

## The Newsletter of the Permian Basin Outing Club

# Trails

May 2010

### October trip to Dog Canyon may be changed to another location

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As you probably know, but maybe not.....the October 15th trip to Dog Canyon has already been placed on the PBOC Calendar (as of last December)...but Steven may have a conflict as far as leading that trip. Brandon Hawkins has since found a "lovely spot" along the Rio Grande within the boundaries of the Big Bend Ranch State Park. He came in recently to tell me about it and we discussed the possibilities of replacing the questionable return trip to Dog Canyon with a place that few of us had ever been (a desirable deal) and keeping the same weekend

intact but with a new destination. Brandon has talked to the authorities there and told them what the club is all about and they said that they would arrange it so that we had exclusive rights to the area if we decided to go there. Brandon describes the area as a great spot with trees, water, a comfortable camping area....and away from the grind of other campers. What do you think?....let me know...we have plenty of time to address the issue but I'd like to know if this is a good idea. We make every effort to try to stay away from changes in the schedule but when

you plan trips as much as a year in advance, sometimes things happen. The old 1984 to 2001 outing club had very few changes over its 17 year history but we were all a lot younger with fewer responsibilities and other commitments.....you know, like work, family, etc.....all of those things that get in the way the more important items like fun, recreation, etc.

At any rate, please let me know if we need to find a new trip captain for Dog Canyon or change the site to the Rio Grande!

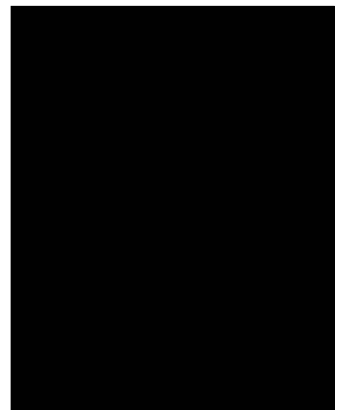
#### Special points of interest:

- *We tried oh so hard to make May a success*
- *How about a multi-day trip next year*
- *Prepare for fun in the sun in Colorado City*

### May Trip/Event

Well, speaking of changes, the April/May trip to the Devil's River fell through for more reasons than I'd like to take the time to explain (something that we don't want to make a habit of) so we scheduled an alternate event...i.e....a movie night at Sibley. The day before the event, Friday, May 14th, we received 7.5 inches of rain at Sibley which not only flooded into the building but

soaked through the bathroom walls into the Auditorium where the event was to take place that next evening. Needless to say, we had to cancel the event and Young Frankenstein will have to happen on some other date (and we had about 25 members attending.....act of God....couldn't help it.



Picture of the May event

## June Trip/Event



Unless the stars are mal-aligned again this month, we should be able to pull off the very simple trip to Pat and Sharon Barber's Ranch in Colorado City. This has been an annual trip that the club looks forward to year-to-year. The activities include canoe/kayaking, fishing (no fishing license required), horseshoes, swimming, photography, exploring, cavorting, and generally sitting in the shade at our campsite and enjoying the traditional Saturday night bar-b-que...(usually

everyone brings their meat of choice, their own ice chest filled with the drink of their choice, and a covered dish that would appeal to all. Also, plan to bring (if you have one) a boat of your choice or use one of the canoes/kayaks that are brought by other members (after you get permission from same), or enjoy one of the paddle boats that Pat and Sharon have on-site. Also, if you want to partake in fishing in one of Pat's catfish ponds (albino catfish no less), the you need to

bring your own fishing gear. Footballs, Frisbees, etc. are welcome as well. We usually have a horseshoe set or two set up as well for those of you that want to ply your skills with flying metal. I usually throw the gauntlet down and strut me stuff with a little horseshoe competition in the form of an improvised horseshoe tournament (and usually get my back side handed back to me when the "ringers" show up....but it's fun all the same. Let us know if you're planning to attend!

## Future Trip

"We strive to increase success by lowering your expectations."

I've been checking on a trip that I've wanted to do for some time (but it will take more than a mere weekend) and after doing a little homework I wanted to share my idea with you. Did you know that the Silverton/Durango Narrow Gauge Railroad will make special arrangements to allow you to board the train at Silverton, pay an additional \$10 to bring your pack, and

drop you off somewhere along the route (the Animas River) and pick you up when you're ready to go home, simply by flagging down the train? I've wanted to do this ever since I first rode the Silverton/Durango train many years ago. I've talked to Brandon about it and he's geeked about the idea and I'd like to hear from any of you if you're interested. It would require the better part

of a week to pull it off but fly fishing, photography, day-hiking, etc. are all in the works for this trip. Of course, we'd have to go when the train is running but that goes from around Memorial Day into October. I'm not talking about this year necessarily but think about it for next year and, once again, let me know if you're interested.



Sammy fly fishing last year at Barber Ranch

## June Meeting

The PBOC Club will meet on Tuesday night at 6 p.m. on June 22nd at Murray's Deli at 3211 W. Wadley here in Midland. We will be finalizing plans, handing out maps, and answering last minute questions regarding the June 25-27 trip to Pat and Sharon Barber's Ranch in Colorado City. Their ranch is only about a 90

minute drive from Midland so can even be a day trip if you so desire but Pat and Sharon welcome anyone to camp for the weekend. We installed a porta-potty at the site several years ago (Barbara C.) and the lake is great to wash up in and cool off in, as well. The ranch is easy to find (if you have a map and directions) and

we'd like to see you attend the meeting even if you're not planning to go on the trip....just to see if you're still alive! Also, we'll have a roster of all members at the meeting and take roll. If you're not there....we'll talk about you. So you need to attend just to defend yourself! Bring a guest that might join!