

NEXT MEETING:

Come to the meeting  
February 9, 7pm

Saddle Making &  
Repair

[Cottonwood Retirement Center 1245 East Murray-Holladay Road \[4752 South\]](#)

Watch for:  
Your 1st Annual MRBCHU Calendar.  
Is coming soon in the mail!



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



ever seen, the heart had no pathology, and all chambers and valves were normal. Many believe it was the size of Secretariat's heart that contributed to his amazing performance. Although, most of our equine friends may not possess the literal large heart as Secretariat's or win a Triple Crown, but our horses have nonetheless captured our hearts

]Hello,  
February is here already. This month we are reminded, with red shaped hearts everywhere, to think fondly of our families, friends, and all those who are special in our lives... not forgetting our equine partners.

How many times have you thought fondly of your horse? How many rides have you been on with your horse and thought, 'my horse is all heart!' With hearts in mind, the average horse's heart is nine pounds as compared to the Triple Crown winner Secretariat. Secretariat's heart was exceptional in size and weight and believed to be nearly twenty-two pounds, more than twice the weight of any one of our horses. After Secretariat's death, the veterinarian who tended to Secretariat's post mortem care stated his heart was the largest he had

and in the most poetic sense have the BIGGEST HEARTS!

So let February be the month where we remember to care for our big-hearted friends by scheduling veterinary checks and stocking up on treats and rewarding our equine partners for their devotion and constant performance.

Paul Deputy



## MOUNTAIN RIDGE BCHU 2012 SCHEDULE



*Fred Leslie, Pony Express!*

**February 4 BCHU State Meeting,**  
Spanish Fork Fairgnds, 8am-3pm High  
Chaparrel Room, 475 S Main St.  
Spanish Fork (Stephanie Yeager 278-  
8435; 232-8806

**February 9 Monthly Meeting,**  
**7pm,** Cottonwood Retirement Cen-  
ter, 1245 East Murray-Holladay Rd  
(4752 South) Saddle making and  
repair

**February 25 Jordan River Park-**  
**way** (contact Bruce Kartchner  
571-6426 [bruce1349@gmail.com](mailto:bruce1349@gmail.com))

RTR (Ready to Ride) at NOON

Directions: Go to the North side of  
123000 south and about 8th west.  
Turn into the road that takes you to  
the playground and picnic area.  
The dirt parking lot before the play  
area is for trailer parking. I plan on  
taking the trail north from there.  
The ride will be about 3 hours.  
Very easy ride. Hazards: Expect  
bicycles, dogs, joggers and etc.  
There will be one bridge to cross  
and one bridge that we will go un-  
der.

With the cold weather lets plan on  
riding (in the saddle) at noon sharp.  
That way we can ride in the warmer  
part of the day.

**March 8 Monthly Meeting**  
**7pm,** Cottonwood Retirement Cen-  
ter, 1245 East Murray-Holladay Rd  
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repair

**March 9-11 Utah Horse Expo.**  
South Jordan Equestrian Center.  
[www.utahhorsecouncil.com/  
expo.htm](http://www.utahhorsecouncil.com/expo.htm)  
Volunteers needed for BCHU booth  
Contact Perry White 254-8798  
whitemt@aol.com

**March 24 Search Project Ride**  
(contact Perry White) Also riding  
help needed March 23,25.

**April 12 Monthly Meeting**

**April 28 Obstacle Course Ride**  
(contact Ray Smith)

**May 10 Monthly Meeting**

**May 12 Sheep Creek Ride** (contact

Steve Johnson)

**May 19 Dimple Dell Project for  
Sandy Trails Day** (contact Diana  
vanUitert)

**June 14 Monthly Meeting,**

**June 8-10 Antimony near Bryce  
Canyon** (contact Ray Smith)

**June 23 Bruce's Book Ride! North  
Willow** (contact Bruce Kartchner)

**June 29-July 1 Blackhawk** (contact  
Cindy Furse)

**July 12 Monthly Meeting**

**July 14 Woodland / Bench Creek  
Service Project Ride** (contact Larry  
Newton)

**July 19-22 Island Park** (contact  
Paul Kern) Please RSVP.

**August 9 Monthly Meeting**

**August — date TBD: Uintas Pack  
Trip** (ask Fred Leslie / Cindy Furse)

**September 13 Monthly Meeting**

**September 21-23 Logan Canyon  
Rides** (Old Ephraim, White Pine),  
(contact Bill McEwan)

**October 11 Monthly Meeting**

**October 20 Cattle Drive Grantsville**  
(contact Larry Newton)

**October 26 Bison Roundup**  
(contact Cindy Furse)

**Nov. 3, Johnson's Pass** (contact  
Keith Christensen)

**November 8 Monthly Meeting**

**December 13 Christmas Party &  
Auction 6pm** (contact Paul Kern)

## VOLUNTEER HOURS BY FRED LESLIE

Thank you to everyone who contributed volunteer hours this year! We are attaching a volunteer form in the e-version of his newsletter for you to keep track of your time and miles. If you need one but don't receive the e-version, please call Fred 801-553-1873 and I'll mail one out.

Basic Work	Trail miles	Education	Administration	Travel Time	Vehicle Miles	Stock hauling Miles	Stock Hauled
155 hrs	116	89	353	69	3,097	581	20



### 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](mailto: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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**Mountain Ridge Back Country Horsemen**  
**Chapter Application**  
**Join M.R.B.C.H. and preserve our heritage!**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter by: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Both

**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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