about the same size as me. Took all my
gear off (including carbide, which was now dead). Spent 10 minutes
going through the small bit to get to a very small chamber,
with a much-tighter fit leading off it. Eventually
managed to turn round, and spent 20 minutes going 2 routes
through the squeeze on the way out. It was not very nice

another 10 minutes getting my breath back, and
 erigging as I rest. Gave the tackle-bastard to
 and left the cave, stemming up the pitches. Waited for
 2 hours under the stone bridge, and went back to top
 arriving at 4:40 am. Lovely. Only got lost twice.

ay 26th July Eishöhle-poking ^{T/U 2hrs}
 Mark S, Dave H,
 Oly, Fay

Eishöhle from the car park. Eventually arrived
 incident at 40a (the large entrance with the
 Earl had helped carry gear up, so Oly went
 u him to Top Camp, inadvertently discovering
 to path to ~~the~~ Runk's Pulge from the
 turning on the way. Meanwhile ~~Dave~~, Mark
 poked around the row of entrances tentatively
 Went down one of the two large entrances
 in 40e. ↳ (the one with a rubble slope
 leading in - old French bivvy
 site we think).

ated in a shaft of say 20m. New ARGE survey
 visible (May 2000). Turns out this entrance
 is 50". Then we looked down a hole further



Short passage ends at a low pitch. Decided to return
 the next day to bolt it.

Thursday 27th July Eishöhle Mark S, Dave H,
 Oly, Fay
 T/U 6hrs

Mark and Dave returned with drill to bolt low pitch;
 descended into chamber. Despite the good draught felt at
 the pitchhead the source of it in the large rubble-filled
 chamber could not be found. Loose scramble to the top
 of the rubble slope; no way on found. Oly and Fay
 found a hole down through the rubble but abandoned it
 after a few metres as it was too unstable.

Whilst Oly and Fay were poking here, Mark + Dave went
 to the large ~~entrance~~ entrance with a snow-slope leading in.
 (see picture to left). ~~At~~ At the bottom a snow-~~filled~~
 tube leads downwards; the floor soon turns to solid ice.
 Dave placed a bolt at the top. The draught was fierce,
 and bitterly cold. Frozen, Dave retreated to let Mark
 have the pleasure of sliding into the big tube. It turns
 out, despite the initial investigation suspecting a pitch, that
 it is just an ice slope which enlarges to a fairly large
 rift where one can get off the rope. (35m rope used)
~~Mark~~ Mark shouted up to Dave to descend and then noticed
 a strange murmuring sound. Shouted again and heard
 a large echo; strolled out into Schneevulkanhalle,
 emerging from behind the "elephant" formation.

(Thus this entrance is 40h - in the wrong place on the
 survey - we'll re-survey it this year)

look around and then popped out for some to get the others.

four were in SVH we inspected the icefall ~~next~~ ^{next} the slope which needed investigation. Ollie started the wall. Mark and Dave went to investigate (wet!) passage just to right of the hanging described by Wooley. Dave attempts to ~~go~~ see water level in the crawl under the wall but decided to go for it and slid through. The crawl flat-out but is very short; it emerges into an chamber with a rock-floored rift leading. This ~~leads~~ ^{leads} to a complex series of rifts and sloping planes. One passage leads to the top of it coming into SVH between the web crawl and rope. From here further passages lead off and with a pristine earthen floor, leads via a ~~to~~ to a canyon. This ends abruptly half-way up. The shaft is probably 20-30m and about 6-8m. A stack of four rocks was noticed where the ~~to~~ the pitch - maybe a cabin?? If so it was placed by someone descending the pitch, as the ~~the~~ pitch appeared never to have been passed here. Went back to SVH where Ollie's done about the bolting up. People were cold so out we went, in due course with surveying gear and a spare battery. At least now we know for sure entrance (oh is!)

2000-07-30 Surface wanderings on hinkers
Wooley, Andy, A.

Went up to col to ~~see~~ survey 96-02, 03, 04 to hinkers. Fixed VDI en route. 2 161a. (VDI alt: 1774, 161a alt: 1795) Moved 161a tag from rigging bolt to D161a (red spot above pointed marker) Then walked up ridge to 'PLUS', a plus-marked cave found on '96 walk (Wooley, Wally, Julian T). Tagged as '2000-02' ~~later~~ ^{later} re-located as '2000-02', alt 1803m, from 5.4. Then on to 96-04. gave Andy GPS and let him find cave with it - he walked right to it - so it can work, even with pre-2000 lines. Re-GPSed 96-02, 96-03, 96-04.

Surveyed from 96-02 → 96-03 → 96-04 then towards hinkers. Found new horizontal cave en-route. ^{re} Tagged as '2000-03'.

Tube about 1.5 x ^{1.0} ~~1.0~~ m which goes for about 25m to a 2nd entrance which is blocked by a rock. Included this on survey, did sketch & continued. Had to stop when it went dark & threaded through bundle off front of hinkers & followed Steinbrücken path back (repletors are handy). Only mined call-out by 10 mins.

2000-07-31 Eisköhle - POV.

Wooley, Andy, A, Fay, Bob.

Stopped with gear over to 40. Bumped into Mark, Ollie, Dave & party going down. Slow start due to waiting for it to stop raining, meant we went underground at about 2:45. In lovely air Eisköhle entrance - great fun. Went in with 100m rope + various bits to improve rigging. Fiddled up, up, I put handlines on angle of dangle climb. Fay went down. 40-03 and found it next

at 6m to where it split into 2 too-tight passages.
up 40-04 - climbed about 8m up to where it was
choked. Went down pitfall, getting ripping a bit &
light QM at bottom 40-10. Fung went down hole to drop 8m
level. Work followed. Andy tried but had a bit of an
it stuck for a while. Meanwhile work went down light
where 5m to rest level where light was handkerchief-sized
time length, so that was that! Others who believed to
y didn't seem to come down. Work struggled back out
slot & then both exited, Andy descending to top
where we checked 40-... which goes to a pitch, so
- for rest time. Actually left in kiki's sack! - oops!
2 hrs so now return late for call-out, so work & Andy
k via col while Fung & Bob went via their gear @ 40a &
way. W&A were back faster than they expected after 50mins,
11:30, the others got somewhat lost & rolled back in at 2:30am.
T/U: This.

01 More surprise stuff

Andy
couldn't face coming so we went to finish off winter survey
in to base at noon. Took rather longer than intended - got
back 7pm!

d of lower water to col. Stopped for 1/2 hour to download small
2000-04' about 40m from 145. It's a descending joint - calculated
about 10m long, choked at the end/bottom. Tagged '2000-04',
(work 201) Photoed (Julian 7 camera). Succeeded & down.

01 Andy jettled bundle a bit while work looked for W&A 2b.

GPS location was about 50m out so it took half an hour or so.
Once found, W&A was tagged 'W&A6' & photoed. ~~W&A5~~ W&A5 was
photoed but as Andy started knotting the hammer head fell off,
down the case & through the hole too miserable to do without
gear! So it's not yet tagged! Surety from W&A5 → W&A6 →
205 (wordalpinville) (located by GPS). Couldn't change tag
there from CUCC9980-01 to 205 as no spouse-dance. Photoed.

Then followed surety data to nearby shaft with pre-dug
shaft hole & put in tag - called it '1999-10' to be sure of air free 10.
Talking to Brian there is >50m of passage so it needs a real survey.

Finally headed off to linker to connect up winter survey (96-02,3,4)
to Hinker, then back via Stem B. path. Noted several holes
that need designations. Big hole, 2 big lifts, another ~~the~~ shaft &
nearby horizontal low-arched cave (visible from TC). These must all
have been checked before, but until they get numbers it will keep
happening. Only had <1/2 water all day between us so tired
on return. And now it's 1:53am & I've agreed to get up at 7:00
to go coming.

~~Andy~~

July 30, 161D-Regurgitation I
Becka - Julon. T/U 3 hours

Regurgitation. No one tempted to come with us to 161d, awesome. Roped the surface walk and rebuilt the 5 (could do with some lessons). Weather was so bad and rainy we decided to get changed just inside the cave where the wind freezes your fingers. My carbide not working at all, so used crappy electric on pilot. Surprisingly it ran out by the time we got to 161d. Very pissed off after all that walking in the rain. I got stuck near the way on, left SRT gear of Regurge pitch, climbed out and walked back on 3.

July 31, 161D-Regurgitation II
Becka, Mike TA, Julon. T/U 7 hours

In the morning (in the freezing fog) getting help to my carbide. The tube and the pipe in the generator completely packed with soggy 'bide. Brian fixed by whipping it against the ground and poking the generator with a fork prong. Mike TA had poked in Regurge some years with Tina and found no way on, so was curious. (I had the way on with Mark Shi. last year, but it was not by pushed). The lead goes out of the chamber behind the opposite the pitch through a scrotty hole which you straddle over a ~~pitch~~ deep rift. In spite of its

free-climb-ability I was out-voted and they put a handline along it and used the 2 bolts already there to rig the pitch. Half way down you step into a rift, follow it into a tight squeeze and drop into another streamway rift where the climb down caused more complaints. ^{Mike} ~~They~~ put a rope in while I followed up stream along the floor (as I'd done the previous year when lost and following Becka's hands ~~in~~ at the pitch on Regurgitation) into a void underneath the boulders of Regurge where there were a lot of loose boulders. I pulled some of them down and climbed round to the bottom of Room. pitch and brought Becka in by that route. We scooted along the stream to a tight bit in the water which Mike didn't fit through. We backed up and traversed higher through the rift and climbed down to the same spot (on the other side ^{of the tight bit}) and reached a pitch. One natural and one bolt by ~~me~~ ^{Mike} while they surveyed a bit got us to ^{a ledge below} ~~the next level~~, then a crap bolt used as a deviation over a sharp rock into a wet, ^{v. drippy} area. Mike freeclimbed down and up while I bolted and said a rope would help. Very splashy. Round the corner another pitch in narrow rift where I sat and lugged in two bolts either side while the others surveyed out. The perch of my bum on the old rock nearly caused a spontaneous split. As it was I managed to hold it in only until the end of Moho-and the led. Becka ~~was~~ surveyed about 'Black Suspender' but was getting used to it. The rain had completely cleared outside so Mike decided

his gear at the entrance and come back tomorrow.
washed his hair and left in the middle of the night
back down to base camp because somebody had
feet on the tent. ~~the~~ other electric failed too. And I ripped
a huge hole in the bum of my overalls.

Aug 1
1610 Regurgitation III T/U 8 hours

came brought a club light up for me so ~~that~~ I
came without light fixture for once, which would
with only two of us. We had to be careful to
each other all alone miles away from where
else was coming without any proper covers (eg Wooley)
do dispell the irrational fear. I'd had nightmares
inspender. The trip went without incident save for
the next pitch with a too short rope at first. This
a deviation to get out of the water and a rebellion from

The rock was all bright and crumbly sharp like flupjack -
of the sort of cave I hate because ~~it's~~ its the kind which
ought down to 500m without ^{doing} anything interesting.

"pitch" was a sling hang off a boulder down 3m. Then the next
pitch was a Y-hang from 2 bolts on some well
cold and wet. The series could be called "Innigation".

along the stream a couple of metres till it went through
again and we reached a window into a vast aven and
with more water coming in from the right and the space
very to the left. Now out of rope ^{so} we surveyed out and
to the entrance thinking that no one would be interested
to come back this year.

first leg unreadable, the deepest leg of a miserable journey.

31/7/2000

Fear, Julian Brian.
me a bit pissed. Brian went first, then Earl,
then me. It was harder than I
year cos of all the snow + stuff. The 2nd
pitch is a snow plug, so you go through a tube
which isn't nice below. Then down.
One of the leads a was white, well it
needed gear anyway. It looked bigger
than where we were. We had a sharp
serpentine, the white bit. One of the leads
was good. I had tried so I went
out eyes I judged. Earl went to find
Brian. I waited a long time (the 3rd) ^{for}
for AJP to report the pitch. Then I went
back to my pit. The End.

Endible. Wooley, Fay 2000-08-02

Back to POV. On way in Fay stuffed herself down. 1999-08-06,
which I had previously declared too tight. Climbing down into
and she used a shot piton (10m?) into quite a large space, but it
doesn't draught, and she had to take her gear off to get back out.
So better put it back on QM list.

Then went to top of encum I dropped. 1999-04-08, 09 (actually the
same QM). This went down about 15m in narrow canyon that got
too tight near the bottom. water can be heard at one end, but not
seen. Did a pink dining, dangled I ~~was~~ left. Fay got
to spend 200 stuffing 30m of PMI into a tublesack -

stuff - but good for dropping ~~pieces~~ pitches with 2 water rationing.
it up at the lot junction in West Utsira, alleged we
it year by both Becka & Simon Floor, but found by
it trip to go significantly. This is where most of
it in N.H. is coming from.

it to the chamber where lots of passages join, but we
knew to do more. Stopped out with all the gear.

got changed it started raining as it went
to thundering & lightning getting closer. The walk back
into an extremely miserable experience slopping through
my rain, surrounded by lightning strikes. Got turned
in the gully up to 163 (very confusing place in crop
) but worked it out after a bit of wandering. Found
terraproof wasn't & got soaked to the skin & very cold.
knackered so it took 1 1/2 hrs back to TC. (couldn't find
upper route near V01 it was so shit, so used work
we instead, which fortunately went OK. I haven't had
thoroughly miserable experience for years - getting
warm pit & hairy noodles brought by Fay was
- Bloody rain even had the gall to stop 10 mins
we got back!

1/4 7 1/2 hrs.

tuple of ropes left rigged = backup for 'hooked on classic' - 10m x
18 afterwards (~15m) + hunger (twist IIRC)

Work, Aug 4, 2000 08-03 Eishöhle like & beds.

Dinner day so a slack trip in order.
Sorted out 188, ~~188~~ 188990803 & 990804 (light by Low TC)
& marked them. Taps needed.

Then went to Eishöhle with Mike (taking his gear). En-
route we settled a few things:

Put a spit in 145 b (not at previous stations).
" " " " at 165
" " " " " 163. Unfortunately fixed pit was under snow
so used a new location.

" " " " " '188...' the '80s cave down slope from 163 in the
gully (may be Schanzblatt höhle?).

Did all that as we were carrying the drill.

Finally got to Eishöhle & stored Becka & Brian which
erts were which I have to label them:

40e Biemakersentschlof: '1623/40e' ~~at base~~
(Small out ignored)

Next out (low, side) '2000-05' ^{cucc} - need to see if it connects. (now 215)

40h Eistunnel: '1623/40h'
'nich(150)': '2000-06' ^{cucc} (now 216)

Cave at bottom of snow ~~gully~~ cum into pit '2000-07' ^{cucc} (now 217)

While we got changed Mike realised we weren't
going back via TC - no-one had told him so he had no pit!
He resolved to have a short look-see trip & then go back &
speed us at the car-park, despite having come via a
circumous route holding above caves. We wished him luck

him a GPS!

Entered entrance to see bolt, went to Griener
I rigged up - which with rope & bolts, lined
G.E. out (it ~~was~~ is still under 2-3m of snow,
think of light could be seen) I left a 7m rope at
into 'old cave' before coming out.

The 2nd time in 2 days it started raining as we
the cave & soon was a full thunderstorm. Got
to the skin again in the 57 min walk back.
The paths were brown rivers flowing into shaleholes -
never seen it like that before! parts of path were
deep - remarkable. Back for dinner with perfect

T/U: 3 hrs.

2000 Beela, Bill + Sharon TU 3 hrs. HD

short trip to Staudinwirt Palace, looked at top of
but then along to look at Fear On Traversa,
Knossos + Spacial awareness. Removed the last
from the Gullotere + pooled out. Took the
details of ex-Resurrection gear + Mike TA's
to Top Camp along with the 2nd surface
s, & hot work in the belting van.

31.7.00 Dave, Mark S. Ollg. TU 5 1/2 hrs

Eishole. - split into two parties. Ollg continued to bolt
up the ice waterfall whilst Mark + Dave went to survey
the "Night Manipulations" series. The attempt to reduce the
water in the entrance cowl by chipping a drainage
channel with an ice axe has worked to some extent
as there was much less water - you still get wet though!

Surveyed out the main line - side passages / ? still
need doing. Stopped at the really narrow bit, as both
Mark + Dave were peering and Dave didn't like the tight
bit. Mark went through as far as the big pile
& continued by talking to Andy A who was exploring
p.w. that the pitch was one of the parallel shafts of
Radio 3

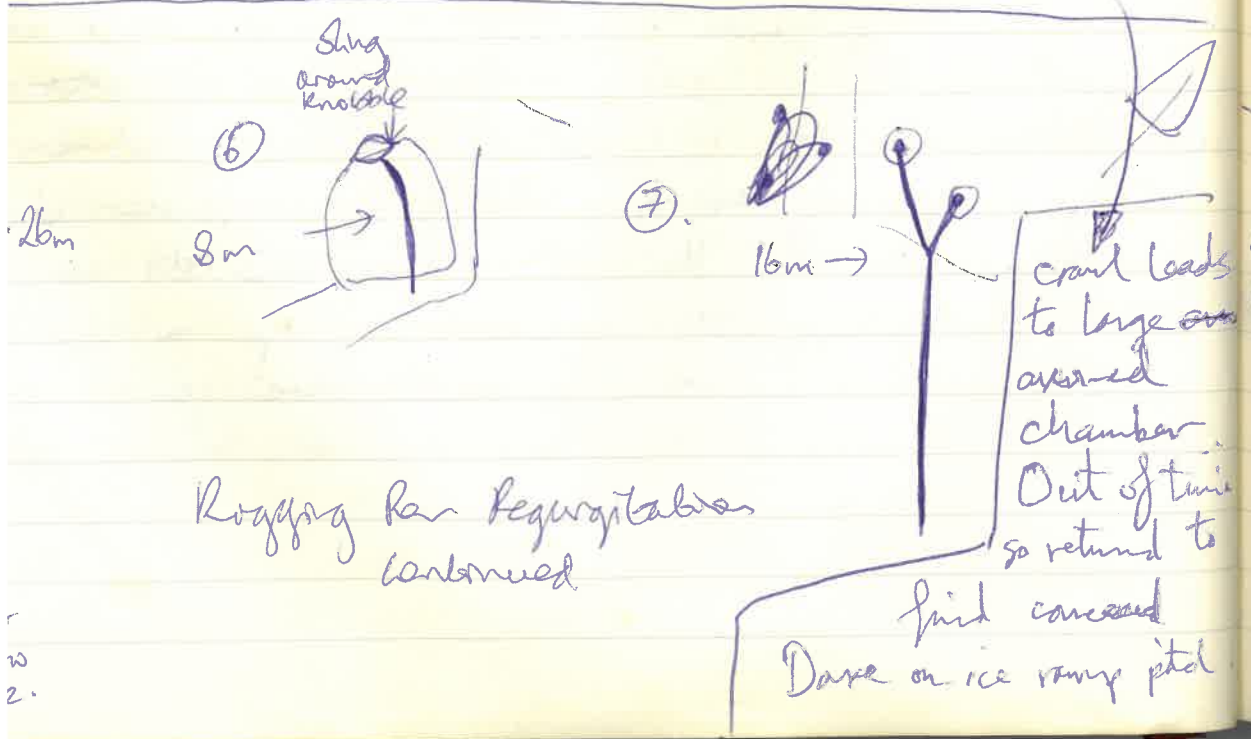
Went back to main chamber to A.D. Ollg got about
finished bolting, but ran out of hedges so Dave
pushed up, removing one of the new redwood ones
used lower on the bolt climb.

Ollg rigged to the top, to A.D. a little short
climbed up the ice, then a 20-30m pitch down. It
might also be possible to reduce up a new the
pitch. Having run out of tackle we came
out...

0 Olly Mark S, Dave H. (TU 6hrs
 (less for Mark.)

continue rigging the pitch series down then
 dies, Dave H a Mark to swing it, Mark
 enthusiastic.

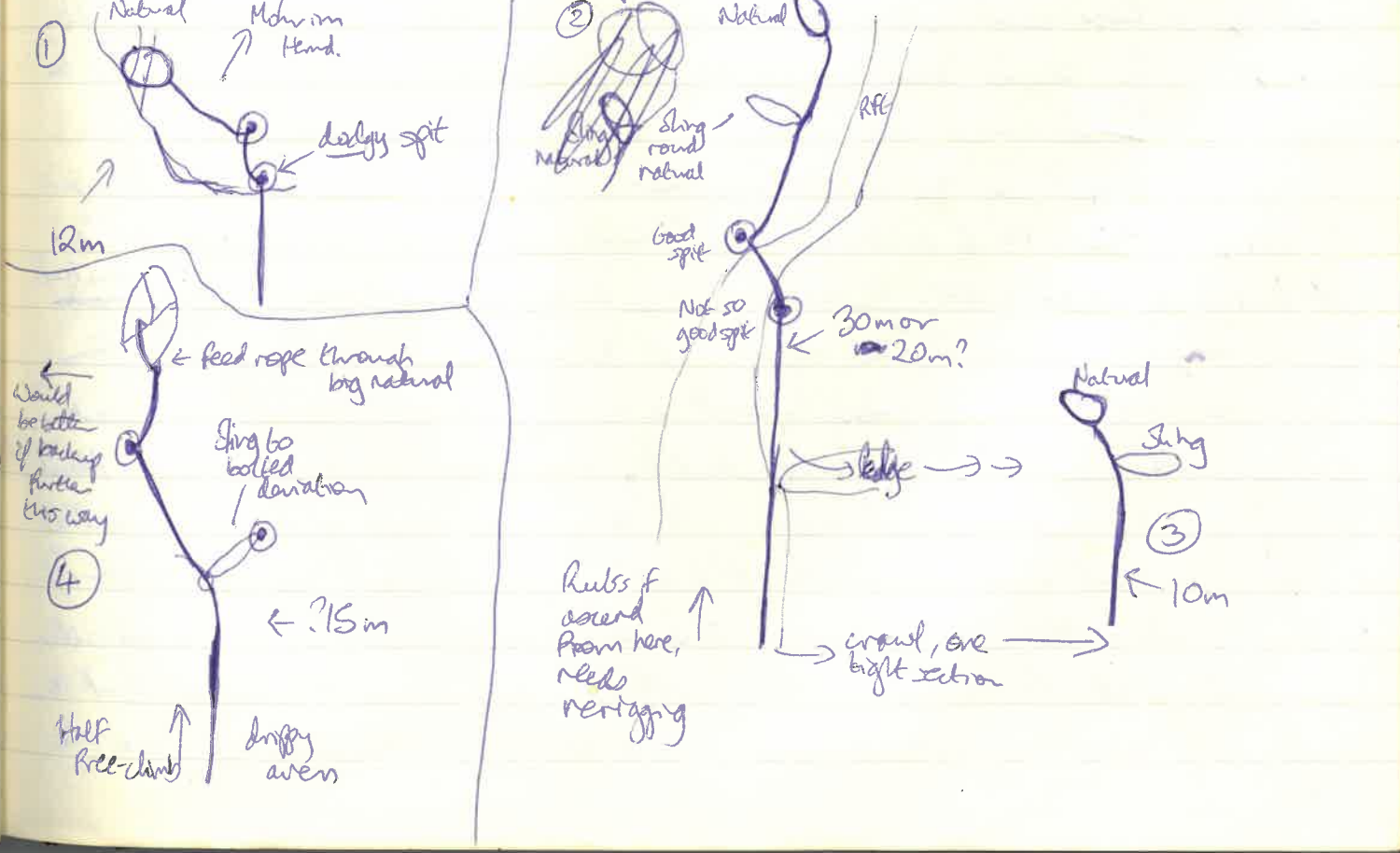
90m rope down. 25m pitch down side of big icicles,
 ice ramp. No idea what's to come, or how many holds the
 so just one bolt + 3 naturals. Bottom of ramp leads to
 ice narrow to an unpleasant crev ("francohydrophobia")
 are to be where the french turned back. Given the
 which blows ripples in the pool) and the knowledge that
 not far away I forced my way through, then along
 crawl with gloopy sediment floor to a rifty pitch with
 second drop. Back through pool to get 56m rope, then
 rigging down pitch to checked bottom. Back up, through
 down to just about reach floor with available rope.



Rigging for Regurgitation
 continued

Rigging for Regurgitation

- ① 5m ladder + wire belay
- ② 12m rope for pitch into Regurgitation chamber, natural + 2 bolts
- ③ 30m rope for pitch into rift, other side of Regurg chamber, to include a traverse line, with 2 pitch head bolts. (an natural, 2 on naturals)
- ④ 10m rope for pitch into rift, can be avoided by going to bottom of this pitch then squeezing down at bottom but then rubs on vent
- ⑤ 15m rope for pitch into drifty aren't, (big natural thread backup, pitch head bolt then bolted deviation on lower ledge)
- ⑥ 26m rope for pitch starting with Y-hang, deviated off obvious flake then rebelayed on bolt below ledge round the corner
- ⑦ 8m rope for 3m drop rigged off sling round knobble
- ⑧ 16m rope for Y-hang, 2 nearby bolts
- ⑨ 220m rope for undescended pitch from window into large aren't (no bolts must)



Anthony

Steinbrückenhöhle

Tu 4 hrs

for Mick & Dunks to rig rest of Ariston series whilst I
the rigging on Sticht. This (the new way into the top) - thread
follow them down and ~~push~~ the bottom. By
I pushed bunging in an extra bolt and undoing the
at the relay (which took 20 mins) it wasn't worth
them, so I triggered off out.

Dunks, Mick, Anthony Steinbrückenhöhle Tu 10 hrs

Mick had rigged to the pushing front the day before, so we
push the big pitch lead at the bottom of Ariston. Bombed
Ariston Series, which is very nice apart from the last pitch
loose and rocky. There are two holes at the bottom which
the same shaft. Dunks dropped one of these last year to
ledge overlooking a ~10m diameter shaft with a
flag, was to bolt the other hole in the hope of missing
pitch, Mick widdling at the exposure, and eventually Mick
up with the drill. 1 1/2 holes later the battery ~~pushed~~
ed in a hand ^{bolt} and descended to a place for a hang bolt. From
were obviously going to land on a ledge ~20m down - almost
the same ledge Dunks reached by the other route last year. Hand
a wet exposed ledge not being out idea of fun, we pulled
- and went to look at the other pitch lead at the bottom) -
it looked much more friendly. Pitch starts as a narrow ish
and stones lobbed down rattled a bit - we estimated it at 20m
couple of naturals and headed down a little way to where the

pitch becomes more vertical. Rocks lobbed down from here seemed to
go further than 20m. Mick went down and found the least shit bit
of rock for a bolt, went further down and put another one in, then
Dunks had a go. By the time we packed in Dunks had descended
about 30m, could see a further ~30m of pitch to a ledge with
a big black hole in. Could be quite a big one, but is fairly friendly
in that it doesn't feel exposed.

2/8/00

Earl & Anthony

Surface Bumble, looking for 187 & 192

Walked to 161a and then up onto the ~~plate~~ ridge to the thinter to look
for 187, which is allegedly marked "CUC 90". Wandered around for
yorks, lots of Bunde bushing and pulling over, but couldn't find any
such cue. We have one bearing off the Nose and one off the central peak
of the Dachstein. Assuming the bearing off the Nose is right, the area
to search is very small indeed because you can only just see the
Dachstein from the ~~to~~ very top of the ridge at that point. The most
likely candidate is a hole which could reasonably be described as a
"5m climb down in a nearly vertical bedding plane" (which is really
jointing). However there is no print (however hard we tried, we couldn't
persuade any of the pink bits of tuben spell CUC 90) and the 1990 log
describes the cue as being by an isolated patch of Bunde on a slab. Our
hole is in the middle of bands of Bunde ~~and~~ therefore it probably isn't
187.

Came up and went to 161c to look for 192 which is allegedly ~100m
away. Wandered around for 1 1/2 hours but couldn't find it. There's quite a
bit of snow on that side of the hill, so it might be covered over.

Eis Höhle - minus (un) possible

Audyt, Mike Allen, Becka.

up from base camp as it was not raining for a change. Becka (who had set off first) were nowhere to be seen. - they'd knocked onto the Schichtenschicht track I turned up about an hour or so, very pissed off :-). Both even were dismissed to find themselves!

went off down the river (un) possible to survey it. Left with my up-picks to some rocks. Found debris on p25 (Kunson Mr Phelps) I start on next steep pitch (-). Wet pool not quite as bad as we had been led to, but still not great. Put in a couple of rocks to allow a really dry passage. Landed at extraordinary side-cragging on big pitch (Paris) and re-rigged (a drill) with a traverse I saw today. Rope didn't so we used old rope for bottom part. Work & Becka did the party of survey down pitch.

compressive pitch. Traverse across top may lead to source - leads climbing. 20m down it narrows & then chokes - continues narrow canyon-like to enter side of another big shaft - the way on on other side.

bottom and comes out of low passage & into low one, by cuts after a few feet (could be dry). Surveyed this passage after running and quite extensive horizontal of, and pulling 100m rope out of stream, where it was a 6m pitch. Mike wet out as he was very cold. took it out I was pleased to finish at with 100m rope to go. Work & only finished off survey up pitch, desirably

✓

old rope on-rope. Left with 100m rigged on traverse party to go down with. Good trip. Nice bit of work - but where the hell is the connection hidden?

T/M: 8 1/2 hrs.

2000-09-06. Work, Mike Allen, Andy A, Ol, Mark S.

Tugged VK2 & VK3 as 207 & 208 '1996, 1623/207' '1446, 1623/208' respectively. - both drying out with's pit. (Work's ket leads, and so does his plastic bag).

There had more been I went to ash-hole. Surveyed the 2000-05 out with Mike which Andy killed under sea. Found another small entrance directly above I surveyed to that too (with cragging). Ol & Mark S arrived (Ol being tired to pull down 405)

Evidently got underground at 8pm after walking massive thru-drawings off to NE. Photoed Elephant, SVH & 4x, in long series as far as the pool (6" lower than yesterday!)

Work Ol found looked here too bad for carry (got on for on 1st pitch) so he & Mark S surveyed out on to 40a - which revealed 60m error in old ~~SVH~~ VFKO surf survey, showing potential connection at about 50m further up the slope from the thicket.

T/M: Work, Mike: 4 hrs.

Andy A: 3 1/2 hrs.

Mark S, Olly: 2 hrs.

6 Duncan, Mick, MTA, Mark B

to 204 for push down 2 pitches. En-route Becka who was very excited at having found cave (Turns out Brian + Earl found some cave about earlier). Strolled to 204 in Becka's cave a cave noted by Duncan, Mick + Anthony lost At stone bridge discovered that Animal + Mark got a bolting kit or any spits or hanger. immediately suffered half the trip, and ultimately a complete Jack.

At the end Duncan, Mick + Animal did surface from 204a to new entrance, and preliminary tests of both holes.

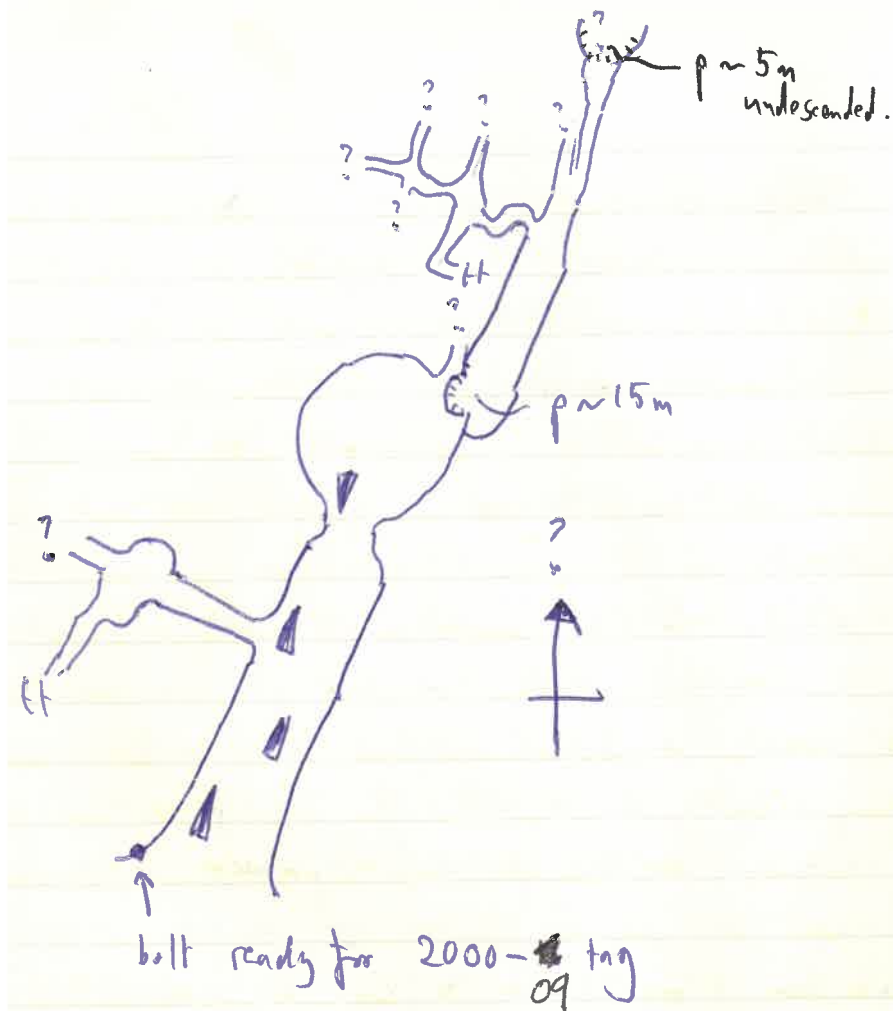
08 ~~(not tagged yet)~~ TAGGED
pitch (~6m) from chassy natural leads
age (~4m wide) ~~unroofed~~ unroofed passage. Uphill
to rift, which is choked (corresponding to nearby
surface rift). Downhill passes a wedged rock
climb down onto a snowbank. Right is blind,
descends and leads to a blind pit
a too tight continuation (looks diggable though),
a big echo.

09 ~~(not tagged yet)~~ TAGGED
full entrance slopes downhill for about 20m,
beneath skylight and passing a crawl to the left

The crawl leads to a small chamber,
where there are two ways on left.
becomes to small, straight
ahead has not been pushed,
but is a crawl.

Back in the entrance passage,
at the bottom of the slope there is a wriggle
up over rubble into a chamber. From here, the
obvious way on is a ~15m pitch, but there
is a possible crawl above this (doesn't look promising).
At foot of pitch, in large rift passage a crawl on
the left leads to a small chamber. From this chamber
to the left leads for ~15 metres before turning left
and becoming too tight. Straight ahead, a crawl
reaches a junction with continuations upwards to the
left, straight ahead and to the right, ~~back~~
none of which have been pushed. To the
right is a further unpushed crawl.
Back in the rift chamber, An exposed (but
easy looking) ascending traverse has not been pushed;
there is a short climb down, after which a climb up
is blind, and the continuing descent passes a narrow
point before entering an ascending traverse in a
rift which leads to a chamber some 5m above
the floor; this chamber has not been entered.

TU 2 (Dunks + Mick)



8/2000 Becka cycle up the toll road,

→ water butt at ~~base~~ Bergrestaurant a bit
 70min, even overtook someone + it included
 reps on the way up to uncrack my back
 up bike was all the wrong size for me.
 old + slow on the way down, wet roads
 by took an hour to get up earlier in Gage

2000.08.08 'The Connection Trip' work, Andy A

Becka & Bob went on Eishöle, work & Andy went on KH to Eln Alen
 via Staining to Hell. The idea was to shoot at each other & work out
 where the pitches connect so we could go down the right one.

Went via Eishöle, to collect our gear and stay over to 161d -
 which is on just about the same level as Eishöle but you have to go
 a few hundred metres up & down to get there of course. Took an hour
 to get to 161d. Ol & Thilo bring superb walk west part as we were
 just going in. Trundled through scree, brownie cut & Rocky Lorn.
 Ripped pitch very badly & lodged out way down (SR7 you pointed in
 bag for going through Staining to Hell. Did this. Had to haul 2" out of
 the middle to get in, but the chole disally was OK - the more you do it,
 the less likely to all fall in it seems...

Climbed down into Eln Alen & went to look at pitch (1996-161-82C).
 Can climb up ~~back~~ (3-4m above the lead-sized window) gives
 access to the pitch. Work out in a bit whilst Andy went to look for
 leads further down towards the throat. Pitch turned out to be 14m
 deep with a 2" slit at the bottom - hum.

Andy found that 96-161-94C (hole through rocks at Eln Alen Junction)
 didn't go. He also found an interesting large skeleton (but the size of a small
 rabbit?) and loads of drinks up into the rift, none of which went anywhere
 except the roof. Everything was piddled, including going back to stick work
 into the limit bits - nothing. The stream sink at start of T.4. was
 checked by the man there with the TSA (work) - blocked by rocks. (84C)
 Next crack going north ~~with~~ Damage on R just after ~~pitch~~ pitch
 gives access to roof ^{20m} above pitch & there is a further way into ceiling
 on SE side, but too hard for us. Looked at impossible area on R &

up tunnel (M it closed down. Also checked lead (mug)
 at NE end of E.A. Gas 10-15 in but is quite a little
 Now tried & inspected, to so went out. Few
 filthy & several kilos heavier than on the way (what
 by 'bloody heavy'.) Carried it all back as far as gutter
 (→ Eishöle took them out back via TC, & getting mixed
 down.

was pretty hot to pretty hot, over 12 hours almost solid effort
 1/2 hr carrying trip - driving up, walking up, carrying gear,
 in, exploring, descending, working gear, walking back, driving
 an awful lot of 'overhead' & work. We were both dragged.
 T/U 5 hrs 40 min. (Simple survey & connect p161d to new tape)

Bob Olly Mission Impossible, Eishöle
 from base camp so didn't have a chance to grab any survey
 Waskay had a set, but wanted to survey & doing PDV
 in my pocket compass. Added a couple of donations to
 to avoid ruts - not enough rope for anything else. Poked around
 at bottom. Crawl off other side leads to a small
 - very soiley. Draught can be felt on entry, but
 where it comes from. Bob found way down into stream
 from 1st chamber which was a fair way and an
 awkward serpentine stream canyon. Nothing conclusive
 least we have some leads. Did pocket compass & pace/body
 survey and left before my FTS ran out. T/U: 7 hours.

2000-08-08 Bedea & Bob T/U Shows

Down Eishöle, re-rigged bottom pit in on rabs and
 + started surveying down sandy crawl to Rinal
 chamber. Then ran off at 2pm + started + barged
 rocks a lot. Then surveyed some more. Then 3pm
 then started + barged rocks. And some more survey
 until 4pm Short of long. Each time expecting to
 hear Wools + Andy's ^{from in Algeria in via 161D} but just that weird chinking
 sounding water dripping makes + sounds in your
 head. De-rigged the 6m pit in the stream
 + headed on out with rope + battery. The
 dry pool had receded still further, barely even
 an obstacle now. All the poney ~~re-rigging~~
 re-rigging + denabians a bummer with heavy
 backe sashes. Out at last. ~~Have to take back~~
 Walked to Top Camp with both our sets of gear + got

2000-08-10 Bedea + Brian T/U 10 hours
 Steinbockentöhle
 here just before dark +
 just before started
 rigning down
 for a charge!

De-rigged Earl's pit + towers to get more
 rope then to head of Brian's 100m pit, ready
 to start surveying ~~in~~ - but where's
 the tape? Bigger. I promised out to ~~set~~
 fetch the tape (nearly unbalanced Dunks et
 al on the surface) while Brian pebbled his
 rigging. Finally us two got back together +

~100m with only a couple of
 bolts, lots of rockfalls
 surveying down the river (badly
 some plants so, it isn't quite vertical
 Brian rigged the last 20m or so
 to end in a peltly clamber with
 bright rft heading off. Well, I ~~was~~
 it be forced to force myself to
 the after Out, denying the 100m
 look out lots of tackle & it was
 a gorg. I'm out, in 11am in the morning, think
 we was a record. probably do-able without it.
 2-08-11 ^{11:00} Bedia + Mike Allen

under table T/U 8 hours
 in 11am again, unlikely.
 with Mike the kid, I was left
 re arrows to follow to get from top
 of stream to the start of the new gully,
 ie, big well-rigged shaft, lumery. Started
 surveying down the 50m, then a 20m
 10m then Mike rigged a 4m or so
 natural and a bolt with a wee
 bin + al were down. Survey finished
 out, sadly, the core did not. Off to went
 to stragg stream with meanders, heading
 for at least 50m. Sod that. Sided
 it with one bulldozer. Slowly. And
 lift down from the hozer to Berg
 want, contrary of ~~Mike~~
 the here, so here supply Ber at last!

work, Andy - 170's. 2000.08.09
 It was afternoon by the time it cleared up enough to encounter us
 up to TC so early abandoned in favour of doing plateau stuff
 Intended to go out via the 170's to the hinter I try over the
 16-ones with seal numbers, check out 2000-02 & WK5 (we were carrying
 a ladder & overcast). As it happened we only got a small portion
 of this done before it went dark.

Set off to 171 & thence to find 172, which we did by looking
 straight through the knude. Also found a small '+' marked cave en-
 route. G-PSed both then surface surveyed back from 172 → + →
 171b → 171a. Took ages due to knude. '+' cave sketched,
 drawn, surveyed tagged '00AA01'. 171 has at least 1-2 entrances
 & needs an underground survey. Then continued to the 101-102, 173,
 CRH(200) area & opened those caves. 102 was tagged, carrying to the
 list. Changed the CRH tag to '1993 1623/200'. Then spent quite
 a while looking in 174, 175 & 176. Eventually found them all
 & G-PSed them. Too late to surface survey so just walked back
 in the gloaming. Tried to find 210 to tag but it was too dark.

GPS location	FOA	(UTM, WGS84)			
171	Alt 1660	5.6	337	0410330	5281531
172	1680	6.8		0410327	5281640
00AA01	1665	6.6		0410302	5281601 '00AA01'
200	1663	9.2		0410348	5282007 '1993 1623/200'
102	1651	7.0		0410431	5281872 '1623/102 CULC 1977'
101	1648	5.5		0410461	5281858
173	1659	5.4		0410430	5281961
174	- 1660 1660	5.6			
175	1671	4.8		0410563	5282194
176	1687	6.5		0410576	5282255

worked inside 172 & 00AA01. 171 needs a proper survey!

L Andy 2000.08.10 Eskhille - MI party -
back to Eskhille to try another angle on the connection -
'in the top'. Took about 60m rope to top of big pitch
(when will I think up some names!). The pool had nearly dried
was civilized. Traversed over pitch to vent hole - not the same
but turned out to be blind - about 12-15m deep. Draught
it was coming down well down along I knock up this hole.
work was holding andy shinned up passage between
I found a hole going ~~west~~ to another big shaft -
be something different.

like split off ^{the hole} the descent above was rather dodgy.
I traverse - made easy by the power of Shybock. Shot for
and drops into big space which is top of big
Got down to 1st chimney before running at 100m & began
my descent. 12 bolts placed - not a bad days work.
ed out (all of 40m). Good trip - decent bit of cave.
by of draught comes this way so this looking good, although this
was likely to go down too far (40m deep).

7/4. 7 ~~hr~~ hr.
put 162 split & bag in on way to cave, put in 163 bag &
bag (should have had an 'H' on the end but I forgot).

Worked Andy 2000.08.11 Eskhille - MI party.

Back to try again down yesterday's skating cave.
On En-robe Tagged 145 b, surface survey connected 163 to
to old 163 station which had just come out of the snow.
Had a quick note down there to confirm that draught is not
blocked out on path to Eskhille (for ^{not} ~~the~~) is shy light in 163.
Also swapped 'work 6' bag to connect cave (previously designated
'wk 5' on this expo, incorrectly) and put a 'wk 5' bag on cone
cave.

In Eskhille took another 60m & 30m of rope & had a fun
time holding down on 60m pitch in 3 steps. Very excited
at bottom as andy shouted 'I think I know where we are'.
Then somewhat irritated as we realised we had arrived down
one of the big areas at the bottom. Bam.

So next I roped down streamway - work getting slightly
further than previous push but not enjoying it much!
Definitely a (-) work, but draughting nicely.
Also shinned up into a bit hole had found which ended in
a small tunnel with a big draught, unfortunately partially blocked
by choss. Stuffing wood in made more draught come the other
way so went down tight up I dug a bit more out to
finally reach a small chamber with draught coming out of
3" slot.

Did a proper survey of ~~the~~ start of streamway & grade 2
of streamway & other bit. Then surveyed & designed kick
up pitches, noting that traverse across top of bottom chamber
was easy but no time left. (^{canyon} ~~with~~ on 205).

got 3 kagpies out between us, then stopped back,
empty gear, & learn kathy had about 15.
9/11 9 hrs.

30m rope on tower + 4 kinds (1 ring.)

+ Julia Surface Bashing 10th August

used surveying trip in 2001 failed to happen
lack of instruments (one set at base
all cars up the hill. Doh!), so we
d off to do surface stuff ~~etc~~ instead. Got to
en sit around for ages trying to get the
do it's stuff, eventually worked it out.
Used the following caves.

1658
1655
1684 ✓
1698
1791
1804 ✓
1815 ✓
1753 ✓

numbers are in Wood's GPS. (note. wk2 is
lly wk2. The thing we labeled is called
EM according to Wood's GPS. It is tagged

incorrectly, and is located near 161c. It is
also marked with a painted cross). We
then surface surveyed to 193 (referred this
year). The route from 161c is as follows.
Walk around the bottom of the snow plug in
front of 161c and along the terrace, past
cave on large boulder. At ~~next~~ ~~cave~~ ~~to~~
(235° to France) turn right and climb down to
the next terrace. Walk along this level (north
ish) then turn right and climb down another
level, to a traverse on a stone bridge. Walk
over limestone with drops on either side towards
the bundle. Continue in the same direction
towards final cave. The bearings from this
cave (directly above Ent pitch, station 11 in
Surface Survey) are

→ Cross on Trisselberg	186°
→ Vord	237°
→ Summit of Hinter.	001°

Cave is bigged and surveyed. ~~It was descended~~
by ~~the~~ ~~team~~, so he'd
be able to write
a cave description. ...

Eisholtz

Mark S, Earl

to go to do one-leg survey to connect Gurner Engag
to old ^{then my pushing} cave. Stomped up Elephatengang & rigged
to old cave. Rope only just long enough (7m) -
in future. Noticed a small draughting hole at
of the canyon at the foot of the pitch. Blowing
instead it was, so we excavated it using bolting
Spt and duster to the grand proportions of 20cm
in width. Mark lowered himself in to find an
ice pit. No rope, so we conveyed
named it the Bastard 'ole. Photo'd Elephatengang -
me to go out, so we took a few snaps in SVH &
it. It turns out that the hole almost
, connects with Elephatengang, but it's now
for someone to check. T/U This

Eisholtz

Mark S, Earl

bashed his knee on the wall so Earl went to doing
I did more SVH photos. Then rigged slope
from lowest pt. of chamber to ~~marked~~
ze. Excavated it in a few minutes using
vel. Walked up Kalter Gang to
friedhof to reach a pitch down (one
it) after a difficult traverse (take a 10m
ing this next time). Ran out of time
out + carried a load of crap back
car park.

Interestingly Kalter Gang blows ~~away~~ ^{away} from SVH,
but the Spinnfriedhof ~~blows~~ blows in your face
as you descend it. There are also marked changes
in the temperature of the air in Spinnfriedhof
- one minute it's as cold as SVH and five
minutes later you can't see your breath at
all. Definitely worth a return visit next
year. T/U Earl This Mark S 4 1/2 hrs

14 / 8 / 2000 Beda, Martin + Mark B ~~the~~
Steinbrueckenhoehle

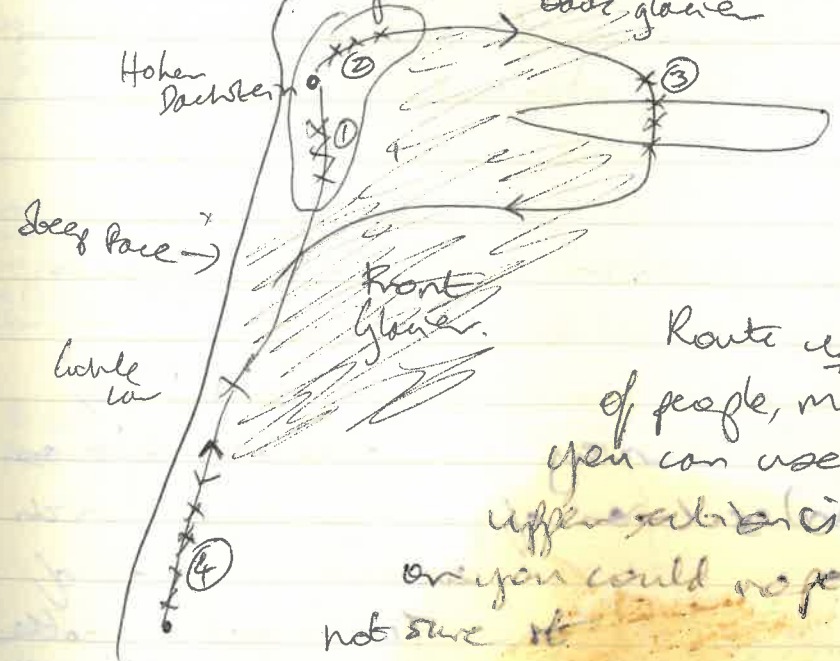
T/U Beda 5 hours, Martin + Mark 6 1/2 hours

Up to Top lamp - no one there so I stomped off to
Steinbruecken to catch the other two as they
were about to go in. They were ^{going to} ~~knocking~~ off
few infamous tape + notes but no compass or clino
survey off 110-a-day. Whizzed down the 3 entrance
pittles, dumped SRT gear + set off down stooey,
crawly Swiss-cheese passage, hole off the side, in
the floor + ceiling, some draft though not strong.
I poked at various ~~ones~~ ^{ones}, seemed an interesting
spot. The survey ended ^{in a} ~~supposedly~~ ~~small~~ ~~dangle~~
I ~~got~~ ^{got} here to find something ~~much~~ ^{much} larger than I was
expecting + various leads. We split up to look round.
I went up the ~25° ramp, stooping + found two
walking passages off it, ending in large chambers -

getting pretty damn excited, Back to meet
 as who'd also found stuff so I ambushed
 - keep going with the survey, found 3 more
 off the bottom end of the 'damber' then
 yed up the ramp to where I'd checked out
 along passages. I set off ^{up the} straight ahead to
 it linked back to the passage on the
 I looked at ^{before} to decide where best to survey.
 - heading on up + got gradually larger -
 + more drafty ^{at top of wall lodged like that suits on floor} by now ~~it was~~
 stomping feet + ~~big~~ ^{big} walking
 , still heading up. Roped down + screamed
 to get out of the scorpular hole he
 added into + we abandoned the survey
 My ~~just~~ hardly any time before I had to
 to make the car park for 9pm). Roped up
 e walking passage + stomped off up the
 passage getting bigger + bigger, lovely solution
 on the ceiling + ~~still~~ a draft. Finally it
 continued, then came to a big damber. heads
 y on all along ~~and~~ and it continued down
 part that we had entered. Helped a lot
 eaded out with Martin's tarlide not
 (+ he'd forgotten his duo) + Martin's tarlide
 and a dodgy zoran). Hopped off happily having
 up!

15/8/2000, Berlin, Andy At Earl T/U Ohaus
 Panksten.

Up 6am, took just under 90 min to drive past
 Schladminger (go the Bad Mittendorf direction)
 to the Pankstensteilseilbahn. It starts 8am, last
 one down 17:50. Pay 0\$ 20 /person to get up the
 toll road to the cable car then 0\$ 265 for return
 cable car (or ~ 0\$ 160 for single fare) which basically
 gets you to the top of the hill, only ~ 300m ^{vertical} off the
 Hohen Panksten peak.



*** Klettersteig =
 route with fixed
 metal aids, scrambling
 can dip into wires but
 not upper section of 1.

Route up to Hohen Panksten ¹ was
 of people, many roped. First section
 you can use cows tails but the
 upper section of exposed free climbing
 or you could rope up (we didn't + I'm
 not sure it would help). The

route off the back side
 less busy + easier, all
 tails, ditto 3, the
 rock ridge from the
 the front glower (the
 see from the house). Carl

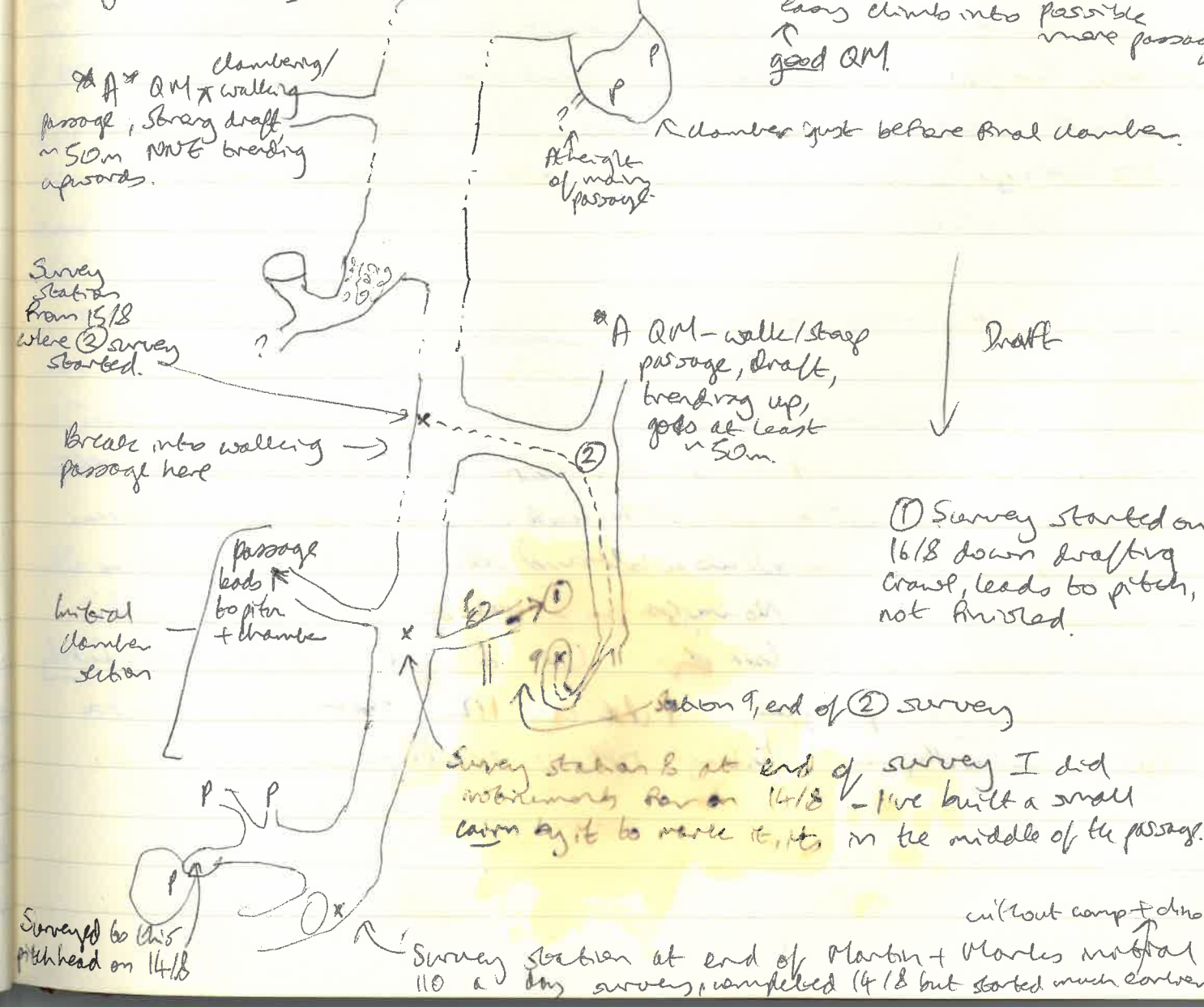
of the peak ² was Pan
 described using cows
 route over a
 'back' to
 one you can
 + I been went up 4,

not letting step off from the cable car
 a helipad + weather station. We were at the
 9am, back from ~~(1)~~ at the cable car
 (in lowery, hour for lunch etc) + then
 or camp up ~~(4)~~ + back took 2 more hours
 don't need crampons at all or ice axes
 necessarily (one other times) but used harnesses
 stabs a lot. Beware loose rock, especially
 there are groups of people above you + its
 to avoid the crowds which are all between
 cable car and (D). Damn good day out +
 more fun than doing it properly (ie from
 town). Be crap in bad weather though.

2000 Bedia + Martin T/U Shows
 Stenbuckelhöhle - Final trip!

to 110-a-day to survey the other (night as
 to brought an extension of big passage - which
 out of soon + then expanded in lots of
 drafting Oats. Then took another
 along the buff they'd surveyed
 ay + which we found on the
 some damn fine Oats,
 solid a survey from
 final chamber to a pitch
 of an the 114m but only had time
 said to a drafting oven with a nasty draft rift in floor - but draft goes
 elsewhere?

* (2) Survey down nice passage, the floor is
 described, NEEDS TAPPING*
 to ~~get~~ ^{survey} passway along. Picked up + ran home. I
 designed the entrance probes, meanwemently one
 tactile sock start of making life easy so struggled
 up the entrance with 100m stuffed into the one sock
 and a load of loose rope cluttered in my hand,
 Out to hot sunshine ~~scramped~~ Scramped down the hill
 to join in the striking Top lamp melee, so still
 bridging along with a big pack at 10pm but the
 job was done.



Steinbrückerbühlle Anthony, Danks, Mick TU 9 hrs

to pits at bottom of Arcton we had partially descended on
I went down and banged in a bolt, then descended 38m
of sorts. Tried to bring in another bolt but the rock craked
skored Danks & Mick were probably cold by now at the top of
there is nowhere to cover and lots of loose crap around which
straight to the bottom, hence we only had one person on
a time). Danks went down and banged in another couple
which had we'd pretty much run out of rope without
the pits, so we went out. Mick spent ~ 5 hours sitting at
the pits freezing his knuckles off whilst me and Danks
ing. Danks was tussled by a bat on his way up, hence pits
Fledermausbucht.

Steinbrückerbühlle Anthony & Danks TU 11 hrs

own Fledermausbucht, somewhat nervously due to the huge
kicking crap off (esp. a precariously balanced boulder near
relays) Managed not to kick anything too large on Danks
upside front, banged in a bolt and descended a further ~ 25m
om of the pits. No way to get out of big boulders jammed in
we surveyed the last ~~bit~~ ^{part}, dangled and pruned sedately
a bag of rope again. ~~Pit is 11m~~ broken by too
a notch in a boulder of ~~fairly~~ ^{fairly} dimensions

15/8/2000 Steinbrückerbühlle

Banged down to the bottom of Mike & Becka's pit series (~~from~~ descended on
11/8/2000). To push/survey the rift at the bottom until we got to the end of
another pit, or until we got bored, whichever came first. Rift is a (wide)
a ~~pen~~ ^{pen} ~~pen~~ ^{pen} in the rock - mostly ~ 50cm wide, apart from a widening at a
~ 5m cascade (handline useful), very sharp. Lots of slapping up and down
the rift (which is essentially infinitely tall) seemed to try and find the widest
bit. Got 90m of survey in the book when we came across a patch of
~ 10m. Looks like the rift ~~is~~ ^{continues} with significantly larger dimensions
(though it could just ~~close~~ ^{run} down ~~fast~~ ^{quite} quickly). Last survey station
(at the top of the undescended pits) is at a new deep point of -365m. This
is a good lead, but pushing it is likely to become a serious ~~in~~ ^{trip}, esp. if the rift
continues in a similar vein. There is a reasonable stream (estimate about like
the T.C. water hole ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{spate}).

Then dangled out, fairly efficiently but it ~~was~~ took a while. Dangled to
top of Arcton (creating most of the spits (but no matches)). I spent ~
15 mins trying to undo one of Mike's derivations, but failed so the string is
still there.

Rift is to be christened "Rover Dancer" after the Richard Thompson ditty of
the same name.

Tu 14 1/2 hrs 12 1/2 hrs
Anthony, Danks, Mike Allen

Surface tour to ~~show~~ show Thilo entrances for Nils to GPS fix
Olly Thilo Müller (ARGE)

from ARGE "camp" in Bergrestaurant car park. Hiked up to
base and tried to find the laser point there (the one with
coords - ? / ?). Failed, so gave up and hiked
-7, then VDI. Then up to B6, down to 161d via a
of work caves. Met Wook and Andy at 161d and did
leg survey. Back up to 161c and 161b, up to 161a, back
to collect ski pole I'd left there, then up ridge towards
In valley leading approx S. from 207 found interesting
with draught going in, somewhat above 207 (? m
to GPS). Met Dunks, ~~the~~ KimiMike and co. at 207,
followed Dunks modified route back, but lost it towards
(Dunks later said it wasn't fully regained). Had
at top camp, then showed Thilo caves around there, then
d up my tent and headed back to car park and
re camp for meeting with Asteris about next years

T/U: None to note.