



Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members



From the Presidents Saddle



After two months of no chapter activity I was concerned that our members would get out of the groove and not show up for our meeting or rides in August. We had eight show up for the Chapter meeting and then twenty for the ride at Navajo Lake. Good job guys & gals let's keep it going.

You will note in the minutes we had decided to ride at Gooseberry Mesa in September. Subsequent to the meeting we were contacted by the Duvall's inviting us to ride out of their new place in Enterprise and host a

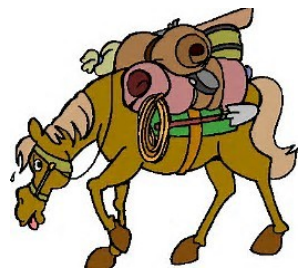
burger burn afterwards. The board voted to accept the offer and changed our September ride to the Duvall's. Y'all come and enjoy!

The USFS crews have been busy on the mountain (see pg 5). There is more to do in PV and I was scheduled to go and evaluate the needed trail repairs with Will Gardner, USFS but his plan was interrupted because he has been called out to fight fires out of state.

I was contacted by Washington County Community Development regarding trails in WA County. I met for an hour with five members who are in the process of documenting all the trails in WA County, a big undertaking for sure. I will be serving on a sub-committee for equestrian & hiking trails.

Happy Trails!

Paul



NEXT MEETING:

Sept 11th 6:30PM

Community Building

See Page 7 for details



Monthly Ride!

Sept 9th—Duvall's

Oct 14th—Sand Hollow Reservoir

See Page 7 for Details



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September 11th

**Potluck and meeting at
the Community Bldg
6:30PM**

BCH Ride at Navajo Lake

August 12, 2016

By

Paul Sloane

What a great day on the mountain with beautiful weather and 20 of our members and guests showing up for the ride. Some that have not ridden with us for awhile and a joy to see them again. Arriving for the ride today were: Ann Guhman, Chuck Schlicht, Chris Hall, Larry Bell, Maria Harris, Connie Jackson, Vic & Jan Middleton, Keith Christensen, Michelle Berthoty, DeAnn Fieselman, Jodi Blatter, Roshelle Bromley, Ti-mandra Fawson, Lucy Bromley, Mikayla Johnson, Ellen & Elvin Hensley, Dana Millsap, and Paul Sloane. Everyone was impressed with the new paved road along the south side of the lake, except for a few horses that were not so impressed when asked to cross it.

As it sometimes happens when you have a lot of folks traveling a longer distance we don't all arrive as planned so we got off to a staggered start but eventually we all met along the trail. This actually worked out quite well as we were not all in a large group at one time.

As we had done before, we chose to ride the north side of the lake to the east end crossing the Lava field and stopping for lunch before crossing the road onto the trail heading back west on the south side of the lake. About mid-lake the trail forks to the south and up the hill you go reaching an elevation of around 9,000 ft. From there you ride the ridge line until you connect with the Virgin River Rim trail which takes you down the mountain to the west end of the lake where we crossed the road again and on to where our rigs were parked.

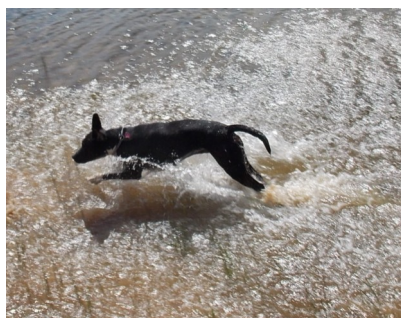
Some riders chose not to continue past the lunch spot as they did not want to tackle the mountain trails and longer ride. After lunch the faster horses went ahead and did their thing at their speed. We came across a few mountain bikers who were all considerate of the horses. Came across some deer too, one just stood to watch the horses pass by just a few yards away. As it seems to always happen the storm clouds rolled in around 4PM or so and we began getting a few sprinkles during the latter part of the ride but no real rain.

The Forrest Service or somebody was taking serious the thinning out of the trees and undergrowth. There was an impressive amount Teepee shaped stacks of wood everywhere for a long distance along the trail. A welcome sight for fire and beetle control.

In all we were five and a half hours from start to end including lunch and other small delays. As I said at the beginning of this story 'What a great day to be on the mountain'.



Just one short section



FOUR LEG RACE PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

A race has been proposed to benefit the 47 Day's of Dixie to be ran in October or November. The race will have four different legs: The first leg will be horses for approx 4 miles, the second and third legs will be bicycles approx 4 miles ea leg, and the last and final leg will be runners approx. .5 mi down main st in Washington. Each segment will be with different participants, no one will be asked to do more than one leg.

If anyone is interested in participating please contact Paul Sloane 632-7642 or psloane@infowest.com

BCH Booth at 4th of July Celebration in Colorado City

Shane Christensen, our hard working member who lives in the Cane Fields community organized an opportunity to present BCH to the residents of Colorado City during their Fourth of July celebration at the community park. Shane set-up his packing equipment and tools used for clearing trails. We assisted him by supplying our BCH booth and photo's. Paul Sloane and Ilene Mackelprang helped man the booth. Thank you Shane!



Pine Valley Equestrian Center

I recently spent a couple of hours with Will Gardner, USFS inventorying the equestrian camp-sites and corrals. The USFS is putting together a proposal to replace the existing corrals with custom made all steel corrals and adding additional corrals where appropriate. In most cases the corrals will be relocated to a more suitable location at each site and have two corrals at each site where ever possible. They will be taking a look at the water spigot problem as well.

THEY ARE ASKING FOR YOUR INPUT REGARDING THE CORRALS AND CAMP SITES. THEY ALSO WANT TO KNOW IF HITCHING RAILS ARE NEEDED? It does not appear that the one that are there now are used much.

SEND YOUR INPUT TO psloane@infowest.com

Pine Valley North Summit Trail

Will Gardner, USFS just reported to me that the North Summit trail has been cleared from Whipple to the Sheep's Pen and from Whipple to Hidden Valley.

Mill canyon has been cleared from the TH to Mill flat.



I recently hosted a ride in PV with (L-R) Sol Harris-Boundy, Ross Boundy, & Bryce Clayton who contacted me regarding a ride. We rode from the equestrian parking lot to the Whipple TH and took the new trail behind the cabins to the ditch trail. This is a nice trail and much needed. I understand that there is a new bridge crossing the river just as you approach the paved area going to the ditch trail. Needs signs!

BCHUSW Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2017

The **BCHUSW** Chapter meeting was called to order August 8, 2017 at the St. George Community Center by President Paul Sloane. In attendance were: Paul Sloane, Vic Middleton, Freddy Dunn, Dennis Peters, Susan Hanson, Keith Christensen, Judith Mayfield, and Jeanette Blasdell

Minutes: Minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer' Report: Judith Mayfield presented the January through July Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparisons. Our total income is \$3,526.11 as compared to last year's total of \$4,333.95. Our net income at this time is \$275.50 as compared to last year's -\$148.61. Our total assets as of July 1 is 6,334.95. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the presented report.

Report from National: Freddy Dunn reported current happenings at the national level and reminded members to call their congressmen. Two important areas currently getting a lot of attention are Bikes in the Wilderness that BCH does not support and No Red Tape that outdoor groups along with BCH are in support of. Freddy expressed the importance of contributing to the \$5 A Month Club as it is one way BCH can document how much our members believe in our cause. At the national level BCH was awarded a \$5,000 grant from an Austin group.

Old Business: The June 10th White Rocks ride was canceled due to fire in the area.

New Business:

- A motion was made and passed to reimburse Paul \$27.71 for Pine Valley corral repair materials, and also to reimburse Judith \$30.76 for envelopes and stamps.
- A request was made for participants in a four leg race to benefit 47 Day's Dixie. The race will have one leg constituting a horse race, followed by two legs of bike racing, ending with a short leg of running. The horse and bike race legs will be four miles each and the run will be about ½ mile. Each leg will be separate competitors. Look for more specific details in the newsletter.
- Visitors requested members to hook up with in Pine Valley 8/13-8/15. Freddy sent out a separate email to provide assistance.

Ride Calendar:

- August 12 Navajo Lake
- September 9 Gooseberry Mesa
- October 14 Sand Hollow

Announcements:

- Roger and Crystal Phillips are moving to CA

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned 7:20.

Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Blasdell



Calendar of Events

CHAPTER MEETINGS :

- September 11th—St. George Community Bldg. 6:30pm; Potluck 7:00pm

DON'T FORGET TO BRING SOMETHING FOR OUR MEETING:

Come and participate in our decisions for the chapter!



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

- September 9th— The Duvall's spread in Enterprise with Burger Burn to Follow. Bring a side dish! In the Saddle at 10:00 AM
Directions: Take SR-18 north to Enterprise, turn left at the T (Sinclair Station), go 5 miles west to the Duvall'. 2 Story yellow house with yellow out building a big barn. Their name is on a rock and house number 3272 is on a post.
- October 14th—Sand Hollow Reservoir (not confirmed)

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: Michelle Berthoty



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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: _____

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