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Back Country Horsemen Mission Statement

“The purpose of this organization shall be (1) to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in Montana’s road less back country and (2) to assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource and (3) to educate and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses and people, commensurate with our heritage and the back country’s resource.”

Board Meeting - Thursday, January 8 @ 7p

Dan Porter’s office 1745 So. 19th

General Meeting - Thursday, January 15 @ 7p

Belgrade Alliance Church, Hoffman & Cameron Sts

Program

Organizing our 2009 schedule of events

Bring ideas and help plan

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Board Meeting - Thursday, January 8, 7pm***HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL*****General Meeting - Thursday, January 15, 7pm**

This is the night that all club members have a say in the planning of the 2009 events. All members are asked to attend to help form our schedule of events for 2009. We would like to have your input of ideas on trails to ride and trails to clear. Who would like to be a trail boss and what trails would you like to ride? Do you have any ideas and requests for a specific program or a speaker? Do you want more potlucks? How about ideas on clinics? Come and bring your notes. All ideas are welcome and are seriously considered and nearly 100% approved.

Reminder for your dues.

Next month the February issue may be your last newsletter and we suggest that you please try to pay your dues before the end of the month. Marianne Mayer, membership chair, will have applications on hand for your convenience at the January and February meetings. Or you may download the application from our site: <http://bchmt.org/gvbch/default.htm> Thank you

A FOND FAREWELL

As has been stated earlier, I have resigned as your editor - this being my last issue. There have been three presidents, each having served three terms, that I have had the privilege of being their editor: Brown Parsons, Rich Inman and Dan Marsh. I am not able to complete what is now Dan's third term and I am sorry for that. Each of these men have been my bosses during their term and it was my privilege to help and work under each of them.

It is regrettable that no one has stepped forward to take over this task as I would have been only to glad to assist a new editor begin a wonderful endeavor - giving news to members - I still hope to find that special person that will step up and help the club. Where and who are you?

This job has been a wonderful experience working with all of you and I especially thank those members who helped make the newsletter worthy of reading with your interesting articles you submitted. AND especially to my loving husband, Chick, who was my support in collating, folding, stapling, labeling and stamping to getting them in the mail to you.

Thank you all.

I will miss this job!

May you all have a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Jiffie - with my handsome sidekick



Photo by Janice from our 2008 Christmas party

President's Report for JANUARY 2009

As you can tell by the author of the president's report I didn't have any luck in finding a replacement this year. The good news is my term limit is up at the end of the year and you will have to find a fresh prospect for next year.

The Christmas party on December 6th was a success but we had a rather light turnout with only 36 Gallatin Saddle and Harness members, 4 Appaloosa Club members, and 25 from the Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen. The meal was excellent and the appetizers and desserts that folks brought were fantastic. The entertainment was provided by the Old Country Players with special guest star Jim Albright on electric Bass and vocals. I want to thank Lee Hart again for graciously offering us the use of his barn for the evening. Lee made an appearance and looked good after his recent open heart surgery. Please be sure to wish him well and a speedy recovery. If we would have had 80 people attend we would have covered all the expenses at \$20 a head. Since we only had 75 people attend we had to dig into the club funds to cover our costs. I talked to Bill Sowa, the president of the Gallatin Saddle & Harness club, and he has agreed to host the Christmas party next year.

The new officers were voted in at our December general meeting which included a potluck dinner and ice cream social along with entertainment provided by the inventive Janice Cartwright. The current officers agreed to run again and there were no new nominations from the floor. The officers for 2009 will be President – Dan Marsh, Vice President – Jim Albright, Secretary – Amy Hathaway, Treasurer – Brenda Kessler, State Director – Rich Inman, and Alternate State Director – Stacy Bragg. The new directors for 2009 will be Sandy Kypfer, Bob Steinman, and Bob Furu. I want to thank the outgoing board members Janice Cartwright, Duane Wiltse, and Rich Winget for their participation in

directing the club. I announced our newest recipient of the MVP Becker & Hale award for outstanding support of the club over the year. This year's award goes to Sherrie & Ron White for all of Sherrie's help on publicity posters and other help with the Horse Safety Course Janice put on. Sherrie along with Rich Inman co-chaired the Poker Ride which was a great success with the largest turnout to date. Sherrie and Ron were also very active on both the Bridger and Larry's trail crews all summer long. I want to thank them both for their dedication and hard work over the year.

I added up the volunteer hours that our club did on trails, education, and administration over the year and sent the results in to be added to the rest of the chapters for total hours that Montana performed. This total will be added to all the other state chapters and will be combined to show how many volunteer hours and miles are driven in maintaining the trails by the Back Country Horsemen of America. These impressive numbers help us when it comes to making the Forest Service and the general public aware of our commitment to keeping the trails open for stock use. This year the Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen members volunteered a total of 935.5 basic hours, 323 skilled hours, 213 administrative hours for a total of 1471.5 hours. We used personal vehicles for a total of 642 miles and hauled stock a total of 4570 miles for a whopping 5,212 miles driven to volunteer projects. In addition we operated power equipment a total of 196 hours and heavy equipment 5 hours for 201 hours total. In all we used stock 202 times for a total of 1487 hours. With Larry's wounded wing we will need someone to step up and fill some big shoes while he recovers.

Since we will be hosting the state convention in 2010, I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend the conference to be held in Helena at the end of March, so you can get an idea of what we will need to do to put on a great conference people will talk about for

years. Amy Hathaway has agreed to chair this event so please offer her as much support as you can when asked. Please come to our January planning meeting with your ideas for events.

I want to thank everyone that made this a very rewarding and enjoyable year and I look forward to working with everyone to keep our love of riding in the back country alive for another year. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all

**Respectfully submitted,
Dan Marsh
President GVBCB**

MVP or the story of the 'The Becker Hale Trophy' by jiffie hale

Dan has mentioned in his report that Sherrie and Ron White are the 2008 recipients and we congratulate them - it is well deserved.

This MVP trophy is notoriously called by its first time winners, 'The Becker Hale Trophy.' Would you like to know why it is called by that name? Of course you would! It began in the very early 1990's when Wally and Chick were in their younger days. The #401 trail in the Spanish Peaks was an impassable trail, so much so that it came to head when our BCH members refused to use the trail. It seemed the only rider using the 401 was outfitter Tom Hines. He had his Forest Service hunting lease up there. At the time the 401 trail was becoming non-existent and as such riders or hunters would ride on back the Spanish Creek Road to the bend and bushwhack up the hill to where the ground leveled and proceed onto the trail.

After card table sized boulders and rubble had been removed, their job was done mostly on their hands and knees. The men did have help on occasion, such as a visitor who worked one day, but smashed his finger never to return. Much later nearing the end of this personal project job, a boulder on the hill slipped loose, rolled down the hill and onto the road. There were some young men that stopped to help this day and we all watched. We hoped it would keep on going across the road, but it didn't. It stopped smack dab in the

middle and smashed into smaller boulders. We noticed a car much further back near the turn in the road that was headed in the direction of a fair sized boulder. We all said, "Why doesn't he slow down, the boulders are in the middle of the road and he has to see them?" "He never slowed down but kept coming, headed at this one particular boulder in the middle of the road. But when he ran into and over it, he stopped! He got out, looked around, looked up, saw us and had some very-very loud 'sour' words hollered up from down on this road as he stood beside his car that was now sitting on one of our boulders! Then they sent me down the trail to 'sooth this mad dog?' I went down the trail to the road to greet him, but before I had the opportunity to speak or even get close to him, he hollered loud and cursed me up and down as the men watched and heard this episode up on the new trail above, no doubt laughing! He was irate and I got my ears burned. He was of German descent, yet I was quite able to understand him! I asked him if he would please move his car from the middle of the road and I would go down to 191 and get help. Cell phones do not work in the Spanish Peaks and not till I got to the 'weigh' station was I able to make contact with the Forest Service. They got a tow truck and the FS took over from there. Turns out he smashed the car's oil pan. We have yet to understand why this driver did not slow down and ran over our boulders in the middle of the road. It seemed

impossible to not notice them. Later, we should have marked our boulder for posterity, because it was rolled to the other side and pushed down the hill. Someone might come 'across' it one day and could read the inscription we placed on it.

Returning to the trail work: the #401 trail never had water bars. Wally and Chick, together, installed 26 new water-bars. Each and every one was hauled up the trail manually. No horses were ever used on this work at any time. However, Wally later concocted his own water bar/tool hauler by using a child's small wagon. It was maybe a 'red flyer?' Ask him how he did this with rubber bands wrapped around his tools, having made a longer handle and fixing the back end for pushing. Together, Wally and Chick took 2 to 3 years to complete their job. They were the first recipients of this yearly trophy and The Becker Hale Trail is well maintained to this day, heavily used by riders, hikers and hunters. So now you know the rest of the story...!

You Don't Know What You Missed! *By Janice Cartwright*

Our (not normally scheduled) BCH December potluck/meeting/social was a great success. We had good food (some of it was even HEALTHY), nice conversations, elections and a



bit of fun at the end. When Janice gave everyone the choice of going home REALLY early or playing a few games and then going home earlier than usual... Sonja's answer was, "We're here to play games!" So we did! As promised, Janice kept it short. The first game consisted of each table rewriting a Christmas Song with a topic concerning horses or BCH. After a few minutes of griping and complaining, the laughter started and words started flying. The griping started again when everyone was told they had to sing their creations. The final renditions were quite harmonious and humorous. Chick even sang a solo for his group. Hopefully, Jiffie will have room to publish in some of the upcoming newsletters.

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You may be wondering what that ball is between Betty's legs or that protrusion between Jim's legs (and the others). (Keep it clean, now!) Our second game consisted of choosing a rather large ornament (ball or icicle), placing it between your legs, going about 15 feet and dropping it in a Scotch cap, held by volunteers Larry Thomas and Ron Laden, while not touching it with your hands. We have some very clever, determined and competitive members. Jim A. covered the distance in a few big leaps, athletically and gracefully. Bettye's ball kept slipping out within a foot or so of the cap so back she went to start over relentlessly and de-

terminated to finish. Of course, the laughter flowed as did the comments of how to do it better, faster and easier from the sidelines or should we say sidekicks?

Janice is wishing you all Safe and Happy Trails through the following weeks until our January meeting, and she is thinking that a similar game might be nice to kick off every meeting. Stay tuned....

Submitted by White Face, the Red Nose Mule

Let me explain the following pictures for those that were unable to attend —

This is the starting point as Janice gives the “how to” on this fun game.–



Photos by Janice and Jiffie



Jim takes his flying leap - and drops it.



So, Ron tells him, “See me point to the cap? That is where it is suppose to go - in the hat, stupid!

But maybe that is Wally he is talking to? Impossible to tell as I seemed to have decapitated him!



These are your 2009 board members. From L to R - Bob Furu, Larry Thomas, Amy Hathaway, Rich Inman, Brenda Kessler, Jim Allbright, Bob Steinman, Dan Marsh, Stacy Bragg and Dan Porter. Not present is Sandy Kypfer, new director

Happy New Year to you all

Christmas Party of 2008, by jiffie (pictures from Janice)

There is a saying, *"Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we`re here we should dance"* — **and we did.**

*The weather was mild, the first for our yearly party that I can remember. Instead of walking in snow, wearing warm boots, we found the parking area was mud. The attendance was down, but not the spirits. We used a different caterer this year, thanks to Stacy Bragg, and we had a great meal of beef and ham with all the trimmings. Lee Hart's barn was well decorated by Sandy Hart. The band played and we eat and danced. Jim Allbright joined the band playing his guitar and did a bit of singing and very talented he is. The band played the whole evening without taking a break as the musicians seem to like to play for the dancers - **and we danced.***



Don Funke, his horses, training and his religion , by jiffie

During the year, Chick and I have spent time with Don and Karen Funke, personally, and have sat in on his clinics he produces, some at the Fairgrounds and open to the public. I have asked Don to submit an article and he has graciously given me two to pick from. I was not able to pick the better of the two and chose to place both. In as much as his church has been “supporting” his endeavors, I also asked him to give me a summation for us regarding his church and his religious beliefs. All of these follow from Don’s word,

“In doing the Round Pen Ministry it has been very helpful to have the support of Journey Church in Bozeman. The sound, sagely advice of Derry Long (director of congregational development) and the enthusiasm of executive director Jon Oakland have been very influential. Of course the weekly inspiration by pastor Brian Hopkins keeps me sharp and full of new, relevant ideas. Journey is definitely a church dedicated to reaching out to the community with messages pertinent to today’s challenges and opportunities.”

To receive notice of upcoming Round Pen Ministry events, Don can be reached at drdon@donfunkehorseworks.com Don also teaches clinics on horsemanship and personal development, practices equine chiropractic and human chiropractic.

It’s Not About The Horse, by Don Funke

No doubt many of us have read the recounting of one of sports greatest heroes, Lance Armstrong, in his book “It’s Not About the Bike”. For Lance it was not necessarily riding the bike that was important; it was the person he became by being totally committed to a purpose and goal. It was about the effort he put forth and the vision he had for his life.

After training horses professionally for 4 years I’ve come to realize it’s not about the horse. People acquire horses for many different reasons that they can rationalize in many interesting and amusing ways. After all the rationalizing is over it appears to come down to wanting a relationship.

A relationship with a horse is like none other. They are not overly affectionate like a dog. They are not aloof like a cat. They are not care-free like a fish. They are the mirrors of our souls. They allow us to transcend our physical limitations and connect us to some primeval instinct that demands strength, speed and freedom.

Very often people call me with a question about a horse that has some behavioral issues. I’ve come to realize that it is not a horse problem, but often it is a relationship problem. Most horse/ human relationships are simply representing what is going on in the person’s life. The horse is a mirror into the person’s soul. There are very, very few truly mean horses. Your Horse is not out to ruin your day. Your horse is mirroring how you show up.

To make progress with our horses we first need to make progress with ourselves. About 10 years ago I noticed that I was buying and selling a horse every 6-12 months. Not because I was “flipping” them for profit, but because none of them really worked out. None fulfilled the personality or performance expectations I had for them. Then one morning it occurred to me that I had hired and fired dozens of co-workers in the previous 5 years of running my business! Clearly there was a problem with my expectations of horses **and** people. Either I needed to choose more wisely or accept other’s limitations and cherish their differences. From that time forward I experienced personal and professional growth much more consistently while working

with others.

That experience along with many others led me to believe that working with horses was important recreation. **RE-creation.** The times I spend with horses I am essentially “re-created.” I come away a different person than when I started. I think that is the essence of why we are horse people.

How can we learn about relationship through our horses? Certainly there are many obstacles to this philosophy. Today’s horse world is filled with the idea “what can my horse do for me?” It becomes about how we want others to see us. Not about nurturing the relationship, but about making me feel good about me instead of helping the horse feel good about himself.

Suppose that we had a marriage that functioned the same way many of the horse/human relationships function. If we were always worrying about what others thought of our marriage. If we actually entered competitions to show that our marriage is better than every other. I know it sounds absurd.

The Native Americans say that our animals bear our burdens. Not just physical burdens, but emotional and spiritual burdens as well. How many times do we see pets, including horses bearing the emotional burdens of their owners?

My path is slowly changing direction. I have learned in so many painful and unfruitful ways that just because I, as a trainer, can get along with a horse does not mean that the owner can. That no matter how much you pay a trainer you can not buy a relationship. That no amount of “Training” can replace the mutual respect the horse and rider must have for one another. That respect and affection are not the same, nor are they mutually exclusive.

Too many horses develop into “problem horses” simply because their owners are reluctant to confront a negative behavior and enforce the consequences. Your horse always shows up looking for a leader.

My path is to help people find that place within them that brings forth the best in their horses. If they are right with their horses they will likely be right with the world.

So it truly is not just about the horse. It is about helping to create a society where people can learn how to create and sustain relationships. Horses simply provide an excellent laboratory to learn these lessons.

Life in a Round Pen, *by Don Funke*

The sweat was rolling off my brow in thick greasy drops. Flies were buzzing all around my face and neck, searching for their next easy meal. The pungent smell of horse sweat and leather filled the air. The wild eyed young horse raced around the pen, desperately searching for any way to get out of the presence of the man in the middle. The horse was trying to figure out what I was trying to teach him. At the same time I was trying to understand all he had to teach me.

I kept watching his body language. Finally when his body language said he was ready to listen, I took a step backwards, turned my body from his and relaxed my posture. He stopped dead in his tracks and stared at me, curious about this new presence in his life. I made a step toward his hind quarters and he yielded his most precious defense; a rear foot, to my gaze. I took a step backwards and he took a step toward me. At that moment I knew I had him and he knew he had me.

I realized that the horse had taken the first step toward a purposeful life serving a higher power. Over the next several months the relationship would become more demanding and more rewarding at the same time. Every demand I made of the horse he had to make the decision to give more of himself. Not every demand is freely met. There were many struggles and confrontations along the way. In the end the horse became a willing listener to the will of its master. Like a loving servant, anxiously anticipating the next command of his benevolent master, the horse became a living metaphor; a metaphor for the relationship between God and man.

Each one of us has a divine calling on our lives. Ever since that hot sticky day in upstate New York 9 years ago I knew that I had finally found God's purpose for me. I knew that I had been led to the discovery that horses would play a divine role in bringing many people closer to God. As I, like the horse, looked to the man in the middle, the relationship and the destiny continued to become unveiled. Many horses later, the connections still strike me as the most profound lessons for the seeking of the Holy Spirit.

Now it is time to take the candle from under the bowl and share what has been revealed to a simple, faithful seeker. I will never claim to know everything about God or horses, let alone hold myself as the ultimate authority on the bible or horsemanship. I simply look to the man in the middle for direction and seek to do his will.

Board Meeting Minutes for December 4th 2008

At 7:09 pm President Dan Marsh called the meeting to order. Present were Dan Marsh, Jim Albright, Larry Thomas, Dan Porter, Rich Inman, Brenda Kessler, Stacy Bragg, and Sonja Berg as proxy for Janice Cartwright. Dan Marsh asked if the minutes posted in the newsletter could be accepted as read. Rich Inman stated the wording concerning the Lionhead proposed WPA was incorrect under Old Business. The minutes posted were: Rich Inman has attended the Lionhead National Forest meeting suggesting the formation of a National Protection Area. His concern (as is ours) to see some type of "Right to Ride" wording in the USFS travel plans as new Wilderness and Protection areas are being developed. The minutes should have been: Rich Inman attended the Lionhead public meeting in West Yellowstone. They were proposing the formation of a National Protection Area in the Lionhead area instead of a Wilderness designation because of the traditional use of bicycles there. A Gallatin National Forest amendment to the travel plan was being proposed to eliminate bicycle use because it is listed as a Wilderness Study Area. His concern (as is ours) to see some type of "Right to Ride" wording in the USFS travel plans as new Wilderness and Protection areas are being developed.

New Bills: Jiffie presented her bill for \$68.73 for the November newsletter and postage. Brenda said she was sending a check to the State for last year's dues in the amount of \$1670. These items are pre-approved and did not require a vote. Rich asked for a donation for the use of the church. We have customarily given the church \$300 in the past. Jim Albright moved to present Belgrade Alliance Church a check for \$300. It was seconded by Larry Thomas and approved.

Correspondence: There was nothing of any importance except some newsletters.

Membership: No report, Marianne was not present. Dan Marsh said he would have membership forms available at the Christmas party.

Issues:

Trail classification comments are due by December 15th. Rich Inman provided Dan Marsh with some comments to send in on behalf of the Gallatin Valley chapter. The Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act is in the Agriculture committee and they extended the deadline for action until January 3rd.

Publicity: Stacy Bragg is planning on taking the volunteer hours data and other information and get something out to the news agencies around April.

Newsletter: We are still in need of someone to take over as the newsletter editor. There was some discussion of perhaps having an electronic version only to save on cost and labor if an editor can't be found.

Trail Crews: Larry Thomas reported he has received reimbursement from the Forest Service as well as other trail crew members that turned in a request form. Rich Inman is still waiting on his July claim but he received his August payment. Rich has been trying since October to get a meeting with Brian McNeil to discuss projects for next year that our club can work on and perhaps invest in.

Program: Nothing to report.

Poker Ride: Dan brought up topics that were discussed at the Poker Ride Committee. Ideas that are being looked at include raising the cost to \$20, sending advance RSVP requests with maybe a discount for early sign-up, getting another tent, staggered rider release to cut down on congestion at the first pop stop, bales of hay or straw to sit on, a separate tent for our display, music and a PA system. The board was generally in favor of keeping it simple and just fixing the areas that need tweaking.

Old Business:

Rich Inman and Jim Albright are planning on working on the 501C3 forms once hunting season is over. The voting in of officers and directors will take place at the regularly scheduled meeting along with a pot luck and ice cream social. Dan Porter made a motion to do away with the absentee ballots this year and it was seconded by Jim Albright. The motion was carried. It was reported that Brenda has not received payment for membership from Joe Turner who was running as a director. Dan Marsh volunteered to call Joe and see if his check was lost or if it has cleared his bank. If Joe is not a current member he cannot run as a director.

New Business:

The Christmas party was discussed. Dan Marsh will bring a table for registration and the pop from the Poker Ride. Brenda Kessler will bring a cash box and checks to pay the caterer and band. Dan asked for volunteers to help with the cleanup.

Dan Marsh reported that Amy Hathaway has agreed to chair the committee for the 2010 convention.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Marsh, proxy for Amy Hathaway, sec.

General Meeting Minutes December 18, 2008

President, Dan Marsh, called the meeting to order following the potluck dinner.

Board members and committee chairs in attendance were Jim Allbright, Brenda Kessler, Janice Cartwright, Larry Thomas, Rich Inman, Dan Porter, Stacy Bragg, Jiffie Hale, Marianne Meyer and Amy Hathaway.

The purpose of the meeting was to finalize elections. No new nominations were added to the ballot. One existing nomination was deleted. Joe Turner had a nomination for Board of Director, but since he has not made his membership final at this point, it was motioned by Jiffie Hale to remove him from the ballot, Jim Allbright seconded, so moved.

The uncontested positions were: President—Dan Marsh, Vice President—Jim Allbright, Treasurer—Brenda Kessler, Secretary—Amy Hathaway (still seeking a backup), State Director—Rich Inman, State Alternate—Stacy Bragg.

Newly elected Board of Directors are Sandy Kypfer, Bob Steinman and Bob Furu.

The next board meeting will be January 8th at Dan Porter's office. This is a change from the normal schedule due to the New Year's day date.

The MVP award for 2008 was awarded to Sherrie and Ron White. Congratulations and thank you for all your hard work and continued years of volunteering.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Hathaway, sec.

GALLATIN VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN ARE INDEBTED TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES AND MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2008 POKER RIDE - THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

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C'est la Vie Salon
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