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Between the 2nd and 9th of August 2008 SSF and NGF arranged a joint meeting for cavers in Burfjellet, situated north of Mo i Rana, two hours hike from the car. Exploring and surveying for caves has been done in the area for several years. Main caves: Edvardheimgrotta (EHG) 1800 m, Brattligrotta (BLG) 900 m and Storligrotta (SLG) 2000 m. The no. one target this year was to make the connection between EHG and BLG. We almost did it last year, but failed due to much water and lack of rope, we hoped to do it now. We also wanted to resurvey SLG.
Totally 55 persons from 5 nations; England, Italy, Norway, Poland and Sweden, age 3-77, stayed on the mountain. Some for just a few days, others for two weeks. In the middle of one of the first nights three brave Polish cavers, Piter, Miki and Rafał, broke through into BLG from EHG! They even found two routes between these two caves. Some days later the first through trip ever was made, lucky people! On their way down the abyss in EHG, they were amazed at the sight of the tallest waterfall surveyed in a cave in Norway; the Polish Waterfall, 70 m. Three lucky Swedes found their own cave, Rutsjebanehullet that contained a lot of passages and levels. The Italians found some caves northwest of Burfjellet, totally nine entrances leading into 1500 m of passages and huge rooms. Some of these caves have been visited before, but no survey has been made earlier. We also found a couple of new caves leading against SLG.
At the AGM of NGF we had the honour of appointing David St. Pierre as an honorary member! David has done tremendous work with Norwegian caves since the first time he went to Beiarn in 1963!
Results of two weeks work: SLG surveyed length 2237 m, depth 96,4 m. EHG surveyed length 1940,5 m, depth 218 m. BLG surveyed length 789,5 m, depth 193,5 m. EHG-BLG system surveyed length 2730 m, depth 259,5 m.