



Panorama at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch, Davis Mts.—photo by Richard

Mt. Livermore Trip

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As you can see by the title, we actually got to summit Mt. Livermore after all. We were under the impression that we weren't going to get to climb Livermore as originally planned because the Sierra Club was maintaining one of the trails. When we arrived at the gate to the Texas Nature Conservancy land we were greeted by our guide Pam. After some discussion with Pam and David Crum, our trip leader, we found that something had changed and we were, indeed, going to get access to Mt. Livermore. There were only three four-wheel-drive vehicles available, Rick Day's, David's, and mine. We managed to

place 17 people and our guide into the vehicles and proceeded to negotiate what, at first, seemed anything but 4X4 country. That was to change. After a few miles of driving through ponderosa pine country.....that's right ponderosas...we emerged to some extremely steep and definite 4X4 country. Our guide made a walk down the line and encouraged everyone in the backs of the two pickups to get off of the tool chests and seats and get low in the truck beds in order to "stay in the vehicle!" When she got out of earshot I got out and told my three guys that I was going to try everything that I

could to toss them out. Only Bill Lupardis, who knows me well, knew my warped sense of humor and just smiled. Brandon and Bryan, our two new *young* guys got those "deer in the headlights" look. (By the end of the trip the knew that I was the designated Village Idiot and wasn't to be taken seriously.....ever.....I did give them new nicknames: The Pups.....great guys!) As we proceeded over the rough terrain Patrick and I began trying to find the Texas/OU football game on my satellite radio. Rick Day, following us in his vehicle had made me promise that I could pick up the game (cont. pg 3.....)

Special points of interest:

- Another successful trip (we wouldn't admit it if it wasn't)
- Club elections on the near horizon...and that national thing too but this is more important
- Plan to attend the Guadalupe Mts. trip!

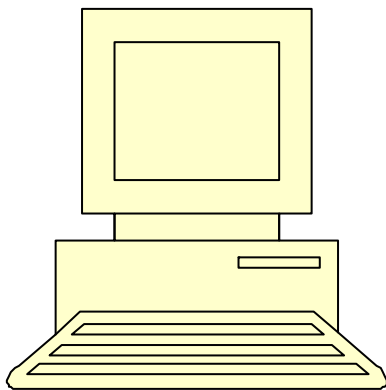
Christmas Party

I know, it isn't even Halloween yet but we are beginning to think about the plans for this year's annual PBOC Christmas Party...and besides I needed to fill this space.

The party is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th. Jan

Artley, once again, has been coerced.....volunteered... to head up this event. In the past we have exchanged white elephant, embarrassing, and inappropriate gifts, watched a magnificent and inspiring slide show, and generally made fools of

ourselves....after all, what is Christmas for? I'm sure that Jan would welcome help with this event since I'm absolutely useless in the art of party planning...and most other aspects of life... so if you're willing to help, let us know.



Ad: For sale...Sibley computer. I had this entire newsletter written short of one small paragraph...then the %#\$* thing hiccupped and I lost the whole thing. Hours of work down the drain. Cheap to the right buyer (anyone....anyone....)

2009 PBOC Calendar

We have quite a covey of good ideas for the 2009 PBOC Calendar including: Caprock Canyons State Park (again), canoeing/kayaking the Devils River or the Lower Pecos, backpacking Big Bend National (to be led by Patrick Dearen), Pat Barber’s Ranch, Lost Maples State Park, Lake Amistad, Hueco Tanks near El Paso, Wichita Falls (stargazing site), Red Rocks Ranch near Van Horn, and Mike Rush has offered his ranch for a visit.

All of the ideas are grand and doable....but we’d like to have some other ideas so that the committee can have a full boat to choose from. Nothing is too outrageous....well I can think of a few ideas that even WE shouldn’t attempt..but let your imaginations run wild. There is nothing wrong with repeating successful trips from the past...there’s never a shortage of new experiences to be had at old locations. So please get us all of your ideas in

time for the committee and new officers to generate the new calendar before the November 11th meeting which is.....let’s see.....yep...just around the corner. Don’t contribute...don’t gripe.

“Pressure-it can turn a lump of coal into a flawless diamond, or an average person into a perfect basket case.”



Our intrepid leader David—photo by Richard



Moe, Larry, and Curly trying to find the way to the summit—photo by Richard

November 14-16 Trip to the Guads



Pretty picture—photo by Bill Gates minions

As you should know, our November trip is to the Guadalupe Mountains National Park. Some of us will be camping at Parks Ranch, a primitive campsite (no potties, running water, hassles from authorities) and some may wish to camp at the Pine Springs campsite operated by the

National Park Service (these you need to arrange for yourself). The advantage to Parks Ranch is that it is on BLM (Bureau of Land Management) property and there is no fee *and* we can build a campfire, etc. Dealer’s choice on where you want to camp. No reservations are

required on BLM land so no need to have a roster of who is going to attend...though we’ll probably ask so if someone doesn’t show up we can go look for them....we call it trolling for members. The foliage change should be beautiful so do your best to attend!

Mt. Livermore.....cont from page 1.....

even on Mt. Livermore. Little did we know that the game was starting about the time we reached the “by foot only” section of the climb. I’m not going to say that Rick is a football fanatic....because I’m a football fanatic and he doesn’t look anything like me (but he is). As we climbed the very steep and rock strewn path, Rick would scramble to a high section, get on his cell phone, and get direct updates on the progress of the game and then come back down and inform the rest of us on the score (there were at least two Texas grads and one Rick Day who bled burnt orange that weekend). The Pups and Jan and Roger Artley put on the afterburners and the rest of us worked our way up the very steep slopes, resting ever so often to get pictures (my personal excuse for stopping) and visiting. Now, remember, Jan and Roger aren’t spring chickens (none of us except the Pups are) but they smoked the rest of the crew to the top. Anyone that says tennis isn’t a rigorous sport, go hiking with

Jan and Roger! Anyway, after a strenuous climb to the base of the final mount we came to face with a final 60 to 70 foot rock climb to the very summit. When you summit out....wow...what a view! Almost everyone made it to the summit and we lingered there for some time, eating lunch, taking pictures, and just taking in the countryside from our aerie.....(eagle’s nest for the uninitiated). For those of you that might have changed your mind about attending this trip for weather reasons, for the second month in a row, the actual weather defied the forecasters....the weather was perfect. Broken clouds made for a perfect temperature for climbing (you wouldn’t want to do this climb on a hot, still day. I was surprised to find out that Mt. Livermore wasn’t the second highest mountain in the state (a misconception that I’ve had for years) but is the highest mountain in the Davis Mountains range. Two or three mountains in the Guadalupe trump the elevation of Livermore.....but

not by much. After some deliberation, Pat Dearen and I decided to hump it down the mountain to try to catch what was left of the Texas/OU game. If you’ve done much climbing you’ll know that going down steep slopes can be as hard or harder than going up...at least on the legs if not the lungs....especially on scree slopes. There are times that you’d pay to have a surf board and just take your chances of flying off of a cliff...hanging ten...whatever.... When we got back down to the truck we were happy to hear that Texas was taking care of OU (sorry Okie fans). We hung around for the rest of the group and when everyone got back down we worked our way back off of the mountain...through some of the most beautiful country in Texas! On Saturday night we all got back together at the state park to visit, tell lies, postulate (that ain’t dirty is it?) and unwind from an absolutely perfect day. I can see this trip coming up again at some future calendar planning event.

**“Quitters never win,
winners never quit, but
those who never win
AND never quit are
idiots.”**

November meeting

The next PBOC meeting will be held at our usual haunt...Casa Lopez at 4411 W. Illinois in Midland at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11th. We will be discussing the upcoming trip to the Guadalupe Mountains and McKittrick Canyon. The new trip leader for this event is

Sherri Faulkner. She will be handing out maps, suggested load lists, itineraries, propaganda, current blonde jokes, etc. As always, try to attend the meeting even if you don’t plan to go on the trip. This is a grand opportunity to bring potential new members to meet all of the current group

and, as you know, if you don’t make the meeting, there’s a better than average chance that you will be the one everyone is talking about...so come protect your interests!

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The Pups Brandon and Bryan with Bill Lupardis

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Mt. Livermore Panorama—photo by Richard


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Club Elections

Just a reminder that it's time to elect new officers. So far we have had two nominations, both for Kathy Lupardis (pick her off of the floor Bill). Kathy will make a fine president but if you have a burning desire to become president you can nominate yourself or some other poor sap that you have it in for you can still nominate them. We hope to have the new prez elected before the November 11th meeting. The president plays a key role in helping produce the new 2009 PBOC Calendar and we hope to have that ready for everyone at the



November meeting....so, send those cards, letters, calls, emails, etc. to me so that we can get this accomplished. If we have no other nominations Kathy will be elected by acclimation.....no Kathy, you are the only one not allowed to nominate! My email is all over this newsletter but if you have your blinders on my email is richard@sibleynaturecenter.org

Just like the national elections, if you don't vote, don't gripe...that includes you Kathy!



Tiajuana taxi to the Mt. Livermore trailhead—photo by Richard