



# Trails

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## The Newsletter of the Permian Basin Outing Club

### May Trip Report—"Fandango" - Richard

For once, the meeting to prepare for the May trip to the Davis Mountains and the Big Bend was more dynamic than the trip itself. We had 15 members show up at the Sibley Nature Center to watch the Kevin Costner movie Fandango and enjoy Steven's popcorn but no one showed a great interest in the trip itself. To be fair, the temperatures were low, the gas prices were high, there were a lot of schools graduating over the weekend, and even in the old club, attendance has always been low after a large trip (the Mariscal float trip in April that 40 people attended). But I digress. The mountains got a bit of rain but weren't very cold. The Davis Mountains have been in need of a good soaking for a long time and everything is really

greening up nicely. Because of the "no attendance" experienced on this trip, of course there was no Fandango scavenger hunt. At least I didn't have to reserve campsites at the State Park....(I have my own hiding place/campsite way up in the mountains). If you had attended, you would have found all of the scenes from the movie within a couple of hours drive in any direction and some much closer. The set of the old movie "Giant" is on private land but you can see it from the highway. Everything else is in plain sight and accessible to anyone. The idea was to break the crowd into smaller groups and either give them GPS coordinates and/or clues and let them find the spot, photograph the group in front of the set, and

eventually find and photograph the "Dom" rock where one of the final scenes of the movie was filmed. We were going to bury something special there for the first group to find the spot to dig up. Then the winning team would report back to camp with all of their pictures and the Dom surprise where they would receive the Grand Prize. Since no one found time to attend this particular event (it happens sometimes), the Grand Prize will stay in the vault until we reschedule this particular event or use it for something else.

Now several people have asked me whether or not I went on to the mountains by myself. All I cont. on page 2—"May Trip Report"

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### June 15th Trip to Ruidoso

If you've not noticed, the June trip date has been changed to June 15th, rather than two weeks earlier. There were conflicts for our trip leaders, David and Kay Crum, that couldn't be avoided. Anyway, the ranch that offered camping and gold panning appar-

ently is no longer in operation. However, the same stream runs through the National Forest which doesn't require (in some places) a camping permit or fee and is still downstream to many existing gold mines, etc. I talked to Sam Vandlandingham just

yesterday and he owns maps and copies of claims of, mostly closed, mines in the area. He assures me that there's a decent chance that we will indeed find "sparkle." I have a small backpacking size gold pan that I've Cont. on page 2—"Gold!"

## May Trip Report cont.....

can say is the proof is in the pudding. You decide for yourself. Never be surprised when weather is lousy here and turns beautiful in the mountains.....(besides, the smell of wet creosote is soooo sweet). As far as whether anyone attended.....I guess you should have been there.



## 2007 PBOC Calendar Changes

As you probably know by now, we had to make a couple of changes to this year's calendar. Bill Bentley had a conflict for the caving trip to Black and Cottonwood caves and, since he was the only one that could secure the permits, we had the choice of changing the dates or canceling the trip, which I've promised we'd never do.....and since we were changing the calendar anyway, we got all of the pain over at once and made the change of dates for the Ruidoso trip and decided that it made a lot more sense to do the "lake" trip on Pat Barber's ranch near Colorado City during the

warmer summer months. Pat is doing a lot of improvements on his ranch that will make our visit really great. He is installing a "privy" for your comfort, and he assures me that we can fish, canoe/kayak, hunt for arrowheads, build a nice campfire, stargaze (I'll bring my telescope if the weather cooperates), hike, etc. He also has trapped a wild hog for our uncompromising palates and something that we can cook over the fire....or bring yourself a steak, etc. This is a short trip and can easily be simply a day trip if you don't want to camp. Plan to go!.....or else!..... If you haven't re

"All the world's a stage and all the men and all the men and women merely actors" - William Shakespeare

"And most of us are desperately under-rehearsed." - Richard Galle

received the updated calendar from me, just email me and I'll get you one.

## "Gold!" cont. from page 1.....

to break out again....(you don't have to have a special gold pan...just bring a tin pie plate or something that you can swirl water and sand in). Of course there is a lot to do in the Ruidoso area. Instead of camping at the now defunct ranch, we'll be camping at Bonito Lake, just north of Ruidoso. That's where the old club used to go just about every January for cross-country skiing. You can purchase a 3 day New Mexico fishing license and trout fish the lake, go mineral hunting, gold pan,

day hike, photograph spectacular scenes, or simply sit around at camp and enjoy the campfire! The South Fork trailhead is very nearby and you can hike WAY up into the mountains or do a motor tour to the ski resort.....the opportunities are endless. We'll discuss all of the opportunities available at the site at our June meeting. If you want to experience a truly beautiful camping opportunity with little or no exertion, surrounded by beautiful country, this is the trip for you (and of course

there's shopping in Ruidoso for those of you that enjoy that aspect of it).

Bonito Canyon and lake is very close to Ruidoso but still "out of town." We'll be "car camping" so you can take all of the gear that you want and enjoy a relaxing weekend. I'm quite sure that the fire danger is low enough that we'll be allowed a great campfire on this trip, as well.

## PBOC Websites

We now have the PBOC website, [www.pboc.info](http://www.pboc.info) linked from the Sibley Nature Center website at [www.sibleynaturecenter.org](http://www.sibleynaturecenter.org). I also set up an additional website through [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com) at the urging of Richard Posey. It has produced several new members. Also, when people take the Sibley Nature Survey from the Sibley site, question 6 allows people to leave their email addresses if they are interested in the club. Between all of these sites, we have secured at least a dozen new members. A club like ours can sustain many, many more members (because not everyone attends every trip).....so, I encourage you to

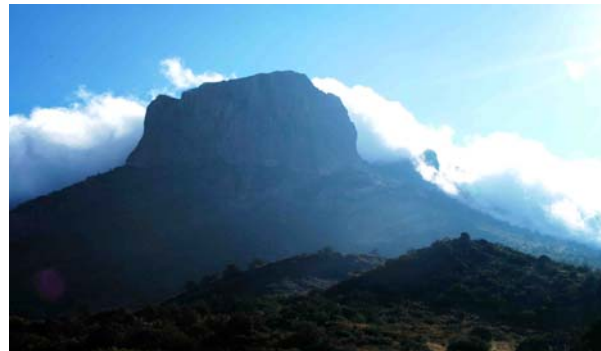
continue recruiting new members. People willing to share skills, equipment, access to areas, etc. are the things that make up the backbone of an outdoor club. We wouldn't have been able to go to the Solitario last year if we didn't have a couple of the members that we have.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 12th. Make it a point to attend and bring a guest!



## June Meeting

The PBOC will be meeting at Michael's Charcoal Grill at 723 W. Wadley in Midland on June 12th at our usual 6:30 meeting time. We have reserved the "back room" at Michaels. We will have more information regarding the June 15th trip to Ruidoso and Bonito Canyon and lake. Bonito Canyon is narrow but LONG so we need to coordinate an assembly point and discuss all of the activities available at the area. Remember, you don't have to be going on the trip to come and socialize at the meeting.....and bring a guest as a potential new member!



One of the "Fandango" areas?

## Trip to the Omnimax in Lubbock?

One of the movies currently showing at Lubbock's Science Spectrum Omnimax theater is "The Alps", featuring one of the mountains that I have a relationship with, the Eiger. I was considering a one-day trip to see the feature and maybe have dinner and go to Lubbock Lakes archeologica area or Buffalo Lakes for a little R&R. If anyone is interested in going on a little one day excursion over the next couple of weekends, let me know by return email or give me a call at the Sibley

Nature Center at 684-6827.

If you want additional information about the film (the same people that did the Imax feature "Everest" did this one"), go to:

<http://www.sciencespectrum.com/omnimax.htm>. The Eiger is one of the six classic north faces in Europe and has a rather gruesome history for climbers. John Harlin II avoided the climb for years after his father fell

some 4,000 feet on the mountain back in the 60's. He finally climbed it, wrote a book called "Eiger Obsession" and the entire climb was filmed in the Imax format. If you haven't experienced an Omnimax show, you're in for a treat.....if you HAVE experienced an Omnimax show, you're still in for a treat. Anyway, if you're interested, let me know and maybe we call all hook up there.