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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 roadless 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, August 5th @ 7 pm

Dan Porter's Office, 1745 S. 19th

General Meeting-Thursday August 19 @ 6 PM

Janice and Ron's place at 1655 Harper Puckett Road

Ice cream social with Joe Turner presenting

Corral construction: Spanish Creek Campground

Friday August 27 (all day)

Steak ride: Saturday August 28,

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Report from the Pres



Howdy GVBCH, Well, I finally got out on the trails with my new horse Koda. Wow! I think he is going to be a keeper. We went up Spanish creek and had a wonderful day. In fact he only threw me off once. (lol). Not his fault as we had this crazy mule that spooked him.

The summer days are getting hot and we have a lot of trail work to do. Let's get out there on those work days and give a hand. Don't forget to go to the ice cream social at Janice's place for the general meeting in August. Also we have permission from the FS to build the corrals at Spanish creek. We now have a date. Many need to be there to help build these corrals. Besides it is great fun.

Many thanks to Sherrie for an excellent poker ride! She and Rich did a great job. Rode with Sherrie and T on Wednesday and Sherrie sure makes some good brownies. Ummmmmmmmmm ! Well, hope to see everyone soon.

Your pres., Jim Allbright

(picture from Wednesday Work ride: July 21, taken by Sherrie White)

Jim Allbright perches on a rock overlooking Spanish Lakes during a lunch break

Minutes: Board Meeting July 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Allbright.

Directors present were: Brenda Kessler, Dan Porter, Allan Hathaway, Stacy Bragg, Sandy Kypfer and Marianne Meyer.

Officers present were Jim Allbright and Charley Smith. Also present were Sonja Berg and Janet Cartwright. Minutes of the last meeting were passed around for people to read. A motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting was made by Stacy Bragg and seconded by Marianne Meyer. The motion was passed.

Bills

The following bill was presented:
Livingston Enterprise Advertisement for the Poker Ride \$27.25

A motion to pay the bill was made by Brenda Kessler and seconded by Marianne Meyer.

The motion was passed.

Correspondence

There was no new correspondence.

Membership

Membership has risen to 76

Programs

The August General Meeting will be held as an ice cream social at Janice Cartwright's house beginning at 6:00 PM on August 19th.

Old Business

Details of the Poker Ride were discussed including the requirement of 2010 Coggins Test, the approval we have received from the Forest Service and the donation that was requested for the Bridger Ski Foundation.

Details of the Copper City Cleanup will be discussed at the July General Meeting.

New Business

Wilderness Society

The Wilderness Society will be conducting a group meeting on July 18th at Four Corners to discuss transportation issues. We will send a delegation.

The Club has received approval from the Forest Service to install corrals at Spanish Creek. The Forest Service will provide logs, an auger and a Bobcat.

A motion was made by Stacy Bragg and seconded by Sandy Kypfer to close the meeting. The motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted by Charles D. Smith, Secretary

General Meeting Minutes: July 15 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Allbright.

The officers present were: Jim Allbright, President, Rich Inman, Vice President and Charley Smith, Secretary and Treasurer. Chairmen present were: Marianne Meyer, Membership and Sherrie White, Poker Ride.

A motion was made by Sonja Berg and seconded by Dan Porter to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was passed.

New Bills

New Bills were presented as follows:

Big Sky Publishing Poker Ride Advertisement : \$ 259.18

Bozeman Printing Co. Poker Ride Registration Forms:
\$135.17

South West Publishing Free Horse Safety Clinic: \$107.25

Rich Inman Poker Ride Meal Items : \$115.66

A motion was made by Brenda Kessler and seconded by Sonja Berg to pay the bills. The motion was passed.

Membership

Marianne Meyer said that the membership now stands at 77

memberships.

Trail Crews

Trail Schedules will be coming out monthly. Jim Allbright asked for a motion to purchase two chain saws for the trail crews with a price limit of \$400.00 each.

The motion was made by Beth Merrick and seconded by Sandy Kypfer. The motion was passed.

Program

The next General Meeting will start with an Ice Cream Social at Janice Cartwright's home on August 19th

Beth Merrick made a motion to close the meeting and Marianne Meyer seconded the motion. The meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted by Charley Smith, Secretary

Poker Ride 2010 Overview

Participants in this year's event were delighted that there was no trail congestion, food was plentiful, weather was perfect and chances of winning a prize were better than ever (90 prizes were awarded!). My thanks to all of you for your tireless efforts. I'm so impressed with how you all pitch in to get everything done each year. Thanks ! — Sherrie

Preparation for the ride, **started June 28**, when the Monday clearing group removed a few down trees and made some improvements to the trail. Below, a crew widens an area that had been washed out

Snow shovels would have been helpful but the crew used what they had to clear snow from the trail. (below)



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Friday, July 9, a crew of 12 flagged the trail, breaking into two groups: The first group of Dick Haines (and pack horse), Jane Huffine, Ron Rassley, Sherrie White, **Ron White** (pictured next) and **Bonnie Hammer** flagged the long route



The second group of Kay Tate, Janice Cartwright, Jessica Cartwright, Monica Robinson, Deann Hainsworth and Margaret Burns Vapp flagged the shortcut. Both groups paused at Pop Stop #1 to celebrate Janice and Kay's July birthdays with a song, a sign and homemade brownies



Part of the flagging crew stopped to do some more work on the wash area by widening and reinforcing the trail. After flagging Friday, a group gathered to set up the base camp and shared a potluck dinner.

Saturday, July 10: Wearing a hat that read *I'm their*

leader. Which way did they go?'(Janice Cartwright and her team of advance riders headed out bright and early). Riding with Janice were Andrea Soheily, Deann Hainsworth, Monica Robinson, Catherine Nelson, Jessica Cartwright and Joe Turner



Registrations started to trickle in around 8 and first riders were on the trail by 8:30. Registration was staffed by Sandy McManus, Bob Steinman, Dawn Underwood, Julie Gavin, Beth Merrick, Marianne Meyer and club treasurer, Charley Smith. A total of 164 participants were registered.

Sweep riders included Dick Haines and Jane Huffine (pictured below; notice their matching vests!) as well as Bonnie Hammer and Clark Kinney. They rode



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out about 11 to check that everyone was off the trail and tell pop stop crews that they could come back to camp.

First riders began returning to camp at about 11:45, including the advance riders pictured below.



Back at camp, a tasty dinner of fried chicken, pasta salad, potato salad, watermelon and assorted cookies was served to 176 hungry riders after being delivered to Bridger by Jo Beatty and Jessica Cartwright.



Prize winners began claiming their goodies at the prize tent, manned by Alice Pilgeram and Beth Merrick.



At the end of the day, Emcee Dan Marsh announced the poker hand and 50/50 prize winners.



Poker Hand Winners: First place winner with a full house, aces high, was Pam King (pictured below with club president Jim Allbright); Pam took home the custom beaver hat from Rocky Mountain Hat Company. Other winners were Ange Hilsendeger (Tony Lama boots from Ardeson Boots), Tanya Punt (custom breast collar from Cole Custom Saddles), Hannah Mayer (hay from Western Pines), Steven Osborn (saddle pannier and bedroll cover from Montana Canvas) and David Promisco (Gold's Gym membership

and personal training sessions).



Winner of the 50/50 was John Lang, who was happy to take home \$242 in cash.





Sunday, July 11: A crew of six including Sandy McManus, Jo Beatty, Wendy Lessley, Ron White, Sherrie White and Pam Murphy (pictured above) removed all of the signs and flagging material. After their task was completed, the group enjoyed a dinner of chicken, salads and watermelon in the shade.

**This ended a great 2010 Poker Ride
(Pictures and comments by Sherrie White)**

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL CREWS:

July has been busy for the trail crews: Following are some pictures and notes from crews busy working.

July 5/ 2010 (Dick Haines) reports : Seven riders , including our newest member, Marsha Powell from Big Timber, cleared the Bridger trail from the ski area to Ross Pass road. Trail was in good shape with few trees down but it was cold and windy most of the day. Kay Tate did her usual great job of showing us new trails back to the ski area after the main trail was cleared.

From Dick Haines: **July 6/2010:** Wayne Frederickson and Liz Lewis cleared the North Cottonwood trail recently. They removed 5 large trees. Thanks a lot to both of them. Those are some of the most difficult and rocky trails that we ride.

July 14/ 2010 , Wednesday Crew had six people (Wayne Frederickson , Rich Inman, Brenda Kessler, Jim Allbright, Wally Becker and Kent Knatterud), along with 7 horses and Rich’s sweet mule. It was Palomino day according to Wally. The palominos included Jim’s new horse, Brenda’s Sunny and Wally riding Kent’s palomino. Wally coined this expression .

The day was spent working on the-South Cottonwood trail—lots of bikers and hikers. All were very courteous and acted very respectful of the horses. It was most impressive. Several also expressed appreciation of the Back Country Horsemen services. It may have helped to have the big sign in Rich’s window that mentioned the Back Country Horsemen maintaining the trails. According to Jim, the crew made about 15 to 20 cuts and cleared about 10 to 12 trees. Beautiful weather, cool in the morning requiring coats with shirtsleeve time in the afternoon. Some flies but the horses were all Coggins tested which made for great comfort. It was a great day.



Jim cutting logs in South Cottonwood (Wheeler Gulch) Wednesday **July 28/ 2010:** Claimed 8small logs and 6 cuts-(beautiful day-beautiful area)

JULY 12 , 2010—From Dick Haines Porcupine Clearing

The attendance at the two day Porcupine clearing was low but the effort wasn't. Bonnie Hammer, Jane Huffine and I worked the two days.

Sandy McManus joined us on Monday for her first Monday clearing adventure and jumped right in to a 22 mile ride to clear the lower porcupine upper loop and then all the way to Ramshorn lake. On Tuesday, we rode 19 miles and cleared the first creek loop and then up to Onion Basin. weather, views, wildlife and food (ok and the wine) were all as good as ever.

WED July 21—Spanish creek trail head @ 8:30 and it was full of horse trailers, Lee Hart's Dudes (six or seven people), another group (about four horses+ pack horse). Jim and Brenda's 3 horse trailer, Colleen Carnine's living quarters trailer, Sherri and T White's, (they both were there the night before) Larry Thomas's stock trailer, Brenda and Swep Davis' trailer , and Rich Inman's trailer. The other people hitching a ride were Wally Becker and Ron Rohletter. It was a busy site. And lots of excitement but that is another story for another time. However, the excitement revolved around Kazy Kenny, the mule. The part that was most entertaining was when Kenny decided to sing to us as we went up the trail. (It seems that his pasture mate had returned to the trailer) What a singer he was, sounding almost prehistoric as his honking, shrill, grating noises that mules make echoed around the canyons. As Larry said: "It scares away the bears!"



(Singer Krazy Kenny led by Larry—
picture by Sherrie White)

It was an exciting day to say the least. The group made it to the Spanish Lakes—had a beautiful ride, hiked around the lakes and managed to clear about five trees from the

trail coming up, using cross saws, making about 6 cuts. And during their hike clearing several more. Coming back, we raced a rain storm, getting only slightly wet. Watermelon, brownies, drinks were served by Sherrie and Colleen (Brenda Davis using the cross saw with encouragement (?) from Larry and Swep—picture by Sherrie White)



July 26: Spanish Creek trail (report from Dick Haines) This was our second campout/ trail clearing. We are trying this out this season for several reasons: (1)It reduces the travel time and miles for members who live out of the immediate Bozeman area. (2)It gives members with scheduling conflicts a choice of two different days to participate. Also, some of us enjoy camping and this provides a chance for fun, work and riding.

Ron and Sherrie White, Nolan and Marsha Powell and Jane Huffine spent Sunday and Monday night and cleared both days. We were joined by Larry, Wally, Sandy Mcmannus and Wayne Frederickson on Monday, then Kay and Ron on Tuesday. On Monday, we cleared Little Hell Roaring trail and then dropped down to Indian Ridge to the parking lot. (I had left a car there on Sunday night. We shuttled back to Spanish Creek and got our rigs, on Tuesday.) We cleared 401 and then branched off to the North Fork trail since members had told us 401 was clear to Placer creek. The North Fork trail did have some work to do. In fact, a full 8 hour day with about an hour in the rain.

(More trail crew reports will be included in next month's News Letter)

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