

Trails

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Special points of interest:

- May was wet and wild (the trip...not the weather)
- June trip plans
- We actually need to spend money!

Pandale Crossing a Mystery

Just about everyone that had said that they were coming actually showed up for this past weekend's trip. The mystery that the title of this implies is that the Pandale Crossing that we/I thought we were going to wasn't the same crossing that I've been going to for years. In fact, we never could find the same crossing. Even a major flood couldn't have changed the features that we were expecting. Nonetheless, the Pecos was a bit down but water in hot West Texas is welcome all the same! Andy Price and I arrived at the "Pandale Crossing Resort" around 5 p.m. on Friday and found several members had already arrived (and apparently one had arrived with car problems and left... Brandon... we think...had battery problems and bailed...we think it was the battery to his tent air conditioner that failed...the boy is going to take a lot of ribbing over this....). To say that it was hot when we got there would be an understatement. We experienced much better weather on Saturday and Sunday but Friday and sleeping Friday night was a chore. Most of us didn't bother with sleeping bags until Saturday night...but...I ramble. On Saturday most of us found our way to the river and the actual crossing. The one saving grace was the cool waters of the Pecos. The low

water crossing bridge became our favorite hangout...holding onto the bridge and the rush-



Sammy is such a chick magnet...even in the shower—pic by Richard

ing waters and then letting go to fly under the bridge into the ensuing rapids. Several of us brought canoes and kayaks and explored other parts of the river. The fishing was fairly good. Chris found the right lure out of his fishing kayak....I brought the wrong tackle box with few lures but managed to catch a couple of small fish. We never found it necessary to pull out the skillet and corn meal for that big catfish that we knew was out there....(it's a good thing that fishing isn't one of our main fares in the club...we'd be a total failure....). When the sun began to sink each day, we enjoyed the pure pleasure of a West Texas evening. Friday night was lively with guitar music, a series of Sammy stories, and general mayhem and Saturday night reflected a long day of fun in the sun

(pretty quiet and an early evening). Saturday night was actually really nice temperature-wise and most of us got a lot of well-earned sleep. Clouds rolled in and the breeze was cool. It seems that the weather waited until we decided to leave to get agreeable. John and Chris and his family decided to extend the weekend and I'm sure that they enjoyed a more moderate temperature. All in all, despite the temps and the surprise in finding that this campsite wasn't the place that we were expecting, it was a great weekend. We always find a way to have fun and after the initial surprise of finding hot weather and an unexpected campsite, we all came to really like our little campsite, the river, and the always present camaraderie that we find as a group. If we ever go back to Pandale Crossing, we'll do a little more research on possible campsites. The \$20 a night was made bearable with really nice restrooms, showers, etc. that we normally don't have when backpacking and roughing it. All in all, we can't complain!

June trip to Palo Duro

The current plan for the June 17-19 PBOC trip is to travel to the Palo Duro State Park near Amarillo, Texas...in the Texas panhandle. This was a favorite trip of the old club and was always well attended. Palo Duro State Park is way down in the canyons of the panhandle and is a great destination. It is considered "the Grand Canyon of Texas." I need to know as soon as possible how many of you plan to make this trip and plan to attend the play "Texas." I will need to reserve tickets as soon as possible to insure that we have seats at this very popular event. I will send out a separate email to remind you of the play and to get

commitments for ticket purchases but to insure that we'll have enough seats, please let me know by no later than Tuesday, June 7th... (that's one week from the issue of this newsletter). I know that this is pretty quick but tickets to the play go in a hurry. The play has received national awards over the years and is well worth seeing. I personally have never been known to be much of a fan of plays but with the sound system, special effects and the outdoor amphitheatre

which the play takes place in, this is something really special. So please take note, I need to know if you plan to attend the trip and play by next Tuesday. If we have low attendance, we'll have to come up with another plan.



We make every effort not to change our calendar and this is not a predestined plan for June...but we need a decent showing to keep this trip on the calendar. Let me know by Tuesday, June 7th if you plan to attend the June trip!

June PBOC Meeting

The club will have its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 14th at 6:00 p.m. at our usual meeting site; Murray's Deli at 3211 W. Wadley here in Midland. We will be discussing the final details of our June trip which is currently slated as a trip to Palo Duro Canyon State Park near Amarillo, Texas. We will be camping, mountain biking,

day hiking and, for those that opt for it, attending the play "Texas." As always, you're encouraged to attend all meetings whether or not you plan to go on the trip. It's a good chance to meet new folks (and we added quite a few over the last month) and to see what everyone else is up to....and it's always a good meal at Murrays! We have a

couple of other things to discuss as well, including how to spend our little cache of funds that were donated to us for PBOC exclusive purchases.....(see article below).

See you at the meeting!

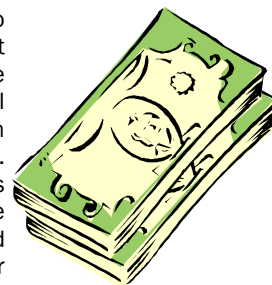
"I had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it". - Groucho Marx

PBOC Funds

Through the generosity of Eunice Thixton and Sammy Hunnicutt, the outdoor club has over \$700 to spend on.....*something*. A Boy Scout troop that they were involved with for years disbanded and had several hundred dollars left in their bank account. After some deliberation, Sammy and Eunice decided to split the funds and donate half to the

Sibley Nature Center and half to be spent exclusively on the Outing Club. We need to spend that money before Sibley's fiscal year ends in December. Several ideas were bantered around over

this last weekend in camp but no decision was made. As you know, a committee is a dog with four hind legs and we don't want this to drag out into a long ordeal, but if you have ideas that would benefit everyone in the club, we'd love to hear them. You can email me with ideas and we'll discuss it at the next club meeting.



May trip pics



Valarie Hunnicutt pointing at.....something—pic by Richard



This is a place in the Pecos that you can actually wade in without fear of heavy metals, etc!

“Doing nothing is very hard to do. You never know when you’re finished”. - Leslie Nielsen



Sammy’s deer in the headlights impersonation (he’s not happy unless I’m shooting him in the shower)



Olivia is lining out her dad



Notice who’s doing the work while the guys sit around?



I was simply lifeguarding.....honest!

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