

# Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members



## From the Presidents Saddle



It appears that spring has sprung and the weeds are really growing. Hope you have dusted off your tack saddled up and headed off to your favorite trails and taken more riders with you.

Seven of our members packed up their horses with tools and headed up on Red Mountain and did some light trimming, installed Carins, and replanted the up rooted tie post at the overlook. Nice work guys & gals.

Our planning committee will be meeting next week to work on the Pine Valley corral project cost

projections for the forest service.

Sorry to see our long and faithful member who has done a ton of trail work over the past years leave town. **Pat Matthews** has sold her place, purchased a motor home and is just going to go wherever her little heart desires. We all wish her well and safe travels on her voyage.

We voted at our last meeting to purchase two mounting blocks to be installed at the new Cottonwood and Silver Reef trailheads. They will be installed outside of the parking lot stopovers for those who choose to use them.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

Rob & Jill McCleve  
Petra Ost  
Kolby & Cassey Pulsipher

Happy Trails,

Paul



May 9th

### NEXT MEETING

May 11th, 6:30PM Community Building

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Monthly Ride!

May 8th

Gooseberry Mesa

June 12th

Pine Valley

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May 11th

Meeting at the Community Bldg 6:30PM

## Work Ride at Red Mountain

April 10, 2021

By

Deja Schweitzer and Paul Sloane

Seven of our faithful members arrived at the trailhead ready for a days work on the mountain, they were: Lin Hokana (who coordinated the work party), Jeanette Blasdell, Deja Schweitzer, Kathy Mc Gann, Richard Boschee, Larry Dunn, and former member Jim Wallick, I came to the trailhead to see the group off as I am unable to ride or work yet.

Lin and Jeanette took the north trail that winds its way up the mountain eventually ending at the overlooks. Along the way they performed light trimming duties and rock removal from the trail. Because these trails are within a designated wilderness area they had to keep the work done to a minimum keeping the trails looking as natural as possible, yet safe for the riders and hikers who frequent the area.

Deja, Kathy, Richard, Larry and Jim packed up Kathy's 1/2 draft horse with tools, post hole digger, shovels, etc and took the south trail that goes through the Stahlie gate. It was at the Stahlie gate where they found a bit of a challenge, Kathy's big horse and tools were too large for the gate, so they had to un-pack the beast and get him through the gate, then re-pack him and resume their trek. While all this was going on Richard, Jim, & Larry went ahead and worked their way up the trail to the overlook and tied up their horses at the tie posts. The main objective for the day was to re-install one of the tie posts which had become loose from its moorings due to erosion of the soil. Once the tools finally arrived the group jumped into the task, dug a new hole and replanted the tie post. Lin quickly put the new post to work by tying his trusty mount to it.

The second group also did some light trimming, installed some new cairns, and cut back some encroaching cactus. Best of all the group enjoyed lunch with one of the best views in Southern Utah and had a great time with other Back Country Horsemen and their horses. Good Job Guys!





# Volunteer Hours – What Counts?

## **Project Information**

*The information in this section allows us to keep track of where the volunteer work was done and to forward the information to the proper agency. The individual agencies in turn use the information to apply for funding. We are able to use the information to get forest service passes, and grant monies as well. Without proper documentation under Project Information we have no way to show where or how the work was done. **Very important information!***

- Contact /Project Person:** Agency or chapter person in charge of the project.
- Project Location:** Exact description where the work was done. Example: Colville NF, Sullivan RD, trail #503, Keenes Horse Camp, Forest Service Road #2305 etc.
- Project Description:** Brief description of trail conditions and work that was done. (include the number of miles of trail work).
- Activity Date:** Date(s) the work was done.
- Agency Code:** Codes indicate which agency gets credit for work hours, donations, etc.
- District:** Enter the Forest or District where you did the work. Use abbreviations to help with the break down of where these hours were used, or write it on the Work Sheet. Example: Capital Forest is in the Pacific Cascade regions – PCR, Olympic National Forest – ONF.

## **Trail Work**

*Record these hours under the agency code for the time spent. All trail work goes under the column for trail work.*

### **What Counts:**

- Trail and trailhead clean up, (lop, cut clear, drainage).
- Trail work on public land or private lands open to the public.
- Support or food prep for work parties, donation of food should be logged under donation, give dollar amount.
- Campground host if agency requested/required.
- Preparation and/or planning for future work parties.
- Packing, Carpentry, Bridge Construction, Teamster, Trail Survey, GPS.

### **What Doesn't Count:**

- Trail and trailhead clean up after yourself at non-work parties.

## **Education**

*Always record under the Education category using the agency code E (Education).*

### **What Counts:**

- Planning for and facilitation of educational activities.
- Teaching, attendance or participation in educational activities.
- Educational presentations and/or educational articles written.

## **Public - Meetings**

*Record these hours under the proper category. (Example: If the meeting is a USFS meeting record under the appropriate agency code.*

### **What Counts:**

- Attending public meetings relating to public lands or legislative matters.

- Conference, meetings, seminars, relating to BCH Purpose and Objectives.

**What Doesn't Count:**

- BCH chapter meetings are not considered public.

**Public - Representation**

*Always record these hours under agency code G (Other).*

**What Counts:**

- Time spent participating and representing BCH (i.e. Legislative Day).
- Time spent publicly representing the BCH, including planning and preparation, in a productive manner for public benefit (Parades, Fundraisers, etc.).

**What Doesn't Count:**

- Non mission related charitable donations.

**Administrative Service**

*Record the hours under the Admin Category using Agency Code G (Other). If you prepared an article for LNT, record the hours under agency code E (Education).*

**What Counts:**

- Newsletter Editor Hours.
- Volunteer Hours Record Keeping.
- Research for articles, or writing of an article to be published in a newsletter.
- Planning work shops. Example: Planning your volunteer work for the year. Planning calendar events that are open to the public.
- Elected and appointed positions - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and appointed positions and their day-to-day duties.

**What Doesn't Count:**

- The time an officer, appointed position or committee chair spends at a board or membership meetings, unless it pertains to a presentation that is for Education (Agency code E).

**Travel Time**

*Time you spend getting **to and from** your place of volunteering. See additional guidelines below.*

**Personal Vehicle Miles**

*Log the miles that you drive to and from your place of volunteering under Vehicle Miles. If you are hauling stock, hauling heavy equipment, or a trailer, record your miles under Stock Hauling. Only record your miles under one or the other, not both. If you drive ten miles to the barn and pick up your trailer and horses then drive 20 miles to the site you would then record 20 miles Personal Miles, and 40 miles Stock Hauling (round trip). If you are using your vehicle as a means to take crews to and from work points, count the miles that you drive to get your crew to their locations and back. Only the driver will get to claim personal vehicle miles. See additional guidelines below.*

**Personal Equipment**

*Count only the hours that you use small power tools (hand tools) as skilled labor; however, if you carry them the entire time count all your time. Chainsaw fuel, oil, and blades should be counted as cash donations. Prepping heavy equipment and loading it before you use it counts as skilled labor. Rental fees and fuel for heavy equipment should be counted under cash donations. Find out what the current local area rate of operation is to determine what you should record as the hourly rate for heavy equipment.*

Small Power Tools (Hand Held Tools)

- Chain Saws, Weed Whackers, Trimmers

Heavy Equipment:

- Tractors, trailers, dump trucks, saw mills, dozers, graders, mini-excavator, etc.
- Mechanical wheel barrows, quads, etc. Remember to keep track of the fuel you use in your equipment and the local rental rate for the equipment used. Enter under the donation column.

**Stock**

*Of all the stock information that you can keep, stock days are the most important. Each head of stock used gets credit for one stock day for each day.*

**What Counts:**

- Count how many head of stock used for each day. Example: Two (2) head of stock used for one (1) days equals two (2) stock days using one entry line in the work sheet per day.
- Keep track of the trail miles.

**Additional Guidelines for Trail Work and Work Parties**

- Members / Workers – Log your actual travel and work time. Driver (only) logs miles
- All work / no ride – Log round trip travel, driver mileage, and actual work time.
- ½ work – ½ ride – log one-way travel and one-way driver mileage and actual work time.
- Ride with incidental work – Log work time only.
- Make notes of items that are donated, with estimated donation value.
- Record heavy equipment hours from the time you leave home etc. Record miles hauling heavy equipment under Stock/ Equipment Hauling miles.
- Use the current local area hourly rental rate for operating heavy equipment. Report rental fees for heavy equipment under equipment dollars.
- Record time to the nearest hour or half hour (.5) increments only.

**If you are ever in doubt, record your time spent and ask questions of your project leader or chapter volunteer hours coordinator later. If you put it aside, you may forget, and your time and effort may be lost.**

At our last chapter meeting Lin Hokana gave an excellent presentation on Satellite Communicator's. Below is a small portion regarding the comparison of different models on the market. A Satellite communicator in conjunction with your cell phone will get you help in an emergency no matter where you are.



Satellite Communicator Comparison

Feature/Device	Bivy Stick Blu	Garmin Inreach Mini	Somewear	Spot X	Zoleo
Interactive SOS	Yes, Global Rescue	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Text	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Email	Yes	Yes	<b>No</b>	Yes	Yes
Cell/WiFi capable	?	<b>No</b>	Yes	?	Yes
Messaging Network	Iridium	Iridium	Iridium	<b>Globalstar</b>	Iridium
Price	350	350	280	250	200
Tracking	Yes	Yes	Yes, up to 10 people.	Yes	<b>No</b>
Basic Monthly Rate (annual)	\$17.99 (215.88)	\$11.95 (143.40)	<b>\$8.33 (100)</b>	\$11.95 (143.40)	\$20 (240)
MISC	Recently revised and improved.	Best seller, long track record. <b>Can share location with other Garmin Inreach users.</b>	New comer to the market. <b>Can share location with other Somewear users.</b>	Very small keyboard to write text.	Physically large

**BCHUSW Meeting Minutes**  
April 13, 2021

The **BCHUSW** chapter meeting was called to order April 13, 2021 at the St. George Community Center by President Paul Sloane. In attendance were: Paul Sloane, Lin Hokana, Ann Guhman, Deja Schweitzer, Steve Julian Carl Phillips, and Jeanette Blasdell

**Minutes:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the corrected minutes as published in the March newsletter. (Correction: Under new business, we also suggested purchasing mounting blocks for Cottonwood, and White Reef Trailhead.)

**Treasurer' Report:** A treasurer's report was not given.

**Old Business:** It was proposed the planning committee meet at Cache Valley Bank on April 27th to fill out the paperwork for the Pine Valley Corral Project. Deja will check the availability of the meeting room and then the time will be set.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to spend \$500 for two mounting blocks—one for Cottonwood and one for White Reef Trailhead.

Jeanette commented that Cottonwood's stepover is still too tall and needs dirt on both sides.

**New Business:**

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to purchase a \$50 gift card for Pat Matthews, a long time member. who will be moving on to a new chapter in her life. Lin offered to make the purchase and present the card in behalf of BCHSW.

**Presentation:**

Lin Hokana did a presentation on satellite communicators. Websites he found valuable in making his purchase included:

[www.outdorgearlab.com/topics/camping-and-hiking/best-personal-locator-beacon](http://www.outdorgearlab.com/topics/camping-and-hiking/best-personal-locator-beacon)

[www.rei.com/blog/hike/which-satellite-messenger-should-you-get](http://www.rei.com/blog/hike/which-satellite-messenger-should-you-get)

[www.adventurealan.com/best-satellite-messenger-inreach-vs-spot/](http://www.adventurealan.com/best-satellite-messenger-inreach-vs-spot/)

**Ride Calendar:**

May 8<sup>th</sup> Gooseberry Mesa

June 12<sup>th</sup> Pine Valley

July- Chapter Dark

**Adjournment: 7:55**



# Calendar of Events

## CHAPTER MEETINGS :

- **May 11th—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 8th—Gooseberry Mesa (Apple Valley) In the Saddle 10:00AM, bring lunch—Great views of Zion Park mountains.**  
**Directions:** Take SR 9 off I-15 east to Hurricane. At the east end of Hurricane turn right on 100E, then left on SR 59 to Kanab/Lake Powell, travel 12 miles to the Gas station in Apple Valley and continue for 2-2 1/2 miles, turn left on dirt road to Gooseberry Mesa.
- **June 12th—Pine Valley**



**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: Jim Wallick



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Back Country Horsemen of Utah



Southwest Chapter Newsletter  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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