



EAST SLOPE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

30 YEARS TRAIL TAILS APRIL 2011

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President's Letter

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Greetings to All,

I don't know about you, but I'm getting spring fever. I just went out to the barn to feed our mare who was due to foal the middle of May. Guess what – we now have a little filly that looks like her momma. What a great surprise.

The general meeting for the club is on Wednesday, April 20th. Our guest will be Ian Bardwell, Forrest Service representative to talk about the Blackleaf Trail Head project and the Trail Management Objective or TMO's. This will be a very interesting and informative meeting. One of the issues will be camping at the trailhead and making sure we can still use the facility as we have in the past.

Fred Fitzpatrick, Kurt Dyer and Merlyn Huso attended the LAC meeting in Choteau and Fred will be giving an update from this. Thank you to Fred, Kurt and Merlyn for representing the ESBCH.

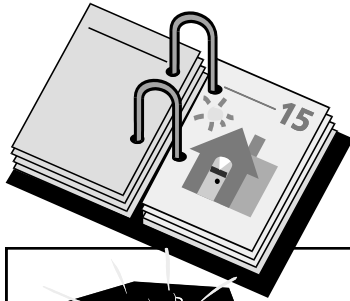
The first project will be on Memorial Day weekend at Swift Dam constructing the highline tie up and possible trail maintenance. Fred and Ron are busy with the design. Please look at the project calendar on the website and schedule weekend or two that you can help us out.

I want to thank all who participated in the Wylie Gustafson clinic. There were 14 riders and the high light was using the buffalo for cutting. I was unable to attend, but LeAnn did enjoy the day very much. Be sure to thank Wylie for his generous donation to the club. Hope to see you on Wednesday the 20th, Conrad Public Library 7 pm.

BOB



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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS APRIL 2011

Gary Manning, Sue Facklam, Linda Susor,
Barr Gustafson & Carson Sand

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL

Unofficial Minutes of the April 6th Directors Meeting

Bob Hermance called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm

Members present: Fred Fitzpatrick, Ron and Debbie Ries, Steve Hutton, Lisa Schmidt, Gary and Connie Manning, Bob and LeAnn Hermance, Dick Kinyon and Merlyn Huso by phone. Lisa Schmidt made the motion to accept the minutes as published. Connie second, motion carried.

Treasurers report: Bills were called for and Connie Manning had bills for \$119.85 mileage, stamps \$44.00, \$7.99 paper and \$4.95 newsletter, total \$179.49. Fred Fitzpatrick mileage of \$119.85. Connie moved to accept the treasurer's report and bills presented. Ron Ries 2nd the motion, motion carried.

Le Ann will write Carole Thoen, treasurer of Mile High Chapter to see if we can refund Bob's registration.

Committee Reports:

Fred reported that he had put some new pictures on the website of the crosscut saw competition from the convention and also the Wylie Gustafson clinic.

Unfinished business:

The April 20th general meeting will be held at the

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Apr. 20: Regular Meeting at the Conrad Library in Conrad at 7:00 PM

May 4: Directors Meeting in Conrad, 7:00 PM
Bob & Leann's House

May 18: Regular Meeting at the Conrad Library in Conrad at 7:00 PM

May 28-30: Memorial Day Weekend & Work Project (Swift Dam Trailhead)

June 1: Directors Meeting in Conrad, 7:00 PM
Bob & Leann's House

June 3-5: Whoop-up Trail Days in Conrad

June 4: National Trail Day

Conrad Public Library at 7:00pm. The community center has not completed their renovations. No interest was shown for the chain saw and cross cut saw certification in Helena.

New Business:

Project leaders for the summer schedule are as follow:

Swift Dam – Memorial Day, Ron Ries and Fred Fitzpatrick

June 11 – Fred Fitzpatrick, Ron Ries Blackleaf to N. Fork Dupuyer Creek

July 9 - Bob Hermance, Lisa Schmidt weed pulling and 4-H clinic

July 23 - Steve Hutton, Bob Hermance Blacktail Bridges, planks to be replaced

August 7 – Swift Dam Poker ride Gary and Connie Manning

Labor Day packing clinic – Bob Facklam and Dick Kinyon

LeAnn Hermance resigned as treasurer. Lisa nominated Fred Fitzpatrick as treasurer, Steve seconded the motion, motion carried. It was recommended to add LeAnn Hermance on the signature card which will make 4 signatures on the card. We will schedule an audit on the books at the next meeting.

Proposed planning rule – Fred read the letter from the chapter to the Forest Service Planning DEIS on changing Section 219.10 (9)(ii) to read the same as the preface "Protection of cultural and historic resources and uses." Connie moved we write a letter

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with our comments and have the president sign it, Lisa second, motion passed.

Blackleaf Trailhead Heavy maintenance is being planned for the trailhead. We received a letter from Mike Munoz, District Ranger explaining the project to improve reconfigure the existing trailhead loop to establish a 50' minimum turning radius, reduced grade and increased parking for passenger vehicles and horse trailer units. In addition the toilet, hitchrails and information board will be replaced. The letter requests comments from the public. Dick K. questioned if rock climbers will be allowed to camp at the traditional spot and will we be able to use the trail head as we have in the past. There is a need for a approved camping area for rock climbers with toilet facilities. Will they restrict camping at the trailhead? Concerns about the camping at the trail head and any restrictions for horse people. We will request the forest service to come to the next meeting on the 20th for more information. LeAnn will write letter to the forest service and request an extension on the deadline or public comment period (April 18th) till after the general meeting

We received a request from Valerie Wadman to take East Slope off of her coat and leave the rest of the logo. Steve H motion to deny the request, Connie seconded. Motion carried. Our logo is a trademarked and needs to be shown in its entirety. A letter will be sent informing her of the decision.

Wylie Gustafson Clinic – Lisa Schmidt gave a report. Wylie enjoyed our group. 14 riders attended and we made \$420 which will be used as a grant for the 4-H project. Everyone enjoyed the experience and the highlight was being able to use the buffalo for cutting. Brenda Ries volunteered to do a follow up training on what we learned.

State Convention – Connie, 18 clubs were present. A total of \$648,940.13 in volunteer value was done by BCH of MT. 12/31/10 reported that the number of acres damaged by beetle kill 2,220,500. Resolutions were reviewed. 4 Resolutions from Wyoming were also read, 2 passed. Members need to pay attention to the Trail Management Objectives (TMO's). **TMO's are listed on the state BCH website and need to be looked at.**

27,320 miles of trail in Region one. 19,800 non motorized and 7,320 motorized. Smoke Elser is setting up a trip for Forest Service people from Washington and call upon different clubs to help with this project. 2012 convention will be in Billings. Resolution on bicycle trespass in the back country was supported unanimously. Executive board members can only have a voice on the state committee. Passed unanimously. Fred posted pictures from the cross cut saw and Wylie Gustafson riding clinic on the web site.

Education information – need forms filled out for all volunteer hours. Ron also picked up information on sharpening cross cuts saws, trail workers safety, building bridges.

Program for next meeting – Steve Hutton will ask Thales Mullenax to do a presentation on the maintenance of tack.

Fred will do the annual report by April 18th. Steve H moved to adjourn, Lisa Schmidt 2nd. Motion carried at 8:46. pm.

LeAnn Hermance

TID BITS FROM THE BCHM CONVENTION

- BCHM membership is up 7 %— The Missoula Club had the top membership increase.
- 153,296 miles of trails in the National Forest nation wide.
 - 121,196 non-wilderness
 - 32,100 in wilderness
 - 98,604 non-motorized
 - 54,692 motorized
- 27,320 miles in region 1
 - 21,796 non wilderness
 - 5,524 in wilderness
 - 19,900 non-motorized
 - 7,520 motorized

Montana BCH total Volunteer Hours 17,366
 ESBCH total Volunteer Hours 849
 Total Dollar Value for Hours \$ 383,217.05

Montana BCH total Volunteer Miles 96,308
 ESBCH total Volunteer Miles 7,133
 Total Dollar Value for Miles \$ 255,723.08

**Total Dollars for Volunteer Hours & Miles
 \$638,940.13**

SPRING HORSE TUNE-UP

It's time to start thinking about worming and vaccinating our horses for the upcoming summer season. I have a basic program recommended for all horses and there are options for special circumstances. The core diseases to vaccinate for are West Nile, Equine encephalitis (both Western and Eastern), Tetanus, Equine Influenza, and Rhinopneumonitis. There still isn't a one shot gets all product yet. There is a 5-way that has everything but West Nile. So you need to give the 5-way and a separate West Nile. There is a sleeping sickness, West Nile and tetanus, and a Flu Rhino combination. For brood stock that never leave the farm, the 3-way with West Nile, sleeping sickness, and tetanus is probably adequate. We haven't seen much West Nile or sleeping sickness the last couple years, but have faith, it will be back.

Deworming is also something to consider this time of year. The most used wormers used are Ivermectin products. They are still a good wormer in their place. Ivermectins are very effective against strongyles or blood worms, which are an adult horse problem. They are not very effective against round worms which are a young horse problem. For most adult horses, an Ivermectin product or Quest, an ivermectin relative, are good choices. For young horses I prefer panacur for round worms and also an Ivermectin product for strongyles. These can be administered about 2wks apart. I still think it is hard to beat a tube worming in the spring for using horses. This needs to be administered by a veterinarian, but you use a different drug, and you know how much went where. I hope this reminds everyone about spring horse health and gives you some ideas of what to use. Thank You for your attention.

Richard Kinyon
DVM



Deadline Approaching

For all of us that like to put in for the special permits for hunting the first deadline is soon approaching. May 2, 2011 our applications must be postmarked for Moose, Goat and Sheep. Just a friendly reminder.

Again like in the years past we would appreciate the help of as many members on the work projects as possible. I know from experience that we wait to sign up until the very last minute just in case something else comes up. Please make it a point to make a firm commitment to at least one project. The rewards that you come back with will outweigh the work and time giving to help keep trails open for the next generations.

Just a quick thank you for the nice dinner that LeAnn prepared and served at the directors meeting.

Gary has put flyers in this issue for other club's rides. The first one is April 30, then May 1st May 14th and next one is May 21. I was thinking it might be fun for us as a group (trailer pooling) to maybe try and support these rides and learn what they do. We may implement something that we liked that they do into ours in August. Not that I can go to all of them but I am probably able to go to more of them if I was able to car pool.

Just a thought. If you are interested please let me know.

Congratulation on Bob and LeAnn's newborn filly.

Hope you all have a Happy Easter.

Connie



Condolences to Joe Suta and his family on the passing of his Dad, Kalman.

May He Rest In Peace

Back Country Horsemen of the Flathead's

POKER RIDE

Entertainment & BBQ
In the Big Barn

featuring

John Dunnigan

April 30th

At **Dunlap
Hay Ranch**



188 Blue Ridge Road Fortine, MT

(1.6 miles north of Murphy Lake Ranger Station or
1 driveway south of Fortine Merc & Gas Station)

First rider out at noon - last rider out by 2 p.m.

Pig Roast at 4:30 p.m. BYOC (Bring your own chair!)

Wagon Rides Courtesy of Montana Morgans

\$29.00 Registration includes:

- 1 poker hand and three hour ride through Dunlap Hay Ranch
- "All you can eat" Pig Roast by Edward's Catering (Ron & Rita Edwards) with all the fixins' and refreshments along with featured entertainer "John Dunnigan" undercover in the big barn
- Prizes for the Best Two Poker Hands and Door Prizes

\$25.00 Registration for Dinner only (No Ride) Includes entertainment & door prize ticket

\$15.00 Registration for Ride only Includes ride, poker hand, entertainment & door prize ticket

\$10.00 Camping for Riders/horses per night Friday and/or Saturday. Campers must pre-register

For more info & pre-registration log onto www.bchmt.org/flatbch or call 885-3560

NO STALLIONS – DOGS ON LEASHES

Pre-register by April 23rd for all dinner reservations

**Mission Valley
Back Country Horsemen**

**30th Annual
STEAK RIDE**

May 1, 2011

Meuli Ranch ~ Dayton, Montana

Riders May Start Anytime Between 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

Minimum 3 Hour Ride — Set your Own Pace

(We Ride Rain or Shine)



**150 Tickets
Available**

Still Only \$20

Saturday Night Campers Welcome!

Pot Luck Supper on Saturday Night at 6pm

Continental Breakfast Sunday Morning

50/50 Tickets & Door Prizes

Scott Kiser: 883-2186 ~ OR ~ Dennese Schauss: 883-5876

Family Fun



May 14th



Registration: 10:30 am to noon

At: Sanders County Fairgrounds
Wild Horse Plains, MT

Hosted by: Wild Horse Plains Back Country Horsemen

Help Support ... "Save Our Swimming Pool" Fund



& Prizes!!



Trail Rider.....\$10.00
Poker Hands (18 yrs. & over).....\$5.00

FREE DRAWINGS & TOP 3 HAND PRIZES awarded after the last rider completes the Poker Ride.

Join us for a beautiful 6 mile ride, *compete for prizes*, have fun & *help raise money* for the "SOS" Save Our Swimming Pool" Fund

Enjoy a full, fun day of festivities!

Additional events of the day begin at 3 pm:

Live Auction ♣ Dinner ♣ Silent Auction ♣ Dance
Adults: \$12.....Children \$10.....5 and under FREE

Additional "SOS" FUND PLEDGES SHEETS available –
Contact: Cindy (406) 826-5840 or email: mannana@blackfoot.net



Join us for our **Third Annual**



**Sponsored by the Back Country Horsemen of Missoula
& Missoula Equestrian Park**

At the Missoula Equestrian Park

Saturday, May 21, 2011 * 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

★ ALL EVENTS ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC! ★

For more information, please call:

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The event schedule and more detailed information will be posted on our website as soon as it becomes available at www.bchmt.org/missoula - click on calendar, then Expo.

Wylie's (ESBCH) Clinic



East Slope Members practicing cutting on some of Wylie's Bison