

BOARD MEETINGS:  
3rd Thursday, 6 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:  
3rd Thursday, 7 PM

Springhill Church  
4769 West Babcock, Bozeman

#### OUR PURPOSE:

Shall be to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in the back country and assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of the resource and to educate, encourage and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses, commensurate with our heritage and the back country resource.

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW : AUGUST 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Contact: Larry Thomas 586-6878

STEAK RIDE : AUGUST 12, 4:00 PM

RSVP Henry Glenn, 578-2084 by August 9

HEROES & HORSES POKER RIDE : AUGUST 19, 7:00 AM

Flynn Ranch, south of Townsend [[LINK](#)]

BOARD MEETING : AUGUST 17, 6:00 PM

Springhill Church

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:



Well, after what was a great start, it's August already and Barb and I have hardly been on our horses at all. I know we're not the only ones but there has been so much going on that riding simply has not been an option!

Thanks to Tamara's herculean efforts, the 30th annual Poker Ride came off pretty much without a hitch. There were two injuries on the trail but they were handled well with no major impact to the club and as always, our sponsors were more than generous. I think this was possibly our best Poker Ride yet!

Once again Henry and Molly Glenn have offered to host our "Steak Ride" at their ranch in Sedan on Saturday Aug 12th. Henry asks that everyone RSVP by Wed Aug 9th (406-578-2084) so that he can make preparations. It's always fun to ride the trails in and around that area and the food is always GREAT! Whether you ride or not, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Dan Porter and I have been involved in negotiations involving recommendations for the new "Forest Plan". Your input is greatly needed. Please give Dan (406-539-0879) or me (406-600-7661) a call and tell us what it is you'd like the Custer-Gallatin National Forest to look like for the next 30 years. Our input window is getting smaller by the day.

One last thing. Next month's meeting will be back at the church and our speaker will be Julie Cunningham FWP biologist. She's always informative and our most popular speaker of the year.

"Till then. "Happy Trails" and "Via con Dios".

—John

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 20**

**ROLE CALL**

John Mutter, Tamara Erickson, Mike Haugan, Dan Porter, Carl Blaskovich, Dan Marsh, Rich Inman, Marianne Meyer, and Henry Glenn were present. Rich Inman is standing proxy for Sue Geske.

Motion to pass May meeting minutes was made by Dan Marsh, Carl Blaskovich seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**4H**

Mike Haugan reported on the Bob Marshal pack trip, which went well with 18 horses and 12 people participating.

**GALLATIN FOREST PARTNERSHIP**

Dan Porter reported that there have been two meetings since the last BCH meeting. Some maps were put together of some areas of contention and Dan Porter printed them requesting some feedback from the group. GVBCH recommendations are needed, so the group needs to decide on what recommendations will be made. A discussion was held with several members weighing in on the conversation.

**FINANCE**

Sharon made motion to pay the bill submitted by Dan Porter for maps printed for club review. Dan Marsh seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**TABLES**

John Mutter brought up the point that in his opinion, the club needs to purchase some tables so that we no longer need to borrow tables for the poker ride. He did some research and recommended 8" tables.

Rich Inman made a motion on behalf of Sue Geske that the club purchase new tables, at least 8 to replace older, broken down tables and additional tables as needed and as storage space will allow.

Dan Porter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

John Mutter volunteered to store any tables that do not fit in the trailer forever, for free.

**POKER RIDE SPONSOR RECOGNITION**

Marianne Meyers brought an issue to the table to bring more recognition to the poker ride sponsors. She suggested thanking individual poker ride sponsors on the Facebook Page. Henry Glenn suggested taking photos of the person who won the poker hand prizes and posting them with a thank you to each sponsor for the donation.

A further discussion was held, and several additional ideas were passed around.

John Mutter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dan Marsh seconded, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Tamara Erickson

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 20**

Janice Cartwright made a motion to pass the June minutes, Dan Marsh seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Sharon Fraser reported on poker ride earnings and a donation received from Bank of Bozeman. Marianne Meyers reported on Poker Ride financial break down.

**PUBLICITY**

Janice Cartwright and Rich Inman appeared on KBZK's morning news program to promote the poker ride and GVBCH. If you missed it, it can be viewed on the KBZK website.

**TRAIL CREW**

Larry reported some good rides on the trail crew this season and mentioned that more help is needed. Please contact Larry on Tuesday evening if interested in riding with the trail crew on Wednesdays.

**PROGRAM**

Farrier Katie Curry presented an excellent demonstration on Duplo horse shoes, which are a composite shoe bringing an option between bare foot and traditional horse shoeing methods.

Next month's program will be Julie Cunningham, Fish Wildlife and Parks biologist and the meeting will be held at the Springhill Church.

**4-H RIDE**

Mike Haugan reported on the Bob Marshal pack trip, which went well with 18 horses and 12 people participating. Some of the kids are now seasoned packers and are able to pack on their own.

**GALLATIN FOREST PARTNERSHIP**

Dan Porter reported that there have been two meetings since the last BCH meeting and that recommendations need to be made to the Forest Service by August 30th. Dan printed maps for members to review and is requesting feedback from the group, particularly with some issues that have grown contentious within the Gallatin Forest Partnership participants. GVBCH recommendations are needed and members are asked to contact Dan Porter or John Mutter with any feedback you might be willing to share.

**STEAK RIDE**

Henry Glenn asked the group if anyone is interested in a steak ride this year. August 12 has been set as a tentative date. Please RSVP if you are able to make it. If not enough interest is generated, Henry will cancel the ride. Please RSVP by the Wednesday August 9th if you are interested in participating.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES...  
CONTINUED

**AB WILDERNESS PROJECT**

The project is on, but no dates have been set yet. Henry Glenn is hoping to have dates set by August.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Janice Cartwright had a cooling Hyperkewl vest that she showed off to the group. It soaks up water, but does not drip and keeps you cool for over 3 hours. They are available from SmartPak and are a good option for keeping cool while outdoors in hot weather.

She also showed a saddle pad liner from Dixie Midnight that is great for keeping saddle pads clean and horses comfortable. They normally run \$100, but the company offers a discount to GVBCH. If you are interested in ordering, contact Janice.

**POKER RIDE WRAP-UP**

Feedback/Suggestions:

A complaint was made about the Porta Potty placement and John Mutter asked for feedback from the group. It was determined that the placement was just fine.

Add tape to the supply kit to keep people from bringing horses around the food and registration tents.

An item needs to be added to the task distribution form to print forms needed for the poker ride, liability waivers, registration forms and minor liability forms.

A volunteer to hand out Poker Ride posters is needed.

Dan Porter suggested creating poker ride posters on pads with tear off sheets to be posted on bulletin boards in high traffic areas instead of a single sheet. The tear off poster pads could also be incorporated in a larger cardboard version of the poker ride poster with smaller tear off sheets at the bottom.

Ensure all bases are covered on the Friday before the ride.

A suggestion for a designated silent auction person.

Please don't flag closer than 3 feet to the ground so that the sweep crew doesn't have to dismount to clean up flags.

A set of two way radios would solve the problem with sweep rides being able to communicate.

Re-invent the prize system.

Don't forget petty cash: put on distribution list.

**HEROES AND HORSES POKER RIDE**

August 19th is the Heroes and Horses Poker ride which will be held at the Flynn Ranch south of Townsend. The ride will begin at 7 AM and is a fund raiser for Heroes and Horses. There will be an option to ride a mustang for \$250.

Janice Cartwright made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Larry Thomas seconded the motion, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Tamara Erickson



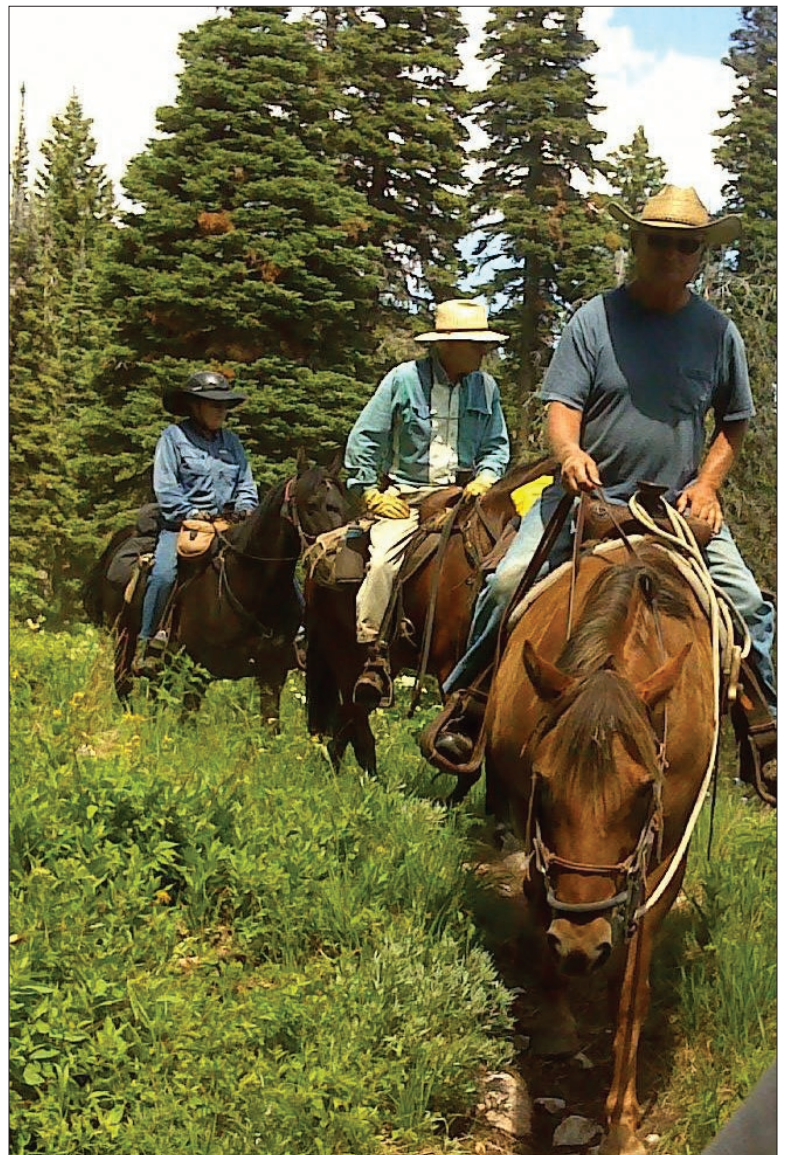
Dr. Katie Curry gave an informative talk about DUPLO shoes. Check out this innovative approach to shoeing your horse



## WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW

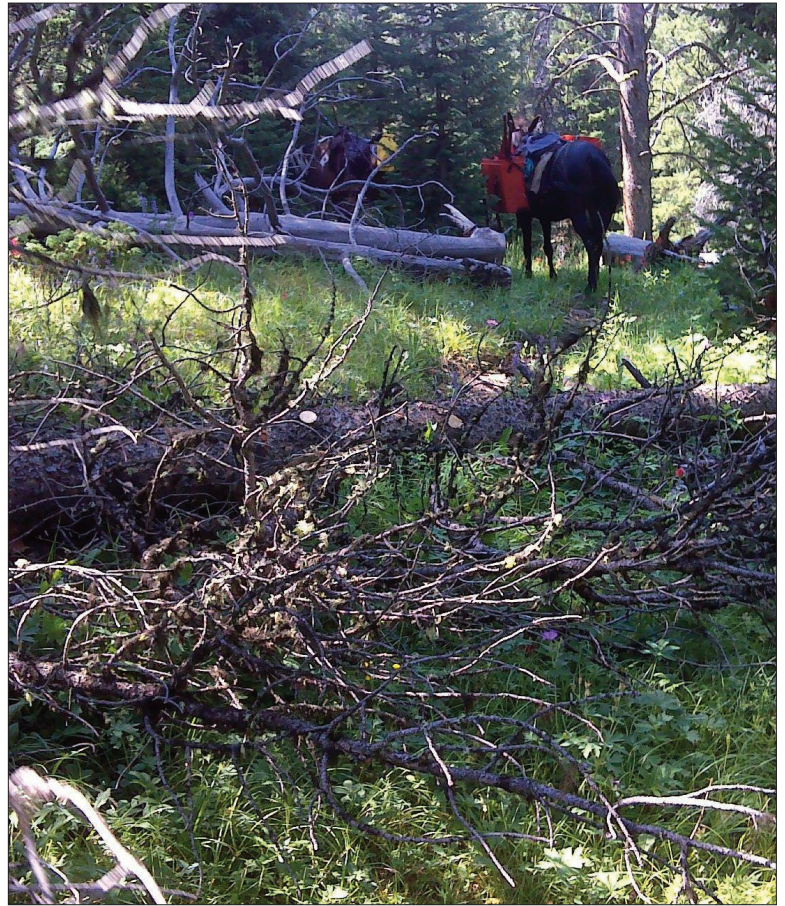
JULY 12 AT 5:12 PM

The Wednesday crew was led by Rich Inman since Larry was busy getting his hay cut. Rich, along with Dan Marsh, Dick Haines, Ron Rohletter and Bonnie Hammer went back over the Poker Ride route and picked up a few missed ribbons. The de-flagging/sweep rider crew this year was a little thin with just Mike Haugan and Sue Geske who did a great job picking up the flagging. Our main goal and most of the entertainment was putting in about 20 water diversions on the steep parts. We also found out our horses are not all that fond of a moving chair lift. When we were coming back under the Pierre's Knob lift they were bringing someone up to the top and the horses wanted nothing to do with it. I got busy doing water bars and forgot to take pictures so this is all you get!



## WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW

On July 19th the Wednesday crew lead by Larry Thomas cleared 12 miles of trail on Cinnamon Buck Creek #6 and Cinnamon Meadow #30. The rest of the crew consisted of Rich Inman, Dan Marsh and Ron Rohletter. We cleared about a dozen trees and cleaned up a few water diversions. It was a beautiful day except for the horse flies that were the size of a meadowlark. Most of the trail had been cleared until we got to the top where we had a number of large trees with lots of limbs.



2017 POKER RIDE



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