

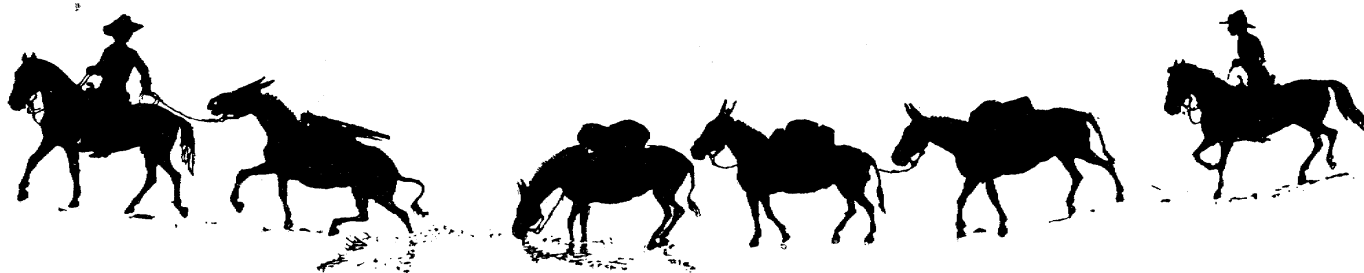
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# The Picket Line

Gallatin Valley Backcountry Horsemen

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## MEETINGS

### Director's Meeting

Wed., October 1<sup>st</sup>

7:00 PM

Sharon Lowry's

160 Lake Rd

587-4013

Members are welcome

### General Meeting

Thurs., October 16th

@ 6 pm

(Note the time!)

### Pot Luck Supper

**Bring a casserole dish of  
your choosing**

### Program

**Lewis and Clark  
And  
Their horses  
By Don Nell**

## EVENTS

There are no scheduled events this month. However, if you have a ride you would like to schedule and would share with members, please contact Jiffie @ 763-4105 or Sharon @ 587-4013 to notify members by email. We could have great weather in Oct-Nov.

### Potluck information...

We will be using the leftover beef that you so enjoyed at our poker ride. Just be sure to bring a casserole dish of your choosing, i.e., veggie, salad, potato, dessert, etc. Coffee and soda will be available. You must supply your plate and eating utensils.

Want information on the Gallatin National Forest? Check this web site...

[www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin)

We welcome our newest members.  
Please add to your roster...

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### **FOR SALE**

#### **Hay**

Our summer work is done.  
Come for "Old Dobbins" winter supply of hay.  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting alfalfa  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting half alfalfa and half grass  
85-90# bales  
\$80 per ton.

**Betty White 586-2301**

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#### **Next year's slate has begun**

A nominating committee consisting of Rich Inman, Jiffie Hale, Bonnie Hammer and Sharon Lowry has begun their work.  
The election will be held at our Christmas party.  
To date we have four willing members that have volunteered.  
We particularly want to have new members. New blood is always welcome. We need you.  
You can call any of the four members:  
Rich @ 388-1564; Jiffie @ 763-4105;  
Bonnie @ 284-6822 or Sharon @ 587-4013  
We will be calling you.

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#### **EVER WONDER...**

**why Noah didn't swat those two mosquitoes?**

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#### **Rodeo Fans. Listen Up**

Kay Tate writes:

"Listen up rodeo fans! Karst Stage is running a trip to Las Vegas for the NFR in December. Call 586-8567 press "42" for details. Kay and Ron joined the trip a couple of years ago and had a great time. Maybe next year we should start earlier and see if we can get a group to go along?" call Kay @587-2758 if this interests you.

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#### **Letter of gratitude received by the club**

Our president received a letter from the Hebgen Lake Ranger District expressing their gratitude for all the hard work and reliability shown by our club during their 2003 volunteer projects. A few members helped in various projects such as the removal of garbage caches in the back country, packing in supplies and conducting camp cook/tender duties during an extended trail project. Special thanks went to Kay and Ron who participated in multiple projects and gave extra effort while providing support for six days on the Hilgard Basin trail restoration project.  
Good going folks....

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#### **Sale of donated items**

If you read the minutes the items that have been donated by Dr. Steel will be finalized at our Christmas party. We will have a discussion on these sale items at our next meeting.

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#### **José puts on a great PowerPoint program**

Our program for September was a PowerPoint presentation on the Gallatin National Forest given by our member and District Ranger, José Castro. José compiled and presented to us a very informative program where we learned what we did not know (as did José when he compiled it.) Well done, sir. We thank you.

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**September Trail Report, by Chick Hale**

On September 15<sup>th</sup> we responded to the Forest Service's request for aid. Their need was to transport tools, food, etc., to the 2<sup>nd</sup> creek that crosses the Spanish Creek Trail for the purpose of construction of a foot and horse bridge.

Our old (but yet young) friend, Jehnet Carlson, Wally Becker and I were at the trail head at 9:30am to load our five pack horses. At the work and camp sites we unloaded and spent sometime moving rocks to construct a firm foundation for the bridge. We left at a reasonable time and hauled our empty horses home. Thanks to Jehnet and her two pack animals we were able to carry comfortable loads.

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, as previously arranged, we picked up two heavy draft horses, truck and trailer, loaned to us from member Lee Hart, prepared for our trip into the bridge work site and started in with two draft horses and two pack horses carrying chain, double tree and other tools.

At the work site Wally took little time to get the work team ready and proceeded to skid three bridge beams, two for a distance of 100 yards. Wally also hauled logs to be split for use as treads.

Our work completed we headed home putting in an eleven hour day with all the incidentals involved.

Our really big day was September 19<sup>th</sup> when the Forest Service crew was to complete the bridge and come out of the forest.

Ed Long, Larry and Billy Conner, Jan and Jeanne Elpel, Wally and I headed in with six pack horses.

When we arrived at the work site the crew seemed far from completing the bridge, so the seven of us went to work. We hauled rock and Larry with his draft horse and crew hauled gravel to complete the approaches to the bridge. The Forest Service Crew split and laid the tread, all the wood chips were cleaned up and finally log curbs were installed on each side of the bridge.

Before we loaded to leave Wally gave the bridge his test with his three horses and they did well.

We loaded tools, food boxes and all kinds of equipment and headed out.

We had spent twelve hours of hard work and we were all pleased with the results. The Forest Service Crew, young and hard working, complimented us in our efforts to help them complete their work. Little did they realize how we old duffers enjoyed them and their youth.

The team effort that we participated in was extremely rewarding, not only for what was produced, but also the enjoyment of working with other people. Much was accomplished and it is my belief that this relationship could be extended to projects considered too extensive for any one group. I wonder if we could include other groups who also use our Gallatin Forest?

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**Guidelines for GVBCH Expenditures**  
**September, 2003**  
**Rates for 2003:**

**Motel**- \$ 35.00 One night only allowed. The one exception would be, the carry over State board of director member who would be attending the meeting before Convention and the meeting after Convention.

**Gas** - 8 cents per mile for one car or .09 cents each for two cars.

**Meals -**

Breakfast - 5.00

Lunch - 5.00

Dinner - 12.00

An expense voucher must be filled out and turned into the Board of Directors for approval. Due consideration will be paid to the distance traveled to the State Board of Directors meetings. If the meetings are held close enough to the GVBCH area, so that travel can be completed safely in one day, then no overnight expenditures will be paid.

**State Board Representatives**

GVBCH elects two representatives for a staggered 2 year term and an alternate is elected as well. Two board members are to attend each state board meeting, and report to the club or the club Board of Directors. When a State board member cannot attend the state board meeting, the alternate will take their place.

State Board of Director members are required to submit a verbal or written report on the State Board of Directors meetings, at the GVBCH regular or board meeting. After the report is made, the expense voucher is submitted for approval to the Board of Directors for reimbursement.

**State Convention**

Eight (8) delegates are allowed to attend the State Convention. The GVBCH will pay 2/3 of the Convention Registration fee, rounded up to the next even dollar. No other compensation for meals, rooms, or gas will be allowed to convention delegates. This amount is payable after the expense vouchers are turned in and the report from the Convention is presented to the GVBCH club members or the Board of Directors and approved by the Board of Directors of GVBCH.

**GVBCH Board Mtg. Minutes August 6, 2003**

Attendance: Brown Parsons, Ron Rassley, Bettye White, Sharon Lowry, Bonnie Hammer, Harry Boughton, Joyce Haner, Linda Roffe, Rich Inman, Aaron Linton, Chick & Jiffie Hale, Joan Holborn.

Treasurer Report accepted from Bettye as follows:

Checking Acct Balance 7-17-03		\$2730.42
Bills paid: Karen Watson-poker ride breakfast	-\$66.00	
Deposits: Hale (Quality prize)	+100.00	
Huffine & Steele	+ 50.00	
Checking Acct Balance:		=2814.42
Petty Cash		+ 28.20
Money Market		+1927.49
Total on hand 8-6-03		\$4770.11

Motion by Brown, 2nd by Chick & Aaron to pay \$90.00 to Big John's & \$476.04 to Joyce Haner for poker ride expenses, motion carried.

Discussion of parade participation resulted in not riding in Potato Festival and planning to ride in Fall Festival in Belgrade 9-20.

Brown informs board that insurance is being cancelled.

Sharon presented changes made to travel expenditure guidelines. Motion by Bonnie, 2nd by Rich to accept changes, motion carried all in favor. Sharon will make copies and attach to constitution for future distribution to representatives and members.

Ron reports Dr. Volney Steele has approached him with the donation of his 13 yr old foxtrotter, a Gale Jerome saddle, a mechanical hackamore and chaps. The gelding is at Karen Watsons. Brown states there is a 501 exemption for Dr. Steele as requested.

Brown made a motion, 2nd by Aaron to have a sealed bid to end Oct. 1, with a \$1500.00 minimum for the sale of the gelding.

Majority of 6 votes pass motion. Bids to be sent to psot office box. Bettye has offered to pasture the horse if necessary.

Harry requests price to be set for Steak ride dinner. Sharon made a motion, 2nd by Bonnie to set price at 10.00, motion carries.

Aaron requests getting 5-8 ft hose for propane tank used at poker ride. Bonnie makes a motion for Aaron to solve the problem propane tank and to use his discretion on the best solution, 2nd by Joan, motion carried.

Rich requests to try placing an ad in the mini nickel to offer advertising in our N.L. Motion dies for lack of 2nd.

Bonnie moves to advance Harry funds for steak ride, 2nd by Brown, motion carries.

Linda proposes a fee be set for ads selling items thru the N.L. Fee set at 5.00/month suggested. Harry makes motion to approve, Brown 2nd, voice vote unanimous.

Thanks to Sharon for her hospitality. Respectfully submitted. J. Holborn, Secretary.

**GVBCH General Mtg. Minutes August 21, 2003**

Attendance: Brown & Sammylu Parsons, Sharon lowry, Bettye White, Bonnie Hammer, Billie Thomas, Rich Inman, Wally Becker, Chick & Jiffie Hale, Joyce Haner, Lisa, Jessica, Brandon Read, Sonja Berg, Joan Holborn.

Treasurer Report accepted from Bettye as follows:

Checking acct balance 7-17-03		\$2730.42
Bills paid: Karen Watson PR Breakfast	- \$ 60.88	
Jiffie Hale Postage	- 37.00	
Kinkos N.L., PR, agenda	- 57.24	
Big Johns PR Potties	- 90.00	
Joyce Haner PR Dinner	-476.04	
TOTAL		- \$721.16
Deposits: Jiffie Hale Quality prize	+ 100.00	
Huffine & Steele PR donation	+ 50.00	
TOTAL		+150.00
Checking acct balance 8-21-03		2159.26
Petty Cash		+28.20
Money Market		+ 1928.30
TOTAL on Hand 8-21-03		\$4115.76

Bettye shared a thank-you note from Josie Powell with a check of \$1500.00 for the purchase of the Fox Trotter donated by Dr. Volney Steele. Discussion of how this transaction occurred with Brown explaining his decision to sell the horse without the bid process. The check will be placed in a 90 day C.D. till plans for the funds are decided.

Sharon reports after expenses paid from the Poker ride that the club netted \$2,097.84. She attributed this success to all the members work.. Great job Sharon.

Discussion of educational video addressing multi use interaction etiquette resulted in a motion by Sharon, 2nd by Wally to purchase 10 copies @ \$10.00/ video for distribution. Motion carried unanimously.

Thanks to a refreshing and informative presentation on 4-H by members Jessica & Brandon Read. Your knowledge and enthusiasm is uplifting.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Holborn, Secretary

GVBCH Board Mtg. Minutes Sept. 3, 2003

Attendance: Brown & Sammylu Parsons, Ron Rassley, Sharon Lowry, Rich Inman, Bonnie Hammer, Bettye White, Aaron Linton, Joyce Haner, Chick Hale as proxy for Jim Nelson, Jiffie Hale, Linda Roffe, & Joan Holborn.

August minutes distributed, read, & accepted into record.

TreasurerR17;s report accepted as follows:

Checking Acct Balance 8-21-03		\$2159.26
Bills Paid:	Security Bank 3 month CD	\$1500.00
Deposits:	Joanna Powell horse	1500.00
	Newsletter ads	20.00
Checking acct balance Sept 3, 2003		\$2179.26
Petty cash		28.20
Money Market		1928.30
3 month CD		1500.00
Total on Hand Sept. 3, 2003		\$5635.76

Bettye requests approval to pay bill to Kinkos for 37.80, approved by board

Ron reads letter of disappointment from Dick Haines "in how the club handled the sale of Vol's horse. I feel we diminished the value of Vol's gift and its benefit to the club. The initial plan was a good one and I don't understand why it wasn't followed." Discussion of the horse sale followed with opposing views. Sharon requests the record to show proper procedure was not followed. Of the board and officers contacted by Brown via phone the votes were: Ron-No, Rich-Yes, Jim-Yes, Bettye-Yes, Bonnie-Yes, Joyce-No, Aaron-unknown at time of sale, Sharon-not contacted, Beth- not contacted, Joan- not contacted.

Sharon suggests bringing remaining items from Dr. Steele be brought to general mtg for members to inspect, Ron volunteers to handle items.

Correspondence: A Thank-You from Hegben Forest District for assistance sent to Ron & Kay.

Poker Ride Review: Rich said he heard from customers that the price for just lunch @ \$8.00 was high; A need for a canopy to eat under; Hand sanitizer suggested; More liquids at 1st pop stop; A coat of paint for the trailer appearance. Jiffie suggested a start sign be placed with discussion of why riders came up behind the sweep riders. Brown related although cards were new that some were cut incorrectly. Joan related riders request to start ride earlier to beat the heat and bugs; also expressed concern to separate registration form from release.

Motion by Brown to use Korner Café for xmas party passed by majority.

Jiffie asks board to appoint nominating committee soon.

Aaron submits \$15.00 bill for hose & fitting on propane tank, Brown makes motion to pay, Bonnie 2nd, motion unanimous. Aaron states he does not intend to run for board again.

Sharon makes motion to allow Bettye to purchase stamps of 100 for \$37.00 as needed without prior authorization, 2nd by Aaron, motion carries.

Jiffie requests delegates for planning calendar be picked at least a month in advance.

Jiffie offers to serve on nominating committee as does Rich, Sharon, and Bonnie.

Many Thanks to Sharon for her hospitality. Respectfully submitted, J.Holborn, Sec

GVBCH General mtg. minutes, Sept. 18, 03

Attendance: Brown & Sammylu Parsons, Ron Rassley, Bettye White and friend Marion, Sharon Lowry, Rich Inman, Harry Boughton, Chick & Jiffie Hale, Sonja Berg, Aaron Linton, Wally Becker, Jose & Janet Castro, Reggie Clark, Jim Nelson, Kay Tate, Joyce Haner, Visitors-Greg and Amy from Dillon & Joan Holborn.

Treasurer Report accepted as follows from Bettye:

Checking acct balance Sept. 3,2003		\$2178.84
Bills Paid:	9/3 Kinkos NL	37.80
	Aaron Linton Trailer Exp	15.00
	USPO Stamps	37.00
	Total	\$89.80
Checking acct balance 9/18		\$2089.04
No Deposits		
Petty Cash		28.20
Kinko		- 2.96
	Balance	25.24
Money Market		1929.00
3 Month CD		1500.00
	Grand Total	\$5543.28

Sharon reports new guidelines to be handed out to members, Rich suggests including with registration.

Discussion of procedure to sell remaining items from Dr. Steele results in motion made by Harry , 2nd by Sharon to place items for sale by silent auction to end after election at the xmas party. Items to be advertised in the newsletter and via e-mail. Bids may be made at meetings or to Ron via phone. Items will be available to view at meetings. Motion carries unanimously.

Sonja makes motion not to have steak ride this year, Bettye 2nds, motion carries.

Jiffie requests nominations for committee to elect.

Harry reports from state one resolution that board members will be approached first for committee and if no volunteers then the committee will be open to the general membership. Ron reports a new chapter of BCH has started in Townsend.

Bettye requests approval to pay bill from Ron & Harry for expenses from attending state board mtg. Total \$36.68 for Mileage and meals, Sonja makes motion, 2nd & approved.

Joan brings Motion to members by their request to read the minutes from mtg. in a more timely manner that the deadline for the minutes to be included in the NL follow one week after the general meeting. 2nd by Kay & Sharon, Motion carries by majority, 7-5.

Many thanks to Jose for his power point program of the Gallatin National Forest.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Holborn, Sec.

## **Parades were successful**

The Sweet Pea Parade was a complete success with about 10-12 member riders and Ron's wagon full of grandkids and Kay, his groom. The clown, Jim Gould, literally and figuratively brought up the rear scooping up horse poop and generally making a scene for the spectators and getting all the applause. Wally was not in attendance to help Chick carry our banner and since the other horses would not even approach the banner, my horse Danny, took the abuse of my carrying the banner and tossing it over his head from one side to the other so spectators could see who we were. Wally was in the parade, however, driving Lee Hart's antique fire wagon. Beautiful day.

The Belgrade Fall Festival Parade was another beautiful day with 6 member riders, two non members and Ed Long with two pack horses.. Wally and Chick carried the flag successfully but we did not have our clown, Jim, trailing behind us for the grand show. Other riders who participated were: Sammylu, our parade coordinator, Brown, George and Karen, Bettye, Ruth, Jim Nelson and Dick Haines.

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**The Elk Bugle Ride** Sunday, Sept 21 was a day ordered by eight riders who attended---Ron our leader, Kay, Bob Conti, Wally, Jan and Jeanne Elpel, Chick and Jiffie. The day was clear, cool and spectacular. We had no mishaps. Ron and Kay proceeded ahead of us in order to put up a wilderness sign and we caught up with them just as they finished and as planned. It was a bit windy on top but we found shelter for lunch among the trees. Four of us left after touring around, listening for elk and the remaining riders went on for an extended tour arriving back at trailhead a bit later. Grand day.

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### ***Faith***

What is faith? It is believing in possibilities. It is the ability to carry on with our plans or to be true to our work even though we feel discouraged or tired. Faith is trusting that help and support will be there for us even though they're not in view. I will leave room for my doubts and discouragement, but I will not indulge them. I will choose to go with hope. I will give my energy to the better possibilities.

*Submitted by Joan Holborn.*

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### ***Reminder***

Do you have a ride you would like the club to sponsor? Do you have a program you would like us to put on? Have you been on a trail that needs our attention? It will not be long before we must think about organizing our trail rides, programs and trail work for 2004. If you have some ideas or suggestions for these events please jot them down for future reference. Let's not wait for the last minute for these ideas. *Plan ahead.*

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