

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| President's Message | Pg 3 |
| BOD Meeting Minutes Draft | Pg 16-17 |
| History of BCHA | Pg 6 |
| Membership Application | Pg 13 |
| BCHC @ Bishop Mule Days | Pg 28 |

For more BCHC information, see our website:
bchcalifornia.org

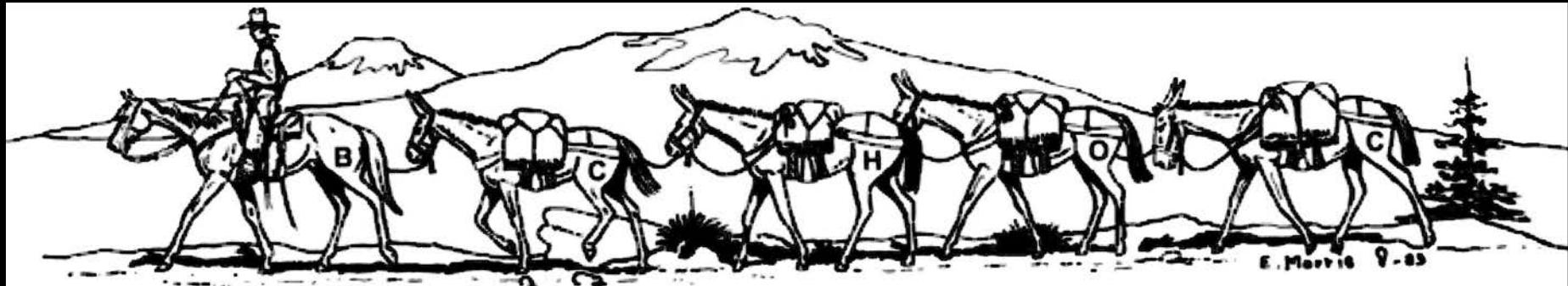
BCHC

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMAN OF
CALIFORNIA
13061 Rosedale Hwy
Suite G, Box 217
Bakersfield, CA 93314

NONPROFIT
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Manteca, CA
95336
No. 43

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

The Backcountry News



Volume 24, Issue 2

The Official Publication of Backcountry Horsemen of California

SPRING/SUMMER 2014

Charles "Toby" Horst

By Jan Mikkelsen with contributions from Greg Caradonna

Photos from the personal collections of Katie Horst and others

A man of the high country, a seasoned engineer, a family man, and friend to many, passed away Saturday, May 17, 2014 at the 'young' age of 88. That day we lost a great man who graced our world with his multi-faceted interests and talents.

Toby was an educated man of many experiences and a diverse background. During World War II, he served his country in the U.S. Navy on a ship in the Pacific. In his working career, Toby was Manager of Construction Field Forces for Southern California Edison, where he ran crews of up to 800 men. Toby drew from his engineering strengths in every venture and project that he took on, never a challenge too big or too small. Not only could Toby have a vision, he would also plan the complete project, and then, go out and physically perform the work from sunrise to sunset. This was especially true if a project would have a more positive impact on mankind. He was a leader and a visionary with the desire and willingness to teach.

Due to his love of the mountains, after retirement he turned his complete attention to the Sierra Nevada where he became involved with several organizations. He was much more than a member of these organizations as he quickly shifted into a dedicated leader. Through communication and

cooperation, he would obtain funding for an important project integrating one organization with another. Because of Toby, trails in the Sierra have been maintained, GPS documented and made more available to hikers, bikers and horse back riders. Toby helped map the entire John Muir trail in the Sierra National Forest with his GPS in the mid 1990s. He was the BCHC State 1st Vice president in 2000 and State President 2001 and 2002. He served four years as SJSU President from 2005 through 2008. Toby was founder of California Equestrian Trails & Lands Coalition and a director and secretary/treasurer of the Sierra Resource Conservation District. These are only a couple of the organizations he became a leader of, and many times he was the founding member. Never one to be a spectator, Toby had the ability to share his opinions even if not always agreed upon, he was respected for his valuable input.



Toby loved his tractor. Oh, did he love his tractor and all the tasks it handled. He drove it like a pro and reveled in its abilities. On one trip to Big Meadows in Sequoia National Forest, he moved more dirt and DG in one weekend than 10 strong men could move in a month.

Toby was very cultured and loved to travel the world. He could carry on a conversation while sitting around a campfire or on the ranch with the common man, or with those at State Capital. Those conversations will sorely be missed. He and his wife Katie were quite the square dancing

Continued on Page 14-15

The Backcountry News

An internal publication of the Backcountry Horsemen of California

Editor · Rhonda Strickland
Menifee, California
(951) 951-522-8757

Email: news@bchcalifornia.org or BCHC.News@gmail.com

Backcountry Horsemen of California Official Website:

www.bchcalifornia.org

Printed by The Manteca Bulletin and distributed by
The Oakdale Leader

Publication Information: The Backcountry News is the official journal of the Backcountry Horsemen of California, Inc., published three times per year. All rights reserved. It is an independent publication with news and information of interest to Backcountry Horsemen members, with an average circulation of approximately 4,000 per issue. Annual subscriptions are \$15.00 for non-members. Nonprofit postage paid at Manteca, CA.

Who is BCHC? The Backcountry Horsemen of California, Inc. is a 501c4 nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of California, March 13, 1990, with a 501(c)4 education foundation established in 2007. The Backcountry Horsemen of California, Inc., reserves the right to refuse any advertisements and/or articles that are inconsistent with the Backcountry Horsemen of California's objectives and purpose statement. Other material will be printed at the Editor's discretion.

Disclaimer: Articles and advertisements that appear in The Backcountry News do not necessarily reflect the position or opinion of BCHC or its officers and members. Nor does publication of said articles and advertisements constitute an endorsement of the views or of the goods or services offered therein that they may express. Accuracy of all material is the sole responsibility of the authors. BCHC is not responsible for unsolicited material of any kind.

Reader Submission: The Backcountry News welcomes reader contributions, event and calendar dates, and Unit news. These will be printed on a space-available basis. Submissions may be sent on disk in a Microsoft Word format, emailed or sent by regular mail. Longer articles are subject to edit for space at the discretion of the Editor. Photos may not be returned.

Deadlines: Advertising, announcements, pictures and other copy must be received at The Backcountry News by the deadlines listed below.

| Deadline | Publication Date |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| August 15, 2014 | September 2014 – Fall |
| December 19, 2014 | January 2015 – Winter |
| April 17, 2015 | May 2015 - Spring/Summer |

Advertising Rates per Issue: Rates effective January 2012. All ads must be paid in advance.

| Number of Issues: | 1 | 2 | 3 | Cost |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| Full Page | \$150.00 | \$142.50 | \$135.00 | |
| Half Page (h/v) | \$100.00 | \$95.00 | \$90.00 | per |
| Quarter Page (h/v) | \$80.00 | \$76.00 | \$72.00 | Issue |
| Bus. Card (h/v) | \$25.00 | \$23.75 | \$22.50 | |



Advertising: All ads must include all fonts and images used in artwork. Ads must be at a resolution of 300 pixels per inch at the actual size used in the artwork. Mail payment to the BCHC Treasurer. Checks returned from the bank will have a \$25.00 return check fee. No advertising will be accepted from advertisers with outstanding balances. Liability by The Backcountry News shall not exceed the space occupied by the error. Never shall The Backcountry News be liable for any general, special or consequential damages. All claims for adjustments must be made within 30 days of the first publication of said ad.

2014 Executive Committee

President

Richard Waller · (805) 489-8885 · homeranch@gmail.com

1st Vice President

Lloyd Erlandson · (209) 632-6470 · Lloyd.Erlanson0@gmail.com

2nd Vice President

Stacy Kuhns · (909) 633-1705 · stacykuhns@aol.com

Secretary

Kaye Bruns · (661) 803-5075 · kowgrl@charter.net

Treasurer

Lynn Joiner · (661) 747-6347 · lynnjoiner7@gmail.com

Vice President of Public Lands

Thor Bodtker · (415) 328-4545 · thunder.t@hotmail.com

Vice Presidents of Education

Dan Horn · (707) 544-4543 · bearstrap@msn.com

Denise Robinson · (559) 877-3532 · robnden@netptc.net

BCHA Executive Director/Chairman

Jim McGarvey · (706) 669-1015 · ExecDirector@backcountryhorse.com

BCHA National Directors

Ann Lange · (760) 378-2113 · kvvet@onemain.com

Pete Kriger · (909) 910-4619 · pkrigerjr@yahoo.com

BCHA Alternate Director

Dan Clifford · (619) 659-3038 · bigeasycowboy@mac.com

2014 State Coordinators

Accounting

Weir and Associates · (661) 323-1514

Annual Meeting

Kaye Bruns · (661) 803-5075 · kowgrl@charter.net

Newsletter Editor

Rhonda Strickland · (951) 522-8757 · news@bchcalifornia.org

Insurance

Lloyd Erlandson · (209) 632-6470 · Lloyd.Erlanson0@gmail.com

Membership

Chip and Linda Herzig · (775) 436-3634 · membership@bchcalifornia.org

Rendezvous General Chairmen

Lloyd Erlandson · (209) 632-6470 · Lloyd.Erlanson0@gmail.com

Mike Kohlbaker · (916) 214-6505 · 4horsen@sbcglobal.net

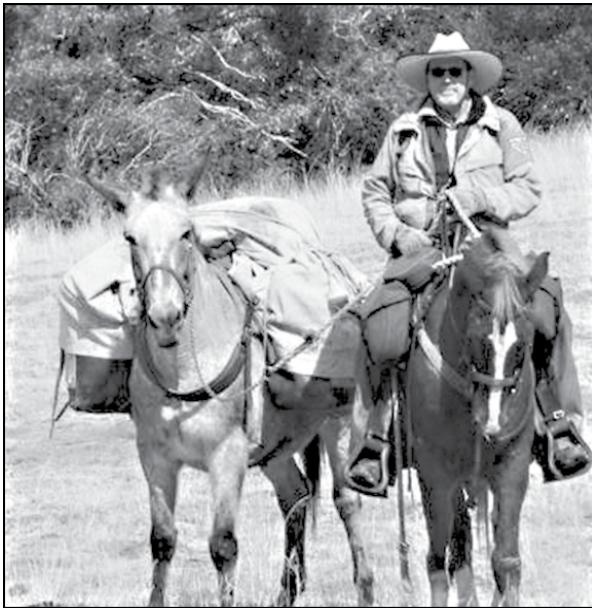
BCHC Youth Coordinator

Jacque Murphy · (707) 498-6648 · brennaluet@hotmail.com

Web Coordinator

Jacque Murphy · (707) 498-6648 · brennaluet@hotmail.com

President's Page



Richard Waller with mustang "Jeffers" and pack mule "Abbey"

To the introduction of the motor car, just whose was the first Model T to chug up the Cuyama River bed, turning to follow Alamo Creek across the grassy pastures to headquarters? Today, we drive to the ranch in expensive trucks, with living quarter trailers and campers the old vaqueros could not even have dreamed of. Yet today, as yesterday, the primary work of the 171-year-old rancho is raising cattle. The primary tool used in monitoring, moving and gathering of the cattle is the horse. The vaqueros of old California have been considered the finest horsemen who ever lived.

We, as backcountry horsemen carry on this proud tradition of horses and horsemanship. Our focus may be different than working cattle, yet some of us have done and still do that work. Most of us are mainly, day riders, yet we, too, are heirs to a proud and ancient tradition - that of the stock packer.

Horses and mules have carried loads for as long as they have been domesticated. In the days of the Roman Republic the soldiers of General Gaius Marius were known as Marius's Mules, a term of respect used for these men who carried heavier packs than other legionnaires. Through the exploration and settlement of the new world, mules were the primary "trucks" of the explorers. In the settling of the West, it was mules more than horses that made the "opening" possible. They carried loads from location to location, city to town, town to ranch, timber operation, and mine.

We are so fortunate as members of the Backcountry Horsemen to have the chance to learn and practice this now arcane traditional art. There are about 3,000 members in our organization. Of this number, how many of us today are packers? It is a fine way to go camping, to assist in service projects, even just to pack in parades to show Californians what Backcountry Horsemen can do. It is something that each member can learn, and should enjoy practicing.

Last month at the California Trails and Greenways conference, Stacy Kuhns, Mike and Pebbles Lewis put on a mule packing demonstration for the participants on the grounds of the fine hotel at which the conference was held. The demonstration was a hit, not only among participants, but among the staff of the hotel from yard men to housekeepers to management in dark business suits standing in the hot Palm Springs sun watching, pausing in their busy day.

We do something few others do; we pack stock into the mountains. If you currently are not a packer, consider it. In every unit I reckon there are men and women who can teach you to pack. Our unit, the Los Padres puts on a free four-day pack stock clinic each year for our members. Each unit should be able to do something similar. I recommend you give it a shot, learning to pack not only gives you entrance into an arcane art going back thousands of years, learning to

While sitting in my chair in an oak studded grassy valley at our unit's annual stock packing school at the historic Porter Ranch on the Central Coast this past weekend, I reflected on this fine old rancho. This ranch that has been in the same family since 1843 when it was granted to Isaac Sparks, whose descendants still own the ranch today.

What history these old oaks and hills have seen. From the days of the Spanish speaking vaqueros who disdained walking and any work done dismounted.

pack is extremely interesting to learn, and allows one to set a camp, miles from a road, beside a lake, with some of the comforts of home, and much better food than the back packers at the next campsite!

Trail riding, stock packing, education, service work, and our work to protect and preserve equestrian access to our public lands, is what we do, it is what we are. Adding knowledge, technique, and skills to our quiver of experiences and abilities is available through our members, and our wilderness riders program.

I encourage each member to look into what is available as Backcountry Horsemen, not only is it both, interesting and satisfying, but great fun with great people - us.

Please save this date:

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR TOBY HORST

**Active member of San Joaquin Sierra Unit
BCHC President, 2001-2003**

Date: Saturday, June 28
Place: Clovis Veteran's Memorial Building
453 Hughes, Clovis, CA
Time: STARTS at 2:00 and will last for two hours
until 4:00 p.m.

Please come ready to share your "Toby" stories with us.

Feel free to pass this announcement on to any friends who might have known Toby and who would like to celebrate the man that he was and all that he shared with us in helping to keep the backcountry open.



BCHC Membership New Mailing Address & Phone No.

1280 State Rt. 208, Yerington NV 89447

Email: membership@bchcalifornia.org

By phone: (775) 463-3634

BCHA



For Immediate Release: March 25, 2014

Groups seek Congressional Assistance for Trail Maintenance Crisis

Contacts:

Paul Spitler, The Wilderness Society (209) 360-1912,
Jim McGarvey, Chairman of Back Country Horsemen of America (706)
624-6506

WASHINGTON DC (March 25, 2014) – Citing threats to public access and increased natural resource damage, more than fifty diverse recreation and conservation groups today asked Congress to take immediate action to help dig the Forest Service out of a nation-wide trails crisis.

The request responds to a study last year by the Government Accountability Office which found the Forest Service trail system is squeezed between the demands of growing public use and shrinking budgets. According to that report, the maintenance backlog for forest trails exceeds \$314 million dollars and threatens to limit public access, harm natural resources, and increase future maintenance costs.

Groups as diverse as the American Motorcyclist Association, Professional Wilderness Outfitters Association, and National Wildlife Federation say that with no additional funding on the horizon, Congress must focus on solutions that stretch every dollar further. Specifically, they say new legislative direction for a national volunteer and partnership strategy will be an important piece of the solution.

"Regardless of how we use our trails we are united that they are too important to let lapse into ruin and disrepair and Congress has an important role to play," said Paul Spitler, a senior director at The Wilderness Society. "We are asking Congress to make it easier to form creative partnerships that have demonstrated success in the service of our National Forest trails system."

The groups specifically point to 1998 legislation which initiated a successful volunteer program for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as an example of what Congress could legislate for forest trails.

That program has demonstrated dramatically increased volunteerism in National Wildlife Refuges leveraging 56,000 volunteers who donated 2.1 million hours in 2012 alone. That's the equivalent of 1,036 full-time employees.

The Back Country Horsemen of America say the Forest Service already has a good track record of using volunteers in some areas but that a more robust and coordinated program could strengthen existing efforts and start digging the agency out of the trail maintenance hole.

"The Forest Service does a great job working with volunteers and partners in some regions," said Jim McGarvey, Chairman of Back Country Horsemen of America. "But the trail maintenance problem is national in scope and demands a national solution. Congress can help the Forest Service take their volunteer program from good to great so we can keep America's trails open."

Today, nearly a quarter of all Forest Service trail maintenance is provided by volunteers, state funding, and other federal and non-federal sources.

In addition to legislating a trails-focused volunteer program for the agency, the groups are asking Congress to look into a variety of studies that could better leverage offseason forest-fire crews, limit liability concerns in the use of volunteers, and create new incentives for professional outfitters and guides to perform trail maintenance.

The United States Forest Service manages 158,000 miles of trails that provide a wide array of recreational opportunities and access to America's National Forests. These trails help fuel a \$646 billion recreation industry supporting 6.1 million jobs nationwide.

"Our trails won't take care of themselves, so collaboration and leveraging resources and volunteer power is the name of the game," said McGarvey. "With or without more dedicated trail dollars from Congress, more robust volunteer partnerships are essential to preserving American's access to the great outdoors."

###

"Our trails won't take care of themselves, so collaboration and leveraging resources and volunteer power is the name of the game."

"With or without more dedicated trail dollars from Congress, more robust volunteer partnerships are essential to preserving American's access to the great outdoors."

~ Jim McGarvey, Chairman, BCHA

BCHA

March 25, 2014

Dear Member of Congress:

As recreation and conservation organizations whose members enjoy and steward National Forest trails nationwide, we are writing to ask your support for new approaches to address the trail maintenance crisis facing the National Forest System.

The Problem

America's National Forest trails are squeezed between the demands of an enthusiastic public and the challenge of shrinking budgets and a lack of attention. According to the comprehensive June 2013 study by the Government Accountability Office, the Forest Service trail maintenance backlog exceeds a half-billion dollars, and only one-quarter of the agency's 158,000 miles of trails meets agency standards for maintenance. Nearly two-thirds of these trails receive no maintenance at all.

Meanwhile, National Forest trails are giving back to American communities at unprecedented levels: since 1980, trail use has increased nationwide by 376% as people seek exercise, relaxation, and adventure on America's public lands. Forest trails help fuel a \$646 billion recreation industry. The constituency of people supporting trails is enthusiastic and energetic, bringing people together through unique partnerships that link hunters, horsemen, hikers, climbers, anglers, bicyclists, conservationists and many others in service of our national trails system. Today, nearly a quarter of Forest Service trail maintenance is provided by volunteers, state funding, and other federal and non-federal sources.

The enormous backlog of trail maintenance on our national forests inhibits trail use, poses safety hazards, harms natural resources, and increases annual maintenance costs. Our forest trails are simply too important to let lapse into ruin and disrepair.

The Solution

We believe that additional resources are necessary to fully maintain our nation's trails. However, in a time of limited budgets, there are things we can do now to improve trail maintenance. The proposals below will not require additional funding, but will result in substantial improvements in trail maintenance within the National Forest System.

We urge Congress to consider the following legislative proposals for improving and safeguarding our rich treasury of national forest trails:

- **Create a national forest volunteer and partnership strategy** specific to expanding the use of volunteers and partners such as conservation and service corps in maintaining national forest trails. Currently, the Forest Service has no overall strategy for incorporating partners, service corps and volunteers in trail maintenance. In 1998, Congress established a volunteer coordination program for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. This program has been very effective in increasing volunteerism in national wildlife refuges. Congress could create a similar program for the U.S. Forest Service.
- **Require the Forest Service to study the expanded use of fire crews for trail maintenance.** Historically, fire crews played an important role in

maintaining National Forest trails through trail maintenance work in the off-season and when not fighting fires. The agency should be directed to assess the feasibility of expanding use of such crews to maintain National Forest trails—without jeopardizing firefighting capabilities.

- **Direct the Forest Service to adopt long-term solutions to legal liability concerns in order to support and facilitate the use of partners and volunteers.** Liability concerns currently are impeding volunteerism in the National Forest System. The Forest Service has developed a short-term solution that has the potential to address these concerns, thereby increasing volunteerism and partnerships in forest trail maintenance. Require the agency to adopt a long-term solution for FY 2015 and beyond.
- **Study a proposal to permit outfitters and guides to partially offset their fees through trail maintenance.** Outfitters and guides pay for the privilege of operating their business on public lands. Direct the Forest Service to assess the feasibility and related issues regarding allowing outfitters and guides to treat their trail maintenance activities as an in-kind contribution to offset fees owed to the federal government.

National forest trails are important gateways to America's great outdoors, and they demand our immediate attention. We look forward to working with you to develop legislative solutions to the crisis in trail maintenance that undermines access to, and enjoyment of, our beloved national forests.

Sincerely,

Jim McGarvey
Chairman
Back Country Horsemen of America

Pat Tabor
President
Professional Wilderness Outfitters Association

Paul Spitzer
Director of Wilderness Campaigns
The Wilderness Society

Gary Werner
Executive Director
Partnership For The National Trails System

Wayne Allard
Vice President for Government Relations
American Motorcyclist Association

Don Treadway
Executive Vice President
American Quarter Horse Association

David Brown
Executive Director
America Outdoors Association

Peter Olsen
Vice President for Programs and Govt. Relations
American Hiking Society

Ben Pendergrass
Vice President for Government Affairs
American Horse Council

Eric Murdock
Policy Director
Access Fund

Jim Lyon
Vice President for Conservation Policy
National Wildlife Federation

and 34 others including BCHA President Richard Waller.

BCHA

2014 BCHA Education Committee Report

Meeting held Friday, April 25, 2014 in Chattanooga, TN

**Submitted by Pete Kriger, BCHA National Director,
Education Committee Chair**

Committee members present included:

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Pete Kriger, Chair | California |
| Edward Acosta | Nevada |
| Ron Smith | Virginia |
| Larry Jeffers | Tennessee |
| Bob Escoto | North Carolina |

Discussion topics included:

- 1.) Invite LNT to be a presenter and / or vendor at the 2015 National Board Meeting in Sacramento.
- 2.) Develop a training process where new directors could learn the expectations of the varied positions within BCHA. BCHC is willing to share its Leadership (aka Officer Training) Manual to see if it is useful. May need significant edits to be useful to BCHA. Distribute to Committee and BCHA Executive Secretary, Peg Greiwe.
- 3.) Explore developing Youth Programs. Ed Costa agreed to follow up with Alan Hill and learn more about what he is doing with FFA, 4H, and Boy Scouts as was presented earlier.
- 4.) Promote Defensive Horsemanship. The USFS DVD was mentioned as a guide. A link to all the material on this DVD is available on the new BCHA website for free. The DVD itself is available from BCHA or USFS for a small fee.
- 5.) BCHA Guidebook. BCHA is sold out and needs to order more. Significant quantities and prices were discussed with Peg. Peg affirmed that the money will not come out of the Education Committee budget, but she would like help in updating the information from the Education Committee. Peg will attempt to find a digital copy on "floppy disk" and import into current electronic version for distribution and edits.
- 6.) BCHA website has been updated with many new flyers and informational hand-outs. A quick review of the available topics were discussed and demonstrated.
- 7.) LNT Partnership should continue per the directive of the 2013 BCHA Board of Directors to fund a "permanent partnership" at \$200 per year.
- 8.) LNT Master Educator Course. It has been traditional to offer scholarships to BCHA members to attend a Master's Course in years past. With the news that California has been awarded a contract to provide this course from 2015-2020, it was decided that we would prefer to help California with start-up costs in 2014, and perhaps offer scholarships in 2015. \$200 was the suggested amount to help BCHC in 2014. Moved, seconded, passed without dissent.
- 9.) BCHA Education Foundation. It was suggested to include forms on the BCHA website for Donations and Grant Applications, rather than the current suggestion to "send Peg an email".
- 10.) Correct BCHA website links to flyers on Black Bears and Equine First Aid.

HISTORY OF BCHA

Look how we've grown!

- | | |
|------|--|
| 1973 | Flathead Valley, Montana |
| 1977 | Backcountry Horsemen of Washington |
| 1979 | Salmon, Idaho + Montana = BCHA |
| 1981 | California High Sierra Stock Users |
| 1986 | Constitution adopted by: California, Idaho, Montana, Washington |
| 1996 | Grown to 13 states (Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, N. Carolina, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming) |
| 2004 | Grown to 19 states (Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, S. Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia) |
| 2005 | 20 states (Michigan) |
| 2006 | Added Georgia (21 states) |
| 2007 | Added Alaska and Florida (22 states) |
| 2008 | Added Alabama, Kentucky and Wisconsin (25 states) |
| 2009 | Virginia (state) + Iron Mtn VA, Ft Harrod KY, Red River KY, Big South Fork TN, Pigeon River & Beyond MI |
| 2010 | Lost Wisconsin (24 states) |
| 2011 | Black Hills South Dakota (state) (25) East Coast Florida BCH (affiliate) |
| 2012 | None |
| 2013 | None |
| 2014 | Arkansas (state), Florida (state), Kansas (state) 27 states |



BCHA/BCHC

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN REMEMBER TOM BRYANT, RADIUM SPRINGS, NEW MEXICO

By Pat Buls, Radium Springs, New Mexico, with information added from Outskirts Press website

It is with great sadness that I announce the burial and memorial celebration of the life of a dedicated Back Country Horseman. Tom Bryant, BCHA member since the organization's inception in 1973, died at his home in Radium Springs, New Mexico, and was laid to rest May 16 at Fort Bayard National Cemetery near Silver City, New Mexico. A celebration of Tom's life was held May 17 at his residence, Shining Heart Farm, where he spent his golden years.

Tom was a salty ol' cowboy who led an amazingly adventuresome life! Those attending the celebration of life were able to take a look at Tom's books, magazine articles, photo albums and saddles, and take home one last memory of Lazy TB, a legendary Back Country Horseman.

Tom Bryant was born in Georgia in 1934. In 1996, he moved to New Mexico to co-author two books with a friend. He continued to write as a freelancer part time, while working full time as a cowboy. After a serious accident, Tom retired from cowboying and retired to Radium Springs, New Mexico to live with a friend, a little lady horse trainer, while he wrote his memoirs. Tom is president of Lower Rio Grande Back Country Horsemen. He is also a member of Western Writers of America (WWA); Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA); and has written four books and hundreds of magazine and newspaper articles. Tom has two more books in progress.

Tom was a most amazing individual. He was totally committed to the Back Country Horsemen and its mission. He will be greatly missed by many.

Donations in Tom's name may be made to BCHA, PO Box 1367, Graham, WA 98338-1367.

Denise Robinson's LNT reminder: Plan Ahead & Prepare

Know before you go

Minimize your impact

**Use equipment that works for
your needs**

Protect all foods

(See Pages 10 and 20 for more LNT articles)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

First, I would like to thank all the units who put on the 2014 Rendezvous this year. You all did the most amazing job from the program contents, to vendors, to the location. It takes a lot of hard work and commitment to pull off such a wonderful event. You all did a great job – thank you!

And while this doesn't have anything to do with the above, I would like to share a thought. When we open our events to the public, we the members, are representing who BCHC is. Being rude even when someone infringes on our personal space doesn't put our organization in the best possible light. Negative interactions will not promote those on the receiving end to want to join our organization. We are here to educate, encourage and solicit active participation (and new members) to foster and encourage our philosophy and purpose.

Patti Mensing
Los Padres Unit

Hello BCH,

BCHA is looking for videos of BCH work-related activities such as trail clearing, bridge work and trail maintenance. Any pack clinic footage or other education stuff would be good, too.

Email or call Robbin Schindele to explain what you have and he can contact you and arrange for a transfer. He prefers not to use YouTube videos. Most times the quality really suffers with the video compression.

Thanks,

Robbin Schindele

4600 W South Slope Road

Emmett, ID 83617

robbinschindele@yahoo.com or 208.365.1789

BCHC

Save the Date:

FALL STATE BOARD MEETING October 3-4, 2014 , VISALIA

The upcoming Fall State Board Meeting and election of officers will be held in Visalia at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, Friday and Saturday, October 3-4, 2014.

**Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center
9000 West Airport Drive, Visalia 93277**

Let the hotel know you are attending the Backcountry Horsemen meetings.

Reservation phone #: 1-800-465-4329

*Education and Public Lands will be meeting together again this year

Directions:

Take Hwy 99 to the Visalia exit. The hotel is literally right there on the cusp of Hwy 198 and 99.

Meeting Schedule:

Executive Committee Dinner Meeting: Friday, October 3, 2014, 6 p.m.

Joint Education and Public Lands Committee Meeting: Saturday: October 4, 2014, 9 a.m. to noon

State Board of Directors Meeting: Saturday, October 4, 2014, 1 to 5 p.m., followed by BBQ dinner by the High Sierra Unit with unit reports after dinner

Unit presidents and directors will receive more details in the 45-day notice packet which will be mailed by September 20, 2014.



Hotel's website is: www.visaliaca.holiday-inn.com

OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

of the

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMAN OF CALIFORNIA

(from the BCHC Bylaws)

- To improve and promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; to advocate good trail manners.
- To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation.
- To keep the backcountry trails and forage areas open to horsemen on all public lands.
- To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legislation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.
- To support or oppose new proposals, plans and restrictions as related to the interest of horsemen and those persons interested in recreational stock use and enjoying the backcountry.
- To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails.
- To promote public awareness and interest in the historical aspect of horsemen and stock in the backcountry and to help educate backcountry users on ways to use the trail and forage in a manner that conserves the backcountry resources.
- To assist in keeping the public informed of the vital need for a clean backcountry.
- To promote a working relationship with and keep the work and interests of the Corporation before our local, state and federal officials.
- To assist in the formation and continuation of local Units to carry out these purposes

GET INVOLVED, DO YOUR PART

DON'T FORGET: The BCHC Executive Committee will no longer send out membership renewal verification "green slips" via regular mail. Instead, each unit president and membership chair will get a personal email from the BCHC Membership Chair (Chip Herzig) with each units' data AND it will be put on the web page in the password protected section.

BCHC

2015 BCHC Fundraising Calendar Progress Report

By Michael King

Greetings, Backcountry Horsemen members!

Well, here we are, starting the second half of 2014 already. It seems like just a few days ago it was the beginning of January! As we all know, time does march on and it is always a good idea to periodically take a look at the goals we set for ourselves, take stock of our success to date, and refocus on the time remaining to accomplish those goals.

One goal we set for ourselves was the 2015 BCHC Fundraising Calendar. As you all are aware by now, the BCHC directors at the October 2013 state board meeting approved the 2015 BCHC Fundraising Calendar project. The BCHC effort is closely modeled after the very successful calendar project test conducted by Mid Valley Unit. Once approval was secured from the directors, the project plan was put into action and calendars were printed and distributed to individual units. The number of calendars allocated to each unit was based on the unit's pro rata share of their membership to the whole BCHC membership as of December 31, 2013.

Each unit in BCHC received their share of the fundraising calendars in late February and sales commenced almost immediately. In fact, some sales were made before we had the calendars printed. Early calendar purchasers participated in the special 'Early Bird Drawing' held at Rendezvous in Norco. Congratulations to Lynn Matranga of the Mother Lode Unit who was the winner of the \$200 Early Bird Drawing, and thanks also to all of you who bought your calendars early. Those early purchases got this project off to an enthusiastic start.

Fundraising Calendar Chairman Lynn Joiner reports that to-date sales of calendars have been strong, with three units - Los Padres, Top of the State and Mid Valley - being particularly active in their to-date sales. Every unit, though, is off to a great start and members have made many sales. Thank you to all sellers for your participation!

Now, as we enter the second half of 2014, the prime selling season, it's time to ramp up our efforts and get our own unit's share of the calendars sold. When we sell all of the 2,500 calendars, we will net very close to \$40,000 for our individual units and state BCHC to share. What an easy way to build our coffers! The chairman of the Idaho BCH calendar project said, and I quote, "It is the easiest and best fundraiser that we have ever had." I think that pretty much says it all.

Sales techniques will vary from person to person and each of us will, of course, develop our own sales style. The important thing is to get out there and sell a few calendars. Remember the old saw that says, "Many hands make for light work." Once you approach a person about the calendar and explain how it works, the calendar usually sells itself. Everyone likes the chance to win something and this is no exception.

Remember, selling these calendars to our own members is great and we certainly will want to do that, but sales to non members is even greater as it brings outside money into our organization and also helps spread our message as buyers look at the calendar month after month.

If anyone needs tips on how to sell the calendars, or what venues to try, feel free to call me at (209) 606-8323 and I will tell you what I learned in two years of selling.

That is about it right now. I look forward to vigorous and escalating sales numbers as we move along through the second half of 2014. Good luck to all of you and thank you for your support!

2015 Lucky Calendar



Volunteer Service Project, Desolation Wilderness
Photo by Jerry Heitzler
Mother Lode Unit

Backcountry Horsemen of California

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA
2015 Lucky Calendar Fundraiser
Maximum of 2,500 calendars to be sold

\$25 Donation (plus S/H, if applicable)

215 drawings for amounts ranging from \$50 to \$3,000 in 2015. Drawings held every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, last day of every month, and first and last days of the year. Prizes will be awarded by check. Winning tickets to be returned to prize pool for all subsequent drawings.

Direct questions or concerns to:
Lynn Joiner
 16347 Stephene Road
 Bakersfield, CA 93314-9669
 Cell Phone: (661) 747-6347
 Email: lynnjoiner@sbglobal.net

Michael King
 2401 E. Linwood Avenue
 Turlock, CA 95380-9161
 Cell Phone: (209) 606-8323
 Email: mking9@sbglobal.net

Ticket buyers are responsible for completing and mailing stub #2 to Lynn Joiner in pre-addressed envelope to address above. You are not entered in any drawings until your stub #2 is received.

Check the BCHC website (www.bchcalifornia.org) for drawing rules and winners.

BCHC Education



Dan Horn

Education Spring 2014

By Dan Horn/ Denise Robinson,
BCHC Vice Presidents of Education

I would like to thank Denise Robinson for stepping up to co-chair the state BCHC Education office with me. Denise is a member of Sierra Freepackers Unit and a graduate of the Wilderness Rider class of 2001.

Rendezvous

Denise and I want to thank the 2014 Rendezvous Committee for all of their hard work putting together another great Rendezvous in the town of Norco. Rendezvous 2015 will be in Angels Camp at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds. Mid Valley Unit and Mother Lode Unit have stepped up to be the hosts. With this location being more centrally located in our long state, participation by all units should be a lot easier. Lloyd Erlandson and Mike Kohlbaker have volunteered to be the co-chairs for Rendezvous 2015, so please contact them to see what your unit can do to help.

Lloyd Erlandson · (209) 632-6470 · Lloyd.Erlandson0@gmail.com
Mike Kohlbaker · (916) 214-6505 · 4horsen@sbcglobal.net

Education Awards

At our Rendezvous in Norco, Mid Valley Unit took the honors for the Unit Education Award. Their outstanding educational programs combined many youth activities and hours of instruction for members. Larry Cigainero from Kern River Valley Unit took home the Individual Education Award. Larry's hard work arranging vet clinics, packing clinics and fundraising events earned him with this award.

Volunteer Service Awards

Looking at the Volunteer Service Hours Reports for 2013, BCHC had very productive year teaching our skills and practices. The 2013 Volunteer Service Hours Award went to Mid Valley Unit. The Per Capita Award went to North Bay Unit. As per BCHC policy for these awards, both of the winning units will be ineligible to compete for two years, giving other units an opportunity to win.

LNT Masters Course

The BCHC board is pleased to announce that BCHC has been awarded a contract with the Center for Outdoor Ethics to be a provider for the Masters of Leave No Trace course in California. Our contract will start in January 2015 and run for five years. Having this opportunity here in California should enable more of our members to become Teachers of LNT. Beginning with the Wilderness Rider Class of 2015, all BCHC candidates will be both Wilderness Riders and LNT Masters upon graduating. North Bay Unit has already donated \$1,000.00 to a fund set up to establish this course and asks other units to contribute. Many of you have treasures big enough to donate something. North Bay has also committed to \$500.00

per year for the next five years to establish a grant fund for students and is challenging the other BCHC units to contribute to this fund as well.

Officer Training

Having Officer Training a Rendezvous these past years has not been very productive and participation has been low. We will go back to a traveling road show with classes in the north, central and southern areas of the state. We are looking for units in each area to host this event in January 2015. Please contact Denise Robinson or Dan Horn for more information.

Wilderness Rider Training 2015

There will be a Wilderness Rider training in 2015. Interviews for this training will be conducted at Rendezvous 2015 in Angels Camp. We had to cancel the last Wilderness Rider training because there were not enough students who applied, so this time we are starting early and would ask you all to spread the word.



Denise Robinson

Plan Ahead and Prepare

From Co-VP Denise Robinson

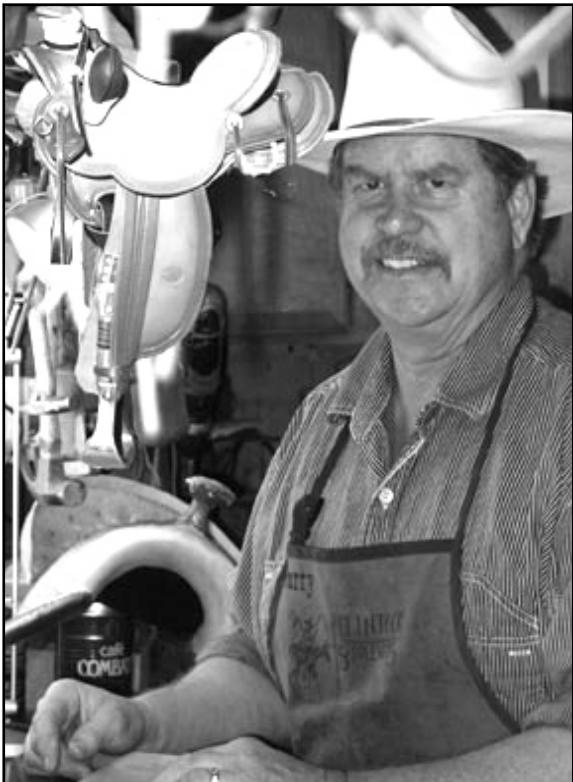
My friend Mary and I taught a LNT class - Plan Ahead and Prepare - at the Rendezvous in Norco. As summer season approaches many of us are starting the planning process and, hopefully, preparing, too. Here is a recap of our class to remind you of the LNT principles:

- Get your stock conditioned and exposed to obstacles you may encounter on the trails. (Our unit rides often throughout the winter.)
- Contact the agencies or land managers of the area you plan to visit with these to consider-
- Fire safety, water availability, grazing dates and possible closures. Check weather conditions as close to trip date as possible and get appropriate permits when needed.
- When planning your meals, consider the reason for the trip – A work trip menu may require more substantial meals. A fun trip - lighter or lower caloric meals might be sufficient. For groups, share some items such as: stoves, pots, tarps, tools, etc., to keep the loads lighter. Repackaging food to eliminate extra and unnecessary paper is suggested. Make sure all foods (human and stock) are properly stored to keep unwanted visitors out. Keep a clean camp, too.
- Make sure all of your tack is in good repair and fits your stock properly.
- First aid kits for both humans and stock are a must as well.
- Packing extra stock feed is to your advantage. Even if grazing is available, extra rations can help keep your stock well satisfied to stand on the highline overnight. The possible need for "catch grain" is something to consider.

Have fun during the summer and remember to log those hours!

Thank you!

GARRY MCCLINTOCK, SADDLEMAKER AND CALIFORNIO HISTORIAN



Garry McClintock donated custom saddles for the last two BCHC Rendezvous and as a token of our thanks we'd like to let everyone know about the excellent saddles and tack he designs and creates in his shop in Descanso, California. Garry is always willing to take the time to explain the finer points of saddlemaking to anyone interested enough to ask. He has also dedicated his life to learning the history of the California Vaquero and the Soldados De Cuero (Leatherjacket Soldiers) and their tack. His wide array of custom saddles and tack can be found online at mcclintocksaddles.com or he can be contacted at (619) 445-3946.

"All our saddles are handmade from only the finest natural materials available and all our designs have withstood the tests of time and working horsemanship. We stand behind everything we make, absolutely 100%, no questions asked.

I personally make each of my saddles. I learned the trade from Lawrence Dewitt of Eugene, Oregon in 1973 after being in another leather business for five years. Each saddle is unique unto itself, and no two saddles are

exactly alike. We often put names with them for referral purposes, naming them after the riders who had them built. I ride both horses and mules and have for 30 years and still have to tie my feet together to stay on top. (Just joking!) We all do things a little differently, and we are all built a little differently, so I work with your ideas as well as those I have found to work. My greatest joy with animals has been back country travel and ranch work. I have used primitive and modern methods, travelled with princes and paupers, gone hungry and feasted, but I have always learned to respect my companions, whoever they have been. My passion has always been the California Horseman and have spent time with many I have been lucky enough to meet. I long for those who are gone. If I can serve you with your needs, I will. If you have ideas that work, we will use them. If they will cause problems, I will not hesitate to tell you.

I use only rawhide covered wood trees built by Francis Bowden of Anthony, New Mexico, who has built quality saddle trees for more than 35 years and has better than a good idea of how they work and fit the animals we use.

I have been more than happy with Herman Oak saddle skirting leather that is an institution to itself. Without a doubt, it is the best western saddle making leather in the world. It holds tooling better and longer than any leather anywhere. It will live longer than most of us. I use it exclusively.

All the hardware used is solid brass or stainless steel as available and requested. A minimum of 40 hours goes into each plain saddle and with a backlog of 30 saddles, many of which are tooled, my waiting list is approximately one year. Thanks for your patience. It will be well worth the wait.

The best way to assure a good fit for the horses you use is for you to know what has worked best in the past. If you are not sure, bring them by for a fitting. If this is not possible, you can make patterns and send photos. I can help determine what will work best (look on my website under fitting horses or mules for specifics). Remember, horses change with age and weight so it is best to fit types. I generally use semi-quarter horse bars of 92 degrees of angle or a full quarter horse angle of 95 degrees, with 6 1/4, 6 1/2 or 7 inches of bar spread with 8 to 8 1/2 inches of height. If you are thoroughly confused, call and we can talk about it."

Sincerely,

Garry M. McClintock



NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

AUGUST 15, 2014 FOR FALL EDITION

100 Mules Walking

As a member of Backcountry Horsemen, previous mule owner/rider and person who loves to learn more about mules at Bishop Mule Days, I decided to attend the documentary film, "100 Mules Walking the Los Angeles Aqueduct."

Long considered one of the most amazing feats of 20th Century engineering, building the aqueduct would have been impossible without the labor of more than 1,000 mules. The harsh weather and environment during the six-year construction project made mechanical equipment break down. More reliable mules hauled water, brought provisions, pulled heavy equipment and carried large sections of steel pipe.

The one-hour documentary film was shown to a standing room only crowd in the little movie theater on Bishop's main drag. Jennifer Roeser of McGee Creek Pack Station introduced the film and provided some interesting background information about how the project was conceived and organized. Seated amongst us in the crowd were many of the wranglers and "supporting cast" of the documentary. For them it was like old home week - there was much jostling and cheering when faces familiar to them appeared on the screen.

In October and November 2013, 100 mules and a few people walked 240 miles along the aqueduct from the Owens Valley to Los Angeles. The purpose of the trek was not only to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Los Angeles Aqueduct, but more importantly, to encourage L.A. residents and others to understand where their water supply comes from.

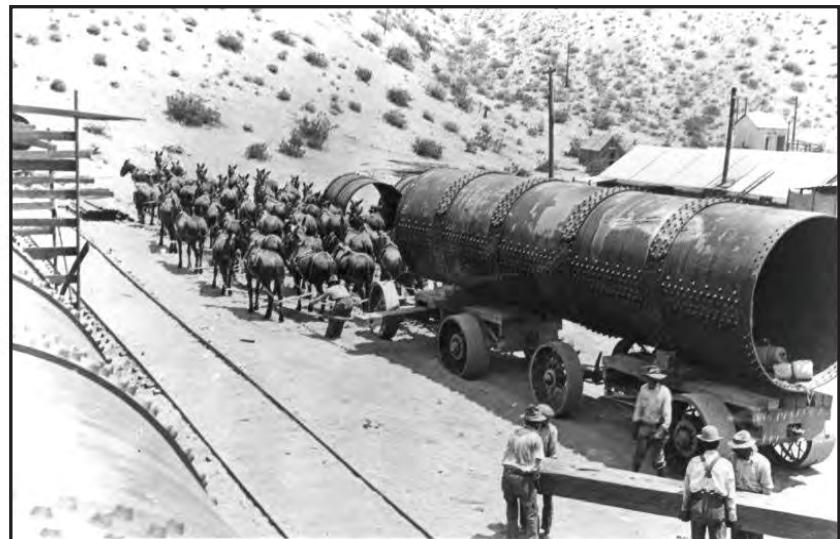
The almost month-long journey on foot from the Owens Valley to the Los Angeles Equestrian Center in Griffith Park was covered by KCET, the public television station serving Southern and Central California. This ambitious "mobile art project" conceived by civic-minded artist Lauren Bon and carried out by the Metabolic Studio team, was, according to Roeser, "intended to be transformative; not just art to look at but art that changes lives and creates potential for cultural and societal paradigm shifts."

Most people never give a thought when turning on a faucet or taking a shower, to where their water comes from. The visual line drawn by mules trekking from east of the Sierra to L.A. got people to think. People visited and became interested in the mules and in Lauren's project.

Jennifer Roeser believes the Mule Walk "did more for the future of the mule than most any event that could have transpired." She thinks "It brought creative imaginations and age-old skills together in a beautiful harmonious way."

For me and those who I attended the movie with, it made us think. It made us more in awe of the power of mules and their place in our history. It made us talk about water and where it comes from. It made us realize the importance of water to *everything* - people, animals and our environment. It challenged us to respect our water supply and to stop taking it for granted.

~ Carol Jo Hargreaves



Top two photos from *Constructing the Aqueduct, 1913 - Eastern California Museum, Independence, CA.* **Bottom photo from** "100 Mules Walking the Los Angeles Aqueduct" Facebook page.



BCHC Membership Application



- NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION Backcountry Horsemen of California
 RENEWAL APPLICATION
- CHANGE - () PARENT UNIT () ADDRESS/PHONE/EMAIL () MEMBERSHIP TYPE

DCTR (YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER) _____

**NEW MEMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED NUMBER BY MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

PARENT Unit Affiliation: (Select and CIRCLE ONE Unit as your Primary Unit Affiliation)

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Antelope Valley | Mid Valley | San Joaquin Sierra |
| Eastern Sierra | Mother Lode | Santa Ana River |
| High Country | North Bay | Sequoia |
| High Sierra | Redshank Riders | Shasta Trinity |
| Kern River Valley | Redwood | Sierra Freepackers |
| Kern Sierra | San Diego | Sutter Buttes |
| Lake-Mendo | San Gorgonio Pass | Top of the State |

MAIL TO:
**BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN
OF CALIFORNIA**
1280 State Rl 208
Yerington NV 89447
<http://www.bchcalifornia.org>

Donate to BCHC Education Fund?

Tax Deductible

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Packer | \$10.00 |
| Mule Skinner | \$25.00 |
| Other (Write in) | \$ _____ |

MEMBER'S NAME -No Business Names; Please Print Clearly

SPOUSE/MEMBER'S NAME -MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

ADDRESS

| | | | | |
|------|-------|-----|-----|-------|
| CITY | STATE | ZIP | () | PHONE |
|------|-------|-----|-----|-------|

EMAIL ADDRESS

Make Checks Payable to: BCHC

CHECK # _____

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

BUSINESS NAME -DONATIONS ONLY:

PARENT UNIT MEMBERSHIP TYPES: (CIRCLE ONE)

Individual \$50.00* Family \$60.00* Benefactor \$100.00 Patron \$250.00 Mt Whitney \$500.00

*BCHC shares portion of dues with Backcountry Horsemen of America

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS: AN ADDITIONAL \$15.00 PER UNIT IS ADDED TO YOUR PARENT UNIT DUES.
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP UNIT AFFILIATIONS MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT.

Associate Membership for: _____

\$15.00/unit (Unit Name (from above list))

Associate Membership for:
Please write additional choices on back

\$15.00/unit (Unit Name (from above list))

Please clip form along dashed line - **KEEP BELOW INFORMATION FOR YOUR RECORDS**

PARENT BCHC MEMBERSHIP TYPES

Individual, Family (Shared*), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt Whitney. A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit. BCHC members may NOT hold more than one active Parent Membership.

A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names, each sharing a common address.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent Unit affiliation.

- You may sign-up for as many Associate Memberships as you like.
- Associate Memberships may also be initiated at any time during the term of your Parent Membership.
- Associate Memberships must expire concurrently with the Parent Membership, and are renewable only at the time of renewal of the Parent Membership.

Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is available on the
MEMBERSHIP page at: <http://www.bchcalifornia.org>

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I SUBMITTED AN Application Form for:

- | | |
|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership | \$ 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (Shared) Membership | \$ 60.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership | \$250.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mt Whitney Membership | \$500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donation - Packer | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mule Skinner | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Write in) | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Membership | \$ _____ |
| Total Remittance | \$ _____ |
| Check Number _____ | _____ |
| Date Mailed _____ | _____ |

Questions: Contact membership@bchcalifornia.org

Charles "Toby" Horst



Dedicated to BCHC



CHARLES "TOBY" HORST, *continued from front page*

couple and traveled several times a year to different dances to enjoy their great mutual interest. Toby and Katie were so lucky to have each other and share the same love of animals, dancing, travel, the high country, and nature. Many people had great admiration of their marriage and true partnership of 27 years. Toby was a loving and dedicated husband and an honest, deeply caring and forthright man.

And, of course, Toby was a horseman. Toby could ride his trusted horse Dixie for miles and miles, many times pulling his string of six mules, all individually named and with unique personalities. Although he had a passion for animals, his animals were also considered tools; tools to allow him to get to places one could not get to by foot or vehicle. He always was the star attraction of the Clovis Rodeo Parade, with the mules packed up hauling those tools and our BCHC-SJSU banner.

Toby was a steward of the backcountry and upheld the values of an American outdoorsman, leaving no trace after every use, maintaining and preserving the mountain trails and meadows for generations to come. He worked tirelessly to keep trails cleared, open and on the maps of the U.S. Forest Service, as well as working on grants with various organizations to ensure the continuance of safe trails, and our rights and freedom in the high country. Thanks to Toby, there are bathrooms, bridges, horse stalls and corrals, which would never have existed if it was not for his business acumen, engineering strengths and communication skills.

Toby could not only handle a string of mules, a chain saw where allowed and cross cut saws in the wilderness. He was a technical wiz, a gadget lover, a computer expert, and of course our “sound” man with amplifiers and microphones. He was always ready with a slideshow, a GPS class while on the trail, or had a solution to some computer issue. He had a love of music and a huge collection of many genres and eras.

Toby was a valued member and patron of the backcountry family and deeply respected by the U.S. Forest Service, fellow riders, and packers. He left an impression with everyone he met and each of us learned something valuable from this man. In the past few days, people have been writing and talking about his influence, his teachings, his inspiration, his work ethics, and his great stories. He contributed so much to all of us and this huge loss cannot be replaced. Our thoughts, prayers and love go out to his wife Katie and his family and to all of us, who loved and admired and appreciated this wonderful man.

Toby, you will be hard to replace, but because of you, individuals are attempting to step up and keep your visions alive.

A “celebration of life” will take place at the Clovis Veteran’s Memorial Building on June 28, 2014 between 2 and 4 p.m. for those who would like to attend. (See Page 3 for more details).



Board of Director's Meeting Draft

DRAFT

**Backcountry Horsemen of California
Synopsis of the Board of Director's Meeting
February 15, 2014
Holiday Inn, Visalia, California**

- A. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm by President Richard Waller
- B. Record of Attendance: Executive Committee signed in. Missing members were: Ann Lange (did not sign sheet, came in late), Dan Clifford, Rhonda Strickland and Jacque Murphy (plane flight was cancelled)
Units not represented were: Redwood (notified secretary of cancellation of flight)
- C. Minutes of October 5, 2013: Motion to approve Minutes by Bob Gage, Second by Pete Kriger. Motion carried.
- D. Secretary's Report: Kaye Bruns reported on emails received from October 10, 2013 to February 13, 2014.
All correspondence is kept with the Secretary's Notebook.
- E. Reports-
 - 1. Treasurer's Report: Lynn Joiner answered questions on RAC money
Thor Bodtker made the motion to approve the report, Second by Bob Gage. Motion carried.
 - 2. BCHA: Pete Kriger feels he has been a conduit of information from National Committees, to BCHC Executive Committee, to BCHC Unit Presidents. He likes getting the feedback from units.
-resolutions are needed when BCHC wants to see changes made
-2015 National meeting will be in Sacramento
 - 3. Insurance: Lloyd Erlandson reported that insurance policies were sent out to unit presidents by email. Discussion held on our insurance policy - umbrella policy
-need an insurance committee led by Lloyd, to include Bob Gage and others
 - 4. Membership: Chip Herzig reported on the 2nd year of dues increase - this one is from
BCHA. Individual= \$50, Family = \$60.00
-presented Multi-year memberships, Young Adult member ships: Motion by Randy Witt, Second by Michael King
to set dues for Young Adult at \$15 per year. Motion carried. First Reading of Young Adult Membership states:
Young Adult: Membership is a deeply discounted mem bership for 18-25 year olds whose purpose is to get younger people interested in BCHC. The young adult status is deter mined by the unit and reported to the BCHC Membership Chair.
- ***Second Reading will take place at the October 2014 meeting.

- One Day Membership was discussed and voted down.
- 5. Education: Dan Horn reported on
 - Saw Policy: Motion by Thor Bodtker, Second by Michael King to proceed with Policy. Motion carried.
 - Officer's Training at Rendezvous: Breakfast training on Saturday morning 7-8 a.m.
 - we need to go back to 3 sections, north, central and south, for training.
- 6. Public Lands: Thor Bodtker reported
 - Susie Patton will be the co-chair for Public Lands
 - Action Alert chart completed. Copies will be sent to units.
- 7. Public Service: Stacy Kuhns reported the names of the units that have turned in their Volunteer Hours Report.
- 8. Youth Coordinator: Jacque Murphy presented her information by email
 - needs help with youth program
 - where does BCHC want to see our Youth Program go?
 - pursue activity workbook and reward system ideas?
 - set up Youth Ed guide lines and let each unit create their own program?
- 9. Website: Jacque Murphy presented her information by email
 - website is mostly updated. Still working on merchandise and blog portions, as well as iPad compatibility issues. Facebook has 1,281 fans.
- 10. Newsletter: Chip Herzig reported for Rhonda Strickland
 - need VP's of Education and Public Lands to send in a report for each newsletter.
- F. Old Business:
 - 1. Policy Review: Lynn Joiner's computer crashed. Needs to redo all the work.
 - 2. Mt Bike Policy: PCT recommends we treat them nicely. They can ride on 98% of the trails. Can't ride on the PCT. BCHC position statement is needed
 - 3. Rendezvous 2014: Roland Schmitz reported that Units need to sign up to help work the State Booth. Chip Herzig also asked for help at Mule Days starting May 21st.
 - 4. Wilderness 50th Anniversary: Santé Fe NM, October 15-19, 2014
-BLM will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary at Rendezvous in Norco
 - 5. 2015 BCHA National Board Meeting: to be held in Sacramento
-Mid Valley and Mother Lode are taking the lead in putting this together.
-need ideas and help. Dates: April 20-25, 2015
 - 6. Saw Policy: new positions inside the policy, will take back to PCT for formal approval
***BCHC will be responsible for packing safety and sawyers.
- G. New Business:
 - 1. By-law changes for Membership plans- already discussed
 - 2. Distribution of 2015 Lucky Calendars: Kathy Zumbrunn handed out folders for each unit with information on the procedures for the calendars.
-units received their calendars/tickets included inside calendar
-units will be emailed a spreadsheet by Kathy.
- H. Other Business:
 - 1. Strategic Plan: Richard Waller explained the "Business Plan" created at the Spokes for fundraising support classes for

Board of Director's Meeting Draft (cont'd)

non-profits, attended by Richard Waller, Lloyd Erlandson and Kaye Bruns. The plan is a blue print to focus on organization for five years.

-Strengths and Weaknesses of the Organization:

1. Increase financial stability of BCHC: need to create a fundraising chair, write grants, etc.
2. Improve credibility and communication with federal agencies.
3. Improve communication with members
4. Increase membership

Motion by Michael King, Second by tor Bodtke to adopt the Strategic Plan. Motion carried. Kaye Bruns to send a copy to Unit Presidents, Jacque Murphy to put in on the website.

2. Leave No Trace Stock Use Master Course Provider: Dan Horn reported we need to send 10 people to class on September 7-13, 2014. Need to send 1 or 2 people to the class in Boulder, CO.
- North Bay Unit donated \$1,000 and will donate \$500 a year for five (5) years to establish a Scholarship Fund to attend these classes.
- Wilderness Riders 2015 will have their Wilderness Riders and Master certification when class is completed.
3. DUNN Numbers: Lynn Joiner explained and issued the ONLY NUMBER that all units will need. #784337938
4. California Trails and Greenway Conference: Richard Waller reported that BCHC will be sponsoring and will have a booth at the conference on April 8-10, 2014 in Palm Springs. He will present a class on what BCHC does. Stacy Kuhns will give a live animal demonstration on packing. San Diego Unit will be there to handle the booth.
5. BCHC logo- Richard Waller presented the new logo design. It will be used on literature, hats and made into a shoulder patch.
6. OSTTREK: Richard Waller explained what this trip is all about. Information was publicized in the BCHC and BCHA newsletters.
7. Trail Maintenance Backlog: Randy Rassmussen sending letters to Congress and the Forest Service. Wants BCHC to sign letters of support.
Pete Kriger made the motion to have BCHC support and sign the letter. Second by Ann Lange. Motion carried.
8. Merced River Plan: finalized- Alternative 5
-Fresno Bee carried an article (either Feb 14 or 15, 2014)
9. Property bequeathed to BCHC: offer of \$25,000, with \$5,000 down. Payment in 4 years. Money will go to 501C3 account and be split with BCHC and Mother Lode Unit.
10. 501C3- changes: no longer have Business Memberships-they will be Sponsorships
-new classification: "Special Projects"
-grant money goes to BCHC Education 501C3 account
-money is earmarked for the unit that received the grant money.

I. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Bruns

BCHC Secretary



GET READY FOR PACKING SEASON

REMEMBER THE SEVEN LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES

**Plan Ahead and Prepare
Travel and Camp on Durable
Surfaces
Dispose of Waste Properly
Leave What You Find
Minimize Campfire Impacts
Respect Wildlife**



MAIL YOUR BCHC MEMBERSHIPS TO:

BCHC Membership
1280 State Rt. 208,
Yerington, NV 89447

Unit News



From Top of the State Unit's Website:

Unit Mentor Program

Our Continuing Mentoring Opportunities

Many folks that sign up as members are new to horses and mules, new to riding in the backcountry, or just simply new to northern California and southern Oregon. Over the course of time we have learned that many new members don't participate in group functions primarily because they don't want to "hold things up" or lack the confidence to enjoy what we do. We want all members to know that the Education Committee has initiated a Mentor Program that will benefit the Top of the State Unit.

If you are interested in being mentored by an experienced backcountry horseman (or woman) to gain the skills and confidence you desire, please call Penny Wells at 468-2715. She will either personally take care of you, or find somebody who knows what you're looking for. Skills that a mentor can teach you include:

Groundwork
Saddle fit and tack (what works for you)
Knowing your animal
What to pack in your saddlebags
Increasing your enjoyment of your animals
Loading in a trailer
Driving with a trailer
Backing up a trailer
Safety
. . . the list goes on.

We are also looking for experienced folks within our group to sign up to be mentors. As a mentor, you can share your knowledge of, and passion for, animals and the backcountry. Take some time to help members of our unit become more confident backcountry horsemen. Whether you're experienced or novice, want to teach or learn, please contact our Education Committee:

Tish Chism (530) 598-1538 pnchism@sisqtel.net
Penny Wells-Thomas (530) 468-2715 pwells@sisqtel.net

From Eastern Sierra Unit's Website:

Upcoming Trail Work June 26th - July 6th

BCHC, PCTA and Friends of Inyo will come together again at Red's Meadow Pack Station and Resort (RMPS&R) to clear wilderness trails in the John Muir and Ansel Adams Wildernesses in the Mammoth Ranger District of the Inyo NF. We can provide a job for all levels of ability-all that is required is a happy helpful attitude.

Store, restaurant, cabins are available for a fee. Admission to Red's Meadow area is free. RMPS&R will provide rest rooms, showers, drinking water and corrals for stock.

We will work on the PCTNST and feeder trail doing log out with cross cut saws, some tread work and perhaps some fencing work for our USFS Administrative Pastures.

We may need to do a 2 or 3 day wilderness pack trip to clear other forest trails. Do bring overnight camping gear if you wish. Work may occur 2-14 miles from base camp and will suit the ability of the individual. We will need an assistant cook to help our chef Todd. Please supply hard hats or we will provide. Long pants, long sleeve shirts, durable boots, gloves required. Bug repellant, sun screen, head net desirable.

Agency Contact is Michael Morse (wilderness Manager) 760 924-5511. Crew leader is Bill Carter 760 872-7511 (O) 760 937-0883 (C).

Arrival date afternoon 26 June. First meal is (breakfast) 27 June. Last meal breakfast July 6, please supply your own eating utensils. Come for all or part of project.

Bill questions 760 872-7511 (Office), 760 937-0883 (Cell)



Unit News

Posted on San Gorgonio Pass Unit's Facebook page:

From Silicon Valley Mountain Bikers - Getting On With Equestrians

Cruising down your favorite stretch of singletrack, you alertly notice something in the trail ahead. Actually you don't have to be too alert, because this something is BIG. "Long nose, pointy ears and a person on its back," your mind calculates rapidly as your fingers automatically bring you and your rig gently to a stop. "Must be a horse." Talking about anything that comes to mind — the weather, trail conditions, what you had for breakfast — you move off the trail (to the downhill side if possible) and stand quietly as you ask the riders if they have enough room to pass. Careful not to make any sudden movements as they approach, you continue chatting until they have passed you by. Then it's back on the bike, up to speed and back into "the zone."

It seems simple enough. Good trail etiquette and safety call for mountain bikers to yield to other users. But when that other user is a horse, some extra precautions are necessary. Why? You could call it the nature of the beast.

The most important thing for a bicyclist to know is that a horse reverts to instinct when it is frightened. As the species developed, survival depended on a good flight response, and that instinct is never far from the surface in a horse. In short, if you spook a horse, it will try to escape. This may include a sudden turn or rearing, which could unseat a rider.

The next important thing to keep in mind is that horses are big and powerful. When you go down and your bike lands on you it's usually not a big deal. Twelve hundred pounds of horse is another matter.

So it's very important, for your safety and the equestrian's, that you not spook a horse. It's also important, if we are to share trails with equestrians, that we get along.

Some horses are so tame that nothing fazes them. Others will go ballistic at the slightest pretext. Most are somewhere in between. When you see a horse, assume first that it is on the flighty side. Ask the rider if it is OK around mountain bikes and if there is anything he or she needs you to do. Often, equestrians prefer voice alerts over bells — the human voice helps the horse identify the cyclist as a friendly human and not a potential threat or predator. A greeting such as, "Hi! Great weather today!" is appropriate coming from in front or behind. Horses recognize the human voice as safe and a spoken salutation helps offset the potentially threatening appearance of a bike.

On tight single track it is best to get off your bike and let horseback riders pass. Get off on the uphill side so that the horse can't slip down on you or kick you.

(Note: A bike above a horse can look threatening; downhill, not so much.)

You can also look for a few symptoms that will clue you in that a horse is nervous. Horses are fidgety and susceptible to other horses' behavior. If a horse is halted on a narrow trail it may not necessarily stand still, and it may lose its

footing causing it to attempt to save itself from falling down a slope. This in turn will agitate other nearby horses that interpret the situation as dangerous. Some horses may try to turn around. This can be treacherous for the horseback riders.

The first clue is the ears. Pointed ahead they are in the "alert" mode. This isn't necessarily bad. It just means the horse is paying attention. Ears laid flat back against the head mean the horse is in a nasty mood, and probably about to bite or kick. Sometimes a horse will flick its ears back and forth slowly. This means it's on mental cruise control, and possibly trying to keep flies from landing. A more significant clue, but one that requires being closer, is the eyes. If they are rolling and really wide open, look out. Half open, the horse is relaxed. There are other clear indicators of agitation. A horse that is prancing, sidestepping and snorting is obviously close to coming unglued. A twitchy, swirling tail is another indicator of equine anxiety. If you do see a horse in an agitated state, move slowly away if possible, and talk in a calm voice. Do not make any sudden moves. The rider will probably give you directions. But don't assume, if the rider says nothing, that you are being ignored. It might be that horse and rider are deep in conversation, one you can't hear because the rider is "cueing" the horse nonverbally, with subtle pressure of knee, heel, toe and reins.

Understanding horses

Horses are prey animals and have been bred only recently into large animals. In prehistoric times they were much smaller. Horses may still think they are small. Even though to us they are truly powerful and potentially dangerous animals, horses don't see themselves this way. Therefore it is erroneous to assume that a horse has confidence and a sense of security just because it is big and powerful. Small, seemingly innocuous things will spook them. When a rider is perched on the back of a scared horse, it can be a precarious situation.

Horses are farsighted, so things up close are blurry. They cannot see directly in front or behind themselves. When a bicyclist comes around a blind corner and suddenly appears within 50 ft of the horse, the horse cannot readily identify what is heading towards it. Since the horse is a prey animal it is normal behavior for it to flinch and desire to flee. Obviously this is not good for any rider on its back.

Other considerations

Remember also that just as there are beginning bicyclists, there are rookie equestrians. Just as we lose control of our bikes, some of them may not be in full control of their animals.

In the parking lot, try to be considerate of the needs of equestrians. One former riding acquaintance (and he is "former" because of this incident) pulled his car right behind a horse trailer, making it impossible for the riders to load up without moving their rig. When I pointed this out to him, he said that he had done it on purpose. I didn't say anything at the time, but never rode with him again. Today I wouldn't be so shy. I see people like that as jeopardizing my access to trails, and they deserve to be chewed out for their stupidity.

Another consideration in the parking lot is for the space a pickup and trailer needs to maneuver. Try not to crowd turnaround and parking spaces.

Getting on with equestrians is a matter of a little knowledge, consideration, common sense and awareness. And getting along with equestrians increases our chances for sharing trails, so it's well worth the effort.

But if you really want to gain an understanding of the equestrian's point of view, try riding a horse. It may not be the same feeling as gliding down a smooth stretch of singletrack, but it's a lot of fun. And the hills are definitely easier.

Unit News

There's a Better Way

By Karen Lopes, Mid Valley Unit

Hello, fellow Backcountry Horsemen! Summer is just around the corner. Are you ready? I would like to talk about the first principle of Leave No Trace: "Plan Ahead and Prepare." However, this time, we will approach it from a little different angle. Let's focus on how "safety"- your personal safety, the safety of your stock, as well as the safety of our backcountry resources - can be protected by good "Plan Ahead and Prepare" actions. Can we all agree that many times, when we have an "accident," there are things that could have been done to help avoid a disaster?

Let's start with your personal safety. This begins with your knowledge of trail riding and/or packing, and all of the many factors that are in play. Do you need to take lessons to improve your riding skills to be more competent on the trail? Are your packing skills adequate, or should you be practicing at home before your next pack trip? Do you need to study your maps, compass and/or GPS gadgets to be more aware of your direction and location? It is recommended that everyone have some type of first aid training, as well as CPR certification. How do you feel about your ability to deal with a medical emergency on the trail? My Wilderness First Aid card is good for one more year, but I know I need to restock my first aid kit and check that everything is in good order. Will you be operating saw equipment in the backcountry this summer? If so, do you have the proper (and required) certification and training? Are you prepared for a weather emergency? I've only just scratched the surface!

Stock safety. Are your horses and mules in good condition? It takes a while for stock from the "flatlands" to get their legs and lungs in mountain shape. Is your stock's level of training compatible with your level of riding? Remember what Jerry Tindell says: "Green and green makes black and blue." This means if you are a novice riding a young horse, don't be surprised when you get bruised up! What about your gear? A broken latigo or busted stirrup could cause a wreck in an instant. Check your gear and keep it oiled and well maintained. Is your horse or mule ready to carry boxes with chain saws? These items can make a lot of extra noise that your pack animal may not be ready for. Has your stock been exposed to the type of restraint you'll be using this summer? Don't make changes mid-stream; prepare your animals at home for everything you plan to do with them in the mountains.

Safety of backcountry resources. This, of course, is just another way to explain the purpose of why we practice Leave No Trace (LNT). By being prepared, and following all of the seven principles of LNT, we can protect and preserve the integrity of the backcountry that we all enjoy. When backcountry visitors camp a minimum of 200 feet from water, that helps keep the water safe for everyone! When stock users restrain their animals with high lines, rather than tying directly to trees, that keeps the trees safe! By not feeding wild animals, we keep them wild, and this helps them survive. Some people have wondered, "Why do we have to do that LNT thing?" Each of the LNT practices has a purpose; to help keep you safe, to ensure that visitors for generations to come will have the same opportunity to enjoy the backcountry as you did, to keep the wildlife safe (from us!), and to protect the backcountry from us "loving it to death."

With over 400 members, Mid Valley Unit is a cornucopia of knowledge in a variety of areas. Whichever "thing" you need to do in order to be more "safe" this summer, we have someone that could help you! We have experts in packing, we have expert horsemen and horsewomen amongst us, and we have members certified to provide training in operating crosscut saws, chain saws, and even griphoists. We have people who have set up first aid training for our members, we have had stock safety classes with Jerry Tindell, and we even have masters of LNT! If you have an area you would like to work on, please give me a call, and I would be glad to direct you to one of our members who could help you in that area.

Of course, once in a while, stuff happens. A freak thunderstorm in the high country is something you can plan on; but when it happens, there are still consequences that may not be avoided with all of the best preparation. However, overall, the better prepared we are, the safer and more enjoyable our trips to the backcountry will be ... for us, for our stock, and for the beautiful backcountry we love so much. Well, I'd better get off the computer and get started on my own homework. I still have lots to do to get ready for my first backcountry trip of the season!



"Overall, the better prepared we are, the safer and more enjoyable our trips to the backcountry will be ... for us, for our stock, and for the beautiful backcountry we love so much."

Unit News



Above: Anna Baglione is triumphant at the conclusion of Saturday's pack team scramble.

Below: The all girl pack team in authentic Western dress. (l to r) Jessica Hamilton, Julia Heller, Anna Baglione and Hannah Smith.



All Girl Pack Team

By Kathy Zumbrunn

Mid Valley Unit sponsored an all girls intercollegiate pack team at Bishop Mule Days this year. It has been many years since we sponsored a competition pack team and it was fun to lend support to this worthwhile cause. We outfitted the girls with Mid Valley logo caps and vests, brand new chinks and a generous financial contribution for expenses like gas and food needed for the trip.

The girls practiced regularly at Dave Moser's arena and became pretty good, considering only one of the young ladies is a professional packer!

The team consists of four young ladies, all students at Modesto Junior College, the school they represented and competed in the division for. The team of Anna Baglione, Jessica Hamilton, Julia Heller and Hannah Smith definitely demonstrated girl power and class at Bishop Mule Days.

Mid Valley members Dave Moser, Carl Perry and Doug Dollarhide coached and taught the team and Debra Mason, Jerrie Thomas and others cheered them on from the sidelines while they practiced.

If you were at Bishop over Memorial Day weekend, you probably saw these young ladies in Saturday's parade as well as in the various Interscholastic classes - comedy, steer decorating, the pack team scramble and team packing.

Other colleges participating in the class were Thatcher School, Oregon State, Cal Poly SLO, Pierce College, UC Davis, UCLA, Bakersfield Community College, and Claremont Colleges Consortium.

About 32 Mid Valley Unit members were in Bishop to cheer the girls on and let them know we were there to [loudly] lend support.

Official results have not been posted on the Mule Days website but we think our girls earned Reserve Champion.



Unit News

San Diego Unit Out and About



(l to r) Geoff Durham, Suzie and Walt Kirkwood, Allie Heary, Cheryl Wegner and Martin Jorgensen at the 2014 BCHC Rendezvous dinner.



(l to r) Martin Jorgensen, Terry Jorgensen, BCHC President Richard Waller, Stacy Kuhns and Mike Lewis at the State Trails and Greenways Conference.



Page22 Patty Heyden clearing trail (Beech Meadows, Southern Sierra).

LOGAN
SINCE 1985
COACH

675 N 600 W Suite #3,
Logan, UT 84321
(800) 742-7047

Logan Coach Rebate Program Exclusive to BCH Members

As a special rebate for Backcountry Horseman members, Logan Coach will give the following rebates/donations when you purchase a new Logan Coach trailer:

- .5% of Retail Price Paid Donated to BCH State Organization
- .5% of Retail Price Paid Donated to Customer's Local BCH Chapter
- .5% of Retail Price Paid as Rebate back to Customer

Ask Your Logan Coach Dealer for details.

See the 2012 Logan Coach Line at www.LoganCoach.com

All you will need to get the rebates sent out is a copy of the invoice for the Logan trailer you purchased from the retail purchaser & what your unit & state is.

You can send that directly to Steve Hales ~ Logan Coach
Phone (435) 752-3737 Fax (435) 752-3756

The deadline for submissions for the
FALL EDITION
of the Backcountry News is:

August 15, 2014

Send submissions to BCHC.News@gmail.com
or mail to: Rhonda Strickland
Restless Designs
27150 Shadel Rd. SPC 119, Sun City, CA 92586

Unit News

4th Annual Warhorse Day – Sunday May 4, 2014

Article and photos by Lisa Deas

The 4th Annual Warhorse Day was hosted by Friends of the Fort Ord Warhorse and sponsored by Backcountry Horsemen of California, Los Padres Unit at the Marina Equestrian Center in Marina, CA.

Warhorse Day was a fun-filled event, free to the public and attended by over 500 people. Attendees included many Marina City Council members and Mayor Bruce Delgado, on hand to accept a photo of the newly re-roofed and painted buildings of the former Army Station Veterinary Hospital (12 of these were built during WWII and the surgery, colic buildings, and barns are the only ones that remain standing in the United States today.)

Friends of the Fort Ord Warhorse have applied for the buildings to be on the National Register of Historic Places. Recently this action was approved at state level and is now pending national recognition!

On hand to celebrate and participate were the Defense Language Institute Choir, Boy Scout Troop 187, the U.S. Cavalry Association of Historical Living Historians, 1st California Hussar Regiment, California Historical Artillery Society (CHAS), Reb Monaco Historical Blacksmith, Marina Youth Arts, Art Montgomery with his WWII Cavalry exhibit, Half-Track Tank and WWII Jeeps with ham radios, Central Coast CERT team providing BBQ, and Capt. Robert Hainline, DVM, U.S. Veterinary Corps out of Lemoore, CA. Local newspapers, television and radio personnel were on hand as well.

Our program was full and well received. We organized a bike ride prior to the event with the Monterey Bay Off Road Cycling Association (MORCA) and a horseback ride with Monterey Bay Equestrians, coming from the hub of the Marina Equestrian Center, to complement our usage of multipurpose trail systems.

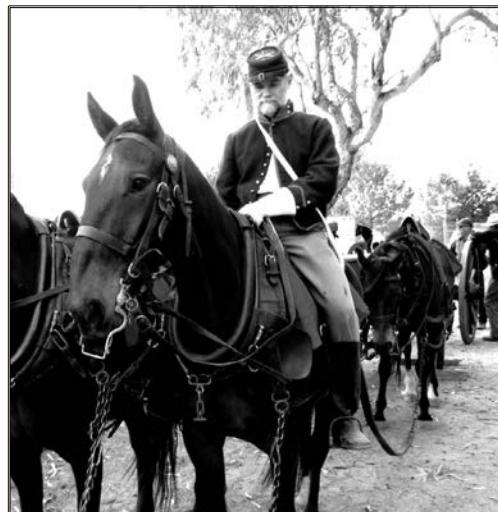
After our opening ceremonies there was much to see and do such as the Army horse intro and vet check by Fred Klink, U.S. Cavalry Association, a bike/equine safety class conducted by Lisa Deas with the bike club assisting, CHAS providing living history with their six-hitch team pulling a cannon, films of Fort Ord then and now, and a drill done by the Hussars. We included a petting zoo and coloring tables for the youngsters and the biggest hit seemed to be the huge half-track tank!

Each year we continue to improve the quality of the Warhorse Day event and Friends of the Fort Ord Warhorse have Backcountry Horsemen of California, Los Padres Unit to thank for continuing to provide insurance coverage so we can bring this history to our community.

Friends of the Fort Ord Warhorse is now a 501(c)3 organization and we hope to produce a huge press release once the recognition of the buildings of the Marina Equestrian Center by the National Register of Historic Places is confirmed. I plan to hold a fundraising Barn Dance and perhaps some

concerts as we continue to develop plans to utilize this park as intended by National Parks, as a multipurpose park with horse components. If there is interest in a catered/camp ride on the Central Coast, contact me and I'll plan it!!!

For more pictures of the War Horse Day event – please see:
<https://www.facebook.com/FortOrdWarHorse?ref=hl>
<http://fortordwarhorse.org>



Top: California Historical Artillery Society representative.



Welcome, New Members!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Antelope Valley | Richard Balliger, Sr. Becky and Tim Borquez Tracy and Bob Raffaele Rick Kapuschinksy Bruce and Fran Reed Teresa and Joe Stalteri Valerie and Brad Alexander Lindsey Hester Joy and Jack Wikoff Alisa Dodge Cindy and Joseph Eller Patrick O. Sheridan Carol Adair Linda Czyzewski Cindy Mihelcic Dan Mini Casey Notaro and Scott Johnson Leah Solon Mary Bahnken Pete and Nikki Clark Ken Gallinger Rudy Gomez Patricia Hawes Brett and Natalie Hodges Joan Hulme Mari T. Jones Arlene Krausz Doreen Lopez Jennifer and Tab Miller Patricia Montgomery Jacob Pettyjohn and Ashlee Jones Rick and Melissa Rohrer Jeanette Webber Lynette Aldridge Warren and Bonnie Belisle Daniel Di Dio Lynne S. Fagundes Candy Graham Randyn Gregg John Herlihy Tamara Maguire Kayla Ogden Dennis Ponte Sheryl and Dan Richardson Danielle Romero Roger and Donna Rummerfield Joanie Ryman Larry Sandridge Shera Blume David and Nancy Broce Melanie Floyd Karen Habben and Chris Cozad Jill Hadley Ronda and Mike Mahoney |
| High Country | |
| Kern River Valley | |
| Kern Sierra | |
| Lake-Mendo | |
| Los Padres | |
| Mid Valley | |
| Mother Lode | |

NEW MEMBERS, *continued*

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Mother Lode | Ron Sauls and Janet Peters Heidi Sawyer and Nick Jones Jackie L. Vargus Ray Williams Lily Hughes Shelly Macri Lindsay Crowley and Jason Hower Julie A. and Brian D. Murphy Daniel and Dayna Robinson Kathryn and Gary Robinson Cindy and Steve Engle Chris Turner Tracy H. Van Emmerik Roberta and Robert Carr Toni Durham Jerry Hall Julie, Randy & Jacob Meyers Sharon, Rachel & Cate Murphy Larry and Racine Poole Joey Solazzo Paul Wendee Dan Eatherton Marylyn Shubin Eugene R. Anthony Fernando Fernandez Kristi Parkin and Jeremy Purcell Henry J. and Janice L. Escalera Sandra Esposito Larry McNealey Jim Meyer Rachel Nowinski Dianne and Peter Stocks Corey Finneman Joy Girado and Galen Golden Judy Goldman and Tammy Johnston Michael Peterson Kellee Cropley and Andrew Walker Vonya Marie, Brayden & Viana Genoud Rick Pareno Danny C. and Jacquee Teague Ben Amos Kris Barnes Trisha Beckstead Patricia J. Lemon Debra L. Slaybaugh Tom Ward Kristy Cottini Richard W. and Linda J. Lind Tom Menne Ian Nelson Stefanie Root and Shirley Johnson Thor Thorlaksson Monte and Darbi Whipple |
| North Bay | |
| Redshank Riders | |
| Redwood | |
| San Diego | |
| San Gorgonio Pass | |
| San Joaquin Sierra | |
| Santa Ana River | |
| Sequoia | |
| Shasta Trinity | |
| Sierra Freepackers | |
| Top of the State | |

Information

GoodDining

You Dine, We Give!



Dining to Support Back Country Horsemen of America - BCHC
Your Supporters Can Earn Up To 6% When They Dine

 www.goodsearch.com

SAVE TIME AND MONEY BY SHOPPING ONLINE!

Earn **cash back** while shopping from home! Search for deals such as free shipping, instant savings, coupons, and more by visiting www.zamzuu.com/bchc

Some of the key features you'll find on the BCHC shopping website include:

- Apparel and Accessories\
- Automotive
- Electronics
- Health and Beauty
- Home and Garden
- Movies, Music and Entertainment

The Ultimate Shopping Experience!

Please help to make this exciting new program a success for the Backcountry Horsemen of California!

Book all travel at:

www.ytbtravel.com/bchc



Start shopping on-line at:

www.zamzuu.com/bchc

THE BCHC EDUCATION FUND IS A 501(c)3 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

A donation in the amount of your choice is tax deductible.

You can now donate easily and quickly, using a major credit card or PayPal.

Simply go to the BCHC website

(bchcalifornia.org),

Scroll down to the bottom of any page, press the DONATE button and help us in our many efforts.

THANK YOU!

PLEASE NOTE: BCHC Treasurer Lynn Joiner has a new email address. When corresponding with Lynn, please use the following email address:

lynnjoiner7@gmail.com

Backcountry News Editor Rhonda Strickland underwent double bypass surgery in late February. Rhonda, in Tennessee to help her daughter during recovery from major surgery, suffered severe chest pains and went to the emergency room. She was immediately hospitalized for open heart surgery and stayed in Tennessee a month for her own post-op recovery.

Although Rhonda has completed her cardiac rehabilitation class and is on the road to recovery, I thank her for giving me the opportunity to be guest editor of this edition. It has been fun for me to assemble the stories and photographs and get them ready to share with you.

If you want to see more special features and unit news, please be sure to submit your articles and photos to Rhonda (bchcnews@gmail.com) by August 15 for the Fall edition.

Enjoy the summer riding and packing season and be safe!

~ Carol Jo ("C.J.") Hargreaves

Recognition of Special Individuals

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Benefactor Funds are used in a variety of ways to support BCHC's Public Lands activities. Uses of Benefactor Funds may include but are not limited to hiring consultants to perform in-depth reviews, financing special studies and reports, and reducing out-of-pocket travel expenses for those who testify at state and federal hearings.

BENEFACTORS

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Antelope Valley | Stephen and Mary Ann Colf Heidi Furer |
| Eastern Sierra | Bill Carter Susie L. Harms Michelle Layne (Tom's Place Resort) |
| High Sierra | James B. and Judy L. Waggoner Juli Beale – Van and David Van Richard and Dena Cochran Carl and Frances Dobler Ruth Gerson Nancy Hamill Bruce Miller |
| Kern River Valley | Ken and Betty Finch Joy and Jack Wikoff |
| Kern Sierra | Brad Allen of Rosedale Farrier Supply Robert L. Anderson Boyce 'Buzz' R. and Joann F. Caffee Mylon Filkins, DVM and Pat |
| Lake-Mendo Los Padres | Larry and Pat Mumford Carol S. and Bill Biggs Otis Calef Doug and Leanne L. Campbell Robin Cederlof William Chaides and Nancy Kimmell Si and Karen Jenkins Janice and Phillip Kissel James McGarry Richard Renck Glenn and Karen Teixeira Karen Barindelli Jay and Elizabeth Barnes Gary A. and Michelle L. Cain Dennise A. Davis Rien and Lieske Doornenbal Carol Jo Hargreaves and Larry Schneider Karen C. Hurley David and Kristine Kraft Bob and Sandra Magee MID VALLEY UNIT - BCHC Dan and Toni Peterson Ken and Gerry Bourn Al Jagow |
| Mid Valley | Ken and Allison Renck |
| Mother Lode | Alan and Carolyn Mahoney Sarah and David Schoen |
| North Bay | |
| Redshank Riders | |

BENEFACTORS, continued

| | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| Redwood San Diego | Maris Hawkins Allie Heary Walt J. and Suzie Kirkwood Kathy Scaramella Sterling H. Wolfe, Jr. San Gorgonio Pass San Joaquin Sierra | Susanne Holenstein Peter and Diana Kriger Ron and Korky Robertson Kenneth and Diane Dalby Fred and Suzanne Gleason Larry Nishma Knapp-Yosemite Trls Pk Sta Stephen and Jill Naylor Santa Ana River Sequoia | David Roy and Pamela Chevallier Steve Ladrigan J. Michael and Linda L. Lane Laure Stern Jamie Wilson, DVM Alice Eileen Cox Joyce and John Granger Ben DuBose and Elizabeth May Corky Layne Ulla Park |
| Shasta Trinity Sierra Freepackers Sutter Buttes | Shasta Trinity Sierra Freepackers Sutter Buttes | | |

PATRONS

| | |
|-------------|--|
| High Sierra | Jeff and Alice Kampen Marty Morehart Karl and Trish Pendegraft |
| Mid Valley | Terri Arington Lloyd and Susan Erlandson Dennis M. and Loretta Serpa |
| Sequoia | Jim and Pat Holly |

MT. WHITNEY

None at this time

DO YOU

WANT TO START A NEW UNIT?

If there is no unit in your area and you are interested in starting one, contact BCHC Secretary Kaye Bruns for more information.

(661) 944-4927

BCHC Units Around the State

Antelope Valley

PO Box 84
Pearblossom, CA 93553
Irma Ann Carle
iacarle@yahoo.com

Eastern Sierra

c/o 420 N. Mountain View Rd
Bishop, CA 93514
Phil McDowell
(760) 872-9951
cjmbishop@aol.com

High Country

PO Box 1047
Alturas, CA 96101-1047
Stig Han
(530) 640-1428
stigman.sh@gmail.com

High Sierra

PO Box 6938
Visalia, CA 93278-4427
Christine Burns
(559) 623-2288
casphepmom@yahoo.com

Kern River Valley

3561 Jeffrey St.
Lake Isabella, CA 93240
Steve Horst
(661) 867-2777
horststephenc@yahoo.com

Kern Sierra

16347 Stephenie Rd.
Bakersfield, CA 93314-9669
Curtis Harms
(661) 833-3100
mulerider@prodigy.net

Lake-Mendo

PO Box 191
Potter Valley, CA 95469-0191
Paul Villanueva
(707) 263-0147
Villan13@pacific.net

Los Padres

PO Box 6773
Santa Maria, CA 93456-6773
Bill Chaides
(805) 471-1197
bchaides@tcsn.net

Mid Valley

PO Box 1709
Modesto, CA 95353
Carl Perry
(209) 632-9100
hayloftpigeon@aol.com

Mother Lode

PO Box 2088
Elk Grove, CA 95759-2088
Mike Kohlbaker
(916) 214-6505
4horsen@sbcglobal.net

North Bay

PO Box 9435
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
Thor Bodtker
(415) 328-4545
thunder.t@hotmail.com

Redshank Riders

PO Box 383
Aguanga, CA 92536-0383
Anne York
(951) 662-2928
anne@starfireshdesignstudio.com

Redwood

PO Box 6023
Eureka, CA 95502-6023
Carole Polasek
(707) 786-9637
cell: (707) 599-8021
muleride15@gmail.com

San Diego

236 Oak St
Ramona, CA 92065-1952
Patty Heyden
(619) 561-0787
pheyden54@gmail.com

San Gorgonio Pass

PO Box 321
Calimesa, CA 92320
Pete Kriger
(909) 910-4619
pkrigerjr@yahoo.com

San Joaquin Sierra

PO Box 25693
Fresno, CA 93729-5693
Joe Kaminski
(559) 7433-9170
kaminskiclan@gmail.com

Santa Ana River

PO Box 736
Norco, CA 92860-8062
Roland Schmitz
(951) 833-6403
roland@mtnrider.com

Sequoia

PO Box 456
Springville, CA 93265-0579
Sandy Oates
(559) 784-4912
president@bchc-sequoia.org

Shasta Trinity

10855 Beaver Rd
Oak Run, CA 96069-9602
Alan Hill
(530) 221-8531
athill2011@gmail.com

Sierra Freepackers

PO Box 64
Oakhurst, CA 93644-0064
Mary Odell
(559) 658-7563
modell@sti.net

Sutter Buttes

110 Medley Lane
Oroville, CA 95965
Bob Gage
(530) 521-7369
bobgage@wildblue.net

Top of the State

PO Box 461
Etna, CA 96027-0461
Doug Kaufner
(530) 340-0667
1whitemule4luck@gmail.com

Membership Matters

Contact Membership Coordinators,
Chip and Linda Herzig. They will
be happy to address your questions
or concerns. Chip and Linda may
be reached Monday through Friday.

By mail: BCHC Membership

1280 State Rt 208

Yerington NV 89447

Email: membership@bchcalifornia.org

Phone: (775) 463-3634

Planning a Trip? Use

BCHC
EARNS 60%
OF THE
COMMISSIONS!
For the Latest Deals
go to
www.ytbtravel.com/bchc



- You will find the same airlines, hotels, rental cars and cruises as on other travel websites!
- You'll get great travel prices!
- Each time you book travel a portion of the travel commissions will go to support BCHC!

It's that simple!

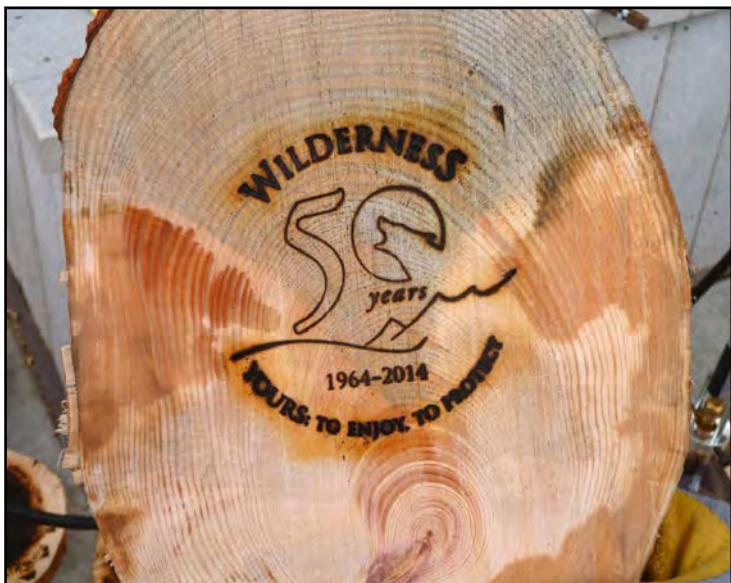
BCHC @ Bishop Mule Days



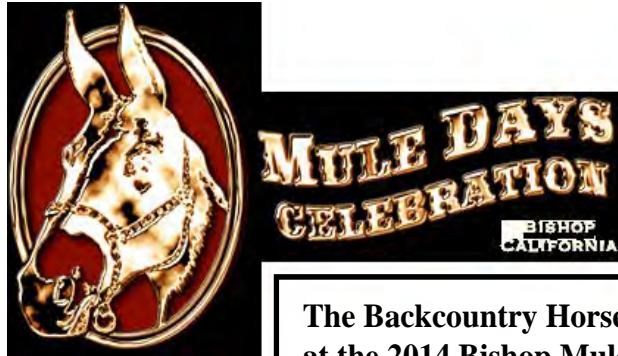
Troy Patton (center) and Lloyd Erlandson (right) work with a student.



Bill Carter (in red, white and blue shirt) helps adults with the crosscut saw.
The sawyers were given the branded "cookie" as a souvenir.



The 50th anniversary of Wilderness, 1964-2014,
was stamped on each wooden "cookie."



The Backcountry Horsemen of California booth
at the 2014 Bishop Mule Days Celebration was a
busy place this year!

Kids and grown-ups alike cut "cookies" from logs,
tied Box Hitches and learned about the upcoming
50-year anniversary of Wilderness.

BCHC thanks all who helped at the state booth for
their time and energy!



Kids learn and practice tying the Box Hitch.



Chip Herzog (center) works with kids to cut a "cookie" off the log.