

# PRAIRIE DOG TALES

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The August outing was to Leadville, Colorado, where we experienced fine weather and a flyover by several ultralight aircraft. The campground was bustling but provided a good nights sleep.

The Leadville 100 foot race was held the weekend we were there and the course ran right across the road from us. It was an average Colorado weekend, beautiful scenery, great company, and perfect weather.



On Saturday, we toured the *Matchless Mine* former home of Baby Doe Tabor and the Leadville Mining Museum. Both provided a full afternoon's enjoyment. For dinner Mac had selected Quincy's where we had an excellent dinner and while waiting for them to open we met a couple (Dieter and Hanalee) from Germany, who had been on a month long RV trip of the



Western United States, in fact they had just motored over Independence Pass. We had a great evening talking with them.



The Sugar Loafin' campground had an "all you can eat" ice cream social every evening which we insisted that Dieter and Hanalee attend. I don't think Dieter ever really got the hang of an Ice cream social, because every now and then he would say "Social Ice" and then he would laugh. We have exchanged e-mails and are enjoying this trans Atlantic friendship.



## **Trail Mix**

### **Easy Shrimp Cocktail**

1/2 pound of cooked shrimp  
1 avocado cubed  
1/2 medium onion chopped  
1 stalk of celery chopped  
Small amount of green  
pepper chopped  
Garnish with fresh cilantro

Peel and devein the shrimp  
Cut them into small pieces  
combine with the other  
ingredients add the salsa of  
of your choice and serve  
with the drink of the day

## **TECH TOPICS**

We have all heard that we should check our tire pressure

1. To conserve fuel
2. To prevent premature tire wear

If you're like me, you don't get out the tire gauge and check the pressure all that often. So why not do what the guys with the 18 wheelers do? Use a tire "thumper", all you need is a short length of rebar (available at Lowes or Home Depot). Here's how, when you get your tires checked and the pressure is correct, break out your trusty thumper and smack each tire across the tread. After a few times you will be able to determine what the correct sound is and also the amount of rebound. Then you can include thumping the tires every time you get ready to go and have a good indication that the tires are OK.

## **PRAIRIE DOG HOLES**



I think that we all will agree that the Sugar Loafin' Campground in Leadville provided an excellent place to stay and I would recommend it to anyone. I enjoyed the views and the ice cream socials. I do wish they had more grass and less dirt in the spaces but over all it was very enjoyable

Reviewer - Jim Laird