



# Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members



## From the Presidents Saddle



Heads up! Fred Ybright our good friend from the USFS and Dutch oven Chef at our Annual Dinner Auction is **TURNING 80!** Our BCH members are invited to stop by for cake & ice cream and wish Fred a Happy 80th at the Enterprise Community Center Saturday Nov 9th 3:30PM. Congrats Fred!

The folks at the Governors office who issued the Utah Outdoor Recreational grant that we used to build the bridges has advised us that there is a new type of grant that may make it possible to get funding for

new corrals at the equestrian campground.

We will be meeting with the FS and attending a workshop to see if the project would be feasible.

Start gearing up for our Annual Dinner Auction scheduled for December 6th. This is a good time to remind everyone how important the fund raising is. If we had not built up enough funds in our bank account we would have never been able to pull off securing the grant to build the bridges in Pine Valley. Bridges that will serve the public for generations to come. A great legacy for our chapter and BCHA. This is also a great time to recruit new members, rejuvenate past members, and acquire check book members. Let's Get'er Done.

Happy trails,

Paul

### NEXT MEETING

**Nov 12th, 6:30PM Community Building**

**See Page 7 for details**



**Monthly Ride!**

**Nov 9th—  
Snow Canyon**

**Dec 6th—  
Dinner Auction**

**See Page 7 for Details**

**November 12th**

**Meeting at the Community Bldg 6:30PM**



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## BCH Ride at the Duvall's Ranch

October 12, 2019

By Paul Sloane



This was a repeat performance from our first ride at the Duvall's new digs two years ago. Everyone had a great time then were anticipating having another great time today. After all, there was going to be a burger burn following the ride and who would want to miss that?

Ten riders arrived for the day's ride, they were: Ann Guhman, Janette Blasdell, Richard Boschee, Paul Sloane, Sherri Phillips, Dean Marriott, Ruth Shearer, Lin Hokana, and of course our awesome hosts Mike & Kathy Duvall. Freddy & Larry Dunn joined us at ride's end to partake of the burger burn.

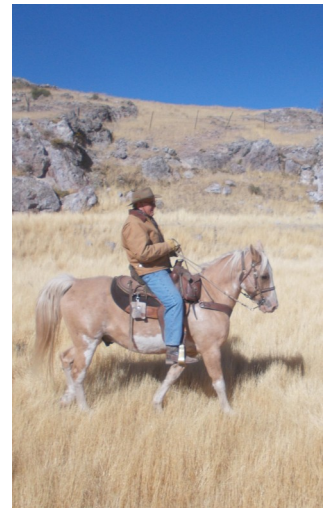
The Duvall's have a 20 acre spread that backs up to BLM land, just open the back gate and ride forever it seems. The initial part of the ride is weaving through juniper trees while riding up the hill then side hilling through ravines which eventually led us back to flatter ground. From the hills we could see the town of Enterprise off to the east. We came to a ranch where they raised cattle and the Duvall's had secured permission for us the ride through their facility. From the looks of the dump sites and old equipment laying around that this ranch has been in operation for many a decade. Richard Boschee our cattleman from North Dakota, with thousands of gate openings behind him did most all of the gate opening/closing honors of the day. In this case experience does not pay. Thanks Richard!

Once on flat land we rode through large field of dried grass that was remindful of fields of wheat. As we rode along we passed two beautiful old cottonwood trees standing like two sentinel's watching over the fields. Mike estimated their age to be around 200 years old. As we circled back towards our starting point we once again started weaving our way through the Jumpers and gaining altitude when we arrived at a beautiful little valley that is frequented by a heard of wild horses. Horse tracks and stud piles were visible but no horses on this day. From here we all agreed to take the shorter route home back tracking partly from where we rode out.

Upon arriving at our rigs we undressed our mounts and prepared for the burger burn. The ladies started preparing the side dishes folks brought while Mike was firing up the grill for the burger burn. We need to shout out a thank you to Jeanette Blasdell who took the time and effort to do the shopping for the burger burn. And of course a shout out to our hosts of the day. Once the grill was hot Paul Sloane started cook'in and everyone got their fill.

Another great day on the range was had by all.





**Gate Man of the Day!**

## Video Documentary on Red Cliffs Desert Reserve

Eight riders participated in the making of a documentary on Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. The riders were: Freddy Dunn, Pat Matthews, her neighbor Colleen, Ann Guhman, Jeanette Blazdell, Carol Gregory, Richard Boschee, and Paul Sloane.



Richard is not under arrest—He is getting fitted with a Go-Pro camera.



Filming the riders on the trail.



This article was published by BCHA in December 2008. Although our rides are less formal than suggested below, there are some good points that we can take away from it. Look it over and practice what suggestions you think could apply to our rides. It would not hurt to talk about them before we ride as well.

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# Safe And Enjoyable Trail Ride

SAFETY is PRIORITY

### STAGING AREA

- ◆ Be on time and park considerately. Latecomers hold up everyone else.
- ◆ Tack up, bring halter with lead rope, water, lunch, jacket, or whatever else you need.
- ◆ Clean up manure, hay or litter in staging or camping area.
- ◆ Use ribbons to denote special situations: **red ribbon** if your stock tends to kick, **green ribbon** to signify a novice stock or rider, and a **blue ribbon** should be used to denote a stallion.
- ◆ Use of helmets is a personal choice of the rider.

### WHILE ON A TRAIL

- ◆ Trail boss is the boss. If you are riding in any way which the trail boss feels poses a danger to other riders, you will be asked to modify your behavior or leave the ride.
- ◆ Stay behind the trail leader (usually but not always the trail boss) and in front of the designated drag rider. If you are having problems call out for a stop.
- ◆ The use of a helmet is a personal safety choice of the rider.
- ◆ When mounting to ride, keep your horse still until everyone is mounted.
- ◆ You must have permission from the trail boss before bringing a dog or a stallion.
- ◆ Most Group rides are walk only, an exception would be bees, etc... but as needed, rides will be divided into the 'Slow Group' which walks only and the 'Fast Group' which includes gaited and endurance type horses. Ride in the group that fits your horse's type and conditioning.
- ◆ Please don't crowd the horse in front of you. Try to leave a horse length of open space between horses, even at stops. Be sure to ask riders in front and back of you about their animal's comfort level.
- ◆ Call back trail obstacles and/or low branches to riders behind you.
- ◆ Leave gates as you find them. When a rider dismounts to open a gate, at least a portion of the other riders wait until he/she has remounted before leaving.

- ◆ Crossing water, the first horses are allowed to drink, then move up the trail, stop! Allow more horses to drink. The group does not leave until all have watered.
- ◆ In difficult or steep terrain, allow more space and keep moving. If you need to stop for any reason, wait until the trail leader finds a suitable place where all can safely stop.
- ◆ Be courteous and friendly to other trail users. While passing - safety for all parties is the priority. Greet other users to initiate a conversation so the animals can identify a non-threatening situation. If possible, a hiker should step to the downhill side. This provides a safer passing for both hiker and stock.
- ◆ Stay on the trail; obey agency rules; respect private property.
- ◆ When riding along a road, ride with the traffic. When crossing roads, cross abreast rather than single file, post riders in front and post riders behind the group to alert traffic.
- ◆ Riding side by side is permissible when passing in the same or opposite direction, if the trail is wide enough, and all trail rules are observed.
- ◆ No smoking allowed on trails.

### TIPS FOR BREAKS OR LUNCH STOPS

- ◆ Water your stock during breaks or stops. Be cautious as to the amount of water given because some animals that are overheated can ty-up. Animals, while working, need as much as they will drink.
- ◆ Smoking is allowed during breaks in a safe area.
- ◆ Tie your horse safely. Loosen the cinch slightly during a long break. Do a safety check before remounting.
- ◆ When tying your horse, be sure there is ample room for other users to pass safely by your stock. Be sure you are not blocking the trail.
- ◆ If there is no garbage can, pack your trash out.
- ◆ Alcohol use can make riding dangerous, use discretion.
- ◆ The drag rider needs to remove trail flagging at the end of ride.



BCHUSW Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 2019

The BCHUSW chapter meeting was called to order by President Paul Sloane October 8, 2019 at the St. George Community Center. In attendance were: Lin Hokana, Freddy Dunn, Pat Matthews, and Paul Sloane.

**Minutes:** A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes as printed in September’s newsletter.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Freddy Dunn submitted the Profit & Loss January 2019 thru September 18, 2019. Again the P&L statement shows us in the hole due to the bridge funding. It should straighten our by next month after we receive the balance of the grant monies due. Currently we are showing \$10,855.00 Total Income, -\$11,334.98 Net Income, and \$1,898.24 Total Liabilities & Equity. A motion was made and approved to accept the report as submitted.

**Old Business:** (None)

**New Business:**

- Freddy Dunn reported that we need riders for October 17th video production about the Red Cliffs Desert reserve.
- Final plans were discussed for the ride and burger burn at the Duvall’s Oct 12th.
- Paul & Freddy will be attending Fred Ybright’s 80th birthday party and will miss the November chapter ride. Paul to call Roshelle to see if she can lead the ride in Snow Canyon.
- Paul pointed out that we need to start planning for the Annual Dinner Auction December 6th.
- We need to meet with the FS regarding the upcoming Recreation Restoration Infrastructure Grant workshop. We need to determine if the FS wants to pursue this grant for updating the corrals at the equestrian campground. Paul is to contact Nick at the FS.
- A motion was made and approved to reimburse Freddy Dunn \$37.57 for the Matheson dinner.

**Ride Calendar:**

- Snow Canyon—November 9th
- Annual Dinner Auction—December 6th

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# Calendar of Events

## CHAPTER MEETINGS :

- November 12th—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)

- November 9th—Snow Canyon (From the overlook off Hwy 18) in the saddle at 10AM—**Bring lunch**

Directions: Take Hwy 18 north and proceed .8mi past the large Winchester Hills sign, turn left to the overlook. From the north take the first road past the Snow Canyon entrance, turn right.

- December 6th—Annual Dinner Auction

**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!



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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