

**NEXT SERVICE PROJECT:**

August 12-14 Corduroy Packing

**NEXT RIDE:**

July 9 Settlement Canyon (RTR at 9am DARK LOOP trailhead)

**NEXT MEETING:**

**July 14, 7pm [Cottonwood Retirement Center 1245 East Murray-Holladay Road \[4752 South\]](#)**

**THANK YOU!**

To everyone who helped with the Jordanelle project and the Dimple Dell tunnel opening!

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



*While waiting for the higher mountains to dry out, consider expanding our 'equine presence' in Corner Canyon. Nice Trails !*

Thanks to everyone who has helped out with service projects this month. The Jordanelle cleanup and fence building was a great success. Also thank you to the members who showed up on short notice for the opening of the new Dimple Dell tunnel under 1300 East. Always good to show an equine presence at these sorts of events.

We are all glad the EHV virus has been contained once again. Thanks to everyone for their understanding and consideration for the health of their horses and those around them. EHV, combined with a wetter than normal spring and cold conditions, has contained some of our riding this year, but now that spring has finally sprung (and

summer too!), I hope you are out enjoying the lovely trails of Utah.

We have some additional changes this month because of the weather and the EHV virus. The Blackhawk campout has been rescheduled for July 15-16, and our July club ride has been moved from American Fork to Settlement Canyon. Many of the trails in AF are still closed due to mud and deadfall, and we will attach a list of those trail closures with the email version of this newsletter. Many of our higher mountain trails are still closed or difficult to get into, but this warm weather is surely going to dry them out in a hurry.

— Hope to see you on a ride soon, Tom

## MOUNTAIN RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING JUNE 9, 2011 – PAT WILSON

**Present:** Tom Smith, Pat Wilson, Stephanie Yaeger, Bob and Lisa Baker, Perry white, Paul Deputy, Ray Smith, Doris Richards, Diana van Uteriet, Bev Heffernan, Cheryl Smith, Vanessa ( Camp "K" horse coordinator)  
Meeting called to order by Tom Smith @ 1908.

**Tom Smith:** After a conference with the Utah State Veterinarian Tom reported at the chapter meeting the vet has said his office has not asked horse groups to voluntarily suspend any scheduled horse activities. However, there are now 2 confirmed cases of EHV in horses in Salt Lake County. This is important information as Salt Lake County has not had any confirmed cases of EHV until this time. Discussion followed. Pat Wilson motioned that the Camp "K" service project be postponed until a later date in the year. Diana van Utiert seconded the motion. This motion passed with the tentative new date being settled upon as October 8<sup>th</sup>. In keeping with the EHV discussion Diana van Utiert motioned that Black Hawk be postponed until a later date. Paul Deputy seconded this motion. This motion passed.

**Bev Heffernan** motioned that the old date of June 18<sup>th</sup> for the Camp "K" veteran's ride remain on the Mountain Ridge calendar and that the service project be turned into a trail maintenance project near Camp "K" as the riding trails need a lot of attention after this hard winter. Diana van Utiert seconded this motion. This motion passed. Please meet at Camp "K" on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 0900 with gloves, nippers, loppers, water and sunscreen.

**Pat Wilson and Paul Deputy** reported that after extensive investigation into the cost and challenge of putting together a Trails Extravaganza early next year even at a new location it would not be in the best interest to continue promoting this event. Discussion followed. By unanimous decision it was voted that Mountain Ridge Unit would decline to host this event and that a letter would be sent to Craig Allen to that effect. Perry White motioned that all business being reviewed that the meeting be adjourned. Bob Baker seconded this motion. Meeting adjourned at 2022.

### SOME SWEATBANDS DO BY PAUL KERN

Was it just an old cowpuncher,  
Or some saddle tramp with a tooled belt,  
Wearin' that Triple X Stetson of once fine felt?

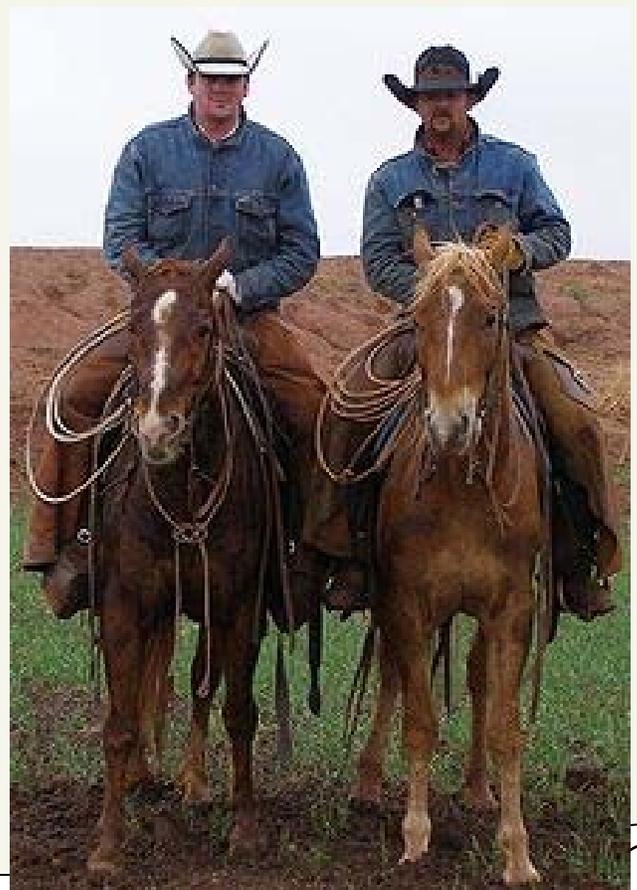
A hat well worn and past its prime,  
A grimy hat abused and long past new,  
Oily around the brim where sweat beads through.

You can't help but sorta' wonder,  
What manner of critters therein abide,  
Where they congregate or how they prefer to ride.

That darkened rim around a hat,  
Ain't for sale at any price it just cannot be bought,  
It only comes from bein' there with the workin' cowboy lot.

That oily grime around the brim,  
Is a badge of honor 'round the cowboy clan,  
It's evidence you know your way and that you know you can.

Some folks'd never wear a dirty hat,  
They don't seem to understand or maybe just plain won't,  
Still the same - some sweatbands do - and others just plain don't.



## MOUNTAIN RIDGE BCHU 2011 SCHEDULE

*Settlement Canyon Ride, July 9*

**July 9, (CHANGE OF LOCATION) Settlement Canyon** (contact Pat Wilson [patricia@csolutions.net](mailto:patricia@csolutions.net) (801) 278-6608). This is about a 5 hour ride, medium difficulty. Horses need shoes, and should be in reasonable shape. Bring lunch and water (there is water for the horses along the trail).

Settlement Canyon is a few miles east of Tooele on the main road through town. Turn left at the 'Camp Wapiti' sign, proceed up the canyon to the fee station (\$3, I think). Meet at the DARK LOOP parking and trailhead, which is only a hundred feet or so past the fee station on the right.

Beat the Heat! **Be ready to ride at 9 am.**

**July 14, 7pm Monthly Meeting** [Cottonwood Retirement Center 1245 East Murray-Holladay Road \[4752 South\]](#)

**July 15-16 (RESCHEDULE) Blackhawk (Payson Canyon) Rides and Campout** (contact Cindy Furse [cfurse@ece.utah.edu](mailto:cfurse@ece.utah.edu) 801-581-9225) Make camp site reservations in loop E (the only loop that allows horses) at

[recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) 1-877-444-6777 We will have a potluck Friday evening about 630 when we get back from the ride, so bring something to share.

If you don't want to camp, there is a day parking area in loop E (there is a fee, I think \$5).

Saturday be ready to ride at 10. Meet at the horse water tank in the middle of the meadow in the center of Loop E. Bring lunch and water. Ride will be 5-6 hours, medium difficulty. If you want to ride Friday, let me know. Haven't decided which ride we will do that day (maybe Pete Winward).

**July 22-23 (riding days), Island Park** (contact Paul Kern) RSVP! Maximum 14 people can go.

**Aug 11, 7pm Monthly Meeting**

**Aug 12-14, Corduroy Packing Project**, High Uintas (Fred Leslie)

**Aug 19-21, Pack Trip (contact Fred Leslie or Cindy Furse)**, location TBD (Uintas?) RSVP!

**Sept 8, 7pm Monthly Meeting**

**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. ?? 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:*

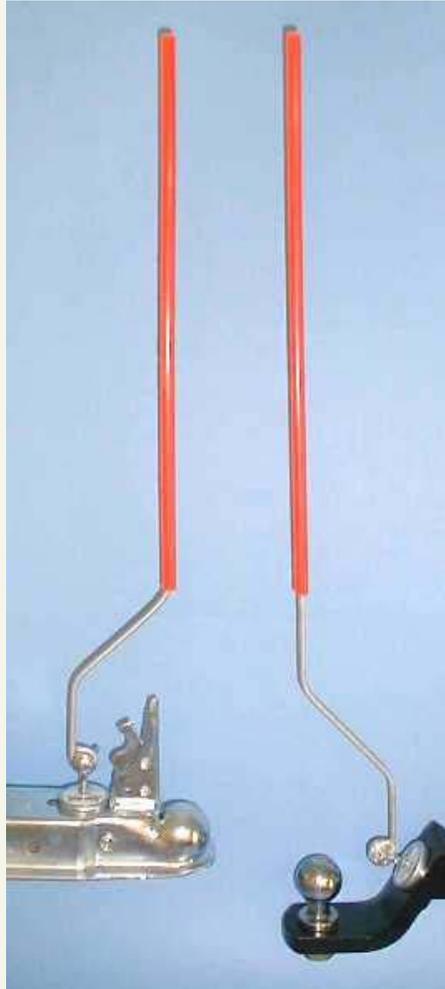
Cheryl Butler  
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## TRAILER HITCH-UP GIZMOS

I wasn't sure what to call this article and almost titled it 'How to save your marriage with a trailer hitch' but thought that would be going a little too far. Hitching up a trailer seems to be a common source of marital discord. 'Left! Left! NO!! Not that Left!' So spare the spouse... Here are a few gizmos you might find useful for hitching up your trailer.



Here is the one I use. I LOVE it. It is two yellow Styrofoam balls on telescoping metal rods. A strong magnet at the bottom of each rod connects (1) to the top of the hitch ball or (2) the top of the trailer tongue. You just line up the two balls and back until the first stick gets pushed off the hitch ball. Voila! Often I can hit this the first time. And when I need to back someplace really difficult, around a corner (like my garage), I can stick one of these to the top of a metal tool box, garbage can or bucket, and give myself something I can SEE to maneuver the trailer into place. These are available from Harbor Freight ([online](#) \$9.99 or 3470 S State St).



Another version (which I used before my current version) is called '[Align Quick](#), about \$20). Same idea, glow in the dark rods. They were too short for the higher back of my new 4runner, but you can buy extensions

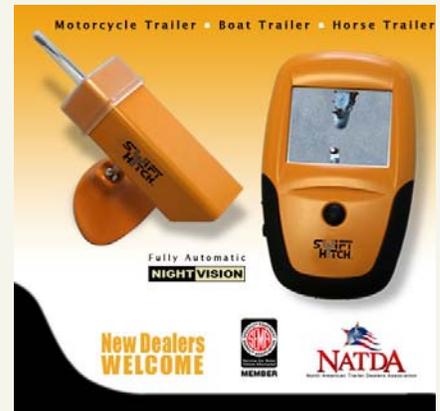
Here is a cool design that I first saw at State Trailer Supply. You just screw this piece of sheet metal under your ball, back up in more or less the right location, and the metal guides the trailer ball into place and 'bumps' when you are in the right place and should stop. Trouble is, I can't find it online right now. Also, it can't be used with an equalizer hitch. If you want one, go by State Trailer and see if they have one there. The [online adver-](#)



[tisement](#) I found doesn't tell you where to buy one.

The online trailer sites tout the value of a fish eye mirror for backing up, and you can buy those at State Trailer Supply too. I found this hard to use, but could have gotten used to it in time.

Or you can go all out and electronic and buy a [wireless camera](#). Perhaps you could put this in the horse trailer too, if you wanted to figure out how your Houdini horse actually managed to turn himself backside round in the tiny little



straight load you were hauling him in (Friday did this once, and I still have no idea how he managed it). Or you could just reassure yourself that your equine passengers are all upright and doing fine. These cost a pretty penny (about \$300).

## Jordanelle Clean Up

Photos From Doris Richards

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Jordanelle work project on June 4. I think there were about 10 of us from Mt. Ridge (Bev/Fred/Bruce/Ray/Perry/Tom/Paul Deputy/Scott/Doris). We repaired fencing separating the public from private grazing lands and worked with the Kamas BCHU group, who also treated us to a great bbq lunch.



### 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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## DIMPLE DELL TUNNEL OPENING



Thank you! To everyone from BCHU who showed up for the opening of the 1300 East tunnel at Dimple Dell. For video and news coverage, check the email message that comes with this newsletter.

Where's the tunnel? From the Wrangler Trailhead, go down the steep hill by the picnic table. It will be on your right at the bottom, going under 1300 East. Maybe this would be a good 'obstacle' for next year's obstacle course .... Many horses hesitate or are concerned walking into a tunnel their first few times. Once in, they may walk quietly until they get to the 'light at the end of the tunnel' at which time, be prepared for a leap/hurry/jump to get out of the scary tunnel! It's worth training your horse for tunnels, since many trails have them.

