

Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members



From the Presidents Saddle



AT LAST we have submitted our grant application for funds to build the two bridges in Pine Valley. All we can do now is to wait and hope our project is selected to receive the grant funds. We will be advised in late July or early August. Our thanks to Joe Rechsteiner of the USFS and Jake Powell with ACE (American Conservation Experience) for their partnership in this project. Without them this would not have happened.

We presented Joe Rechsteiner a plaque expressing our appreciation for all that Joe has done for the BCH.



I attended a meeting regarding the Northern Corridor. The only good news is that they have reconfigured the route which is much more palatable, but not really acceptable. (See map and details on pg 5).

I had the pleasure of hosting two ladies fro Colorado who came here to experience Southern Utah. We had an excellent ride together.

I have recently got the word that the Central Chapter of BCHU has voted to close their chapter. Thank you for all you do to keep us strong!

Happy trails, Paul

NEXT MEETING:
May 8th 6:30PM
Community Building
See Page 7 for details



May 12th— Duncan Springs

June 9th—Work ride White Rocks



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May 8th

**Meeting at the Commu-
nity Bldg 6:30PM**

Hope you had a great Easter!



BCH Ride at White Reef (Leeds)

April 14, 2018

By

Paul Sloane



Only six riders arrived for the ride, I suspect that the strong winds for several days leading up to the ride scared folks off. When we arrived at the trailhead the winds were quiet and it was looking like another great day to be on a horse. The first two to arrive at the trailhead were Richard Boschee who lives in North Dakota, and a guest rider Tyler Maasjo, who also hails from North Dakota. Each was surprised to see a rig there with North Dakota license plates, small world. Riding today was: Richard Boschee, Tyler Maasjo, Maria Harris, Ann Guhman, Julie Greninger, and yours truly Paul Sloane.

We rode off from the trailhead soon reaching the remains of the movie set left from making the film "They Came to Cordura" in 1959 starring Gary Cooper and Rita Hayworth. I have seen the film and the horse riding scenes at this location were impressive. Southern Utah was the location for eighteen movies made between 1929 and 1979 (see pg 4).

Upon leaving the movie set we rode easterly up the draw where the horses came charging down in the movie. I was a little taken back by how dry the grass was as we rode along, it was always much greener the previous times I had ridden there. At the end of the draw the trail turns to the northwest diagonally up the hill to a ridge as you now go west. As you ride along the old mining road you pass an old wooden ore loading ramp which I guess was left from the silver mining days. The trail drops off the ridge on the north slope and you descend down old roads to a creek that runs pretty much year around. Here you encounter a tricky water crossing that some horses find less than desirable but they seem to get through it.

Our next destination is a really beautiful canyon with majestic red rock walls rising up on both sides of the wash bottom. One rider described it as Lake Powell without the water. There is not a designated trail at this point, you just follow the wash bottom as far as you can until the point where the canyon splits into two forks and everything gets much narrower and rocky. We turned around and backtracked a short distance to where there was a nice grove of junipers in a flat area that was good for tying the horses and enjoying a lunch break.

The ride back is pretty much following your tracks until you get back to where the trail turned northeast at the end of the first draw we rode up. There you catch another fork in the trail that goes southerly along a ridge that runs west and eventually into another draw that comes out by the movie set again. From there it is just a short distance to the trailhead.

By the time we started our return trip after lunch the breeze began to pick up but never got to what you would call windy. It was a lovely day and everyone had a great time. We enjoyed meeting and riding with Tyler and wish him well with his new job in Idaho.





James D'Arc Curator of the BYU Motion Picture Archive & has taught film in American Culture for past 35 years. His book has been in various stages of research and development for 30 years.

Over 700 feature motion pictures, television shows, and dozens of television commercials have been filmed in Utah from 1913 thru 2009.

The Varied landscape of alpine tree-covered splendor, desert canyons, prairie, and watershed has represented Egypt, Germany, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Scotland, Timbuktu, and Beijing, as well as the states of Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Nevada, Wyoming, New York, Missouri, Arizona, Colorado, South Dakota, California, Iowa, Nebraska, North Carolina, Illinois and Texas.

18 Movies in Washington County 1927-1979

Ramona 1927 – Warner Baxter & Dolores Del Rio

Zion & Springdale (*Last silent film filmed in Zion*)

Vanishing Pioneer – Jack Holt, William Powell, & Fred Kohler

Zion (*Now lost*)

In Old Arizona 1929 – Edmond Lowe, Warner Baxter & Dorothy Burgess

Grafton (*1st talking movie in Utah*)

Arizona Kid 1930 – Warner Baxter & Carole Lombard

Grafton

The Dude Ranger 1934 – George O'Brien & Irene Hervey

Zion & Johnson Canyon

The Bad Man of Brimstone 1937 – Wallace Berry & Virginia Bruce

Springdale & Johnson Canyon

Ramrod 1947 – Joel Mc Crea & Veronica Lake

Zion & Grafton

War of the Wildcats 1943 – John Wayne & Martha Scott

Zion, Virgin & Cedar City

The Conqueror 1956 – John Wayne & Susan Hayward

Snow Canyon & St George area

The Vanishing American 1956 – Scott Brady & Audrey Totter

St. George area

The king & Four Queens 1956 – Clark Gable & Eleanor Parker

St George area

Run of the Arrow 1957 – Rod Steiger, Ralph Meeker, & Charles Bronson

Snow Canyon & Pine Valley

They Came to Cordura 1959 – Gary Cooper & Rita Hayworth

St George & Harrisburg

Butch Cassidy & Sundance Kid 1969 – Robert Redford, Paul Newman, & Katharine Ross. Zion, Snow Canyon & Grafton

Jeremiah Johnson 1972 – Robert Redford & Will Geer

Snow Canyon

The Man who Loved Cat Dancing 1973 – Burt Reynolds & Sarah Miles

Grafton, Rockville, & Washington Cty

The Car 1977 – James Brolin

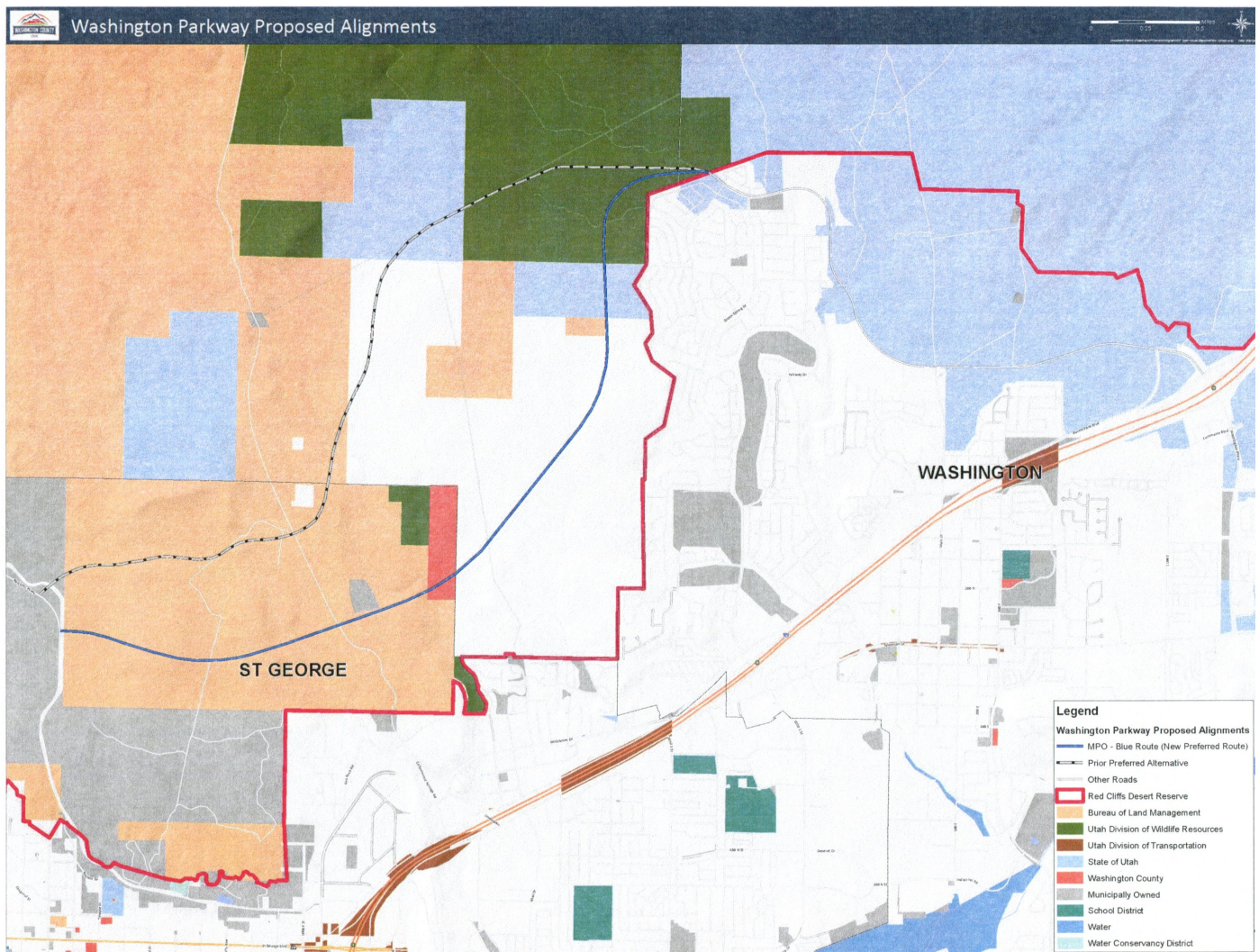
Zion & St George area

The Electric Horseman 1979 – Robert Redford & Jane Fonda

St George, Silver Reef & Leeds

Since 1950 there were 20+ Movies filmed locally, of which; 6 were filmed in Snow Canyon. Most notably: "Romancing the Stone" with Michael Douglas and appropriately titled the film "Into the Paradise".

Northern Corridor latest proposal



The red border is the edge of the Desert Reserve boundary. On the far right where the boundary ends at the edge of the page is exit 13. The last Northern Corridor route is the dotted black line beginning at the top and ending on the lower left which is Red Cliffs Parkway (Turtle Road). The solid blue line is the new route which terminates about 200 ft from the trailhead parking area just north of the Dixie rock (Pioneer Park).

From where the dotted line and blue lines come together at the top to exit 13 there is already a 4 lane road that is being built to service the new housing development there. Their belief is that the new road from Red Hills Parkway to exit 13 will relieve traffic at exit 10 and elsewhere.

I learned that a (approx) 1,000 ft long stretch of the new road will be elevated to allow the tortoises to feely travel underneath the road.

There is more to the story which you can access at: <https://portal.waschco.utah.gov/tortoise/> which includes a 6,000 acre addition to the reserve in what is called area 6. I still have not figured out just where that is. I have been told it is south of Bloomington.

BCHUSW Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2018

The **BCHUSW** chapter meeting was called to order April 10, 2018 at the St. George Community Center by President Paul Sloane. In attendance were: Paul Sloane, Vic Middleton, Freddy Dunn, Lin Hokana, Keith Christensen, Judith Mayfield, Marie Nelson-Zagnes, Larry Dunn, Fran Wiloy , Ann Gulumaen, , Roshelle Bromley, and Jeanette Blasdell

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as posted in March's newsletter.

Treasurer' Report: Judith Mayfield presented the Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparisons. Our total assets are \$6,492.33 as compared to last year's total of \$6,793.90. Our net income at this time is \$1,458.25 as compared to last year's \$734.45. Other Current Assets Undeposited funds totaling \$210.00 occurred because of memberships paid through PayPal which Freddy will help transfer.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjust the "Undeposited Funds" and approve the presented budget.

Report from National:

Freddy Dunn reported the National meeting will be held April 23-25 in Spokane. Twenty- five of the 30 states will be attending. States will bring two replicable ideas for each state to utilize. Meetings will differ this year as the week has been structured for Board members to meet and really talk with one another.

Old Business:

The Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant has been filed to build two bridges in Pine Valley. Joe Rechsteiner, District Ranger Pine Valley and Paul Sloane discussed the proposed project and the grant writing process. Photos for each bridge location were distributed to help members visualize each location. We should know by late July or early August if we will receive the grant.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to commit \$5,000.00 to the construction of the bridges if we are awarded the grant.

New Business:

- Joe Rechtsteiner was thanked for his wonderful service and given a plaque expressing our gratitude. He will soon be moving on to manage the San Bernardino Forrest in CA.
- Paul Sloane attended the recent meeting discussing the proposed reroute of the Northern Corridor. Specific details can be obtained by accessing: <https://portal.waschco.utah.gov/tortoise/>
- Judith Mayfield donated a beautiful quilt for the upcoming National meeting to be held the week of April 23.
- Paul Sloane was reimbursed for his camera purchase.

Ride Calendar:

- May 12th - Duncan Springs
- June 9th - Work project at White Rocks

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.
Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Blasdell



Calendar of Events

CHAPTER MEETINGS :

- May 8th—St. George Community Bldg. 6:30pm

Come and participate in our decisions for the chapter!



CHAPTER RIDES: Every 2nd Saturday of each month (unless specified otherwise)

- **May 12th Duncan Springs –in the saddle at 10:30** (to allow for extra travel time) Bring lunch.
Directions: On Pinto Road 1.25 mi South off Hwy 56 between Cedar City & Enterprise. 17.5 miles west from I-15 in Cedar C. or 19.5 miles east from Hwy 18 past Enterprise (between mile posts 43-44) Nice trail in the trees with great views at the top. 3 - 3.5 hour ride incl. lunch.
- **June 9th—Annual work ride—White Rocks trail**

REMEMBER: Dogs are only permitted on leashes in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve and in Snow Canyon. We as Back Country Horsemen must set the example, so we thank you in advance for your compliance with the rules.



Hat of the Month!

Sported by: Tyler Maasjo



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Back Country Horsemen of Utah



Southwest Chapter Newsletter
P.O. Box 3174
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The Purpose of the Back Country Horsemen of Utah is:

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses and mules in America's back country and wilderness.
2. To work to ensure the public lands remain open to recreational pack and saddle stock use.
3. To assist the agencies responsible for the management of public lands.
4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in wise and sustaining use of back country resources by horsemen and the general public, commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters of Back Country Horsemen throughout Utah.

To:

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF UTAH—Southwest Chapter

PO Box 3174, St. George, UT 84771

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Membership: _____ Renewal: _____

NAME/S: _____

*Please list names for family membership. Children over 18 may be included in family membership or join as individual members.

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBERS:

Home: _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

Fax: _____

OTHER HORSE/MULE ASSOCIATIONS YOU BELONG TO:

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Liability Release: (MUST BE SIGNED)

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse/mule use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses/mules, riders and spectators and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Utah, including units, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience of riders or horses/mules taking part in trail rides or other BCHU functions, I do hereby release the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children or horses/mules.

By signing this release, I/WE recognize the following Utah State Law, *UCA 78-27b* Limitations on liability for Equine and Livestock Activities * It shall be presumed that participants in equine or livestock activities are aware of and understand that there are inherent risks associated with these activities. *Inherent risk* with regard to equine or livestock activities means those dangers or conditions, which are an integral part of equine or livestock activities. The equine activity sponsor is not liable for those inherent risks. If you are unwilling to assume these risks for yourself or for those under your supervision, you should not participate in these activities.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO BCHU: Individual: \$30.00; Family: \$40.00; Patron: \$100.00