

Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members



Presidents Message



Merry Christmas! This is a photo of my mother with my father's horse and our cows. It is in the beautiful Sacramento Mountains of New Mexico. Most of those surrounding mountains are part of the Lincoln National Forest. Well you know where I am going...access to the public lands for saddle and pack stock. I know we will continue to keep this effort in our hearts, minds and our able combined hands. As you read our minutes, you will see we need to welcome a new Vice-President/President-elect, Paul Sloane! The new Treasurer is Betty Stokes. Roshelle Bromley takes the reins as our President this coming year...Congratulations! Alice Sloane will continue as our able Secretary!

I have enjoyed my service for the most part because everyone does part of the work and the load is never heavy. I know we will all lend a hand when called upon to do our part. I look forward to the coming year and hope we can all continue to work and ride!

Betty Crane



Merry Christmas!

NEXT MEETING:

th 6:30PM

Community Building

See Page 7 for details



December 15th

Cottonwood Trailhead
11:00A

January 12th

Chuckawalla 11:00A
Burger Burn to follow

See Page 7 for Details



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December 11th

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

BCH Ride Gunlock Reservoir

November 17, 2012

By

Paul Sloane



Well this month we could not out guess the weather. We did get rained on a bit but not all that bad, all things considered. Eight courageous riders showed up at the parking area around pump station 7 just west of the Gunlock Reservoir dam. They were Freddy Dunn our ride leader, Paul & Alice Sloane, Pat Matthews, KJ Jeffries, Carlos Duenas, and Rulon & Sheila Martineau.

This was a wing-it ride as we were not following any specific trail although we did use some two track roads from time to time. Freddy and Richard Cline had scouted out the ride a couple of weeks ago so Freddy knew where we were going; it was new to the rest of us. We left the rigs under cloudy skies mixed with sunshine but we could see the rain coming down farther to the west of us. We crossed the highway and dropped down to the river and followed it up to the base of the dam. We passed the entrance to the slot canyon and then went up the hill past the dam's overflow. If you like collecting driftwood this is the place to go; it is everywhere. A short time later we veered off the road to the northeast and began winging-it through the junipers under rainbows in the sky, past sand and rock formations which were really beautiful and fun to ride through. Since this was a wing-it ride not everyone stayed on track and selected a route that fit their fancy which was part of the objective of this ride. Just as we reached what you could describe as the summit the raindrops began to fall so we rain geared-up then continued on through a Cholla forest that managed to find a couple of our riders who got too close. I was happy I had my chaps on as they saved me a poke or two. We reached a point where we had to decide if we wanted to carry on or return to our rigs. Because the rain was intermittent and not coming down very hard we all decided to ride on and explore a canyon Freddy & Richard found that was really pretty. That turned out to be a good decision as the canyon was really unique with multiple colored rock formations. We followed the canyon down until it reached the lake shore. This is where Freddy had planned to stop for lunch but since it was still raining off and on we skipped that idea. We started back climbing up the hill out of the canyon and picked up a road that headed back west towards the dam. The rain had stopped when we arrived at an area with fire pits and picnic tables along the north shore of the lake so we tied up and took advantage of the facilities for our lunch stop.

After lunch the group continued on the return ride but upon approaching the slot canyon again we split up. Most continued on to the rigs but Freddy & Paul took Carlos up to see the slot canyon, as he had never experienced it before. We only went a short distance thru the slot before the trail started to get technical and we did not want to deal with it today. Carlos was satisfied with what he had seen and we headed back out. As the main group of riders returned to the rigs Mother Nature decided to give them one last shot of rain. Since I had the trailer tack room key with me Alice just threw her horse in the trailer saddle and all and waited for us in the cab of the truck. By the time we returned the bath was over and we undressed our horses and headed home under clearer skies.

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Everyone agreed that it was a good ride and we were glad we went.



Back Country Horsemen of Utah—Southwest Chapter

Cordially invites you to our

Annual Membership Drive and Auction

Back Country Horsemen of Utah is part of a National Organization of trail riders working with our land managers to keep trails open to pack and saddle stock. Many of these trails are enjoyed by hikers and mountain bikers as well. Your membership helps us to continue our work in Washington and Iron Counties.



DATE: Friday, December 7, 2012

PLACE: St. George Opera House (Main & 200 North)

TIME: Doors open at 6:30 pm

PRICE: Single membership buys one meal; Family membership pays for two meals. Additional meals will be \$10 per plate.

AUCTION: Paul Gooch will again spearhead the auction. We will have lots of great Christmas presents—so plan on doing some of your shopping here and support BCH!

**RSVP YOUR RESERVATION TO
FREDDY DUNN BY NOVEMBER 30TH**

862-6181 OR freddydunn@gmail.com

**DO YOU HAVE AUCTION ITEMS TO
CONTRIBUTE?**

Call Roshelle Bromley 313-7518



BCHUSW Meeting Minutes 11-13-12

The **BCHUSW** Chapter meeting was called to order Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at the St. George Community Center at 7 p.m. by President Betty Stokes. Present were : Betty Stokes, Freddy Dunn, Paul and Alice Sloane, Crystal Phillips, Dexter Rees and Rochelle Bromley.

MINUTES: The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: Net income through Nov. 12, 2012: \$ 455.36. Total Liabilities & Equity: \$5,163.48. Dexter moved to approve and Paul seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Steptovers-Freddy reports that our Grant requirements are all fulfilled now. We received a letter from Bob Sandburg to thank the BCH for all our work at the Desert Preserve. Perhaps we can plan to do one or two steptovers a year.

-Betty brought up the point that when using a trail we should all be sure to sign in at the trailhead as horse riders. Our riders should make a point to sign in as they are doing surveys on usage. It does require dismounting to sign the register book. Perhaps we could install mounting blocks near the sign-in book.

AUCTION/MEMBERSHIP DINNER-December 7, 2012, at the Opera House, set up at 6 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 and the Auction at 7 p.m. Freddy will send out invitations and ask for an RSVP's, then ask our members to forward the invitation to their friends, neighbors and other riders. Our planners should spend well but reasonably. Suggest we contact KONY Country Radio for some non-profit advertising time. We will use a Christmas theme. Fred Ybright will cook Dutch oven food and Freddy will contact Catering Concepts for the side dishes. Request members bring desserts. Paul will invite land managers and contact the Duvalls regarding Mayor McArthur. Dexter and Rochelle will collect auction items and ask members to collect as well. Anyone can contact Dexter or Rochelle for donations.

RIDE CALENDAR: the Snow Canyon ride is postponed, instead on Dec 15 we will ride Cottonwood, in the saddle at 11 a.m. and bring your lunch.

-Jan 12 at Chuckwalla at 11 a.m. with a burger burn lunch.

-Feb. 9th at Exit 13 at 10:30 a.m., bring your lunch.

-March 9th will be Snow Canyon

-April, tentative ride at Confluence Park if the river isn't too high.

-May, possibly a ride with the Bristol Cone Chapter in Las Vegas.

-Paul will contact John Zimmerman about a ride in Apple Valley.

NEW BUSINESS -ELECTIONS: President – Betty nominates Rochelle Bromley, Freddy seconded, vote carried. Vice President- Rochelle nominates Paul Sloane, Betty seconded, vote carried. Treasurer- Betty volunteered and vote carried. Secretary- Alice Sloane will continue in this position. Freddy said we need to purchase the Quick Books and the Coffee Cup programs to help run the club, Paul moved and Dexter seconded, vote carried. Freddy will take over our Face Book site and will continue to be our National representative.

-Paul updated us on the plans to help install drip irrigation at Confluence Park.

The meeting closed at 8 p.m. with a motion by Paul Sloane seconded by Dexter Rees.

Respectfully submitted ,
Alice Sloane

Calendar of Events

CHAPTER MEETINGS :

- December 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)

- December Ride Changed to: December 15th at Cottonwood trailhead-in saddle 11:00 Bring lunch. If you need directions call one of our chapter contacts below.
- January 12th Chuckawalla 11:00 –Burger Burn to follow.
- February 9th Exit 13 10:30—Bring lunch
- March 9th Snow Canyon
- April Confluence Park (Tentative)
- May Possible ride with the Bristol Cone Chapter, Las Vegas



Hat of the Month!



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Back Country Horsemen of Utah

Southwest Chapter Newsletter
P.O. Box 3174
St. George, UT 84771

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: \$25.00; Family: \$35.00; Patron: \$100.00 to \$299.00;

Benefactor: \$300.00+