

**NEXT SERVICE PROJECT:**

March 11-13  
Horse Expo  
Booth Volunteers Needed. See p. 2

**NEXT RIDE:**

March 19  
West Desert Mile  
Marker 10

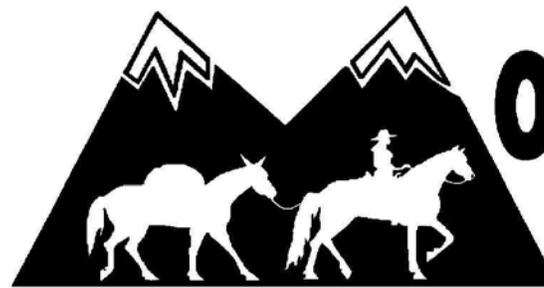
**NEXT MEETING:**

Thur March 10: 7 pm,  
[Cottonwood Retirement Center 1245 East Murray- Holladay Road \[4752 South\]](#)

**THANK YOU!**

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# Mountain Ridge

**Back Country Horsemen of Utah**

**P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E**

We've had some changes in the past month that I'd like to bring to your attention. First, Bob Baker resigned from the Presidency at the February meeting for family reasons, and we thank him for his service to BCHU. Bob has gotten us off to a great start this year, and took the major responsibility for our booth at the Trails Extravaganza.

That means that I, Tom Smith, have stepped up from 1st VP to President, and Paul Deputy has stepped up from 2nd VP to 1st VP.



*Tom Smith riding at Mile Marker 10*

This organization is certainly a great way to a quick promotion!

This left the post of 2nd VP vacant. The Executive Committee met Feb 21 and appointed Perry White, one of our active members, to this post. (THANK YOU, Perry!)

Also, this unexpected vacancy made us realize our bylaws need to be modified to handle an unexpected vacancy. At the Executive Committee we proposed adding the following wording to the bylaws: "The executive committee may meet and select a 2nd vice president to fill any unplanned vacancy". We will vote on this at the March 10 meeting.

The Executive Committee will meet once a quarter. If you have any concerns to bring to this group, please let one of the Presidents, VPs, Past President, Secretary or Treasurer know.



*Perry White at Robbers Roost*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

I also wanted to include a note about Paul Deputy and his horse, Maddie. They were riding down in the bottom of Dimple Dell when a loose pit bull attacked them. The dog bit Paul on the boot, and attacked and chased his horse. Paul was knocked off as they went through trees trying to escape the dog, and he later found the horse badly bit up on the legs and shoulder, but no sign of the dog. Paul's vet says Maddie should make a complete recovery, and we are certainly glad that Paul is OK. The Animal Control officers are now actively giving tickets for off leash dogs and are looking for the pit bull. We are likely to see additional efforts for safety in Dimple

Dell. We will fill you in as we get more information.

We discussed this and other issues related to dogs at our recent executive committee meeting. It was decided that safety concerns on our group rides outweigh all other issues. We recognize that many of our members enjoy riding with their dogs, and in small groups of riders this can work out well. But when we have large groups, many unfamiliar horses and dogs, some young or inexperienced horses, adding dogs is just not a safe idea. We apologize for the inconvenience, but dogs will not be allowed on group rides.

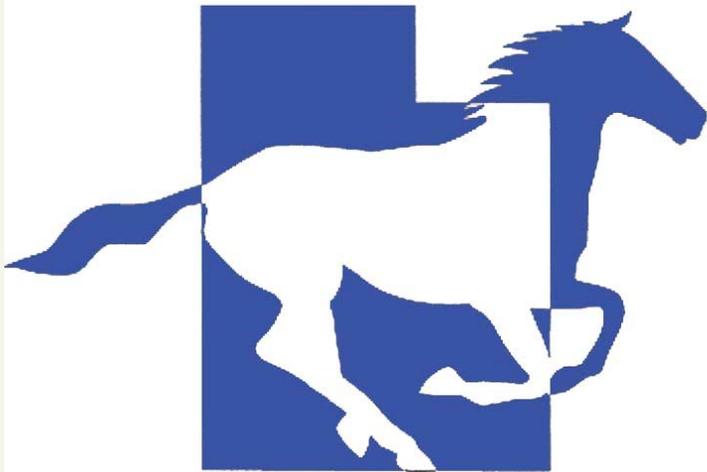
Remember our monthly meetings the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. Please bring any ideas of additional rides or projects you are interested in, or ideas for topics you would like to cover at the meetings. Or you can call me or send them to me or any of the other officers.

And a last note....The Horse Expo is coming up March 11-13. We will be helping with the BCHU booth along with the Wasatch Front chapter. Please contact Perry White (see note below) to volunteer some time.

Happy Trails!

— Tom Smith

## UTAH HORSE EXPO MARCH 11-13, 2011



The **Utah Horse Expo** will be held March 11–13, 2011, at the Salt Lake County Equestrian Park in South Jordan, Utah. Sponsored by the Utah Horse Council, the weekend is an exciting event for the whole family. All clinics will be held in a large, heated indoor arena.

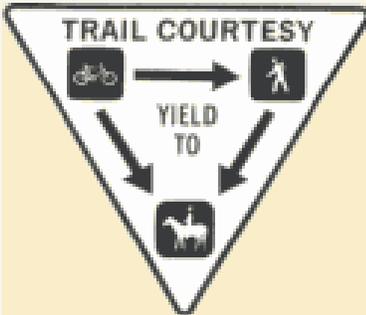
Stallion Preview, Breed Showcase, Large Trade Show, Educational Seminars, Entertaining Equine Demonstrations. 2011 Utah Trainers' Challenge!  
<http://www.utahhorsecouncil.com/expo.htm>

**HELP SET UP BOOTH: Friday March 11 at 9am** (Meet at the So.Jordan Equestrian Center to help set up the booth. Contact Perry White, 254-8798; 594-2495; [whitemt@aol.com](mailto:whitemt@aol.com))

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the BCHU BOOTH Saturday March 12 from noon to closing (about 8 or 9):** Contact Perry White, 254-8798; 594-2495; [whitemt@aol.com](mailto:whitemt@aol.com)

## DOGS AND HORSES

Most public trails are shared by hikers, dogs (on or off leash), bicycles, cross country skiers, motorcycles, snow mobiles, ATVs, and more. One of the keys to safely navigating these obstacles is to train your horse at home to handle whatever comes his way.



Trail etiquette (and posted signs) are that everyone is supposed to yield to horses. We may know that, but others may not, or may not comply. If your horse is very uncomfortable with dogs (or bikes, or whatever), I've found the best thing is to just speak up kindly and ask the person involved to help you out. 'Hello, my horse is afraid of dogs, will you please stop for a minute and let us walk by you?' When the person talks to me, my horse is usually calmer.

Here is a good article on training your horse to be calm around dogs (and it applies, I think, to many other kinds of trail obstacles): [CLICK HERE](#) Friday and I regularly meet unleashed dogs on our home trail, some of whom bark, run, or even snap at him. As long as he holds his ground or even slightly menaces them by moving towards rather than away from them, they have all backed down, so far. No guarantees, but it is probably better than running with the dog attacking his heels.

In addition to the training hints, the article provides the following suggestions for coping with dog/horse altercations: 1. Install a night latch on the pommel of your saddle. A leather or nylon dog collar can also make a handy grab strap in a pinch, notes Hansen. The strap gives you a closed grip on something other than your horse's reins, should a situation "get Western."



2. Swing a lead rope at the dog from the safety of your saddle. The movement is often enough to scare away less committed canines. Be sure to practice at home before using this tactic on the trail.

3. Use verbal commands. The dog you run into on the trail is most likely someone's wayward pet. Try using some commands he might know—"sit," "stay," "get" or "go home"—to thwart his advance. (Cindy's note: When I worked for a vet, they had us tell the guard dogs 'good dog' when they were barking at us, rather than sounding aggressive with an aggressive dog. It confuses the dog (sometimes) and makes him think you are on his side. If yelling doesn't work, this *sometimes* does. Try it in a pinch.)

4. Keep a small water pistol or

spray bottle on hand for unexpected dog encounters. Water can be a powerful deterrent when aimed at the face. Again, get your horse accustomed to this in his home environment first. (Cindy's note: Ok, I'm not really sure the water pistol is realistic. I can just hear someone saying 'never mind the water, I'll carry my pistol....' I'd worry about accidentally shooting a bystander, other rider, or my horse in the fray as my horse spins around crazily

trying to avoid the dog. Use careful judgment.)

5. Take a can of pepper spray along as a last resort. If the other techniques have failed to deter the dog from advancing on your horse, position yourself upwind from your attacker and depress the plunger. Again, it's critical you practice this at home. The last thing you want to do is accidentally spray your horse! (Cindy's note: Online reviews of this are mixed. Some said it worked great, others said the dogs, particularly pit bulls, ignored it. Maybe it was the part of the dog they hit. Go for the nose, not the eyes. Some dog sprays are less concentrated than human pepper spray, and stronger is better. Range may be only 3-4 feet for some. 4oz was recommended over smaller cans. Shop around. Amazon.com had a good selection.)

## MOUNTAIN RIDGE BCHU 2011 SCHEDULE

*West Desert Mile Marker 10 — March 19*

**Mar 10, 7pm Monthly Meeting, [Cottonwood Retirement Center 1245 East Murray-Holladay Road \[4752 South\]](#)**

**March 11-13 Horse Expo**, South Jordan Equestrian Center. Booth volunteers needed, and help needed with setup, contact Perry White, 254-8798; 594-2495; [whitemt@aol.com](mailto:whitemt@aol.com)

**Mar 19, Mile Marker 10 ride and cleanup** (Ride leader: Perry White 254-8798; 594-2495; 330-7828, [whitemt@aol.com](mailto:whitemt@aol.com)) Ready to ride at 10, bring lunch and water. Also bring large saddle bags, gloves, and garbage bags to pick up and carry out trash.

SORRY, NO DOGS ON GROUP RIDES. Thank you for your understanding. See message p. 1.

Ride is about 6.5 miles, 3-4 hours plus lunch, moderate to steep up and down hills. Shoes recommended.

**From the South:** At the Lehi cross-roads take state road 73 west through Cedar Fort. Follow past Five Mile Pass. Road will begin to turn north. Follow 5 more miles to mile marker 10. Parking is on the east side of the road.

**From the North:** From Tooele, follow state road 36 through Stockton. Turn left (south) at state road 73. Follow 73 to mile marker 10. Parking is on the east side of the road.

Map to trailhead: [Google Map](#)

**April 14, 7pm Monthly Meeting.** Agenda includes discussion of dogs on MRBCHU rides. Mark Nielson — Bits and Biting. Arranged by Pat Wilson.

**April 16, 8am Yellow Fork Trail Rerouting project** (contact Jo Stoddard) Bring shovels, hand and chain saw, pick, gloves, etc.

**April 23, Yellow Fork Ride** (contact Bob Baker), Ready to ride at 8:30am.

**May 12, 7pm Monthly Meeting & Sandy Pride Trails Day Project** (contact Doris Richards)

**May 14, Corner Canyon,** (contact Jo Stoddard / Paul Kern) Ready to ride at 10. Meet at Andy Ballard Arena. About a 3 hour ride, bring lunch and water.

**June 9, 7pm Monthly Meeting**

**June 10-11 (tentative) Bryce**

**Canyon** (contact Ray Smith)

**June 9-11 Coalville Wagon Trail** (contact Paul Kern) **RSVP see email attachment**

**June 18, Camp Kostopulos Veterans Ride Service Project at Dimple Dell** (contact Bob Baker)

**June 24-26 Blackhawk Rides and Campout**, Reserve a campsite in Loop E. Ride Saturday leaves at 10. If you want to ride Sunday, let me know. (contact Cindy Furse) **Make reservations in loop E at [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) 1-877-444-6777**

**July 9, American Fork Canyon** (contact Pat Wilson). 5-6 hour ride, trotting included. Steep trail, horses must be in shape.

**July 14, 7pm Monthly Meeting**

**July 22-23 (riding days), Island Park** (contact Paul Kern) **RSVP!** Maximum 14 people can go.

**Aug 19-21, Pack Trip** (contact Fred Leslie or Cindy Furse), location TBD (Uintas?) **RSVP!**

**Aug 11, 7pm Monthly Meeting**

**Sept 8, 7pm Monthly Meeting**

**Sept 24, Logan Canyon, Old Ephraim's Grave** (contact Paul Kern)

**Oct 1, Saddlebred Obstacle Course in Dimple Dell** (contact Doris Richards)

**Oct 7-9, Robber's Roost** (contact Bruce Kartchner), **RSVP!** Tough riding, requires excellent condition for horse and people.

**Oct 15, Settlement Canyon** (contact Paul Kern)

**Oct 13, 7pm Monthly Meeting**

**Oct. ?? Bison Roundup**

**Nov 10, 7pm Monthly Meeting**

**Nov. 5, Johnson's Pass** (contact Larry Newton)

**Dec 8, 7pm Christmas Party & Monthly Meeting**

## BCHU MOUNTAIN RIDGE MEETING 10 FEBRUARY 2011

**Present:** Ken Beamer, Stephanie Yeager, Pat Wilson, Jo Stoddard, Paul Deputy, Paul Kern, Doris Richins, Diana vanUitert, Bob Baker, Lisa Baker, Bruce Kartchner, Tom Smith, Perry White

**Meeting** called to order by Bob Baker @ 1905.

**Bob Baker** reported on the trails extravaganza that was sponsored by the BCHU and held on January 15, 2010. Attendance was down this year and it was felt that the event may have run its course. The event may be moved to an arena in Spanish Fork to reach people in that area. The best attended event was the pack clinic.

**Financial:** Larry Newton was unable to attend so Bob Baker gave Larry's report. Larry reports that the only income we have had since the last meeting has been 10-12 membership renewals so income is down. The callings tree needs to be reactivated and people called again to ask for their renewals.

**Waterpro:** Bob Baker reported that he has investigated permit possibilities with Darren Jensen of Waterpro. Bob Baker reported he found Mr. Jensen to be amenable to working with our group to facilitate the ease of permit obtainment and he discovered Mr. Jensen is very open to horse use in the Bear Canyon area. Bruce Kartchner suggested that at every meeting there are a few permit application forms that members can obtain. All they need to do is fill them out and send them in via fax to Waterpro before they intend to ride in that area.

**Bob Baker** reported that he and Lisa went to a Mountain Bike Association meeting and discovered the Mountain Bike Association wishes to turn Corner Canyon into a "world class" bike trail with jumps and a "whop de do" area in the meadow at the top of Clark's Trail. It is ur-

gent that horse people continue to use the trail and to make our presence known. There is a group ride scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> in Corner Canyon and Bob urged all the members to attend.

**Perry White** was asked by Bob Baker to head up the committee to the Horse Expo. The dates for this event are: March 11, 12, 13. Our chapter will be partnering with Highline & Hobbles in manning the booth. Perry agreed to do this. Thank you, Perry. Perry's phone # is 801 254 8798. Larry Newton has volunteered to work the booth on Friday evening of the Expo. More volunteers are needed.

**Bob Baker** brought copies of the Mountain Ridge Chapter's By-Laws. He feels that clarification is needed on Article V on the amount of involvement is required of Past Presidents. Discussion followed. Bruce Kartchner motioned that the Executive committee meets to clarify Article V. Paul Deputy seconded this motion. This motion passed unanimously. Bruce Kartchner then amended his motion to say that the Executive Committee meets and reviews all the by-laws for the chapter. Paul Deputy seconded this motion. This motion passed unanimously.

**Paul Deputy** reported that on February 5<sup>th</sup> he and his horse were viciously attacked by a loose pit bull while riding in Dimple Dell. His horse was badly injured on all four legs. So far his vet bill is > \$1000.00. He was unable to locate the dog after the attack or to identify any owners of said dog.

**Diana vanUitert** reported that F.I.D.O. has been packing and disrupting the Dimple Dell board meetings demanding that there be an off leash area for dogs in Dimple Dell. In light of what has now happened to Paul's horse she asked the Mountain Ridge mem-

bers for support for the Dimple Dell board in the form of a letter voicing concern over the amount of loose dogs in the Dimple Dell and supporting the leash requirement in the Dimple Dell. Discussion followed. Bruce Kartchner motioned that there is a letter from the Mountain Ridge Unit supporting the Dimple Dell board in maintaining the Dimple Dell remain open to leashed dogs only. Tom Smith seconded this motion. This motion passed with only 1 abstention.

**Bruce Kartchner** motioned that the Mountain ridge Unit approach the county and Sandy city with the idea that we start a mounted patrol in the Dimple Dell to help report violations. Doris Richins seconded this motion. This motion passed.

**Doris Richins** reported that the UTA is starting work on its Trax extension to Draper. UTA maintains that it is trying to find an east-west access route for all trail users. There will be a second meeting regarding this next Wednesday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Draper City Hall. Please all come and voice their concerns over keeping this access open.

All items being discussed **Bruce Kartchner** motioned that we adjourn. Tom Smith seconded this motion. Meeting adjourned at 2034.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Wilson

## PARK CITY RAIL TRAIL



Nine riders met at Coalville and rode to the end of Echo Reservoir, about a 3 hour ride. This ride is easy and nearly flat (it's a rail trail!). The section from Coalville to Echo is my favorite, because it is far from the highway. Promontory to Park City is that way too. Wanship to Coalville is lovely and bucolic but is right next to the freeway. Still worth riding. Promontory to Wanship is through some fantastic mountains but has the freeway on both sides much of the way. More details, maps, and parking information are here: <http://www.traillink.com/trail/historic-union-pacific-rail-trail-state-park-the-rail-trail.aspx> Good horse trailer parking is easy to find and well marked from the Wanship and Coalville exits. Parking is also excellent at Promontory, but not as clearly marked from the exit (but you can find it with the map). Other parking areas shown on the map are smaller and not as practical for trailers. This is a nice trail

on bad air days in the city, because you can get out of the smog. The footing ranges from fantastic and trottable to deep and heavy in the winter. It is fine for barefoot horses. The trail is gravel covered by snow and sometimes (be careful) ice. It also seems like a great trail for a full moon ride in any season, since it is all exposed, It would be too hot for mid-day rides in summer.

We saw a bald eagle, several deer, and a lot of ice fisherman on the lake. Thank you, Jim Anderson, for the eagle pictures! Thank you to Sue Hall for coordinating this ride!



## EMAIL OR SNAIL MAIL?

Save a tree! Each month it costs just under \$1 to copy and mail this newsletter to you. If you received this newsletter by snail mail, and if you would be happy to save a dollar and save a tree, email [cfurse@ece.utah.edu](mailto:cfurse@ece.utah.edu) to receive future newsletters email only.

Each month I email the color newsletter to everyone with an email on file. If you are NOT receiving this by email, please send me your corrected email address. Thank you! Cindy

**A P i n t o a P a i n t a n d a P a l o m i n o**  
by P a u l K e r n

The morning hues of red, orange and white,  
All run together trailing the night,  
It's an overo daybreak as the minutes fly,  
Then tobiano patterns lighten up the sky.

A pinto and a paint gallop over the hills,  
East of the Snake just where she spills,  
Thundering foam over a precipice,  
Where seagulls dive and the rattlers hiss.

As the river courses on to the sea,  
Like clockwork it flows away from me,  
Rushing away as the sun climbs high,  
The river reflects a big mountain sky.

The horses of color trot off on their way  
As a palomino sun bursts in for the day,  
Rearing up high right about noon,  
As fast as it came it'll be gone soon.

The palomino charges away on its course,  
Its gallop is swift for an old aging horse,  
To the horizon through the dust of the day,  
It'll return tomorrow a while for to stay.

There as the sun sinks into the west,  
The sunset glows in her colorful best,  
Vespers blaze bright in that old by and by,  
The pinto and paint color back up the sky.

The evening hues of red, orange and white,  
All flow together to awe and delight,  
It's a tobiano sunset as eight seconds fly,  
Then overo patterns darken up the sky.

At dawn and dusk with horses so bold,  
To the palomino as the day grows old,  
As the day came, let the day go,  
With a pinto, a paint and a palomino.



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**Liability Release: MUST BE SIGNED**

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse/mule use is involved, which can cause injuries to horse/mules, riders, and spectators and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Utah, including units, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience of riders or horses/mules taking part in trail rides or other BCHU functions, I do hereby release the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children or horses/mules.

**By signing this release, I/WE recognize the following Utah State Law, "UCA 78-27b- Limitations on liability for Equine and Livestock Activities."** It shall be presumed that participants in equine or livestock activities are aware of and understand that there are inherent risks associated with these activities. "Inherent risk" with regard to equine or livestock activities means those dangers or conditions, which are an integral part of equine or livestock activities. The equine activity sponsor is not liable for those inherent risks. If you are unwilling to assume these risks for yourself or for those under your supervision, you should not participate in these activities.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**DEADLINE ! MARCH 15, 2011**