

The Feedbag

December 2014



Annual Christmas Party

December 6th, Guesthouse Inn. Details next page. See you all there!

2015 Membership is due next month. Please print, complete and return the 2015 form on page 4.

BETTER YET, attend the annual Membership Round-up on February 28th at the Lolo Community Center. See flyer, page 3.

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President's Message.....

Thank the good Lord for horses. This was my thought last Saturday as my son, Colin, used his great little team roping horse, Crash, to drag two elk out of the hills for me and my hunting partner. We harvested the elk Friday afternoon and the three of us spent the rest of the day dragging them down the mountain through a draw where the snow was still holding. We finally had

to give up due to darkness, the cold and complete exhaustion. By the time we got home we barely had the ambition to eat dinner. The thought of using horsepower the next day gave us hope that we could be out in time to watch the Griz-Cat game. With the help of Crash mission was accomplished. By the way, we used that same horse to pack out my mule deer from the same hunting spot last year. That was doing it in style. We purchased the pack saddle used that day through Smoke after taking his packing class many years ago. So, as it is Thanksgiving, I'm thankful this year for good family, good friends, good horses.

On another note, we have come to the end of another year and the end of my term as President. I want to express my appreciation to Jenna and Mark Wright and Angela Lovato for their time on the Board of Directors. I also want to welcome new officers and directors: Mark Wright as President; Ken Brown as Vice President; Mike Paterni as Treasurer; Bob Doty, Randy Velin and Judy Allen as Directors and Dan Harper as State Board Director. Thank you to Christina Burns for continuing as Secretary and to Gary Salisbury and Mike Chandler for serving as State Director and Alternate.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

'Til we visit 'round the campfire, thanks for listening.

.....**Mike Moore, President**

Friday-Sunday March 27-29, 2015 - 2015 State Convention and Board Meeting in Hamilton at the Bitterroot River Inn hosted by the Selway-Pintler chapter.

PO Box 2121 - Missoula, Montana - 59806



WEBSITE: www.bchmt.org/wp/Missoula/



*BCH of Missoula Annual Christmas Party
December 6, 2015
Guest House Inn
Potluck at 6:30 PM*

Decorating begins at 8:00 to 10:00 AM and begins again at 4:00 until 6:00 PM if necessary. Please call Barb Parker, 544-9480 if you can help out. Please bring door prizes to give away at the Party, handmade by members if possible. The BCh of Montana State Board meets from 10:00 to 4:00 PM at the Guest House Inn. All members are welcome to attend. The meeting agenda follows:

Call to Order and Welcome Connie Long, State Chairman
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call Nancy Pollman, Secretary
Program – Joni Packard and Beth Shumate
Minutes Nancy Pollman, Secretary
Treasurer's Report Rich Carl, Treasurer
Vice Chairman's Report Brad Pollman, Vice Chairman
National Director's Report Dave Crawford, Chuck Miller

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues Fred Fitzpatrick
Education Paul Evenson
Expansion & Membership Ron Stuber
Newsletter Charlie O'Leary
Website Dan Marsh
Defensive Horse Safety Smoke Elser

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Communications Scott Kiser
Advisory Ken Ausk
Travel Planning Mack Long
Planning Rule Mack Long
Youth Challenge Greg Schatz
Historian Julie Schram

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

501c3 Tax Status Rich Carl
Volunteer Hour Reports – 2014 Year-End Dave Crawford
Banner Kathy Hundley/Connie Plaissay
Archives Sherri Lionberger (Chapter History files from Kalispell)
Badger-Two Medicine Letter Connie Long/Mark Himmel

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Expense Report Rich Carl
Canvas Bags Connie Long
Resolution Committee Brad Pollman
Nominating Committee Connie Long

NEXT MEETING

Pre-Convention Board Meeting, Friday, March 27, 2015, 1 p.m. Bitterroot River Inn and Conference Center, Hamilton, MT
Nominating Committee Meeting, 12:30 p.m. Bitterroot River Inn and Conference Center
Meeting Adjourn



Potluck Dinner
Silent Auction
Live Auction
Program
Old Friends
New Friends



Back Country Horsemen of Missoula 2015 Membership Roundup

February 28, 2013, 6:30 PM

Lolo Community Center

Contact: Gary Salisbury, 529-7242

**BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF MISSOULA
P. O. Box 2121
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2015**

Please Check One:

- New Member
- Renewal
- Change of Address

PLEASE PRINT:

NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE : _____

If applying for family membership, name children under 18 and their ages.

What events are you interested in? Day rides, work projects, clinics? Requests or ideas?

What programs/committees are you interested in volunteering for?

ATTENTION!

Notice of Risks Inherent in Equine Activities!! Serious injury or even death can result from equine 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 not limited to: a) the propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury or harm or the death of persons on or around the equine; b) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as medication, sound, sudden movements, and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; c) hazards, such as surface and subsurface ground conditions; d) collisions with other equines or objects; e) the potential of another participant to not maintain control over the equine or to not act within the person's ability. Participants in any equine 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.

Back Country Horsemen of Missoula shall not be liable for injury to or the death of a participant as a result of their voluntary participation in any sponsored activity. BCH of Missoula has the right to deny membership to any applicant. I certify that I have read and understand the above notice.

Signature	Date	Signature	Date
MEMBERSHIP DUES: _____ Family: \$45/Year _____		Individual: \$35/Year _____	

Membership is on a calendar year basis (expires December 31st). Please make payments to Back Country Horsemen of Missoula. Any membership dues received after October 1 will be applied to the following calendar year. You will receive BCH of Missoula news by electronic mail unless you specify otherwise.

E-Mail _____ Phone: _____
(Please Print)

Please specify if you would like to receive Montana BCH newsletter by electronic mail or regular mail.

E-Mail _____
(Please Print)

**Stuart Peak Trail Cleanup and Ride
September 20, 2014**



.....submitted by Dean Hoistad

This ride was organized and led by Richard Tamcke. It was a beautiful fall day, even if the Griz did lose. Note Richard's "tool mule" tied to the tree above him in the photo. Richard has figured out a good system for how to pack the trail clearing tools including a chain saw. Perhaps he might be willing to demonstrate it at a general meeting. Riders included Richard Tamcke, Mike and Cherie Fisher, their daughter, Kimm Fisher and Dean Hoistad.

.....from trailpeak.com: At 7,960 feet, Stuart Peak is one of the Rattlesnake's highest points, offering great views of adjacent peaks and the Missoula Valley. There's no designated trail to the peak, but you can reach it by traveling cross-country for about a mile. From this vantage point, you can drop down to Twin Lakes or get back on the trail and head farther into the high country. The trail continues northward past the Lake Creek drainage, which contains six lakes, and then descends past three more lakes into the Wrangle Creek drainage, where it joins the main travel corridor 15 miles from the trailhead.

Directions:

Rattlesnake Trailhead is located near the end of Rattlesnake Drive.

BCH of Missoula participated in the Old West Autumn Fest on October 20, 2014. A packing demo was provided and horseback rides were arranged for the youngsters. From KPAX:



FRENCHTOWN - While most of us go to the store to pick out a pumpkin, some took to Frenchtown's Old West Autumn Fest to pick some out on Saturday. The Opportunity Ranch in Frenchtown has been a working ranch that employs about 45 people with various disabilities since 2004 - and a total of about 400 work there on-and-off during the year.

Jim Furey and others with Opportunity Resources decided to open the ranch up to the public five years ago, and now host an annual event with things you can only see at a ranch. "They're learning old fashioned games. Pumpkin bowling, there's a lasso-

ing contest, stick pony races, gunnysack races, and you just don't see those too often anymore," Furey explained.

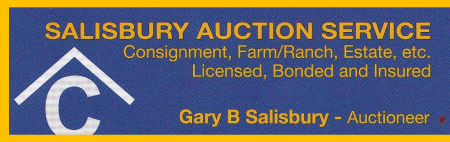
The festival takes place on a 160 acre working ranch and attracts over 4,000 people throughout the day. It also features various activities like digging for potatoes. Kids also got to make their own scarecrows and search through the beds of hay for candy.

Furey says the festival provides a great opportunity for kids and parents to see how a working ranch is run, "it's a chance for Frenchtown to share their beauty. I love to see the little kids having a good time."

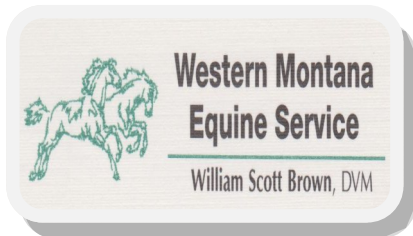


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A COWBOY'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER

By S. Omar Barker (1894-1985)

I ain't much good at prayin', and You may not know me, Lord-
I ain't much seen in churches where they preach Thy Holy Word,
But you may have observed me out here on the lonely plains,
A-lookin' after cattle, feelin' thankful when it rains,
Admirin' Thy great handiwork, the miracle of grass,
Aware of Thy kind spirit in the way it comes to pass
That hired men on horseback and the livestock we tend
Can look up at the stars at night and know we've got a friend.

So here's ol' Christmas comin' on, remindin' us again
Of Him whose coming brought good will into the hearts of men.
A cowboy ain't no preacher, Lord, but if You'll hear my prayer,
I'll ask as good as we have got for all men everywhere.

Don't let no hearts be bitter, Lord.

Don't let no child be cold.

Make easy beds for them that's sick and them that's weak and old.
Let kindness bless the trail we ride, no matter what we're after,
And sorter keep us on Your side, in tears as well as laughter.

I've seen ol' cows a-starvin, and it ain't no happy sight:
Please don't leave no one hungry, Lord, on thy good Christmas night-
No man, no child, no woman, and no critter on four feet-
I'll aim to do my best to help You find 'em chuck to eat.

I'm just a sinful cowpoke, Lord-ain't got no business prayin'-
But still I hope You'll ketch a word or two of what I'm sayin':
We speak of Merry Christmas, Lord-I reckon you'll agree
There ain't no Merry Christmas for nobody that ain't free.
So one thing more I'll ask You, Lord: Just help us what you can
To save some seeds of freedom for the future sons of man.



Merry Christmas

Upcoming Rides, Projects, Clinics, Events

2014	Christmas Party, 6:00 PM, State Board Meeting, 10:00 AM, Guest	
Dec. 6	House Inn, Missoula	
2015	First Aid/CPR Certification, 9:00 AM, FW&P on Spurgin Rd.	Mark Wright, 531-2455
Feb. 21		
Feb. 28	Membership Roundup Potluck, Lolo Community Ctr., 6:30 PM	Gary Salisbury, 529-7242
Mar. 27-29	Back Country Horsemen of Montana 2015 State Convention, Hamilton, MT	
Apr. 4	Annual Spring Tuneup Ride and Potluck, 10:00 AM, Basham Indoor Arena	Gary Salisbury, 529-7242
Apr. 19	Log & Water Crossing, 10:00 AM	Richard Tamcke 258-6621
Apr. 25	Defensive Horse Safety Clinic, 8:00 AM, Harper Arena	Dan Harper, 258-6467
May 2-3	Youth Pack Trip, Rattlesnake Recreation Area	Angela Lovato 360-789-6703
May 30	Saw Training Class, FW&P	Mark Wright, 531-2455
June 6	National Trails Day, Rattlesnake Recreation Area	Richard Tamcke 258-6621
June 13	Pre-Steak Ride, Clearwater Game Range	Mike Moore, 370-7549
June 28	2015 Steak Ride, Clearwater Game Range	Mike Moore, 370-7549
July 11	Fred Burr Canyon Ride	Richard Tamcke 258-6621
Aug. 15	Calf Creek Ride, 10:00 AM	Gary Salisbury, 529-7242
Aug. 21	Annual Summer Picnic, Holt Heritage Museum, 6:00 PM	
Sept. 12	Primm Meadows Ride	Richard Tamcke 258-6621
Sept. 16	Ice Cream Social Before September General Meeting, 6:30 PM	
Oct. 11	Wire Rollup, Clearwater Game Range, 9:00 AM	Richard Tamcke 258-6621
Oct. 19	Rattlesnake Ride, 11:00 AM, Rattlesnake Trailhead	Ken Brown, 207-6067
Dec. 5	Christmas Party, 6:00 PM, State Board Meeting, 10:00 AM	

Monthly Club Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM, Opportunity Resources. Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM, Opportunity Resources on Russell.

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 Treas. Dan Harper 258-6467

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Bear Proof Panniers for Sale: Continental Trail Divide is switching out some backcountry gear to better suit our trail crew needs for next summer. CTD has 4 pairs, (8 boxes), pictured left. They are hard-sided panniers, quick pack with hook on D-ring (no ropes or knots). Used in summer only for 2-3 years with a trail crew. If you or someone you know might be interested in bear proof pack boxes, please contact Bert Lindler at blindler@montana.com



To Give Away: Leathercrafting tools, kits and books. Myra Mumma, jmmumma@montana.com

Wanted: Pictures and event dates for 2015 Club calendar. Contact Mark Wright, 258-6795, or Ken Brown, 207-6067.

2015 Officers, Board Members & State Board Members

President, Mark Wright
 Vice-President, Ken Brown
 Secretary, Christina Burns
 Treasurer, Mike Paterni
 Board Members: Randy Velin, Judy Allen and Bob Doty
 State Board Members: Dan Harper, Gary Salisbury & Mike Chandler. (To be confirmed at the State Board Meeting in March).
 Mike Moore, Past President Board Member



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Back Country Horsemen of Missoula
~Mission Statement~

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
2. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreation and stock use.
3. To assist the various agencies responsible for the maintenance and management of public lands.
4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustained use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage formation of new Back Country Horsemen organizations.