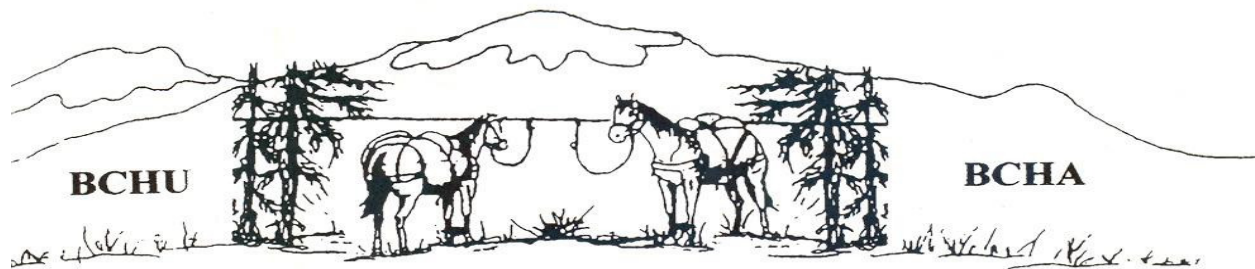


Hi-Line & Hobbles



Newsletter: January 2012

Next Meeting: January 19, 2011, 7:00pm, at Vets Bldg

From the President's Saddle

Wow, a new year begins for us all. I hope this year will be a wonderful one for all of you and your horses. The month of January and February of each year is our membership drive. You can renew your membership or invite a friend to become a member this year.

There are several different reasons folks join Back Country Horsemen of Utah. Some join to learn of new places where they can ride in the backcountry from veterans who know the backcountry like the back of their hand.

Others join because of the goals and purposes and what the group stands for. They may not even ride anymore but want the backcountry kept available for those that love being on their horses in the outdoors.

There are those who join for the social aspects of the organization. They want to be with folks who love horses and like to get to know new friends.

Also there are some who really like to do service projects and work with the Forest Service and other organizations so the backcountry can stay open and usable to equestrians.

Many want to learn how to take better care of their horses and their tack, as well as share with others the things they have learned.

There are other reasons too and I am grateful for everyone who is part of our chapter. Everyone brings a different perspective and has something to offer to the group. I look forward to associating with good horse people and giving folks a chance to be involved in some activities and service projects. Most of all, I hope to ride my horses a

lot this year and look forward to sharing that pleasure with my wife, my family and those in the chapter. Enjoy Your Riding, *John Stephens*

Membership Renewals and New Members

During January and February 2012 you can renew your membership or become a member for this year. A copy of the Membership Application is attached which contains all the details. *Dennis McLelland*

Upcoming Events Summary – January

19th – HLH Monthly Meeting

21st - HLH Monthly Ride

Report on December Meeting

Once again we had a great Christmas Party on December 15th at the usual place, the Lindon City Veterans Building (185 West 200 North).

We had a delicious meal catered by Magleby's and live western entertainment and there were some great door prizes too.

Upcoming January Meeting

Matt Blackhurst will be our guest speaker on the 19th. He started farrier work at 15 years old and been working as a farrier now for 18 years. He did corrective and therapeutic apprenticeship in Pennsylvania under Bruce Buxton. He is a member of Utah Horse Shoers Guild; certified Journeyman Farrier with American Farriers Association. He will tell us about healthy feet for horses in general and how problems can be corrected. He will also explain what to do on the trail if your horse's foot is injured or shoe comes off. Please come it will be time well spent. *Megan Tuft*

Report on December Ride

The December ride was held on the 17th in the West Desert. It was a little different. We had 22 riders including 6 from the Wasatch Front and Mt. Ridge chapters.

Our State Chairman Craig Allen and his wife Connie were among the guests.

Kathy and I and 3 others were out in that area the week before and found a large herd of wild mustangs. However, on the day of the ride it was very foggy, you could only see about 150 yards. 20 minutes after leaving the trucks there were 15 different opinions about what direction we were going. A few of the people were getting nervous about being lost in the fog so we went back to the trucks. We drove back over Lookout Pass and parked on the east slope of the Onaqui Mountains.

Over there it was sunshine and blue skies. We had lunch at the trucks then had a good ride. A few of the spots were a little rocky and steep but it was great to get out of the smog and ride. We did have one accident; Jeff Nichols’s horse slipped on a slab of rock and went down. It looked like it might have broken one of his fingers. But he said it was still a good ride. *Bob Gagon*

Upcoming January Ride

The January ride will be on the 21st at mile marker 10 on highway 73 west of Fairfield. We will ride past the Mercur Cemetery then on up the old cabin and have

lunch there. Bring your own lunch and drinks. If anyone wants to we can make a fire to warm your toes or toast a sandwich, heat a can of soup or whatever. Be ready to ride at 10:00 AM.

To get there go out highway 73 from Lehi to Cedar Fort. Stay on that road until you get to mile marker 10. It is about 4 or 5 miles north of Five Mile Pass. It is about one hour from American Fork.

As ALWAYS in the wintertime if the weather is questionable call Bob or Kathy 801-756-4492 or cell 801-380-2239.

2012 Monthly Ride Schedule

Here is a list of dates for the rides for 2012. The rides will usually the 3rd Saturday of each month. We will try to hold to these as much as possible. If we have a group camp out that month ride might change.

Jan 21	Feb 18
March 17	April 21
May 19	June 16
July 14	August 18
Sept 15	October (Hunting)
November 17	December 15

I need suggestions for the rides. If you want to go somewhere but have not been there I will go early and check it out. How long of a drive is acceptable? Do you mind riding in the snow? Do we have to stay out of mountains? What is too hard of a ride? I need feedback!!! *Bob Gagon*

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Goals and Purposes of BCHU

- 1) To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses and mules in America’s back country and wilderness areas.
- 2) To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational pack and saddle stock use.
- 3) To assist the agencies responsible for the management of public lands.
- 4) To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in wise and sustaining use of back-country resources by horsemen and the general public, commensurate with our heritage.
- 5) To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters of Back Country Horsemen throughout Utah.

Hi-Line & Hobbles Chapter
BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN of UTAH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
HELP BY GETTING INVOLVED

We will be glad to give you more information about our activities and involvement in the decision making process that affects our ability to ride, pack and camp in the places of our choice. *Many important decisions have been made without input from horsemen and will continue to be made without us though often with input from those who prefer not to see horses or mules on any trail or in any backcountry areas.*

Don't you agree it's about time we all get involved?
Join BCHU and help preserve our heritage!!!

Hi-Line & Hobbles Chapter BCHU

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New Membership ___ Renewal ___

NAME(S) _____

*Please list names for family membership. Children over 18 may be included in family membership if living in the same house.
ADDRESS:

Street City State Zip

PHONE #S: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

EMAIL: _____

OTHER HORSE/MULE ASSOCIATIONS YOU BELONG TO: _____

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 horses/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: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Hi-Line & Hobbles BCHU

Individual \$30.00 Family \$40.00* Patron \$100.00 to \$299.00 Benefactor \$300.00+

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