

Mission Valley Back Country Horsemen

Summer



2015



Getting ready to clear the River Trail



Trail Crew on Boyd Mountain Trail

Photos courtesy of Charley Hahn



Break Time on the River Trail



Well earned meal at Quinn's after the River Trail was cleaned.

Convention Highlights March 27-29, 2015 - Hamilton



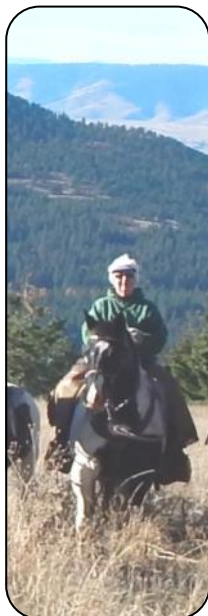
Scott and Bonnie Kiser won the overall Cross-Cut Championship traveling award.



David Crawford and Laura Nelson were honored by Connie Long, Montana State BCH Chairperson for their ongoing teamwork. They both put in numerous hours to ensure that Mission Valley BCH maintains our peaceful relationship with the US Forest Service. Thank you both.



Notes from Your President Dennese Schauss



Hi, Since starting the New Year, we have been pretty busy—

We have bowled and learned how massage can help our Equine partners. We had classes in chain saw use, First Aid and just in case you missed something a refresher of the saw training class. We held Defensive Horsemanship so we can be safe while using our stock at home or in the Back Country. In our ‘spare time’, we enjoyed our Annual Hay Ride & Potluck, sponsored by Larue Melton. The wagon team was furnished by Pete & Candi Weimer.

We enjoyed the BCH of MT State Convention that was held in Hamilton last March. We contributed to the beauty of Montana by doing our part to help keep Montana’s roadways clean. We held our 34th Annual Steak Ride, where we welcomed 150 riders. We helped ‘Honor the River’ and share the skills of Leave No Trace with the local youth. We cleared/cleaned the three trails we contracted with the Forest Service to do, plus we held our Annual Fathers Day Breakfast/ Ride, (where we saw the ‘Resident Bear’). It was pointed out to us, that “our Club had just spent \$900 for Bear spray”, and only one of the riders had theirs. Good thing the bear didn’t know that.... OH WELL!!!! AND we are only up to July. I want to say that none of this would have been possible without the participation of YOU, our membership. I have been a member of this chapter since it’s inception and I have to say it is really good to see some familiar faces joining us again.

See you in August,

Thank You, Dennese

2015 Officers, Board and Chairpersons

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	Laura Nelson	544-5103
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	Scott Kiser	883-2186
Leave No Trace:	David Crawford	675-4293
	Scott Kiser	883-2186
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	Dennese Schauss	883-5876
	Marie Hall	676-0231
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Publicity:	Paula Weaver	253-7136
	<i>(newspaper notification)</i>	
	Carol McCrum	676-8114
	<i>(member correspondence)</i>	
Steak Ride: 2015	Dennese Schauss	883-5876
Work Projects:	Scott Hopper	745-0012
	Laura Nelson	544-5103
Youth Involvement:	Laurie Crawford	675-4293

MISSION STATEMENT OF MISSION VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in Montana’s road less backcountry and
- to assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of said resources and
- to educate, encourage and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustainable use of horses and people, commensurate with our heritage and backcountry’s resources, and
- to work with and abide by Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribal regulations and permits.

“Quoted from the MVBCH Club By-Laws, adopted 01/31/05”

June 2-2015 General Meeting Minutes

VFW Hall in Ronan

Meeting called to order by Dennese Schauss President

Pledge of Allegiance led by Dan Hall

New Member present – Brian Severson

Secretaries Report – Laura Nelson

No Corrections or additions to the minutes sent out. Hugh Henderson made the motion to accept minutes as sent, 2nd by Pete Weimer. Motion accepted & passed

Treasures Report – Charley Hahn

Checking Balance - \$10,185.21.

Charley reviewed the comparison of Income/Expenses for last year vs this year, year to date income/expenses & last year vs this year steak ride income/expenses.

Carl Schauss made the motion to accept the treasures report as presented, 2nd by Hugh Henderson. Motion accepted & passed.

OLD Business

Counter Assault Bear Spray. Scott Kiser purchased bear spray for club-members. They have received their canisters.

Dennese Schauss is collecting the remainder that is owed to Scott Kiser. If you still owe for the bear spray see Dennese. *Thanks Scott for doing this for us!*

Work Projects

Flat rock – Scheduled for Saturday June 6, 2015. Will meet in Dixon at 8:00am – bring a lunch and lots of Water. Jim Murphy and Scott Hopper are providing the pack stock allowing us to go in from both ends. Beth Kennedy will meet us at the Tamarack turnoff to swap out the Batteries in the radios. We will split up from there.

River Trail - This trail was cleaned May 10-2015. We had a crew of ten going in from both ends. Wasn't much down and the trail itself is in good shape.

First Aid

All cards have been given or mailed out to those who participated in the course. Laura Nelson has a copy of that roster as well as the Forest Service. This card will need to be renewed in two years. Connie Long is doing a First Aid only class Sunday at her place starting at 1:00pm. Sunday – June 7th

Issues

No Report

General point

Lots of ticks out there this year. Check yourself and your stock!

North Fork of the Blackfoot Carol McCrum.

We had a wonderful two rides. Weather was good – Rained a bit on Saturday but good on Sunday. Horses were good, potluck was good, & Jackson Played the guitar. Thanks Mack & Connie for a wonderful weekend!

Father's Day Ride (Jette Trail Head) June 21-2015

Scott & Bonnie Kiser will be doing breakfast Eat at 9:00am and Ride at 10:00am
Bring a horse and a chair for breakfast

Steak Ride

152 Tickets sold

1 Complaint that there were not enough flags on the last leg of the trail?

50/50 Drawing

Won by Carl Schauss

Membership Drawing

Won by Mila Kroger – not present for the \$10.00

Amount will increase to \$15.00 for the August meeting

**THERE WILL BE NO JULY GENERAL MEETING
WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE CLUB GRIDDLE THAT
GOES ON OUR THREE BURNER STOVE. IF
YOU HAVE IT OR KNOW WHO DOES PLEASE
CONTACT DENNESE SCHAUSS OR MARIE HALL
REGARDING THIS.**

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

BEAR SPRAY TRAINING BY MACK LONG

Check the expiration date of your bear spray. If you meet a bear – never look it in the eyes!!! In a calm voice (as calm as possible) talk to the bear all the while backing away. If that doesn't work – use the bear spray. Will need to remove the safety catch. Spray in 4-6 second bursts low enough to the ground so that the bear has to travel through the fog. Highly recommend training/practice session so that you are comfortable with what you are doing. We held a practice session in the Parking lot of the VFW. Very good class – THANK-YOU MACK!

Meeting Adjourned *Laura Nelson – Secretary*

What have we been up to???

Spring Wagon Ride , April 4, 2015 - Laura Nelson

This years spring wagon ride was out at Hot Springs being hosted by Larue Melton. The day started off rather rainy, but by mid-morning the clouds broke a way to lots of sunshine. Pete and Candi Weimer brought their team and the guys went out hitched up about 11:00am. There were 12 people on the wagon ride itself. Mack & Connie Long's Grandsons seemed to really enjoy the ride as well as the rest of us. Following the ride we all ended up in LaRue's Shop for a fantastic potluck. Yes, this is no life or event without food in this club! There were 16 of us there to eat all of the food, and yes it was good! We had a good variety of food and deserts and full stomachs afterward.

Thanks to LaRue for hosting the Wagon Ride and to Pete & Candi Weimer for bringing the team. Some big horses Folks!



Highway Cleanup April 16, 2015 - Susan Hahn

For many years MV BCH has provided volunteer highway cleanup on East Shore Highway 35 beginning at Mile Marker 12, and continuing North for approximately two miles. The first highway cleanup for 2015 was conducted on April 16, and a crew of approximately fifteen members fanned out on both sides of the highway to pick up any and all trash, including flat tires, cans, bottles, paper, miscellaneous items of clothing, toys and other junk. The trash is deposited in black bags and left for the County Road Department pick up and disposal.



Although there is work involved, the cleanup crew usually has a great time visiting and enjoying each other's company. This year, Cameron Ball, 14 year old grandson of Charley and Susan Hahn, joined the group as the youngest volunteer, and went home with the jaw bone and teeth of a deer! Following the cleanup, the group met at the Pizza Hut, had dinner, and celebrated Scott Kiser's birthday with cupcakes and lots of good laughs.

Join us for the Fall Clean-up, **October 22nd, 5:30pm.**

34th Annual Steak Ride MAY 2 & 3, 2015 - Dennese Schauss

We spent the better part of Saturday, the 2nd, setting up for Sunday's event. We were done in just time to enjoy the 6 o'clock Pot Luck. We shared it with a great group of those who came early to spend the night before the ride. Sunday morning the 3rd dawned with clear blue skies and by ride time it was shaping up to be a great day.

For the third year in a row we sold out all 150 tickets. Get yours early for next year. It was a beautiful ride and everyone had a great time. **BIG THANK YOU** to all the Volunteers, without their help, we would not be able to put such a great event. Thanks also to Mike Meulie and family for allowing us, once again, to ride on their Ranch. We look forward to next year, as do all of this year's participants. See you in 2016.

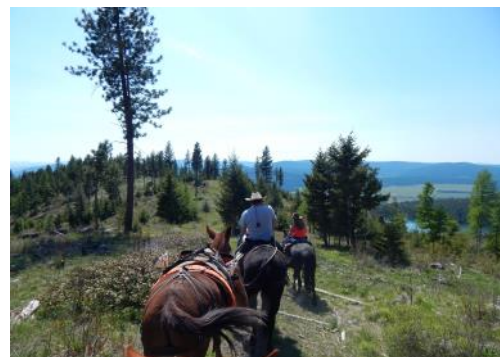


Let the set-up begin.

Mark your calendar,
Tell your friends,
Join us next year.

May 7-8, 2016

Always the 1st Sunday in May.



Planning the route.

Fathers Day Breakfast Ride June 21, 2015 - Sue Henderson

The club's Fathers Day Ride was held on Sunday June 21st at Jette. Breakfast was served at 9:00a.m. and the ride started a little after 10:00a.m. Breakfast consisted of fresh fruit, donuts, muffins, cookies, apple juice and coffee. The breakfast was sure enjoyed by all.

We had 16 riders and a total of 19 for breakfast. Carl and Dennese led the ride which lasted about 2 hours. The riders in the front were granted a look at a bear. Carl gave us a very nice comfortable easy ride. The weather was very nice, making for a beautiful day.

After the ride everyone stayed around for a lot of visiting. We also made sure all the food and drinks were gone. Those who did not make the ride, you sure missed a good one.

Our club always has very good and enjoyable day rides. They are such a great way to get to know our members and have a great ride and get your horse used to being around strange horses. So join us on the next one.



The River Honoring, May 11, 2015 - Scott Kiser



Another successful year at the Salish and Kootenai River Honoring located along the shores of Flathead River. Over a thousand 4th and 5th graders from all over the valley, including Frenchtown, Hamilton and Plains, visited a variety of stations dedicated to becoming conscious stewards of the land. Scott Kiser, Connie Plaissay, Larry Ruffatto, Hugh Henderson, Karen Tromp, Carol McCrum and Marie Hall were there to teach the groups about Leave-No-Trace principles. The organizers of the event

continue to invite BCH back year after year as they feel that our group has some important information that is well organized and entertaining. Can anyone forget Hair Bear Spray.....? Good job to our entire crew. And just to make sure that Scott and the crew are well fed, we gathered on Tuesday evening for a very pleasant and plentiful pot luck dinner.



A Day at the Ranch, May 7, 2015 - David Crawford



David Crawford teaches students at Ranch Days.

Photo by Trip Bums/Lake County Leader

“Fourth graders from Polson and Ronan participated in Ranch Days at the Polson fairgrounds to learn about Montana’s ranching heritage. David Crawford, Bill Dupuis, Bill and Paula Weaver gave a demonstration of the type of work that can be done with a horse. They had various saddles that the kids could see and touch. One particular saddle made it possible for a rancher to carry lumber along the back country. Large and covered in canvas with an iron rod, it can hold the wood in place. Crawford said this makes it easy for the horse to maneuver up hills and into the woods. This is the 25th year the Lake County Conservation Dist. Has sponsored Ranch Days” Excerpt from The Lake County Leader. Thank you Dave for sharing the skills of horse packing with the youth of the valley.

Mission Valley Back Country Horsemen Ride Safety Rules

- • Please be sure to sign the release waiver before mounting
- • All riders are asked to be mounted & ready to ride at the scheduled departure time
- • Ride leader (s) will be appointed for each ride, & will be responsible for planning the route and departure time
- • Riders are asked to stay behind the leader(s) during the ride
- • When (if) it is necessary to dismount, all riders must wait until everyone is mounted again before continuing the ride
- • Neither Stallions or Dogs will be allowed on any MVBCH ride
- • Keep adequate distance between riders while on the ride
- • MVBCH does not permit smoking while riding
- • Human & Equine First Aid Equipment will be with the Ride Leaders
- • We ask that all riders be courteous when meeting others while riding
- • Only one (1) rider per horse on any MVBCH sponsored ride
- • It is the recommendation of the MVBCH Board of Directors that all persons under the age of 18 wear safety helmets

Revised 01/03/13

*Please remember that these ride rules are for your safety.
We hope to create a safe and fun environment for you and your horse.*

Trail Work News

Trails Summary - *Laura Nelson*

This year has been a busy year in preparing for the trail cleaning season. The Forest Service has implemented some new requirements in order to be covered under their Workman's Comp insurance. These requirements involve certification in Chain Saw safety & operation, First Aid/CPR, and Defensive Horsemanship. All sawyers have to have all three certifications. With this training we have a Volunteer Agreement attached to our Challenge Cost Share Agreement that will cover any of our sawyers should there be an accident while clearing trail.

*** SAW TRAINING:** The book session was held at the Hall Residence March 13-2015 and was taught by Forest Service Sawyers Tao DeJango and Josh. It was a six hour session that included a lot of safety in regards to protective gear, how to safely operate a saw, and what to look for in various cutting situations. The next day we all met at Patrick Creek on the St Regis cut-off for the field session. Here, everyone had the opportunity to practice what we had learned the day before. Everyone that participated went through actually falling a tree. Louis was very excited because he learned something new – the quarter cut! We are all certified as S-12 sawyers and this certification is good for three years. Ten members of the club went through this training. Tao and Josh did an outstanding job and both had the patients of saints. They had to in order to put up with the likes of us!

*** DEFENSIVE HORSEMANSHIP:** This was held out at the Hahn residence March 21, 2015 and was instructed by our very own Mack & Connie Long, David Crawford, Carl Schauss, and Louis Polinsky. We had a total of 23 members participate in this course. Yes, everyone that took the saw training was here as well! A lot of this was review – but no matter what good review. I don't know about the rest of you, but I find I can become a little lax about things with my horses because I "TRUST" them. Always keep in mind, they have good and bad days just like the rest of us and that "Trust" can come back and bite you in the Butt if you aren't care-full! We reviewed the safety zone, proper bridling, saddling, how to tie some knots, hobbling, etc. It was an excellent course and we had a fantastic turnout for this. All of those who attended received a card. This training is good for two years.

*** FIRST AID/CPR:** This course was held at the Hall Residence April 18-2015 and was taught by Connie Long. Here we spent the day learning CPR and other First Aid techniques. We learned what to look for in the way of Medical emergencies such as Breathing problems, allergic reactions, heart attack/stroke, seizures, shock, heat related problems, burns, broken bones, bleeding/wounds etc. We learned how to assess both the scene and the patient. We reviewed items for first aid kits. It was a lot to take in in one day!! This class was the last step for Connie in obtaining her First Aide instructors certification. We had 15 club members that attended and received their First Aid/CPR card. This card is good for two years.

We have 10 members who are certified in all three areas. These members are Charley Hahn, Bill Dupuis, Carl Schauss, Louis Polinsky, Larry Ruffatto, Dan Hall, Scott Hopper, Scott Kiser, Paula Weaver, & Laura Nelson.

With the Training Complete and our Challenge Cost Share Agreement amended with a Volunteer Agreement we went to Cleaning Trails. Our Club is contracted to clean the River Trail, Flat Rock Trail & Boyd Mountain trail. Beth Kennedy met us at each trail-head providing the radios or swapping out the batteries on them. A Tailgate safety check was conducted at each trailhead as well. Just a note: Beth Kennedy is our new contact person out of the Superior Forest Service office. She has taken Carol Johnsons place. She is a great gal to work with!

*** River Trail: May 10-Mother's Day** We cleaned the River Trail coming in from both ends. This is usually the first trail of the season that we clean due to the Race that is usually held about the middle of the month. We had Carl & Dennese Schauss, Charley Hahn, & Sherri Hopper coming in from the St Regis end. At the Ferry Landing end we had Larry Ruffatto, Louis Polinsky, Jim & Doria Murphy, and Laura Nelson. Between both crews we removed about 15 trees from the trail. We met in the middle for some lunch and tall tales! Yeah Louis & Carl are pretty good at that! Sherri Hopper and Laura Nelson provided the pack animals for this trail. We topped off a great day on the trail with a nice meal at Quinn's Hot Springs. Good work, good food and good friends.

***Flat Rock Trail: Laura Nelson**

This trail was cleaned June 6 coming in from both ends. Here again this trail wasn't in that bad of shape with the exception that it really needs to be brushed out. At the St Regis end we had Carl & Dennese Schauss, Sue Henderson, Charley Hahn, & Scott & Sherri Hopper. At the Camels Hump end we had Larry Ruffatto, Louis Polinsky, & Jim & Doria Murphy. Louis seems to think they cut about 25 trees on their end. Again they met in the middle for lunch and then headed back out the way they came. Scott Hopper and Jim Murphy provided the pack animals for this project.

*** Boyd Mountain Trail: Carol McCrum**

Boyd Mountain Trail clearing day promised to be great weather for getting our last of 3 trails cleared of dead fall. We had a slight breeze and were in the shade the majority of the time (which made a big difference). There were 8 hardy souls that volunteered their time and muscle for this project. They were; Larry Ruffatto, Carol McCrum, Carl Schauss, Jim and Doria Murphy, Scott Hopper, Louie Polinsky and Charlie Hahn. Jim was kind enough to use his horse to pack our supplies. She did a heck of a good job! We counted a total of 68 trees that were moved or cut down. The trail was 7 1/2 miles each way. It took 5 hours to cut the trail out. The crew started about 10:00am and did not get back to the trailers till about 4:00pm. Beth was starting to get just a little bit worried about them, but everyone returned safe and sound.



Excerpt from **June/July issue of AAPR The Magazine** - Carol McCrum

Heat Exhaustion

Your internal cooling system doesn't work as well as you age, so if you're feeling dizzy or light-headed and your skin is clammy, those are sure signs your becoming overheated. Immediately find shade and elevate your feet, then rehydrate with cool water. (Avoid ice water, which is not as easily absorbed.) Pouring cool water on your wrists and feet can also help lower your body temp more quickly.



We Need YOU!!!

★★ NOTICE ★★

The following events are **NOT** set. They are only suggestions from activities in the years past. We are looking for good ideas for fun horse events. Every event takes a group to make it happen. Please attend the August General meeting and volunteer of call and let us know what you would like to do...

Please contact Dennese 883-5876 or Laura 406-599-8809.

August Day Ride *Date Not Set*

We need ideas and leader for a ride in August.



September Day Ride *Date Not Set*

We hope that Leroy and his family will be willing to guide us for another great ride on Saddle Mountain. Weather permitting of course.

September Arena Fun *Date Not Set*

Charley Hahn has volunteered his arena for a special day of fun riding. Now we need people to make it happen.

What's Next???

Attend the October General Meeting for an informational talk about Back Country First Aid, presented by Dr. Michael Righetti. Dr. Righetti is a

member of the Flathead Chapter of BCH as well as an Orthopedic Surgeon. His talks are well known for incredibly useful common-sense information for the care of both our human friends as well as our equine partners.

Invite a friend and join us.

Tuesday, October 6th, 7:30pm



Dr. Righetti's supplies.



8th Annual 'AFTERNOON IN THE WOODS'

A Members Only Special Event

Saturday

Oct. 10th, 10:00 AM

Set-Up on Friday Oct. 9th, 12 noon

The Henderson's - 32602 Minesinger Trail - Polson, MT 59860

All members of the MV BCH are invited to gather at Hugh & Sue's for a day of great fun. This trail course will be made of all natural obstacles, **MOSTLY** found on the trail. This is NOT a judged event, it's just for fun.

We need YOU!!! Every event takes a team.

Do YOU have an obstacle you would like to see at the event.

Make plans to bring it along. Every idea is a good one.....

Bring your 'trusty steed' and join us. **However, horses are not required. Please come and watch the fun and stay for the meal.** Bring your favorite main dish, salad and / or dessert. Pack along your own lawn chairs, eating utensils and beverage. See you there,

Sue 883-2748 Dennese 883-5876



Fall Highway Clean-Up Thursday, October 22nd at 5:30pm

East Shore of Flathead Lake,
Hwy 35 Mile Marker 12

Bring your gloves, hiking boots and rain gear. We pick up trash rain or shine.

Susan Hahn: 883-6750

Twice a year we gather and help to make the 'paved trail' a better place to travel. The job is never too huge as we always have a great crew that helps out. The view is spectacular as we walk along the east shore of Flathead Lake. Often we make plans to share pizza afterwards at a local eatery. AND....the reason some of us go, Susan has promised to continue the tradition of bringing cookies for us trash pickers.

Come out and join the fun.



November 14th, Saturday, 10AM

Bring your horse and your luck as we take our chances in the woods of Jette for a poker ride.

Prizes offered for High and Low hand.

Meet at the Jette trail head north of Polson

East side of Hwy 93.

Riders leave the trailhead at 10 AM sharp.

Dress for the weather and bring a lunch. See you there.

Dennese 883-5876 or Bonnie and Scott 883-2186

Please review the "Ride Rules". Members only please.



2014 No Snow this year. The group at the top.

2015 MVBCH Activities

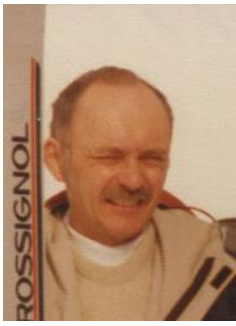
Dates and Times Subject to Change



Please Contact Persons Assigned When Making Plans!!!

Monthly meetings held the 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm, VFW on Round Butte Rd.
Board meetings held the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm at a board members home.

July 31 -Aug 2nd	Fri-Sun	Various Times	Lake County Fair Parking Bull-O-Rama Friday-7:30, Saturday Rodeo 7:30 & Sunday Rodeo 3:00pm **Parade-Sunday 12:30 Contact Dennese Schauss for details and to volunteer. 883-5876 *MVBCH Volunteers get into the rodeo FREE after parking!!
August 4	Tues	7:30pm	General Meeting Ronan VFW Clubhouse Rnd. Butte Rd.
August 18	Tues	7:30pm	Board Meeting - Carl and Dennese Schauss 39693 Apple Road, Polson 883-5876
<i>August ??</i>	<i>Sat or Sun</i>	<i>??</i>	<i>Day Ride ??? Where shall we go and who shall lead???? Contact Laura Nelson - 406-599-8809</i>
Sept. 1	Tues	7:30pm	General Meeting Ronan VFW Clubhouse Rnd. Butte Rd.
Sept 15	Tues	7:30	Board Meeting - Location to be announced.
<i>Sept ??</i>	<i>Sat or Sun</i>	<i>??</i>	<i>Day Ride - Saddle Mountain, led by Leroy Dumontier??</i>
<i>Sept??</i>	<i>Sat or Sun</i>	<i>??</i>	<i>Fun day at Charley Hahn's Arena???</i>
Oct 6	Tues	7:30pm	General Meeting Ronan VFW Clubhouse Rnd. Butte Rd. Dr. Righetti will speak about Back Country First Aid Possible Oktoberfest Pot-Luck???? Contact Dennese - 883-5876
Oct 9	Fri	12 noon	Setup for Day in the Woods - Henderson's 883-2748
Oct 10	Sat	10 am	Day in the Woods - Henderson's 32602 Minesinger Trl., Polson - 883-2748. Arrive and ride between 10 and 11am. No competition, fun obstacle course with friends. Observers welcome. Potluck after.
Oct 20	Tues	7:30pm	Board Meeting - Location to be announced
Oct 22	Thur.	5:30pm	Highway Cleanup - Susan Hahn - 883-6750 Meet at Mile Marker 12 of East Shore Highway #35 Dress for the weather, we work rain or shine.
Nov 3	Tues.	7:30 PM	General Meeting Ronan VFW Clubhouse Rnd. Butte Rd.
Nov 14	Sat.	10:00 AM	Jette Poker Ride (Bonnie Kiser 883-2186 & Dennese Schauss 883-5876) We ride Rain, snow, or shine. Bring a lunch.
Nov 17	Tues.	7:30 PM	Board Meeting Location to be Announced
Dec 1	Tues.	7:30 PM	General Meeting Ronan VFW Clubhouse Rnd. Butte Rd. Elections for the 2015 year.
Dec 5	Sat	All Day	Montana State BCH Meeting - Missoula, Connie Long - 370-9244
<i>Dec ??</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>??</i>	<i>Christmas Party / Gift Exchange Details to be determined</i>
Dec 15	Tues	7:30pm	Board Meeting - Kiser's 37218 Glory Road, Polson 883-2186



MISSOULA – All around good guy.

Born in Payette, Idaho, Jim spent childhood experiencing remote ranch life on his maternal grandparents, Nelt and Lily McCullough's place in the Payette Lake country. Oh the stories! Then on to Portland, Oregon, with his mother Margaret. High school and skiing on Mount Hood with as many visits to the ranch as possible.

Jim worked his way through vet school at Washington State University in Pullman as a packer for the Forest Service in the Idaho panhandle on the St. Joe Forest, picking up his stock at the remount in Perma and riding cross country to his work stations. About now, along came Shirley Ann Geschwinder. Married in 1952, they made their way through 64 loving years.

As a captain in the Air Force, Jim ultimately became responsible for the guard dog program in Japan. Along with him was Shirley, quite possibly the tallest blond woman there. Stateside once more, the Broggers settled into practice in Missoula where they stayed until a move to the lower Flathead, then Augusta, and finally back to Missoula this last April.

He is survived by Shirley; children, Marcus (Lola) Brogger and Diana (Kriss) Lund and grandkids, Abi and Lily Brogger. Jim's ranching and Forest Service experiences fed his desire to share his knowledge and passion for all outdoors, animals and packing with everyone, and always his family and good friends in the backcountries of Montana and Idaho – especially Youngs Creek in "The Bob."

Among Jim's most valued possessions is the knowledge that he had participated in helping to preserve Montana's wild places. Most recently the Rocky Mountain Front, as well as being a co-founder of the Back Country Horsemen of Missoula.

Everyone is invited to come to a gathering to celebrate Jim's life at Wilderness Outfitters, 3000 Rattlesnake Drive, in Missoula on July 18 from 3 p.m. on. Bring your smile and your stories.

Special thanks to the wonderful people at Community Hospital. Donations can be made to Community Hospital's Hilda's Room; Montana Wilderness Society/Association or the Montana Back Country Horsemen.

"When I am gone, take my saddle from the wall, put it on my pony, and lead him from his stall.

Tie my bones to his back, turn our faces to the west, and we'll ride the prairies that we love the best."

Woody Guthrie

TRIANGLE - S LEATHER SHOP

Need any repairs on your horse equipment or want something created in leather for yourself?

I build/repair any horse tack; saddles, pack saddles, half-breeds, chinks, etc.

You dream it and I will build it!!

Don't forget your older tack.

It can be refurbished to good as new.

Contact Carl Schauss 883-5876



Looking for a unique gift for your favorite Cowboy or Cowgirl.

Dennese is creating hand made "Old Fashioned" neck scarves, choose from a variety of colors in 2 sizes:

Men's 36" x 36" \$25 or Women's 28" x 30" \$20

Contact Dennese Schauss: 883-5876



Saddle For Sale

Handmade by Jim Schauss
15" seat, Asking \$900
Contact: Carl @ 883-5876

Dear Members of MVBCH,

Thank you for your contributions to this edition of The Packstring. It is a privilege to help share what is going on. Enjoy the stories submitted by fellow members. If you have something chapter related that you would like to share, please let me know. The next issues will be coming out on these approximate dates, (Lord willing and the creek don't rise).

- 1) The **end of January**-calendar for MVBCH for the year ahead, Election Results, State Convention details
- 2) **April**-Work projects, convention reports, steak ride details, re-iterate the ride rules.
- 3) **End of June or July**-Summer rides, work projects
- 4) **Early October**-Recap of summer events, Fall projects, events, work project results.
- 5) **November**-Christmas, report for elections, year in review requests.

Please consider what you would like to see in this newsletter. I need your input to make this a representation for everyone.

Remember the classified ads. Want something in the next issue?? Send in the details

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
MISSION VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
P.O. BOX 604, RONAN, MT 59864



Mission Valley Back Country Horsemen
www.bchmt.org

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

If applying for family membership, please list children under 18:
_____ age _____
_____ age _____
_____ age _____

~~~~~ MEMBERSHIP DUES ~~~~~  
\_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY \$40 /YEAR or \_\_\_\_\_ SINGLE \$25 /YEAR  
*Membership is renewed on a calendar year basis expiring on December 31st.*

**PLEASE READ!**

Serious injury or even death can result from horse riding and related activities. There are risks inherent in equine activities, and these dangers, or conditions that are an integral part of equine activities include, but are to limited to;

- The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm to, or death of person on or around the equine.
- The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as medication, sound, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals.
- Hazards, such as surface and subsurface ground conditions.
- Collisions with other equines or other objects.
- The potential of another participant to not maintain control over the equine, or to not act within the person's ability.

Participants in any activity shall act in a safe and responsible manner at all times to avoid injury to themselves and others, and shall be aware of the risks inherent in equine activities.

THE MISSION VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSMEN SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INJURY TO, OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT AS A RESULT OF THEIR VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN ANY SPONSORED ACTIVITY.

I certify that I have read and understand the above notice.

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Signature Date Signature Date

Mission Valley Back Country Horsemen  
P.O. Box 604  
Ronan, MT 59864

## Summer Edition



Reminder: Please renew your annual membership.  
Membership renews for everyone effective January 1st.

Thank you for being a part of this dedicated group of people.  
2015 is our 34th year as a chapter of the Back Country Horsemen.



**Interested in Horses in the Back Country??  
Join us at the Next General Meeting.**

General Meetings, 7:30 pm \* 1st Tuesday of the Month  
VFW Club in Ronan

Contact: Dennese Schauss: 883-5876 or Marie Hall: 676-0231