

Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members



From the Presidents Saddle



2018 BCH year was drawn to a close with our annual Dinner/Auction held at the community building on Dec. 7th with a full house of 60 people in attendance. We welcomed special guests Nick Glidden, USFS & Laura Melling, Sand Hollow Complex. Our own Fred Ybright did the Dutch oven cookin' and Jeanette Blasdell made all the fixin's to round out the meal & Mother Costco supplied some of the trimmin's. The dinner was wonderful. The most important part of the evening was our annual election of officers. Paul Sloane was re-elected as President, Lin Hokana was newly

elected as our Vice President, and Freddy Dunn/Judith Mayfield were elected as our Treasurer duo. Jeanette Blasdell was re-appointed as our secretary. Many thanks to the officers that served in 2018 and beyond who have graciously agreed to continue on. And thank you to our departing Vic Middleton who served as VP in 2018. Everybody has done an outstanding job and deserves a BIG THANK YOU!

The other important part of the evening was membership, auction and raffle. The total proceeds for the evening was \$731. Total expenses have not been compiled as yet but it looks like a successful event.

We are about to pull the trigger to purchase the two bridges for Pine Valley. (See page 4 for more)

Thank you for your vote of confidence. Happy trails,

Paul

NEXT MEETING

January 8th, 6:30PM

Community Building

See Page 7 for details



Monthly Ride!

January 12th

Valley of Fire, NV

See Page 7 for Details

January 8th

Meeting at the Commu-
nity Bldg 6:30PM

Happy New Year!



May your dreams run wild and free
And never fear to follow where they lead

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Dutch Oven Specialist—Fred Ybright



Auctioneers Susan Hansen & Dennis Peters



And the winning numbers are



Sherri Phillips—Laubs Cubes



Vic Middleton—Quilt

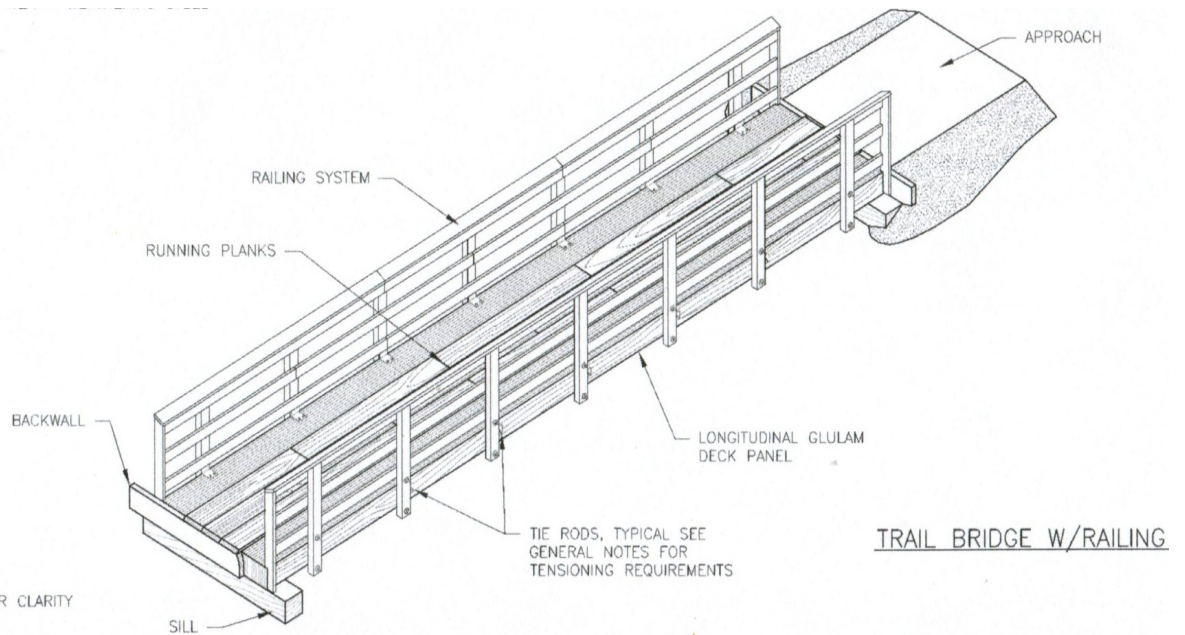
Bridge Projects

Pine Valley:

The USFS engineers have completed the design changes for the two bridges in Pine Valley. The original design was a bridge kit which would require full assembly at the bridge sites. The re-designed bridges are "GLULAM" decks. These bridges will be constructed by the bridge company as 20 foot long by 6 ft wide solid laminated and glued deck assemblies. This was done because the USFS felt it would be better for them to utilize their equipment to move the one piece bridge decks into position on site in lieu of hauling the bridges in piece by piece. This construction will provide a longer lasting bridge for decades to come. Our BCH chapter will add the bridge railings and running planks after the bridge decks are in place.

The revised bridge quotation is \$17,630 for both bridges delivered to the USFS facilities in Cedar City. The previous quotation was \$20,412. The FS will transport the bridges to the installation sites once the sites have been prepared by the ACE (American Conservation Experience) crews.

The projected delivery date for the bridges is April/May 2019



Snow Canyon State Park:

Recently we were contacted by Kristen Comella inquiring if we could assist in providing a bridge over the ravine behind the stepover at the south entrance parking area. I went out and took some photos and subsequently forwarded them to the USFS engineering dept. They have agreed to assist by providing some bridge resources that would be appropriate for that application. The Snow Canyon bridge will not require the same specifications as the USFS bridges.

Backcountry Horsemen of Utah Southwest Chapter 2018 Year End Report

The Southwest Chapter continued its reputation as a "chapter of accomplishment". We have a diverse geographical landscape ranging from 1,200 ft elevation to 9,000 ft in which to ride and maintain the trails and enjoy year around riding. We had a membership decrease from 71 last year to 61 this year. We had 10 scheduled chapter meetings and 10 scheduled chapter rides. Plus a variety of projects and other activities (See following).

Other activities and projects were:

- Hosted riders from Colorado
- Wrote an article for a on-line publication Create in Utah titled "Horseing around in National Recreation Areas".
- Numerous meetings with USFS District Ranger in Pine Valley and staff, including (ACE) American Conservation Experience Director for Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant. Project: bridges over two trail water crossings.
- We were awarded a \$20,897 Grant for these bridges.
- Working with Washington County on their new trails web site. Provided area trail information and 60 related photos for their web site.
- Working with BLM on remodeling plans for the Cottonwood trailhead.
- Did some maintenance work on a hard water crossing in Water Canyon along with some maintenance work done on a stepover at the Red Mountain trailhead.
- Held our annual Dutch Oven Dinner and Auction event. This is our only membership drive and fund raiser for the year. Annual election of officers is conducted at this meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Paul G. Sloane
President 2018

Calendar of Events

CHAPTER MEETINGS :

- January 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)

- January 12th - Valley of Fire, Nevada - In the saddle at 10:30A Utah Time—9:30 NV time (leave by 8:30 Utah time) bring lunch. Directions: Take I-15 south to the Logandale/Overton exit and turn left over I-15. Go 19.6 miles and turn right at Valley of Fire. Go another mile to the park gate. Travel time from St George should be 1-1/2—2hours

NOTE: At the Park Gate pay the entrance fee, then turn around and come back to the parking area for the trailers. (They are in sight of each other)



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 year!

Sported by: Richard Boschee

Selected from 2018 Hat's of the month



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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