

NEXT SERVICE PROJECT:

August 5-7 Corduroy Packing (CHANGE OF DATE!)

NEXT RIDE:

August 26-28 (CHANGE OF DATE!), Packing at Shingle Creek

NEXT MEETING:

Aug 11, 7pm , Tom and Joyce Smith's (see p.3) Potluck and BBQ!

THANK YOU!

To everyone who helped with the Camp K trail cleanup June 18!

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



Remember our fun Silver Lake ride last year?

This month we have two significant needs — We are in immediate need of a new place to hold our monthly meetings as the care center has changed hands and we have lost our meeting place. For the next couple of months, we will meet at Tom and Joyce Smith's house in Bluffdale. In August we will have a potluck and BBQ, so bring a lawn chair and something to share and come on out!

Also, we are in need of items for our auction and raffle in December. IT is NOT too early to start thinking of things

to donate or acquire. And we also are in DIRE NEED of a place to hold our auction in December. The Sheriff's Posse building was very dirty and we even had to run all over the campus to get tables, etc. Help us find another less broom-intensive location. Contact Tom with any of your suggestions.

Check out Page 3 for our upcoming activities — Packing Corduroy into Marjorie Lake and a Pack Trip into Shingle Creek. Finally, it is summer!

— Tom Smith

MOUNTAIN RIDGE BCHU 2011 SCHEDULE

Aug 5-7 (CHANGE OF DATE!), Corduroy Packing Project, High Uintas People with pack horses are needed to carry 2x4's ('corduroy') into Marjorie Lake. Contact Fred Leslie, 801- 553-1873
fredleslie101@gmail.com

Aug 11, 7pm Monthly Meeting & BBQ! Meet at Tom & Joyce Smith's 14183 Pheasant Hollow Lane, Bluffdale. It is an L-shaped, dead-end street that heads west off 3600 West and 14065 South. The 14183 is on the garage and at the end of the dead-end. Bring a lawn chair and a dish to share. We will be BBQing hamburgers and hot dogs. **Please RSVP to Tom Smith 801-254-5570**
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Aug 11-13 BCHU Ladies Ride See bchu.com

Aug 26-28 (CHANGE OF DATE!), Uinta Pack Trip — Shingle Creek. This pack trip is specifically designed for those who are new to packing. We will provide all of the food (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast), so all you need to pack on your horse is your sleeping gear, horse items, and personal items.

Cost is \$40. **Please RSVP by Aug 10** to Cindy Furse cfurse@ece.utah.edu (801) 581-9225 or Fred Leslie (see above). Mail check to Fred Leslie, 838 E. 3300 S., SLC 84106

Meet at the Shingle Creek Trailhead at 9. We will pack up and leave about 10 or 10:30. From Kamas, turn east towards the mountains on the well-marked Mirror Lake Highway. Drive 6 miles to the fee station and pay \$6/day (pay for the whole weekend). About three miles later, you'll see the Shingle Creek Trailhead on your left.

*Uinta's Packing, August 26-28*

Bring: your lunch for Friday, snacks, water (enough for the afternoon, bring a filter or share ours to refill), sleeping gear, clothes and personal needs, horse gear (including [hobbles or tether for grazing](#)... plus a high line for night tying. Talk to us about prepping your horse in advance.)

Videos and information including list of what I take (also attached), how I pack it, and general packing info for both 1 and multi-horse packing, see the [BCHU Packing Page](#) and the newsletter archive attached to the electronic version of this newsletter. Want help / info / advice (horse advice is ALWAYS free) ? Please just ask us.

Sept 8, 7pm Monthly Meeting,

Tom & Joyce Smith's house

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

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

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

Oct 15, Settlement Canyon (contact Paul Kern)

Oct 13, 7pm Monthly Meeting

Oct. 28 Bison Roundup

Nov 10, 7pm Monthly Meeting

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

Dec 8, 7pm Christmas Party & Monthly Meeting

TRAIL CONDITIONS

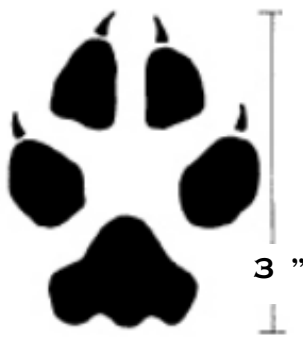
Many trails up American Fork are still closed due to mud and dead-fall. We have rescheduled our July ride, originally intended for AF because of these late spring problems. Information on Spring Trail Closures / Conditions up American Fork can be found from:

Cheryl Butler
Trails, Wilderness, Dispersed Recreation and Recreation Special Uses Manager, Pleasant Grove Ranger District (801) 342-5257

PADDED ANIMAL TRACKS



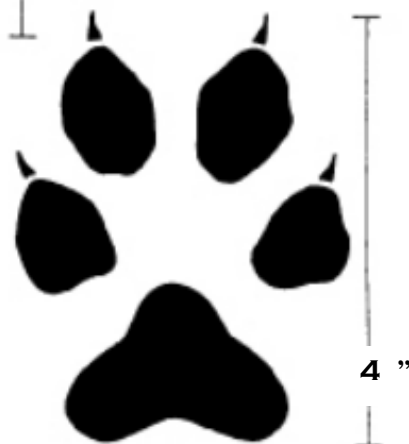
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RED FOX



LARGE DOG



Front foot



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RACCOON



BEAR



BADGER

BYU COUGAR



Front



Hind

Stride 20-28 in.

From: <http://icwdm.org/inspection/tracks.asp>

TRAILER BLOWOUTS



done it, but we sure appreciated someone stopping to see if we were OK, just in case we didn't actually have all of the stuff listed here. Thank you!

For a double-axel trailer, most people use a drive-on jack, like the Trailer-Aid or (in a pinch) the platform of boards shown below. There are other options too such as this cool gizmo from PartsPak.com. Use careful judgment when unloading horses. If you leave them in, be sure they can't jostle the trailer and knock it off the jack. If you take them out, be sure they can't get loose and get into traffic.

For step-by-step tire changing instructions and hints, check [this site](#) out.

Yep! It's a big fat stick in the side of our trailer tire. Great blow out this weekend. This column is just to REMIND you to check the air in your spare, pack your jack(s), be sure you have a lug wrench that fits your trailer AND your truck, and throw in a 'cheater bar' (the pipe we used to get enough leverage that we could get the lug nuts undone and the tire off the trailer). WD-40 would have been nice, but oil-based fly spray did the trick. One last thing you should have too ... a cold drink for the really nice young man who stopped and helped us put the tire back on. Yes, we could have



MOUNTAIN RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING JULY 14, 2011 – PAT WILSON

Present: Tom Smith, Pat Wilson, Sandy Williams, Stephanie Yaeger, Paul Deputy, Ray Smith, Perry White
The meeting was called to order at 1910 by Tom Smith.

Tom Smith reported on continuing problems with dogs in Dimple Dell. The "Volunteers in Park" program is now on indefinite "hold" due to legal issues and cost issues. You can carry guns in Dimple Dell Park if you have a concealed carry permit.

Our next club meeting on August 11th will be held at Tom Smith's. Please bring yourself and your chair. Tom is having a barbeque

We need to come up a new place to hold the Christmas Party. People need to start thinking of donation items as this is our major fundraiser. Tom Smith will ask Paul Kern to contact J.W. Hats for a donation.

Only 8 people are signed up to go to Island Park.

Pat Wilson asked if there will be a Trails Committee set up to address the need to ride and survey the trails under Forest Service control for reporting on trail classification. Discussion followed.

Meeting adjourned at 2015.

EMAIL OR SNAIL MAIL?

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

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

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