

NEXT SERVICE PROJECT:

NEXT RIDES:

Dec. 4, Stansbury Island

NEXT MEETING:

Christmas Party
Thur Dec 9 Sherriff's
Posse Building

THANK YOU!

To Everyone who contributes to the Christmas Party and Auction

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Mountain Ridge

Back Country Horsemen of Utah

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

We've made it to the end of another year. For me, taking my turn as president has been a remarkable ride. It has given me the opportunity to get to meet and get to know more people throughout the organization of Backcountry Horsemen of Utah than I would have otherwise. It has been gratifying to see our chapter members jump in and move this organization

along in many positive ways. I look at the hours of service that have been provided; the memorable evenings we have spent together either around the campfire or at our monthly meetings; the rides we have been on together through the mountains of Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming and the

friendships that have been forged through it all - and I come away thinking that this

has been a pretty good year.

Together we have learned about saddle making, custom hat making, guns in the backcountry, bare foot hoof trimming, equine photography, dutch oven cooking, and first aid for horses. We have manned

booths, given demos, cleaned up trails, packed corduroy lumber up trails, and cleared trails for those that come after. We have doctored injured horses and have breathed a sigh of relief when the healing process kicks in. We have ridden hard trails and long trails and some easy and short ones as well.



Paul & Peter Kern with Aspen the Palomino

So, as we celebrate Christmas and look forward to the new year - why not take a few minutes, sit by your fire or in your favorite chair and just reminisce a little about the past twelve months. Despite the rotten economy and unsettling world events, I am sure you will find a spot in your musings to relive this past year before it slips away. You'll find yourself smiling a little as you do, I'll bet. Let's make 2011 just as good.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! — Paul Kern

P r a y e r C o m e s E a s y i n a B a r n
BY PAUL KERN

When sunlight bathes the winter morn,
All creation is reborn.
The horses watered, fed and warm,
Prayer comes easy in a barn.

When Mary's babe his eyes did open,
He saw the sheep, the goats, and oxen.
In a feeder filled with fresh cut hay,
He first began His earthly stay.

It was cold without, but the warmth within,
Came from the love of his Next-of-kin.
He was not kept from the noble
beast;
Nor from the shuffle of its cloven
feet.

Simple folk there went and in awe
they stood,
Unbathed, unschooled, unread,
but good.
To welcome in this newborn king,
Amid the livestock and the steam.

The sounds and smells of earthy
creatures
Caressed the child as gentle fin-
gers.
Mary his mother gave birth that
day,
To a shepherd for all who've lost
their way.

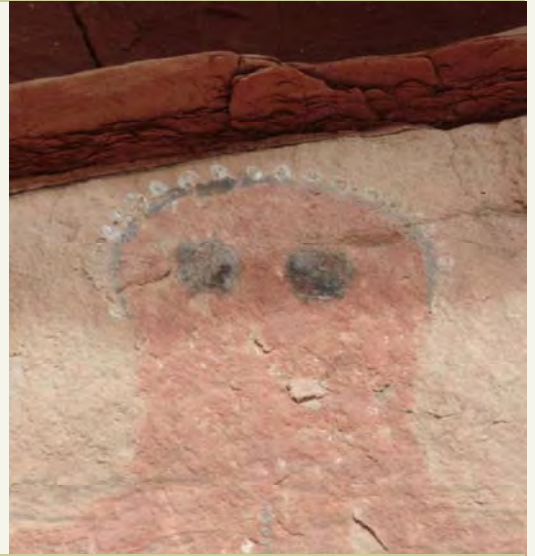
It all began in a humble barn,
With the animals, our King was born.
There's something special that I find,

With the hay and beasts – a peace of mind.

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All creation is reborn.
The horses watered, fed and warm,
Prayer comes easy in a barn.



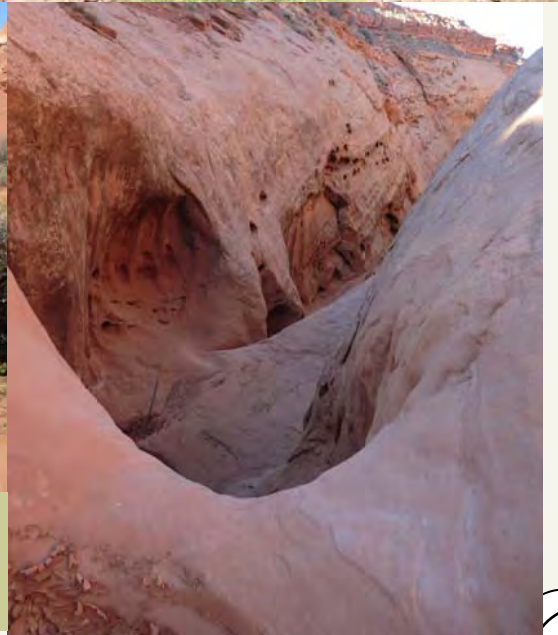
Robber's Roost Ride
THANK YOU TO BRUCE KARTCHNER!



*The Blue-Eyed Princess
& Cowboy Caves*



*5 Hombres and one Old Chimney at Robbers Roost
Escape Slot Canyon >>>*



MOUNTAIN RIDGE BCHU 2010 SCHEDULE



Stansbury Island, December 4

Dec 4, Stansbury Petroglyphs Ride (Paul Kern, 942-8928, kernpr@gmail.com)

This ride is subject to weather and land owners' permission. Paul will send out an email just before this ride with confirmation and details. If the weather is good, but the permission is unavailable, we will move to another location. If the weather is bad, we will cancel the ride. So watch your email, and if you don't get email, contact Paul if you are interested in going)

Dec 9, Christmas Party (Tom Smith)
Helpers and donations needed!

**NEXT STATE BCHU
MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2011
STARTS AT 7:30PM**

Legacy Events Center Building #1, Farmington
Catered meal - menu and prices to follow
Entertainment by cowboy band "Saddlestrings"
Look forward to an evening of terrific food,
good cowboy music from a renowned band and
dancing if you want.

**BCHU TRAILS
EXTRAVAGANZA
JANUARY 15, 2011**
Details coming in your state newsletter soon...

**MOUNTAIN RIDGE CHRISTMAS PARTY AND
AUCTION – DECEMBER 9 AT 7 PM**

Come one, Come All !

To the Mountain Ridge BCHU Christmas Party!

Thursday, December 9 starting at 7pm, at the Sheriff's Posse Building near the South Jordan Equestrian Center

FREE steak dinner (or chicken if you prefer) with baked potatoes, salad, brownies, and ice cream. Mmmmmm!!

Please fill out the membership form on the back page and bring it with you.

Organizer: Tom Smith (801 254 5570)

Donations Needed:

- Please contact Tom to let him know which businesses you will be willing to ask for a small contribution. Eateries, services, etc. are always popular. A sample letter is attached on the next page, and also to the email version.
- Clean out your tack room to make room for all of the great horse stuff Santa will be bringing you! Bring your gently used horse equipment to donate to the auction.
- And why stop there?? Heck, clean out all of your closets, and bring any household, seasonal, clothing, fun stuff, any stuff to donate!

Volunteers Needed:

- Camp Cooks to BBQ the steaks
- 2 Baked Potato Bakers willing to bake 40 potatoes each (at home, and bring them in)
- 2 Brownie Bakers (at home, and bring them in)
- Decorators (contact Stephanie Yeager, 278-8435; 232-8806, yeagirls@msn.com)





Dear Friend of Back Country Horsemen,

Would you please consider being a sponsor for the Mountain Ridge Back Country Horsemen's annual Christmas Party and Auction? This event will be held on December 9, 2010.

The Back Country Horsemen is a national organization whose motto is "Gentle on the Land". Its members are committed to giving back to the land they use with their stock animals. They are dedicated to organizing and participating in various service projects such as trail rebuilding and maintenance, building trailheads, installing bridges, and cleaning litter from public lands. Our Mountain Ridge unit conducts several service projects every year, thus saving the BLM, USFS, and others thousands and thousands of dollars in volunteer work.

Proceeds from the members who win the bid on the auction items will be used by the Mountain Ridge Back Country Horsemen unit to purchase equipment, materials, and whatever else might be needed for these service projects.

Thank you for your support of this worthy organization with your donations to our auction. We appreciate it and will remind our members to support your fine establishment.

Sincerely,

Tom Smith
Auction Chairman
801-254-5570

COWBOY POETRY AND SONG - NOV 11



Bill Gubler, Michael "Boots" Robinson, Terry Taylor, Steve Taylor, Fred Enge

Thank you to the wonderful cowboy poets and singers who came to entertain us at the November 11 BCHU meeting. They were AWESOME!!!! Thank you to Paul Kern for arranging this great evening!

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Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse/mule use is involved, which can cause injuries to horse/mules, riders, and spectators and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Utah, including units, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience of riders or horses/mules taking part in trail rides or other BCHU functions, I do hereby release the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children or horses/mules.

By signing this release, I/WE recognize the following Utah State Law, "UCA 78-27b- Limitations on liability for Equine and Livestock Activities." It shall be presumed that participants in equine or livestock activities are aware of and understand that there are inherent risks associated with these activities. "Inherent risk" with regard to equine or livestock activities means those dangers or conditions, which are an integral part of equine or livestock activities. The equine activity sponsor is not liable for those inherent risks. If you are unwilling to assume these risks for yourself or for those under your supervision, you should not participate in these activities.

Signed:

Date:

Signed:

Date

Make check payable to Mt. Ridge BCH, individual \$30/year, family \$40/year. New _____ Renewal _____

GET MORE MILEAGE OUT OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP ! Give a copy to a friend.



Bring this form and a check for your renewal (\$30 for individual or \$40 for family) to the Christmas Party Dec 9, or mail it to:

**Mountain Ridge Back Country Horsemen
P.O. Box 81**