

# The picket line

May 2009



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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."

## Directors

<u>2 yr</u>	
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<u>1 yr</u>	
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Board Meeting - Thursday, May 7 @ 7pm

Dan Porter's office 1745 So. 19th

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General Meeting - Thursday, May 21 @ 7pm

Belgrade Alliance Church, Hoffman & Cameron Sts.

Program

Joe Peterson from Three Forks Saddlery will give a presentation on saddle fitting and proper care of tack.

## State Board Directors

Rich Inman (388.1564)	2 yr
Jim Allbright	1yr
Alternate: Stacy Bragg	1yr

## Membership

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## Newsletter Editor

Still Looking !

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## Defensive Horsemanship Safety Clinic May 2nd Gallatin County Fairgrounds

### Board Meeting - Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.

We will be have a wrap up of the Horse Safety Clinic and discuss the Poker Ride. Connie Lien will propose creating a Gallatin Emergency Animal Response (GEARS) group. Sign contract for the Holliday Inn for the Back Country Horsemen of Montana convention in 2010.

### General Meeting - Thursday, May 21, 7 p.m.

Our program speaker in May will be Joe Peterson from Three Forks Saddlery, one of our Poker Ride sponsors. Good saddle fit for the horse and rider will be his topic. Three Forks Saddlery has been making saddles and servicing the needs of cowboys and cowgirls for over 35 years. They are a full service saddle/tack shop with an extensive line of equine tack supplies. Repairing tack, chinks and chaps is another service that they offer. (Have you checked out your riding gear BEFORE you plan to take that first spring ride? It's time.)

### Wednesday Trail Crew

Larry Thomas will head up the Wednesday Trail Crew. This is going to be made up of the original Thursday trail crew and anyone else that can help out on trail clearing during the week. This should put a new twist on the meaning of "hump" day. Larry and Rich have met with Brian McNeil of the Forest Service and identified the following trails to work on.

*Please call Larry the day before if you plan on attending at 586-6878.*

- June 3rd        Hell Roaring
- June 10th     Falls Creek in the Spanish Peaks
- June 17th     Yellow Mules Ousel Falls trailhead
- June 24th     Mirror Lake trail in the Spanish Peaks



**Cook's Overlook: Point of Interest (Ousel Falls Road Trail)**

## Presidents Report May 2009

We had a very informative presentation from Dr. Al Flint on equine wound care. The slides were a bit graphic but showed that if you can get your horse treatment early that there is a good chance a bad cut can be repaired. He also showed that it is not always the large wound that is the problem and you need to be careful not to miss a puncture wound in a joint that could prove to be a worse problem. I want to thank Dan Archer of MSU's Safety & Risk Management for agreeing to teach a CPR course for our trail crew members for no fee except the Red Cross charge for the cards. Dan is impressed with our work on the trails and it is his way of supporting our effort.

The May general meeting presentation will be provided by Joe Petersen of Three Forks Saddlery a very generous donor for many years to our annual Poker Ride. Janice is planning on bringing over a horse or two and weather permitting we will have the presentation outside where Joe can demonstrate proper saddle fitting on a live model.

It has been the wettest Spring I can remember in a while. This is sure to push our trail maintenance back a few weeks if not a month. By the time you read this we should have had our annual Horse Safety clinic chaired by the energetic Janice Cartwright. It looks like the weather will break just in time for the event so we might be able to have some of the demonstrations outside. If you read this before Saturday please consider coming out and supporting the club. Janice has worked hard at getting some new presenters and has changed the topics so if you have been to one before you should gain some new knowledge at this one as well. We are also handing out cards that show you have attended the clinic which can be used as proof that you have taken the course which is required if you want to volunteer on a trail crew working on the Forest Service trails.

I was approached by Bob Coffin an member of our club who works with Connie Lien the City of Bozeman Animal Control Officer and long time member of the Gallatin Saddle and Harness Club to have Connie talk to our board about forming a new group. The group would be called Gallatin Emergency Animal Response (GEARS). For now it would be a list of organizations and people who would be able to assist with animals in the event of an emergency. Connie will give a short presentation to the board to see if we would be interested in supporting this new group.

It's not too early to be thinking about what you can do to help out at the Back Country Horsemen of Montana State Convention to be held in Bozeman on March 19-21, 2010. Amy Hathaway has volunteered to chair the event but she is going to need a lot of help. Be thinking about whether or not you would like to take on one of the duties which would include but is not limited to registration, raffle ticket sales, photo competition, workshops, table decorations, entertainment, meals, silent auction, live auction, slide presentation, vendors, packet handouts, convention photographer, and accountant. As you can see it will be a lot of work but it can go very smoothly if everyone does their share and takes on one of the projects. I would like to make this a convention they will remember for years to come as the standard for other chapters to follow. Be creative and have fun with this!

I am still looking for someone to take over as Secretary for Amy Hathaway so she can take over as the newsletter editor. If you would rather just take on the duties of newsletter editor I would welcome that also.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Marsh  
President GVBCH

## **Gallatin Valley Backcountry Horsemen Board Meeting April 2, 2009**

President Dan Marsh called the meeting to order. In attendance were Jim, Brenda, Dan P., Larry, Rich, Bob Furu, Stacy, Sandy Kypfer, JC Hoyt proxy for Susan Dejardin, Amy and Wally as guest.

Minutes of the past board meeting were in the newsletter which is now posted online. Jim made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Stacy seconded; carried.

**New Bills:** Rich Inman had a voucher for attending the State Convention for gas and registration for \$97.00; Jim Allbright had a voucher for lodging, travel, and registration for \$312; Sherrie White had a bill for printing Horse Safety Fliers for \$9.00. Jim motioned to accept and pay the bills; Stacy seconded, passed.

**Correspondence:** AgriRisk Insurance sent a copy of this year's policy. Occurrence reports must be phoned in within 24 hours.

**Membership:** Marianne was out of town, no report available. Emails have been sent to remind member of renewals being due.

**Issues:** Horse Processing Authorization bill (HB 418) has passed the House and Senate and is waiting to be signed.

The Sage Creek motorized changes are proposing motorized only up Wapiti, snowmobiling available during winter months on existing route.

Question in regards to the NAIS still moving forward was presented. More information is needed at this time.

**Publicity:** Flyers were passed out to be distributed for the Horse Safety Clinic. Stacy will be doing news releases.

**Newsletter:** The newsletter is still seeking an editor. Amy Hathaway has volunteered to take over this position if somebody else could fill the secretarial position. Nancy Winget will be contacted to see if she has interested.

**Trail Crews:** Larry and Rich had a meeting with Brian on the 9<sup>th</sup> to develop a list of trails. Ouzel Falls, Yellow Mules trails, Taylors Fork (perhaps as an campout), Sage Creek Project, 401, Big Brother, Falls Creek, High Lakes to Jerome Rock, Hell Roaring North to Thompson Lake are all on board for the coming season. There are lots of trails and new country to make for a great trail season. Please get involved. Trail bosses need to be contacted the night before. Come and show up for the Saturday Trail days or we will not be having them in the future. So this year is the first year to show that those of us who can't make the week day trail crews, do desire to contribute our efforts!

The Sage Creek trail head project will be funded by the Volney Steele contribution. Corrals and improvements are to be made.

**Program:** Dr. Al Flint D.V.M. of Montana Equine Medical and Surgical Hospital will be presenting on wound management.

**Poker Ride:** Sherrie was unable to attend, but sign-up sheets can be seen on the

March Newsletter. Please be sure to contact Sherrie if you can fill any of the vacancies. Be sure to get contributors to confirm by May 1<sup>st</sup> if they would like to be listed on the Poster.

**Old Business:** 501C-3....may be receiving a copy from another club.

2009 Convention Report: The License Plate is off the board due to cost and because the BCHMT is not a 501C-3 and therefore ineligible.

Chainsaw Training is moving forward. The USFS will train a Class C Sawyer (for our club this will be Rich and/or Jim), who will inturn have the ability to train A & B level sawyers.

Eureka is forming a new club.

The Resolution proposed for the State to pay board members to travel to meetings failed due to the current constitution wording.

The Resolution regarding Wilderness Proposal was reworded by the board to state the inclusion of the original intent of the Wilderness Act of 1964, rather than to include the wording "stock or pack animal". This change was made in reference to the congressional hearings of the original wilderness act. This resolution was passed.

**New Business:** Horse Safety Clinic will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Fairgrounds. Cards have been obtained for all who attend the clinic.

The 2010 State Convention will be held in Bozeman. Suggestions are already coming in for entertainment. JC Hoyt will be contacting Michael Martin Murphy and work to coordinate with other entertainment venues to attract him to perform for the convention. Michael Martin Murphy works in conjunction with the *RFDTV American Heartlands Show* as well as being an avid outdoorsman and fantastic classic cowboy style performer. Let's hope this will pan out.

Meeting adjourned.



## **General Meeting Minutes April 26, 2009**

President, Dan Marsh, called the meeting to order following a Wound Management Presentation by Al Flint, D.V.M.

Board members and committee chairs in attendance were Dan Marsh, Brenda Kessler, Janice Cartwright, Larry Thomas, Rich Inman, Dan Porter, Susan DeJardins, Marianne Meyer and Amy Hathaway.

**Minutes:** Rich made a motion to accept minutes as appeared in the online Newsletter; Larry seconded; carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Brenda Kessler reported a balance of \$3,029 in the checking; \$6,044.85 in CD; and \$2,228.65 in a Franklin Templeton money market.

**New Bills:** Amy Hathaway had reimbursement voucher of \$140 for State Convention dues. Rich made a motion to pay the bill, Dan Porter seconded, carried.

**Correspondence:** Gallatin County Proposed project list for 2010.

**Issues:** HB418, Slaughter bill has not been agreed upon. HB349, SB326 the revised animal cruelty act is dead. HB592 Revised NAIS has been tabled.

But on top of all the above negative news, a new Resolution SJ0017, <http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/2009/BillPDF/SJ0017.pdf>, has gotten Senate and House support to "recognize the important historical, cultural and economic value of horse activities in Montana". This is to be forwarded to the Montana Department of Transportation and to the Montana League of Cities and Towns and the Montana Association of Counties. The Resolution encourages to promote safe equestrian access and horse-drawn vehicle access and to consider horse use when designing roadways.

**Membership:** Marianne Meyer, membership chair, reported 55 members; 5 new members.

### **Newsletter:**

**Trail Crews:** Larry has his trail schedule for June. Starting June 3 with Hell Roaring. Ron will be leading trails on Mondays. Larry will also assist with trail lead on Saturdays!

Dan Archer with MSU will be providing CPR training on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The confirmed time is now 5:15.

**Program:** Joel Peterson with Three Forks Saddlery will present the May program on Saddle Fit.

**Old Business:** Jim gave a brief recap of State Convention highlights. The license plate proposal was declined. Funding from the state for Director travel was declined as it was unconstitutional. Support for the Wilderness Bill had verbage change and was then supported with several thoughts for and against such a proposal.

**New Business:** The Horse Safety Clinic is May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please help get the word out. Posters can be emailed or you may print your own to place about as well. If anybody able to assist, please contact Janice. Dan Figgins will be the Brand Inspector in attendance and remember to mark any tack wish to sell at the Tack Swap.

Sherrie White has received a \$500 anonymous donor for Poker Ride expenses. The funds are to be used for food. Rich will contact Harringtons' Pepsi in regards to pop donation. Please get donor commitments by May 1 to insure acknowledgement on the poster.

The Steak Ride will be held June 7 at Battle Ridge campground.

Reminder that 2010 convention is to be held in Bozeman!!! Dan and Amy will be meeting at the Holiday Inn to get the ball rolling and to visualize Convention layout.

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

Ag Depot  
 All West Veterinary  
 Ardesson Boots and Shoes  
 Biggerstaff Construction  
 Big Sky RV  
 Bozeman Fence  
 Bozeman Saddle Outlet  
 Bridger Feeds  
 Bumblebean Coffee Shop  
 Bunkhouse Originals  
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 Chalet Sports  
 Concrete Construction  
 DJ Bar Ranch Stud Service  
 Dr. Phil Aumann  
 Don Funke Divine Equine  
 Double Diamond Halters  
 Equine Solutions  
 Four Corners Saddlery  
 Freeway Enterprises  
 Gallatin Valley Horse Resource

Gourmet Gas Station  
 Greater Yellowstone Flyfisher  
 Hardaway Vet Clinic  
**Harrington's Pepsi Cola**  
 Insty Prints  
 Kountry Korner Café  
**Lee & Dad's**  
 Madison House  
**Mail 'n More**  
 Mountain Magic Ranch  
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