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The author describes his caving holiday in August 2003. He started out at the Norway meeting and took part in the surveying course at Musekjevogrotta and the rescue exercise. Then on to Bonå where he met 4 Polish cavers. He spent two days in Østdörren in Tjorve, where the map still has white spots. A number of passages were mapped. Next stop was Nyhytta in Burfjell. With friends he visited Storligrotta, using "Hans Øivind's entrance". The next day was Sunday the 17. in Brattligrotta he experienced the dramatic accidents hitting Ewa and Marcel. Further exploration of Brattligrotta was postponed to 2004, hopefully with strong Polish participation. Instead, a sightseeing trip was made with David St. Pierre to Nordtoppen and Sørtoppen of Burfjell. Next day: Storligrotta. Then return to Nyhytta and a day in Edvardheimgrotta. A number of side passages were mapped, but work remains. The hope of finding a link to Brattligrotta was frustrated. Friends provided an opportunity to visit Krystallgrotta, ordinarily locked off. On the way home a couple of small caves were found at Øvre Dumhølet in Bøverdalen.

Of the accidents victims it was reported that Ewa was fine. Marcel had a fracture of right upper arm, a bone splint knocked off the right elbow, and a punctured lung. After a week in hospital he was sent by train to meet his parents which were on a holiday to Sweden.