



# Southwest Cairn

## Marking the trails for our members

May 2014



### From the Presidents Saddle



April and May are sizing up to be busy month's for our chapter with activities, both planned and un-planned. Coming up on April 25th is the Wilderness Fest at Confluence Park, 3-7PM. We will be participating by demonstrating Leave No Trace Camping with Fred Ybright teaching. I have been working closely with Bob Sandberg at the Desert Reserve regarding the tumbleweed problem there. UDOT has cleared the road up to the trailhead and the BLM is going to burn the pile inside the TH. I have responded to Bryce Canyon's request for comments regarding adding guide fees for public use horses. If you have not done so, your comments are

important. The problem is that the damage private horse riders are doing to the park by being careless. I have also communicated with Zion Nat'l Park regarding the Hop Valley trailhead. I have asked them to consider enlarging the trailhead to accommodate more horse trailers. At the request of the BLM I have supplied about 60 photographs and information on our work projects on BLM land for their web site. Speaking of the BLM, they have two projects in May taking place on Red Mountain. One is an archaeology survey and the other is a BLM staff overnight pack trip by horse-back. They have asked for assistance in packing supplies in/out and help on the overnight camping trip. Kent Thurgood has agreed to help on the packing although additional packers may be needed. Keep your eyes open for an email coming soon from Freddy regarding BCHA Crowd funding. This is very important regarding the launching of our new BCHA website. It is not asking very much from each of us but will make a big difference.

Keep riding and stay safe. Paul

### NEXT MEETING:

**May 13th 6:30PM**

**Community Building**

**See Page 7 for details**



**May 10th-Duncan Springs**

**June 14th-Comanch Cabin**

**May 13th**  
**Potluck and meeting at**  
**the Community Bldg**  
**6:30PM**



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**BCH Ride Red Mountain & Burger Burn**

April 12, 2014

By

Paul Sloane

Only six riders arrived for what turned out to be a wonderful ride that was most enjoyable. A perfect day. The six were Cindy Tate which was her first ride with us as a new member, Dexter Rees, Charles Harris, Dallan Rosenk-rantz and Paul & Alice Sloane. Ellen Hensley and Dana Milsap arrived early but went on ahead because they had to be back early.

We took the usual route heading south out of the trailhead and looped around returning to the north end of the trail-head. It was a beautiful day with perfect riding weather. Cindy Tate was impressed with the ride as this was her first time on this loop although she had been to the Snow Canyon overlook before, but had only taken the road up the hill out of the trailhead missing all the good stuff. When we got to the gate at the Doc's ranch we found that someone had propped it open with branches against the sign that says "KEEP CLOSED". This sort of thing is what causes us to loose privileges on private land, but I do not know what we can do except close the gate and hope no cows got loose.

Red Mountain was certainly busy with hikers enjoying the scenery; we passed several groups on the trail. One group we met at the overlook was from Provo. When we got back off the mountain and used the stepover that we repaired last summer, (installing railroad ties to stop erosion and raise the level of soil under the stepover) I was really pleased to see that the modification has been working perfectly, even surviving the winter rains.

We returned to the trailhead and undressed our horses and got busy with the burger burn. We set up our eating table under some trees in the shade while I cooked the burgers and handed them through the fence to the eager eat-ers. As we had planned for many more riders we had an abundance of food and nobody went home hungry. As we were packing-up to leave a man came up and asked if we knew where Juniper Tree was. His daughter was lost and was standing by a sign that said Juniper Tree. She also said that she had gone through one of the wood stepovers. As we were trying to figure it out she called again and could see the trailhead, so she was saved.

Just as a side comment. It takes a lot of extra work preparing for a burger burn and doing it for a small group is a little disappointing. Maybe the solution will be to do an RSVP a week before a planned ride with a burger burn. If the response is low then cancel the burger burn and just do the ride. I welcome any thoughts you have on the subject. Email me at [psloane@infowest.com](mailto:psloane@infowest.com).

Our small group really had a wonderful day and especially enjoyed sitting in the shade of the trees and having lunch together, sharing our thoughts and saving the world.









## GUESTS



Thursday evening (10th) I received a phone call from Kristie Bennion who was with a group of ladies and one man from the High Uinta, Idaho, Montana, and the State of Virginia who were looking for trails to ride. I happened to have Friday open and offered to lead them on a ride at exit 13. The visitors are (L-R in photo) Kristie Bennion, Melody Light, Karen Moyle, Julie Lawson, and OK Olsen. As I arrived at the trailhead I discovered Roshelle Bromley's rig and two others at the trailhead also. It turned out that Roshelle was leading some guests from the SLC area. They all loved the ride and especially enjoyed the wild flowers that are popping up. Note the Indian Paint Brush in the photo at the rings. For me it is a pleasure to share our beautiful trails and I am sure all our members feel the same way.



Monday April 14th we hosted Kent & Charlene Krone (center) with **Trail Rider Magazine** on a ride to the Santa Clara River. They were invited here by Mike & Kathy Duvall (on the left) to do a story on trail riding in southern Utah. Also joining us on the ride was Katie Bennion (on the right) who rode with us on Friday (above story). Again the weather was perfect for showing off the wonderful places we have available for our rides. We all enjoyed the greenery along the river framed by the beautiful red rock formations. They also enjoyed seeing the beaver dams, petroglyphs, and just exploring and making our own trails as we went.



Paul Sloane

Photo Journalist at Work

**BCHUSW MEETING MINUTES**

The BCHUSW Chapter meeting was called to order Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at the St. George Community Center at 7:05 P.M. by President Paul Sloane.

In attendance were:

Freddy Dunn, Paul Sloane & Alice Sloane, Cindy Tate  
Betty Stokes, Kathy Duvall & Mike Duvall,  
Dexter Rees, Dave Howells,  
Keith Christensen, Chuck Harris, Jay Rex

**MINUTES** were approved, as recorded in the newsletter

Freddy Dunn made a motion to approve

Dexter Rees Seconded

**TREASURE REPORT** BY: Freddy Dunn

TOTAL INCOME YTD               \$4,028.68

TOTAL EXPENSES YTD           \$2,651.30

NET INCOME YTD               \$1,379.22

Some discussion was had about the \$495 grant from Water Canyon, still in our accounts and holding.

Treasurers report motion to accept made by Kathy Duvall

Seconded by Keith Christensen

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Gila Trail step over gate idea was presented to Snow Canyon by Paul Sloane. They are taking it under advisement
- USFS Water tanks in Pine Valley, Jay Rex was to talk with them and forgot. He will report next month about the results.
- Wilderness Fest April 25<sup>th</sup>, Confluence Park-Leave no Trace w/ Fred Ybright/public invited/ much publicity to be there
- Cottonwood Trailhead-Tumbleweed problem /Bob Sandburg contacted at the Reserve- Kathy Duvall reported that it is clear in the road but that the trailhead is still in desperate need of clearing. Citizens of Dixie would be willing to partner in clearing.
- BLM/Wilderness over nighter at Red Mountain is scheduled for May 28-29. It was decided that Kayenta overlook may not work due to lack of water. Other options were considered. Paul will get with others to find a more suitable location.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- BCHC Crowd funding- Freddy Dunn reported that BCHA is attempting to raise about \$60,000 at sights on the internet that help fundraising for worthy causes. April 25, National will release a new BCHA site. The site was previewed for everyone to see.
- Hop Valley- USFS laws were discussed. It was noted that it can currently be ridden, can take private horses to ride during Zion's "OFF" time. It was also discussed that the trailhead needs some work and the USFS is willing to address this need. We should all request this area to be improved.
- April 18 there will be a considerable amount of surveying around the Red Mountain trailhead area. Please be considerate of the workers.

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- Reimbursement was suggest for the cost of drinks at our last meeting due to the fact that we were unable to get into our normal meeting place. We moved to the Pizza Place and were treated very well. Paul sent a thank you to them for allowing us to have our meeting there. Freddy moved we pay Paul back and Kathy seconded it.
- Bryce Canyon Trail Rides Freddy Dunn reported that it is being suggested by Bryce Canyon that they will no longer be allowing private horseback riding within the park without guides. The guides would be mandatory due to problems that are occurring on the trail. It may possibly cost \$100 per first horse, \$200 for 2 horses and \$300 for three or more. It was suggested that we all contact National to help fight this new rule. Mike Duvall suggested we contact Ruby's Inns directly to express our concern.

#### **RIDE CALENDAR:**

- April 12<sup>th</sup> 10 AM Red Mountain- Burger Burn following
- May 10<sup>th</sup> Duncan Springs (HWY 56) Larry Bell in charge
- June 14<sup>th</sup> Comanch Cabin-New Harmony

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- BLM Photos and website. Paul Sloane showed some photos and articles to be placed on the BLM website.
- Spectrum has been contacted by Paul and is ready to release news articles about he club and its activities.
- FYI Paul will be on the radio at 9AM the last Friday of the month KKIT 93.5

#### **ADJOURN:**

Freddy Dunn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM,  
Jay Rex seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Duvall, Secretary



## **Educational Element on Monthly Rides**



Adding an educational element to our monthly rides has been discussed at our monthly chapter meetings. The purpose is to further our members knowledge and safety while on the trail. We are looking for ideas from **"YOU"** What would you like to know more about? Do you have knowledge you would like to share, or know someone who does? If so, contact Paul Sloane 632-7642 or email [psloane@infowest.com](mailto:psloane@infowest.com).

Freddy Dunn suggested: **"What's in your saddle bags?"**

Give it some thought and on our next ride we will discuss what should be in your saddle bags. I'll bet we all have some good suggestions.



## Calendar of Events

### CHAPTER MEETING :

- May 13th—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)

- **May 10th Duncan Springs –in the saddle at 10:30** (to allow for extra travel time) Bring lunch.  
**Directions:** On Pinto Road 1.25 mi South off Hwy 56 between Cedar City & Enterprise.  
17.5 miles west from I-15 in Cedar C. or 19.5 miles east from Hwy 18 past Enterprise  
(between mile posts 43-44) Nice trail in the trees with great views at the top. 3 - 3.5 hour ride  
incl. lunch.
- **June 14th Comanch Cabin** - from New Harmon

**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: Cindy Tate



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**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

**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: