

Trails

June trip was cooler than expected!

For those of you that avoided the June trip to Pat and Sharon Barber's ranch due to the heat, you would have been surprised. I, like most of you, thought that the trip was going to be a real scorcher but I was pleasantly surprised when I arrived at the ranch on Saturday that the temperature was pleasant and just perfect for boating, swimming, etc.

As I mentioned, I chose to make a day trip out of the weekend and arrived at the ranch to find Dave Taylor and his wife and Chris Cherry already at the site (since they chose to make a weekend of it and went down Friday night. Shortly after my arrival, Pat and Sharon Barber showed up to begin preparations for the big Saturday night feast. Members and guests began to show up and everyone started "doing their own thing"...the beauty of this particular trip. I took my new little kayak out and was joined by Dave Taylor and Tom Cooper. The Barber's lake is perfect for excursions in that it's large enough to really get out there but small enough to be back at

camp when you get tired. Dave and I paddled over to the west side of the lake and startled a blue heron...both of us wishing that we'd brought cameras! We came back in a bit to find several people out for a swim, others sitting under the shade cloth just visiting (see pictures inside). The dinner bell eventually rang and we all gathered under the shade to have a community meal (the neat thing about this annual trip is the planned lack of structure...do what you want when you want!) Sharon did her usual incredible job of cooking the entrée (furnished by Pat and Sharon) and we had a great time eating and visiting. Most of our trips have to be somewhat structured but we have found that this annual "mid-year" car camping trip to be just right to take a breath and just relax.

Anyway...Dave and I decided to go to the "overlook" that spans over the Colorado River to try to get some end-of-day shots complete with incredible sunset, etc. The clouds didn't work with us and pretty much washed out that planed

sunset but we had a great time clambering over rocks and shrubs (always being mindful of slithering creatures). Our biggest problem was finding our way back to camp! You see, you go down this road then veer left, then that way for 1/2 mile and veer right, etc. and everyone knows that everything looks different going to other direction. We finally found our way back and took a few full-moon shots as the moon rose over the lake. I don't know how Dave's pics came out but mine were forgettable. Before the night ended, I joined Pat and Chris Cherry back at camp for a..... spirited discussion of state laws, enforcement tactics, etc. I enjoyed just sitting back and listening to the varied opinions of my two friends. When it seemed that all was settled, I'd throw in something and get the ball rolling just to get something going so that I could sit back and listen some more. Instigator, agitator, I don't know how you'd label me. All the same, everyone finished as friends and the trip was a great success!

Thanks again to Pat and Sharon for a wonderful weekend!

The Newsletter of the Permian Basin Outing Club

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Special points of interest:

- *Barber Ranch trip was surprisingly cool to the touch (weather wise)*
- *Plan for a trip to the cool pines of New Mexico*
- *Silver/Durango railroad in our future?*
- *July meeting announced*

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Trip pics! From Pat and Sharon Barber's ranch



What can I say but wow! - photo by Dave Taylor



Your's truly pirowet...peurowetti.....acting goofy on a cliff—photo by Dave Taylor



See....kids do go on these trips Tammy! - photo by Tom Cooper

“When the going gets tough, the tough get going. The smart left a long time ago.”



Time to feast.... photo by Tom Cooper



My obligatory panorama with Dave—photo by Richard

July PBOC trip to Ruidoso—July 30 to August 1

Brandon Hawkins is the trip leader on this month's trip to Bonito Canyon near Ruidoso....so for those of you that know Brandon, hitch up your big boy pants because Brandon only knows one speed: all out! Actually, Brandon has done a lot of up-front work to make this trip to the cool mountains of New Mexico appealing to everyone. First and most obvious, *it's the cool mountains of New Mexico!* If you're tired of this summer heat, you should love this trip...and no, you don't have to backpack. Brandon has arranged, as much as he can arrange, something for the adventurous of heart and something for the rest of us old, fat, lazy types. If you don't

remember the July trip is planned for the White Mountain Wilderness area out of Bonita Canyon which is just out of Ruidoso, New Mexico. If you want to fish, there's Bonito Lake. If you want to sit around and day hike...or just sit around, there's the South Fork Campground, found at the trailhead of the backpacker's trip. The trip is scheduled for the weekend of Friday, July 30th through Sunday, August 1st. The catch is this, the campground is first come, first serve. There are no reservations. However, if you know the Bonito Canyon area, there are tons of camping areas. Brandon does need to know who will be backpacking with

him so that he can arrange the shuttle back to the trailhead. So...if you're planning to backpack with Brandon, you need to email him at:

bdhawk133@gmail.com.

As far as everyone else is concerned, we'd need to know if you're going by the July 27th club meeting so that we can coordinate camping sites...**but let Brandon know as soon as you can about the backpacking portion if you plan to backpack.** I will be forwarding an email to you soon after you receive this newsletter with a lot more information so be looking for that email too!

July PBOC meeting—July 27

The regularly scheduled meeting for the PBOC is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27th at 6 p.m. at Murray's Deli at 3211 W. Wadley here in Midland. Brandon Hawkins will be there with printed materials that will guide you to our camp, maps, a description of the planned backpacking part of the trip (if you are indeed joining him for backpacking, and other nifty materials to make your New Mexico experience trouble free.....in other words, unlike

“Perseverance: The courage to ignore the obvious wisdom of turning back.”

most of our trips, this one is actually organized....I don't know how to act.... Again, meetings are open to everyone

and are great opportunities to bring potential new members. Remember, you don't have to be a member to go on these trips though we encourage people to join if they decide that they like us...which is rare but we somehow continue to add new people to the club. Remember too, all Sibley/PBOC memberships come due on December 31st of each year so new members can opt to pro-rate their memberships (like \$12 right now). See you at the meeting.

Potential trip for next year

Last month I began researching a trip that I've always wanted to do and floated it to our membership and got a surprising number of responses. Here's the deal: The Durango/Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad runs daily through late spring through early fall from Silverton, New Mexico to Durango, Colorado. The tickets are reasonable and the scenery is incredible. In the old days, they

actually had a car that you could rent that had bathrooms, a kitchen, etc. You could rent the car and they would take it into Animas Canyon, push it on a side rail and *you had a base of operations out in the middle of nowhere!!!.....they don't do that any more.* However, for \$10 extra (for freight), you can carry your fully loaded backpack on the train with you and they will drop you off in the middle of

the wilderness for a week or so of frolic out in the sticks. When you're ready to bail out, you actually go and flag down the train (in a special way so they know you actually want them to stop....it wouldn't pay to wag guns in front of them either....train robbers still exist!) As I said, I had a surprising number of members respond positively to the idea so we may need to start planning this “uber-trip” now. Interested?

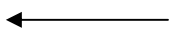
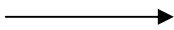
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These guys are great...so entertaining.....