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## Backcountry Horsemen Mission Statement

“The purpose of this organization shall be (1) to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in Montana’s road less back country and (2) to assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource and (3) to educate and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses and people, commensurate with our heritage and the back country’s resource.”

## Board Meeting — Thursday, May 3rd @ 7p

Dan Porter’s Century 21 office @ 1941 West Main

## General Meeting — Thursday, May 17th @ 7p

Belgrade Alliance Church, Cameron & Hoffman Sts

Program: Caroline Coleman- horses, books & stories

## AND IMPORTANT POKER RIDE MEETING

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**MAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**See page 3  
↓**Thursday, May 3rd 7pm** @ Dan Porter's office in Century 21, 1941 West Main**Saturday, May 5th - 10am** Trail Ride \*CHANGE\* call Trail boss, Janice Cartwright 579-3445**Saturday, May 12th - 10am** Trail work ride at Spanish Peaks call Wally Becker 587-9607**Thursday, May 17th 7pm** General Meeting & Program, Belgrade Alliance Church

\*\*\*Speaker: Cathy Coleman and \*\*\*committee meeting for Poker Ride (see below)

**\*\*\*Sunday, May 20th** Sabrina Hanan EQUUS Clinic Noon - 4:30pm (see below)**Saturday, May 26th** Virginia City Poker Ride - benefit fire company (no other information)

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\*\*\*Our program speaker, Cathy, owns Books Off Broadway in Manhattan and will be bringing unusual books about horses and have fun stories to tell about her learning experiences with her horses.

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\*\*\*We will be having our first committee meeting for our July 7 Poker Ride. Chairman Bob Steinman requests that members please attend. Everyone gets involved - much is to be done. This is our yearly fund raiser and a great ride. Our club is known for this event. The ride is beautiful, loads of prizes, good food, and good camaraderie. Kids love this ride and riders come from far and wide just to ride it. Needless to say, members are needed to pull this off for another successful year.

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\*\*\*Sabrina Hanan will have her EQUUS Clinic open to all BCH members and will receive a 10% discount. Contact Sabrina Hanan at [info@allaboutwork.net](mailto:info@allaboutwork.net) or 223-3663

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► Get conditioned for Pat Green's **Head for the Hills Poker Ride on June 9th**. This is a beautiful ride and all the proceeds will go to the Eagle Mount aquatic facility. You will receive a flyer by email very soon, Full information again will be in the next issue and prior to June 1st.

► Janice Cartwright still plans her riding in the fairground arena on Wednesdays. If interested in riding one of her horses or bringing your own, contact Janice 579-3445.

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Dr. Phil Aumann of Summit Chiropractic and Massage presents

**Patient Appreciation Day!! Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 9am – 3pm**

Complimentary chiropractic and massage services in exchange for food donations or money donations to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank

Complimentary NEW PATIENT consultation, exam, x-rays (if necessary)

**586-5810**

2616 West Main St, Bozeman, MT 59718

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Member Gallatin Valley BCH*

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**President's Report May 2007**

As I had mentioned at the April general meeting unfortunately Dan Alderman had to step down as a board member. I am sorry to see Dan leave, but I know he doesn't have a choice in the matter. When a board member can not fill out their term the President has to appoint someone to take their place. I have had a number of people suggested to me, but I have not spoken to any of them about taking the position. If you are interested in becoming a board member please contact me by email at [dmarsh@montana.edu](mailto:dmarsh@montana.edu) or at my work number 994-5093.

We had six people attend the Lewistown convention which is double what we had attended last year. Next year I hope to see all eight of the delegate chairs filled. I heard a lot of positive comments about our horse display. There will be more of a write up of the convention later in the newsletter but I want to emphasize a few items. The 2008 convention will be hosted by the Charlie Russell chapter in Great Falls and I would like to see a lot of you attend. We will need to have a lot of people attend so we can get good ideas on how to host a convention because we will have to host the convention the following year in 2009. We need to start early with getting a committee formed and start dividing up the chores. This can be a big fund raiser for the club if we can get a lot of the expenses donated or reduced. Our own Rich Inman was nominated from the floor and voted in as the new Alternate National Director. Congratulations to Rich on his new job!

We had a timely program on Equine conditioning by Misty Radue just in time for some great information that we could share at our Horse Safety Clinic. Sabrina presented us with a check for the balance of the proceeds from her excellent EQUUS Clinic that was attended by five people from our club. I want to thank Sabrina for taking on the duties of the Program Director and her donation of time with the EQUUS Clinic and the Horse Safety Clinic.

I want to thank Janice Cartwright for all of her work in chairing the Horse Safety Clinic. It was a great success with around 70 people attending. The lectures at the beginning on Equine and Human First Aid were well received by everyone in attendance. The last minute tack sale had a lot of nice items for sale and Janice hopes to expand on it next year. The clinic brought in a number of new members and was a very good way to get the Back Country Horsemen some great publicity.

Bob Steinman is going to need a lot of help in getting everything together for our Poker Ride. If you can help with anything please give him a call or put your name down on the work request sheets that will be passed around at the meetings. If you know of any businesses you frequent that may be able to donate something please contact them and keep our excellent reputation of having the best prizes of any Poker Ride in the area.

I will not be able to make the State Delegate meeting in Lincoln on May 5<sup>th</sup> as I will be out of town attending a conference. If you are interested in seeing what the delegate meetings are all about contact Rich Inman and see if you can tag along.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Marsh

**LAST MINUTE PRESS RELEASE**

TRAIL RIDE FOR SATURDAY, MAY 5TH HAS BEEN CHANGED TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION — TO WILLSALL, TRAIL BOSS IS JANICE CARTWRIGHT 579-3445.

AN EMAIL NOTICE WILL BE SENT IMMEDIATELY FOR INFORMATION ON RIDE

## T 2007 BCHMT Convention Report

We had six delegates from the Gallatin Valley Chapter that were in attendance at the 2007 Back Country Horsemen of Montana convention held in Lewistown's Yogo Inn on March 30th through April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The pre-pre-convention meeting made up of the senior state delegates from each chapter met at Noon on Friday to present a list of nominees for the state officers and delegates. Ron Stuber was nominated for Chairman, Charlie O'Leary for Vice Chairman, Mark Himmel and Laurie Crawford for Treasurer. Chuck Miller for National Director, Dave Crawford and Dave Schiltz for Alternate National Director.

The pre-convention meeting began at 1:00 PM where all of the Committee Chairmen presented information on Issues, Education, Membership, Newsletter, Forest Travel Plans, Website, Defensive Horse Safety, Agency Liaison and Resolutions. There was some discussion on how to get the dues in to the treasurer on time. The majority voted to keep the 50/50 ticket income going to the state organization instead of the club. Gallatin chapter voted to have it go to the club. There was a vote to pay for the newsletter editors travel expenses for one year to see if it helps improve the content of the state newsletter. Dave Crawford asked for help on the Boy Scout Rally on June 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> at the Seiben ranch. The BCH is going to present LNT techniques to the scouts on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. They are working on creating a Defensive Horse safety video that could be used to present the Horse Safety course instead of having to hold the clinics. The chapters that were supposed to hold the next state convention declined so the Gallatin chapter was asked if they would host the 2008 convention. We told them we thought we would need more time to make that happen but we would discuss it. The state needs people to attend the LNT training so they can become master trainers and train more people in each of the chapters.

There were more vendors showing their wares at this conference than I have ever seen. The Nine Mile pack string also had their display set up where the chapters had their display boards. We got our horse set up and the pictures hung and had a number of positive comments from the people looking over the displays.

The general session began at 8:00 AM with the presentation of the flag and an invocation. The host club presented a humorous slide show of their events and projects. We tackled the resolutions and it was quite civil compared to some earlier conventions. Our resolution was passed and amended to include all of the Montana Forest supervisors. The resolution from Missoula to not contribute to the Legal Fund was withdrawn. The other resolutions were passed with quite a few modifications. None of the resolutions from the other states were approved by our state to support them at the National Convention. The BCHMT contributed \$351,417 in volunteer hours for 2006. That figure is using \$18 for skilled labor and \$15 for all other labor. The presentations were very informative. Bob Hoverson asked people to attend the LNT training and gave a run-down of all of the classes offered. John Favro of the Forest Service and David Jaynes a BLM representative talked about the latest rulings affecting trails and trail maintenance budget the FS recently received. John Favro said he has \$600,000 set aside to remove Blow-Down this year. He said the trail maintenance budget is the same as last year, but the recreation budget was cut back. Allen Rowley of the Northern Divide Grizzly Project researcher presented a talk on the DNA sampling that was done recently. The next step is to get a good head count to start the delisting process. Mack Long a Wolf recovery expert spoke on the current plans for delisting the Wolf.



The numbers of Wolves are way above those needed to get them delisted so he thinks they have a strong case to fight off the lawsuits. If you want to see the Gray Wolf delisted send a letter before May 6<sup>th</sup> to the following address USFWS, Western Gray Wolf Recovery Coordinator, 585 Shepard Way, Helena, MT. 59601.

We met again on Sunday morning to wrap up business and Charlie Russell agreed to host the 2008 Convention in Great Falls. We are next in line to host the Convention here in 2009. Our own Rich Inman was nominated from the floor and voted in as our new Alternate National Director. He will attend the National meeting if Chuck or Ken can't make it. Mark Himmel is the new Treasurer and the rest of the officers stayed on for another term.

At the Post-convention meeting we set the dates and places for the next State Board meetings as May 5<sup>th</sup> at Lambkins in Lincoln, September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Broken Arrow in Deer Lodge, and December 8<sup>th</sup> at Smoke Elser's Barn in Missoula.

Submitted by Dan Marsh State Board Delegate

FOR SALE:

SORREL MARE. Registered Paint. Sweet disposition, well trained, lots of mountain experience, quick and responsive.

Snickers is 15, in excellent health, loves to move, and is very pretty, too! \$1800. Please e-mail Connie at [conniem@mcn.net](mailto:conniem@mcn.net) or call 582-7450.

Jan Elpel is looking for a quiet horse that anybody can ride. 587-5844

Phil Aumann wants to help in trail maintenance and is looking for a horse. 586-5756



**Misty Radue on Equine Conditioning, *By Nancy Winget***

Misty Radue, co-owner of Bar R Performance Horses, spoke to our club April 19<sup>th</sup> regarding conditioning for trail rides. She stated that the horse and rider’s safety rely heavily on the condition of both. Horses can and do get sore and lethargic or can get antsy on a ride if they are in poor condition. Horses in poor condition get sore in their back, hind quarters, or hocks. The rider’s experience on the trail is better if they have taken the time to condition their horse. Misty emphasized that forcing a horse to take a difficult and/or long trail without being in condition is not fair to the horse and can be dangerous to the rider.

To start conditioning she suggests keeping the conditioning simple and enjoyable for both horse and rider. Walk with your horse 15 - 20 minutes. Let the horse work to his left and right as all horse tend to move better on one side. If you have a geriatric horse you should consider walking with the horse for 1 or 2 weeks. Then begin with a soft and slow trot, moving into an extended trot. The extended trot will stretch out the muscles and is good for bones and hard tissue. As a rule of thumb, trot for twenty minutes, but vary length depending on age or condition of the horse. Loping is good for the lungs and blood circulation and is also the exercise that will make them look good. Always, always, always include a cool down period for your horse after conditioning. Four days a week is optimum for conditioning, approximately 1 hour per day. It is a good idea to use your trail gear during conditioning to be familiar with your tack and learn if adjustments may have to be made. You don’t want problems on the trail.

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: A warm welcome to our new :  
: members: :  
: Evelyn Benson :  
: Diane Fuhrman :  
: Don Funke :  
: Bob Furu :  
: Clark and Bobbi Kinney :  
: Ron Laden :  
: Bill and Julie Martin :  
: Shelby Nordhagen :  
: Misty Radue :  
: Judy Smaaland :  
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: new roster will be available at :  
: meetings. Or I can email to you :  
: [jhale@littleappletech.com](mailto:jhale@littleappletech.com) :  
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On trail rides each member should make sure that the following items are available or to see that these items are somewhere among the group of riders: food and water, Butte paste - 2 grams should be given if the horse appears to be sore, diaper - good to use in case horse is hurt and easier to pack than gauze and tape, duct tape - great for a loose horse shoe, pliers or shoe pullers - in case the shoe is too lose to be taped, finally the gun - in case a horse is seriously injured and cannot return to the trail head.

While on the trail riders should be aware of surroundings at all times. Remember that bears, bikes and other occurrences may cause a horse to panic and run. Practice the one rein stop, and be prepared to use it on the trail. Look for an open spot if the trail is narrow.

Misty noted it is not unusual to see a fat horse on the trail and that is unfair to the horse.











