

RIDE PLAN-
NING FOR
2012:

Come to the meeting
January 12, and we
will plan the next
year's rides [Cotton-
wood Retirement
Center 1245 East
Murray-Holladay
Road \[4752 South\]](#)

NEXT
MEETING:

**Dec 8, 6pm Christ-
mas Party &
Monthly Meeting,**
Sandy City Lone
Peak Rec Center,
10140 S 700 E

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!
BCHU PARTY AND AUCTION



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 6 PM
SANDY CITY LONE PEAK REC CENTER
10140 S 700 E

Come enjoy a nice Christmas BarBQ wth BCHU! Bring in your mem-
bership form (on the back) for free dinner! Good food, Good fun, Good
friends. Do a little Christmas shopping at the auction, where all pro-
ceeds support BCHU projects.

Have additional auction items? Just bring them on in.
Forgot to email your service hours? fredleslie101@gmail.com
See you there!

BRING 'ER HOME - BY PAUL KERN

Along about December,
On a western mountain slope,
When the snow is deep an' crusted,
An' yer head is full of hope.

When each breath crystallizes,
An' clings a moment to the air,
Then falls upon yer horse's mane,
An' hangs - jest like a curtain there.

Night breezes shuffle southward,
The sky is clear and cold,
Ya' pick a star an' tell yerself,
An old story you were told.

Of a baby in a lowly barn,
Well - I reckon jest a shed,
For unto you is born this day. . .
Those words dangle in yer head.

An' live jest like an evergreen,
On that frigid mountain slope.
So ya' cut a pine that'll do ya',
An' dally tie it with yer rope.

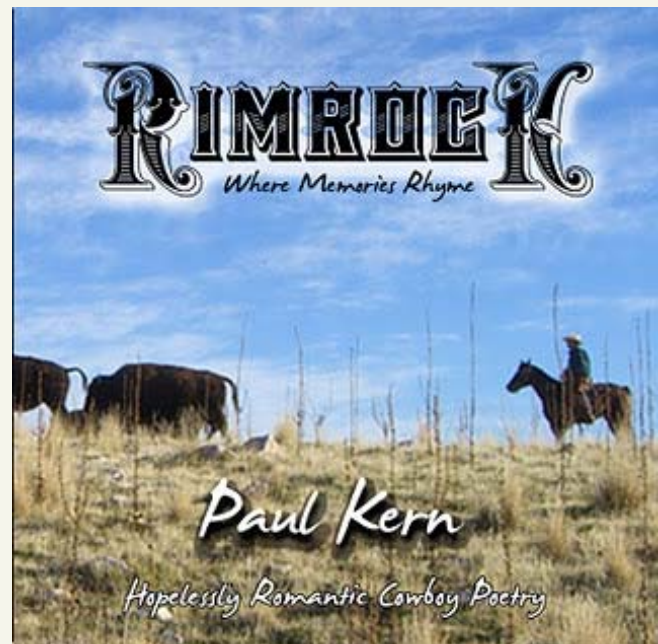
The sun will soon start climbin',
The mornin' star has jest blinked out,
That tree yer draggin' on yer horse,
Recalls what He's about.

It's jest a little evergreen,
To spread some Christmas cheer,
So bring 'er home to remember Him,
As we celebrate this year!



CONGRATULATIONS, PAUL!

His Cowboy Poetry CD - "Rimrock, Where Memories Rhyme" has won the Will Rogers Award and been named Cowboy Poetry CD of the Year by the Academy of Western Artists. He and Kathie are headed to Ft. Worth in January for the awards ceremony.



Check out Paul's CD at www.paulkern.com

HOW (AND WHY) TO TRAIN YOUR HORSE TO WEAR A SANTA HAT

There are many key reasons to train your equine friend to wear a Santa hat. Horses who wear a Santa hat are 99.2% less likely to be fussy about their ears when bridling. They are also 95% more likely to receive Christmas carrots. (OK, so I made those numbers up But seriously, once Friday took to wearing hats, he was no longer bothered by little things like bridles.) Start with a regular Santa hat. Choose one that has a fluffy white band. Cut two slits for ears. Make them fit pretty snugly around the bottom of the ear right against the head. Tuck the white band under the headstall behind the ears. Commercial designs have various ties to hold it on, but I found we haven't needed them. And when I was teaching Friday to tolerate the hat (and even like it), there were a couple of panics where I was glad I could just grab the pom pom and pull it off.

Most horses take to Santa hats without event. Mine did not. He was very fussy about his ears while bridling, so of course he was fussy about the hat also. First, let your horse sniff and check out the hat in your hands until he loses interest in it. Then rub his face all over with it. Especially rub around the ears and forelock where it will sit. Also get him used to the pom pom gently bumping around his face before you actually attach the hat on his head. If he is concerned about the hat or any place you are rubbing him, use the approach and retreat method ... get just close enough to his touchy area to make him a little nervous but not too much. Retreat to a more comfortable spot, and then approach again, and retreat, etc. until the horse is comfortable everywhere. Put on the hat but be prepared to remove it right away. Do this several times before riding with it. Add bells (train for those too), and enjoy a wonderful Christmas Jingle Bell ride!



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.

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Liability Release: MUST BE SIGNED

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: _____

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