

JANUARY
PLANNING
MEETING

Jan. 9 at 7pm

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

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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



Rory in Jingle Bells

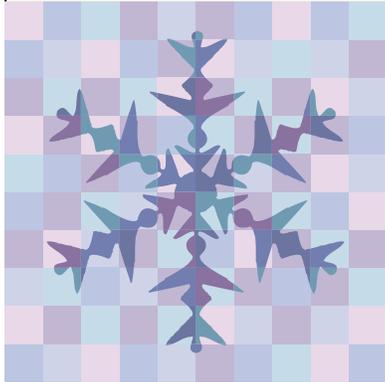
2014 is going to be a great year for the Mountain Ridge Chapter of Backcountry Horsemen! We got things off to a wonderful start with a very successful Christmas party and silent auction. With most of our members renewing and some money in the bank - life is good. As we

have reviewed the reality of who we are as a group of horsemen and women there are some things that stand out and ought to be the focus of our activities this next year. Our chapter is for like minded horse people to get together and learn from each - to enjoy each other's company and learn more about the back country and how to access it safely with saddle and pack stock. Our monthly meetings this year will focus on various aspects of horses and western lore and history. You will not want to miss out on the meetings this year. As a chapter we provide financial support to the State and National organizations, which is used in turn to promote the larger causes of trail preservation and lobbying efforts. Through it all we attempt to provide service projects on a local basis that help maintain and preserve our back country trails. Please join with us and enjoy the ride - this is going to be good. Your help in adding to our calendar will really be appreciated during our first

meeting in January.

— Paul Kern

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**COWBOY'S NEW YEAR
RESOLUTIONS**

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As one who's been a cowhand since the wildcats learned to spit,
I've made some resolutions for the comin' year, to wit:
Resolved, to ride a shorter day and sleep a longer night;
To never come to breakfast till the sun is shinin' bright;
To draw a top-hand's wages when they're due or quit the job
And hunt a wealthy widow or an easy bank to rob.
Resolved, to quit the wagon when the chuck ain't up to snuff,
To feed no more on bullet beans nor chaw on beef that's tough.
Resolved, to straddle nothin' in the line of saddle mount
That ain't plumb easy-gaited, gentle broke, and some account.

Resolved, that when it blizzards and there's stock out in the storm,
To let the owner worry while I stay in where it's warm.
Resolved, that when it comes my turn next spring to ride the bogs,
I'll don the bib and tucker of my town and Sunday togs,
And tell the boss, by gravies, if he craves to shed some blood,
Just try to make me smear 'em tailin' moo-cows from the mud.
Resolved, that when a thunderhead comes rollin' up the sky,
I'll lope in off my circle to the bunkhouse where it's dry.

Resolved, to do such ropin' as a ropin' cowhand must,
But never when the air ain't free from cattle-trompled dust.
Resolved to show no hosses, and resolved, to swim no cricks;
Resolved, no dead-cow skinnin', and resolved, no fence to fix.
Resolved, to swing no pitchfork, no pick, no ax, no spade;
Resolved to wear my whiskers—if I want to—in a braid!
Resolved, to take this New Year plenty easy through-and-through,
Instead of sweatin' heavy like I've always used to do.

As one who's been a cowhand since before who laid the chunk,
It may sound like I'm loco, or it may sound like I'm drunk
To make such resolutions as you see upon my list,
And others purt near like 'em that my mem'ry may have missed;
But gosh, they sound so pleasant to a son of saddle sweat!
And New Year's resolutions—well, I never kept one yet!
So why make resolutions that bring furrows to your brow?
Let's make 'em free and fancy—'cause we'll bust 'em anyhow!

**2014
CALENDAR
PLEASE SEND
PICTURES!**

It's time to collect pictures for the calendar again! Make your horse a star. Please send your favorite pictures to: cfurse@ece.utah.edu

Some special needs:

- Service Project Pictures
- Packing, camping, and riding
- Great Utah Trail views (with horses!)
- Holiday pictures
- I'm always short on SNOW pics.



**HORSES =
CALORIES PER
HOUR**

Why your horse is a great addition to your New Year's Get-Fit Resolutions... Here is a list of horse activities and their calories per hour (for YOU, not your horse):

- Grooming 364
- Leading / Ground Driving 267
- Feeding 292
- Walking 154
- Trotting 397
- Galloping 494
- Chasing the horse you can't catch 1102

From: HealthStatus.com

MONGOLIAN HORSES CHARLOTTE BRENNAND

Thank you to Charlotte Brennand for the pictures from her recent visit to a horse farm in Mongolia.



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1. Young horses tied on a low picket line.
2. Saddle, saddle blanket, stirrups, bridle, all hand-built/tied ...ready to go for a ride???
3. Woman (left) is milking the mare to make the fermented milk 'delicacy'. Father is meanwhile talking on the cell phone
4. Stallion hobbled (rope tied on two front and one rear foot)
5. Horses that were first quietly plodding, carrying tourists, were more than happy to leap into life when their handlers took them for a race!

MONGOLIA (CONT.)

WHORL UPDATE:



(Top) Ger (yurt) with solar panels
 (Bottom) Mongolia cowboy roping horse with a rope loop on a long pole.

Bosco, the donkey, has the lowest Whorl I could find. Bosco is cute but very, very difficult to catch!

Mountain Ridge Back Country Horsemen
Chapter Application
Join M.R.B.C.H. and preserve our heritage!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home # _____ Work # _____ Cell # _____

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: _____

Make check payable to Mt. Ridge BCH, individual \$30 year, family \$40 year. New _____ Renewal _____
 Mt Ridge BCH, P O Box 81, Riverton UT 84065

BCHU AUCTION THANK YOU!



We had two orgeous cowboy themed quilts this year. Thank you Phyllis Allen & Nancy Newton for these very special hand-made items.

Congrats on another great membership dinner and auction in 2013 for 2014. First, the idea of having one chairwoman and committee for the dinner and a second chairwoman and committee for the auction is a great success. Thanks to Fran Wilby and her committee for a great dinner and to Doris Richards and her committee for a great auction. Both were a financial success.

For the dinner, we had thirty-nine membership; which was 25 families and 14 singles which included 5 new memberships and 1 returning membership after a year away. The amount of the dues paid was \$1420.00 and I don't know what we have to pay to the state/national of this amount at this time. I have heard from a number of members that their dues are in the mail. (use the form on the previous page if yours isn't in the mail quite yet, please!) So I think that we can say that the membership dinner was a great success. There is still a lot of work to do in getting old and new members into the chapter.

The auction raised \$1434.25 offset by \$816.23 in expenses for a net gain to the chapter of \$618.02 which I can say is a great success. A special thanks to everyone who donated tack, books, hats, etc. to the auction. A special thanks to Phyllis Allen and Nancy Newton for the two quilts that were given for auction. But the real thanks goes to everyone that bought items and especially to Phyllis Allen for being the big spender at the auction of \$214.00.

A special thanks goes to Perry White and his family for getting the banquet hall and for the extra cleaning effort that was required after

the evening so that the chapter would not be charged for leaving it dirty. Additional, for making sure that we had the hall after Riverton City double booked it and the other group tried to run us out.

Thanks to everyone involved and attended as Mt Ridge is off to a great start for 2014.

Special thanks to those who helped set up and organize the event (this list is terribly incomplete! Please accept our hearty thank you for everyone who helped): new BCHU member Lisa Caddy, Sue Fisher, Cindy Furse (who definitely should look at auctioneering as a second career,) Gina Levesque, Becky Rock, Tom and Joyce Smith, Kurt and Diana vanUitert, Sandy Williams, Pat Wilson, Stephanie Yeager and all the other people who grabbed pen and paper, matched them with auction items and found a place to display them. Larry Newton and Fred Leslie, BBQ chefs (who also managed the 'technical difficulties' with the grill). Lueen Allison & numerous salad and dessert preparers, Sandy Williams, Paul Kern (cowboy poetry), and more. Everyone's contributions made for another successful fund raiser and a fun evening. Thank you!

We would also like to thank these local and national companies for their generous support through contributions of merchandise and/or gift cards:

Ballet West (SLC)
Beans and Brews (Wasatch Front locations)
Cal Ranch (West Jordan)
Costco (Sandy)
Hale Centre Theatre (West Valley)
Horse Crazy (Draper)
IFA (Draper)
Salt Lake Roasting Company (SLC)
Scheels Sporting Goods (Sandy)
Steve Regan Company (Murray)
Utah Symphony/Utah Opera Company (SLC)

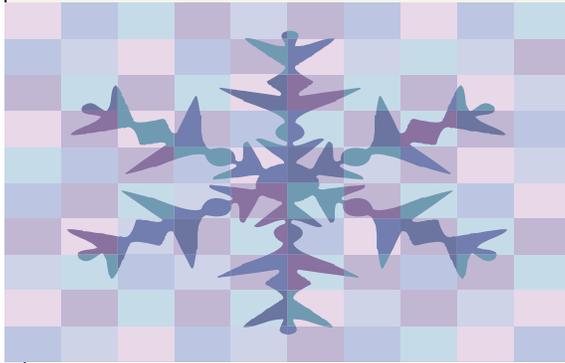
Please remember these companies' generous support and support them in 2014!

Doris Richards
MRBCHU 2013 Auction Chair
Larry Newton
Treasurer



Boots (from the auction) & Binky (from home) — What more could a cowboy need?

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