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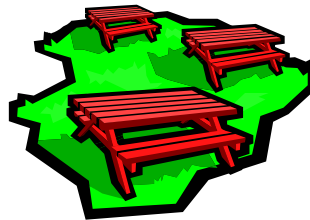
June "Trip Report"

Well.....there's not much to tell other than the fact that we had a substitute event at Sibley on Saturday night, June 18th. It seemed that very few clubbers seriously entertained the notion of spending a broiling weekend in Palo Duro Canyon. The record-breaking heat wave and severe drought has affected a lot of outdoor programs, including ours. However, in an attempt to try to maintain a record of zero tolerance in canceling a program completely, we decided to repeat our February planned event and have a PBOC bar-b-que and movie here at Sibley (sans the February campfire). We actually had about 35 members show up with various entrées and we

had Sibley's three grills set up for them. This actually turned out pretty doggone well! We spread ourselves all over the building and outside and had quite a feast. Everyone brought potluck extras to share with everyone and all went well.

Bill Bentley was good enough to bring his copy of True Grit 2010 with Jeff Bridges, Barry Pepper, and the most talented young actress that I think I've ever seen. I can see why the movie won some Academy Awards. We also got to christen Sibley's new 8 foot by 16 screen and sound system. For a 70 seat auditorium, it was really like being at the

movies...you actually had to move your head from side to side to see all of the action....just like in the movies. I think that everyone really enjoyed



the event and I'm sure that we'll repeat it...much cooler in the building.....much cooler.....

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Special points of interest:

- *We came, we saw....we ate*
- *Mummers coming in August*
- *One of the best trips in our history repeating in July*

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Mummers

Talking to the Midland Community Theater, I found that we don't have to give final numbers for our August 6th "trip" to Midland's Summer Mummers until later in July....so if you have a burning desire to sign up

for one of the 30 slots that we reserved, it isn't too late. The tickets are \$20 each and we currently have 23 signed up. If my math skills haven't left me, that leaves 7 slots. Brandon has assured me that he can fill in any

remaining seats but we'd love to have all of those seats taken by current PBOC members and their guests. Please let me know if the next couple of weeks if you'd like to go to Mummers (and haven't already signed up).

July trip should not be missed!

The July PBOC trip is scheduled to be the Fort Davis Mountains Preserve. We will travel to the preserve on July 22nd through the 24th. Our friend and fellow club member Chris Pipes is the manager of the preserve and has put us on the calendar for that weekend. I understand that the recent fires in the Davis Mountains “nipped” the property but if I heard the rumor correctly..(and I will stand corrected if I hear differently from Chris) that the small section of land that was burned was already slated for a planned control burn.....so, may Mother Nature saved his crews the trouble. At any rate, the club went to the reserve a couple of years ago, and I’ve got to tell you, it’s something to behold. The grounds are grassy and perfect for camping and there is a large two story meeting area that has bathrooms, etc. for those of you that prefer the finer things in life. I think that it will be available for those squeamish about going “pioneer.” They also have a beautiful log cabin on the property that is reserved for major donors. I’m sure that if you’ll write Chris a check for a few hundred thousand, he’ll find the key for you.....no promises!

When we went to the preserve a couple of years ago we drove up to a “takeoff” point and climbed Mt. Livermore, which I believe is the second highest

July meeting

The July 2011 PBOC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19th, at 6 p.m. at Murray’s Deli at 3211 W. Wadley in Midland. We will be making final plans for the July 22nd weekend trip to the Davis Mountains Preserve; or is it the Fort Davis Mountains Preserve? Chris....? Anyway, as always, this is a good chance to come make nice with your fellow club members even if you don’t plan to go on

mountain in that range. It certainly was higher than any of its neighbors. I took a 270 degree panorama from the top and it’s one of my favorite pictures. The view is breathtaking. The climb is a simple walk up one of two routes. One is pretty much a road and the other is a trail that they are developing. I went up there with David Crum a year or so ago and a trail building weekend. A group of kids from...San Antonio and David and I put in nearly 300 feet of new trail...that is, we roughed it in for experts to grade out and finish. It rained on us for awhile and we just kept working.....you know.....rain....the wet stuff that used to fall out of the sky on occasion in West Texas? Anyway, if you’re into day hiking, photography, star gazing, or just being lazy around the camp, this trip is for you. This will be a car

*“If at first you don’t succeed,
failure may be your style.”*



camping trip so no need to bring heavy back-packing gear but

it is essential that you carry water and, if you want to eat on top of the mountain or along the trail, a lunch. A camera and, if you’re an optimist, rain gear. The hike is moderate and there is a short rock scramble at the very end to attain the summit...nothing technical, simple hand over hand and easy footwork...even old David made it to the top! Chris didn’t ask for it but I’d like to be able to tell him how many we will bring so....when you decide if you’re going, please let me know by at least the July meeting (July19th). It may not be Cloudcroft cool at the preserve but I’ll guarantee you that it’ll be cooler than what we’re experiencing here so, make plans to attend this trip. We don’t get a chance to go to a place this pretty very often.

Let me know!

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the trip. I always mention that for two reasons. First, it’s valid! You want to keep in contact with everyone to see what’s going on in the club and catch up with friends....discuss trips, gear, experiences, etc. The second reason is, I have to fill up at least two panels in the newsletter format and what can you say beyond meeting time, date, place. That and some crummy clip art just about do it.....see!



No....this isn’t a picture of our last meeting. It’s just clip art....but kinda cool.....