

# The picket line

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## Back Country Horsemen Mission Statement

“The purpose of this organization shall be (1) to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in Montana’s road less back country and (2) to assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource and (3) to educate and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses and people, commensurate with our heritage and the back country’s resource.”

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Board Meeting Thursday, April 3rd - 7pm

**Dan Porter’s office 1745 So. 19th**

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General Meeting - Thursday, April 17th, 7pm

Belgrade Alliance Church, Hoffman & Cameron Sts

Program

Jerry Kawasaki and Don Funke—see pg 2

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**Saturday, April 5th****GVBCH Horse Safety Clinic at Fairgrounds - see page 11**

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**Thursday, April 17th - 7pm General Meeting****Belgrade Alliance Church, Hoffman and Cameron Sts.****Program - Jerry Kawasaki on Bear Proof Panniers****and****Don Funke and Janice Cartwright****on****Stretching and Strengthening Exercises to get ready to ride (this part is participatory)**

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**Thurs - Sun., April 17th - 20th @ 9am David Ellis 5 Star Parelli Instructor "Principles to Purpose" Circle L Arena, Belgrade (April 17th is free to auditors) Flyer will be emailed.****Sunday, April 20th Wilsall Ride with Janice at the ranch—contact Janice 579.3445****Saturday, April 26th @ 10 am - Red Bluff Ride, Rich Inman - trail boss 388.1564****Saturday, April 26th MSU Equine Conference @ Gran Tree Inn. Contact 994-7953****Noted speaker will be Dr. Robert M. Miller, DVM, author of his latest book, "*Natural Horsemanship Explained.*" His talk will be "Understanding the Horse's Mind."****Welcome new members****Tom Anderson, Bozeman****Bob & Sherry Coffin, Gallatin Gateway****Perry & Esther Fishbaugh, Bozeman****Archie & Mary Huenergardt, Three Forks****Your 2008 member roster is inserted. These and all new members have been listed. Kindly check your information for any corrections that may be needed. Contact Jiffie 580.0774**

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## Presidents Report for April 2008

I had to attend a wedding on Thursday so I missed the general meeting. It sounded like there was a lot of folks that attended and the speakers all presented interesting information. I am looking forward to reading about it from Amanda's write up in the newsletter.

I want to thank Janice for taking over as the Program chair and getting all of these interesting speakers to present at our meetings. Keep an eye out for the changes in the schedule for the year. We will have our May meeting as scheduled on the third Thursday of the month but we will have Jehnet's pot-luck clinic that was previously scheduled in June the following week after the May meeting due to a scheduling change. That will mean we will have our June general meeting at the church with a program to be announced later.

If you haven't volunteered with Janice to help out at the Defensive Horse Safety Clinic on April 5<sup>th</sup> be sure to give her a call if you can help out. This clinic will again be open to the public and a great way to get the word out about our wonderful organization. We will also be having another tack sale so if you need some tack or you want to sell some tack please be sure to contact Janice and get it to the fairgrounds. Darla will be unable to do her presentation on trail safety so if you have an interest or talent in this area please let Janice know as soon as possible. I told Janice I would fill in if no one volunteers so we will have the training covered.

The Montana Back Country Horsemen convention will probably be over by the time you get this newsletter. Be sure to attend the April general meeting or keep an eye out in the newsletter for a report on how the convention went this year. We will know at the convention when it will be our turn to host the convention in Bozeman and it will be within a few years. If you have a talent for running these kinds of things please let me know so I can put you on the convention committee. If we start planning now it will make it go much smoother when the time comes.

Rich Winget brought a proposal to our board for the Back Country Horsemen to help the county in case of a natural disaster. The board agreed to support this cause and Jim Albright agreed to be the one to make the phone calls when help is needed. We will need to find out from our club who would be willing to help in case of disaster and what skills you can bring to the problem. We will need folks that can use a chainsaw to clear trees, people with trailers to haul stock, trucks to help evacuate people among other duties. We will be handing out a signup sheet with a list of the duties needed at one of our meetings where you can signup for what you would be willing to do to help.

The poster boards and pictures for our horse display, the poker ride binder, and the raffle tickets that were for the Charlie Russell chapter's raffle for the state convention have all been found. I'm sorry if you had wanted to purchase a raffle ticket and didn't get the chance. I will be sending out an email to see if anyone still wants to purchase a ticket before the convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Marsh  
President GVBCH

## GVBCH joins GCVOAD, *by Rich Winget*

How's that for a mouth full of acronyms? We all know what GVBCH represents. That's us, but you rightfully ask, "What the devil is a VOAD?"

VOAD means Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters. Gallatin County's VOAD was established last year with the goal of identifying and uniting all volunteer organizations who wish to help families who have been devastated by a disaster.

Montana experiences terrible forest fires all too regularly. Two years ago ranchers in the Big Timber area suffered losses of their homes or livestock fences or both. The Gallatin Forest has not suffered a major fire in many years, but another one will come.

The Board of Directors of our club voted recently to join the Gallatin County VOAD and spent considerable time identifying the ways in which we can help in a disaster. I was asked to give you an idea of what to expect from this decision.

First, we are volunteers, so when the next disaster comes we are not required to help. We help when we can and with what we can.

When a disaster occurs, the agency that leads the efforts to end the disaster (e.g., fire department for a fire) organizes a Command Post (CP) where they direct their efforts. The leaders of our community gather together at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and provide support for the CP. The EOC is in the SE corner of the Gallatin County Fair Grounds and is a relatively new modern facility. These leaders sit around a large table. When the commanders of the operation need something, they call the EOC. It is the responsibility of the EOC to get the help to them as quickly as possible. The GC VOAD has a seat at that table.

Let's look at an example, a forest fire.

The fire department establishes a Command Post near enough to the fire to direct operations. The Emergency Operations Center is established at the fair grounds.

The fire threatens a community. The fire department decides to evacuate the area and calls the EOC asking for a shelter to be established. The Officer-in-Charge of the EOC turns to the VOAD representative. The VOAD representative knows that sheltering is a responsibility of the Red Cross. She notifies them and they begin the process.

The EOC asks the VOAD to organize feeding operations for those who are staying at the shelter. The VOAD representative contacts the Salvation Army and they begin that process.

One of the fire victims is a rancher who lost his pasture fencing. The CP asks the EOC for help collecting 20 horses that are now roaming free in the area and transport them to a temporary shelter. The VOAD representative calls the GVBCH. Our representative calls some of our members until we have sufficient to meet the need. GVBCH collect the horses and transport them to the fairgrounds, the site designated by the EOC as the temporary shelter area.

This short discussion probably brings many questions to your mind. I will answer the most obvious and leave the remainder for future discussions.

The GVBCH members who will be contacted by the VOAD are Jim Albright and Rich Winget if Jim is unavailable. One of them will be the one calling you.

What may we be called upon to do? The Board identified the following: livestock rescue, transportation and temporary sheltering/boarding; chainsaw work; fence repair; debris removal; pulling trailers; hauling; and sandbagging.

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Luckily, disasters do not happen often. But when they do, the VOAD helps organize volunteer responses to minimize waste, expense and duplication of efforts. We can be proud of our organization, and it's commitment to continuing the Montana heritage of helping our neighbors.

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### **Dr. Rod Warren, DVM answers a common question for horse owners...**

Probably the most common question that I get from horse owners is, "What can I do preventatively to improve the health and welfare of my horse?"

My opinion has changed over the years. My answer is two-fold:

- 1.) Regular exercise
- 2.) Persistent and appropriate hoof care

I agree with my colleagues that a vaccine and de-worming protocol are important, but I believe that exercise and hoof care are as much or even much more important.

About 90% of the pleasure horses that I see in my appointments are very overweight. When they have lameness issues, many times it is because of improper or infrequent hoof maintenance.

I welcome this opportunity to say that I believe strongly in that a horse cannot perform to his or her capabilities unless "feet" and "fit" are part of their care.

One can literally kill a horse with too much kindness - as the old adage goes. Horses aren't benefitted by overfeeding or being locked up in a warm barn. They **need** to be horses.

Please keep this in mind.

*Dr. Warren is located at the  
Hardaway Veterinary Hospital  
Jackrabbit Lane, Belgrade*

To stay on your horse or get off—that is the question.

I recently read an article where the person was asking Linda Parelli if getting off her horse would give the horse the feeling of winning when the rider dismounts - or **something to that effect. She says, "...horses are not that devious." Linda also mentions, "Any time you have doubt, lack of confidence, fear, butterflies... get off. You will instantly feel better because your adrenaline goes down. Your horse will also feel instantly better because he can feel it when his leader gets unsure and this is very unsettling for him. So get off." Linda also says, "And never feel embarrassed to get off your horse."**

Janice Cartwright's page, by *Janice (herself)*

Spring riding has sprung, at least at the Fairgrounds. For the past few weeks, members of the club have been joining me at the fairgrounds. Purpose? To get horses and people in riding shape. Here's some of what we're experiencing: Dan



Porter rode his horse for an hour in the dark waiting for us to arrive.

"Good experience, he said. Chick Hale got his horse to gait



consistently. Vi Huffman rode a new horse. Ken Y is putting hours in the saddle to prepare his derriere for a 5 day pack trip into Yellowstone this summer. Janice & Diane got to try out Judy Smaaland's treeless saddle. Her friend, Robin, got to chase her horse around when he thought he

forgot how to lunge. Bob Furu stopped to visit and ended up riding Cody since Janice was too busy to ride him. Ron Laden stopped by on his "3 legs" to watch and visit. Jim Hamilton worked a new horse he is considering buying and going through some ground work exercises. Trina Frederickson worked her horse, after a winter off, to prepare for an April clinic. Pete Naclerio gave a brief, "Hello" on his way through.

This is an excellent opportunity for working on desensitizing, socializing (both horses and riders), reminding horses about ground manners, loading nicely after a winter off, grooming during shedding season, checking over tack, and just getting back in the habits and patterns of life with horses before we hit the trail. My job is to keep it scheduled, organized, interesting and to keep presenting challenges to achieve this goal. Join us or just stop by to watch and visit. Everyone's welcome to join in on the fun! Emails notices of riding times and dates are sent to members regularly. Watch for them.

### A Horse For Jim

Now that Jiffie and Chick have put their beloved Splash to rest, there is room for a horse for Jim. The "Horse Hunt Crew" (no pun intended in reference to Chick and Jiffie's horse escapades in the east) consists of Jim, Chick, Jiffie and Janice. It has been an interesting journey to date. Jim has ended up with a mustang that he is currently working with and Janice has ended up with the first horse that caught Jim's eye. The process of finding a horse that works for the owner can be a long one with lots of learning curves. Jim's first horse choice had questions about being away from his new pasture pals and why he should load. He was also a taller horse for a not tall rider. His second horse likes to keep his distance (AKA Hard To Catch) and does not particularly like anyone messing around with the insides of his hind legs. Jim will be working with this mustang to gain respect and trust over the next few months and to create a bond between them, both at home and at our Fairground sessions each week. Ask him about his progress. Anyone else out there that is in need of a horse? Janice is coming across some decent prospects for trail riding this summer. Let her know if you are looking.

\* Important footnote: Jim and Janice have discussed that IF this horse is not the horse that Jim needs to be able to accomplish his goals of pleasant trail riding, easy loading and nice to be around, then time is spent finding him the right next home and the hunt continues for a horse that works for Jim.

\*Editor's note: Smokey, the mustang is doing all he should be doing and is now NOT hard to catch. Jim is creating a good relationship with Smoke. Their progress is excellent and I bet he stays with us.

## **March program, by Amanda Steele**

Program speakers this month provided great suggestions for places to ride in Montana and the information horse owners need to get their horse there legally.

Fred King, the Wildlife Area Manager from Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Bozeman, explained that Montana's public lands include wildlife management, or game ranges, which are typically provided as elk winter grazing areas. Because of the elk, these areas are often closed over the winter to reduce pressure on the herds. In the spring, summer and fall the areas are open for riding and camping and provide endless opportunities to ride and hike. The only requirement being that campers provide weed-free certified hay for their horses and take every precaution to prevent the spread of weeds from their horses, gear and vehicles. He outlined several of the game ranges in the state and how they can be used as an access point to other public lands for riding. The largest of these is Mount Haggin at approximately 58,000 acres located just south of Anaconda. A map that shows all the Wildlife Management areas in the state can be found online at

<http://fwp.mt.gov/habitat/wma.html> Fred encouraged us to explore these areas and enjoy them as part of our public lands and not to hesitate to contact his office at 994-4042 for information.

Craig Campbell from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation explained trust lands, another component of Montana's public lands. They are sections that are managed for a specific interest; generally for the school system. Typically they are sections 16 and 36, but have sometimes been traded with landowners to alleviate accessibility issues or in order to acquire unique land areas. They are also leased to landowners, often when the Trust Land is landlocked, so that revenue can still be gained from the land - though it is not accessible to the public. These sections appear blue or purple on most maps. These sections are typically open to the public provided there is legal access, but come with some requirements and regulations. The first requirement is a \$10 Recreation Use License, available from a Fish, Wildlife and Parks agent. Another requirement is access to the land through a county road, stream

bed, or surrounding landowner's permission. Riding on Trust Lands is for day use only; no overnight stays with horses though you can camp without horses if you stay within 200 feet of your access point. Weed precautions are obviously strongly urged and requested. Craig mentioned that his office can often help people get permission from surrounding landowners and urged people to call for assistance if needed or to answer any questions you may have as you plan a ride on Trust Lands. His number is 406-586-5243. Further information can be found at

[http://dnrc.mt.gov/trust/REMB/statues/recreational\\_use.asp](http://dnrc.mt.gov/trust/REMB/statues/recreational_use.asp)

West Leichum stood in for Nye Howie who could not attend the meeting. West spoke about brand inspection requirements in Montana and how they apply to horse owners. Brand inspections are an important legal documents that should accompany each livestock animal and be updated at any change of ownership including giveaways and trades. He clarified different types of inspections that are available to owners. First is a permit available at places like Murdoch's or the Brand Office in Three Forks. These travel permits are only effective to get the animal from the point of origin to a Brand Inspector or closest inspection point. There are two types of brand inspections, an annual and a lifetime. A signed bill of sale and any previously issued brand inspections are necessary to complete a brand inspection. An annual brand inspection is legal for one year from the time the inspection is written. After that year the animal must be re-inspected to remain current. An annual inspection comes on blue paper and costs \$6. This annual brand inspection allows you to go anywhere in the state of Montana with your animal but not to cross state lines. The other inspection is a lifetime brand inspection which lasts the life of the animal or as long as the ownership remains the same on the animal. If the animal changes ownership a new brand inspection must be issued. A lifetime brand inspection comes as a laminated yellow card and the cost is \$25. Duplicates are available through the Helena office for \$10/each so that a copy can be kept in the truck/trailer as well as home for convenience. A lifetime brand inspection is necessary to legally cross state lines with the animal. Logi-

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cally, brand inspections must be redone after branding and it is recommended that owners wait until a horse is two years old so that the permanent markings are grown in. Throughout his presentation West emphasized that he and his office do everything they can to be accessible and helpful to horse owners and urged folks to call with questions and to arrange necessary inspections. The Brand Office phone number is 406-285-6896 and West shared his personal cell number 539-1951.

### **Board Meeting Minutes, March 6, 2008**

President Dan Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Dan Marsh, Jim Allbright, Brenda Kessler, Dan Porter, Rich Inman, Rich Winget, Duane Wiltse, Larry Thomas, Amy Hathaway, Chick Hale proxy for Stacy Bragg, Jiffie proxy for Janice Cartwright. Sonja Berg - guest.

\*Minutes of February Board Meeting were in the newsletter. Jim motioned to accept; Rich W. seconded; approved.

**New Bills:** New bills from Jiffie were Newsletter for \$40.50; and \$48.97 for cartridge, paper, and labels. Dan P. motioned to accept these bills, Rich I. seconded, approved. The insurance bill to AgriRisk was \$292.00. Larry motion to pay, seconded by Duane, approved.

**Correspondence:** Letters from PLAI and RSVP had been received. RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) was requesting a \$50.00 donation to assist with a specific dinner event. Dan P. motioned to not donate as no members would be attending the dinner; Larry seconded, approved.

**Membership:** Jiffie said from 100 members we are now down to about 75. Comment was made that this is normal for this time of year and it will kick back up as spring riding comes on.

**Issues:** *Public Lands Act S2283, Preserving our Equine Heritage on Public Land.* (another name for the Right to Ride bill). A Wyoming senator is co-sponsoring this bill. To contact Senator's and Representative's - links can be found on the website, as well as mailing addresses. [www.bchmt.org](http://www.bchmt.org)

*Fee Repeal and Expanded Access Act of 2007, S.2438* IS has been introduced to Senate Max Baccus is sponsor and Crapo, Salazar and Testor are co-sponsors.

**Publicity:** Handouts for the Safety Clinic were passed to board members to post. Stacy Bragg was unable to attend, but has taken on the publicity chair.

**Newsletter:** Jiffie welcomes articles and assistance with the Newsletter.

**Trail Crews:** USFS may or may not be offering planned certification training. Backcountry Horsemen were given another chain saw by the USFS.

**Program:** Program for General Meeting in March will be the legal paperwork, brand inspectors, etc.

**Old Business:** AgriRisk Insurance has changed dates of policy to include all activities into one calendar year.

**New Business:** The Safety Clinic is April 5<sup>th</sup>. Janice had prepared a handout to report on the Speakers, Posters, Volunteers and Displays. Speakers include: Duane Wiltes, Don Funke, Darla Nassif, Terry Shore, Dr. Rod Warren, and Nye Howie for brand inspections. Volunteers are organized, displays, and posterboard. Posters have been completed by Sherrie White and were passed out for the board to distribute.

\*Rich Inman has now located and will keep the Poker Ride handbook. Rich will compose letters to USFS and Bridger Bowl. It is time to round up prizes and donations. The list from last year was discussed.

\*Convention is March 28, 2008. Resolutions to be presented at the convention were discussed--

The First Resolution was submitted by Bitterroot Chapter, the subject being *Legal Action and Expenditure of Money*. Any legal action that requires monies from the BCHA legal fund be authorized only after it has been discussed at the local chapter level and voted upon at the state level, and only after the state decision has been forwarded to the National Board by the States' National Directors. Rich Inman motioned to support the resolution, Dan Porter seconded; approved.

The Second Resolution was submitted by Missoula Chapter, the subject being *Communication between BCHA and State Organizations*. Communication in the form of minutes from the National board of Directors to each State



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National Director shall be made available to each State's BCH Chapters as soon as possible. Chick made a motion to support, Jim seconded; approved.

The Third Resolution was submitted by Flathead Chapter, the subject, *Congressional Earmark for Bob Marshall*. The Back Country Horsemen of Montana and the Flathead, East Slope, High Line, Charlie Russell, Last Chance, Missoula, and Mission Chapters send a letter once a month through September, 2008 to the Montana congressional delegation asking for an earmark of \$250,000 in the 2009 budget to be used specifically for hiring additional trail crew members, with no overhead taken out, on the Spotted Bear, Seeley Lake, and Rocky Mountain Ranger Districts. Rich Inman motioned to support, Duane seconded; approved.

The Fourth and Fifth Resolutions were unavailable, but were to be emailed to board members prior to the general meeting. Having received them by the time of these minutes, they are: Fourth Resolution submitted by Flathead Chapter, subject: *Vanishing Trails*. The Back Country Horsemen of Montana send letters to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Chief Forester in Washington D. C., the Region One Supervisor, Hungry Horse, Glacier View, Rocky Mountain, Lincoln, Spotted Bear and Swan Ranger Districts, as well as to our Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C., requesting public input before dropping any train from the system to ensure that the logic behind the closure is based on sound, scientifically-defensible rationale, and not budgetary constraint, whim or outside pressure.

The Fifth Resolution also submitted by the Flathead Chapter, subject: *Volunteers*. That Back Country Horsemen of Montana send letters to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Chief Forester in Washington D. C. and the Region One Supervisor, with copies to the Hungry Horse, Glacier View, Rocky Mountain, Lincoln, Spotted Bear and Swan Ranger Districts, as well as our Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C., requesting that reasonable policies be crafted which simplify the ability of volunteers to participate in meaningful activities which aid in the maintenance of forest trail systems.

\*The only photo entries received so far are from Rich and Janice.

\*Rich and Janice have worked on the horse display. Photo board has been being updated with newly printed photos. Storage containers have been designed. The horse will be set up at the Horse Expo at Circle L on March 15<sup>th</sup> for a nice pre-convention display run. \*Janice compiled some notes on the Display Horse and its photos as she was unable to attend the meeting.

\*Rich Inman is donating an item for the auction at the convention. Thank you, Rich.

\*Dan Marsh presented multiple versions of a dynamic Club Logo. As the chapter needs to have a logo on the sign for convention, Dan suggested that we choose from the multiple options available. The original design, as seen on Rich's jacket, was the cleanest and most appropriate. Dan Porter motioned to accept that design, Jim seconded; approved.

Rich Winget as a representative of our club and the organization VOAD, Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster, has made it possible for Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen to offer services, if needed, in a time of community disaster. Rich will follow up with more details in a newsletter article. Jim Allbright has volunteered to be the primary contact followed by Rich Winget if a disaster occurs.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Hathaway, sec

### **General Meeting Minutes, March 20, 2008**

Following the program, Vice President, Jim Allbright, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members in attendance were Jim Allbright, Brenda Kessler, Dan Porter, Rich Inman., Larry Thomas, Stacy Bragg, Janice Cartwright, Duane Wiltse, Rich Winget and Amy Hathaway.

\*Dan Porter made a motion to accept minutes as printed in the newsletter; Rich Inman seconded; approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Brenda Kessler reported a balance of \$2,328.98 in the checking; \$5,893.52 in CD; and \$2,196.45 in a Franklin Templeton money market account. Total account balances are \$10,418.95. No new bills were presented.

**Correspondence:** Franklin Templeton financial had sent some information. Newsletters had been received from the Great Falls and Three Rivers Back Country Horsemen chapters.

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**Membership:** Several new members (11 on my notes) were introduced. Thank you all for joining (and in some instances, rejoining).

**Issues:** *Public Lands Act S2283, Preserving our Equine Heritage on Public Land* now has a co-sponsor from Wyoming, John Barrasso.

**Publicity:** Stacy Bragg, the Publicity Chairman, put out 22 press releases in regards to the Horse Safety Clinic and will be contacting the Mini Nickel this week.

**Trail Crews:** Larry believes it will be a year requiring lots of trail work. He is tentatively shooting for the first part of June to begin trail maintenance. The USFS has only selected one trail, Cherry Creek, as of this meeting.

**Program (and other Janice related information):** Janice has some program changes. Jehnet Carlson has moved from June to May 29<sup>th</sup>. The regular meeting will still be held the third Thursday, and the clinic at Jehnet's will be in addition.

\*Darla Nassif will not be able to do the Trail Portion for the Safety Clinic. Suggestions are welcome, members or not. Volunteers for the Safety clinic should call or email Janice. Members should be sure to register for the clinic by the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. If others come at Clinic time that is fine, Janice would just like a fairly good head count to organize the day and speakers before hand. Anybody who can post the signs for the Safety Clinic, please do; also, check back and repost as people take flyers frequently. All attending the State Convention should also take flyers to hand out.

\*The Display Horse for State Convention was on display for the meeting—and looked fantastic. Photos were mounted, the flag, new harness. Kudos to Rich I. and Janice for organizing this display.

\*Janice, Ron and Daughters made it into this month's *Western Horseman* Magazine. Be sure to check it out.

**New Business:** Rich Winget has been checking on embroidery cost and availability for those interested in jacket or hat embroidery with the Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen logo. Rocky Mountain Embroidery at 1404 Gold Avenue, 587-8222 has the designs in their system. It runs approximately \$50.00 for the jacket. The hat embroidery cost is unknown.

\*Resolutions to be discussed and voted on at the Convention had been copied for all to view. The first three of these resolutions had been previously discussed and approved for support by the board members. The last two had been emailed out to the board members. As the board had been in support and Rich Inman clearly saw it in the club's interest to approve the remainder, it was let stand the voting members attending the Convention would support all Resolutions.

\*The Raffle Tickets for the Convention are still being sought. If anybody has knowledge to their current location, please contact Dan Marsh.

\*Sherrie White and Rich Inman are co-chairing the Poker Ride. This is the club's single largest money making event. It has a draw of 100-180 riders. For each meeting from now until the Ride, Sherrie and Rich will be requesting volunteers and donations. If anybody gathered sponsors last year, your name will be linked to that sponsor again this year. Janice has been gaining sponsorship already and offered the suggestion to go in with an item in mind—suggest the bag of horse feed, or leather gloves etc. that the sponsor could provide.

\*The Volunteer List is being composed. Volunteers are needed for Friday morning flagging, Registration, Prize Collection, Food Servers, Pop Stand attendants, Pre-ride riders, Flag Removal, road signs, and Sweep Riders. Many positions had volunteers commit, many more volunteers will still be sought, if you have any interest in these, please contact Rich or Sherrie.

\*If any new members are in need of the USFS Volunteer forms to do trail maintenance, Rich Inman has some to provide. Chick motioned to adjourn the meeting, Dan Porter seconded; adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Hathaway, sec

Gallatin Valley BCH has just added another to their list of people injuries. Jamie Porter, Dan's wife, has broken her foot. I have no other information at this time. She could borrow Ron's crutches—as he is off them now. She could borrow my walker as I use a cane. Or she can borrow Alice's cane as she is almost finished with it. Linda is doing great and uses a back brace that she will not loan to anyone! It holds her together. Just what is this club coming to?

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2008 Horse Safety Clinic, Bozeman, Montana

# FREE

## Horse Safety Clinic

(Donations welcome to defray  
fairground expenses)

**Gallatin County Fairgrounds, Bozeman**

*Sponsored by Gallatin Valley Backcountry  
Horsemen*

**Sat., April 5, 2008**  
(9 a.m.-5 p.m.)

**Sign in, 8:30 a.m.**

**Early registrations**  
**are appreciated**

**Janice Cartwright, 579-3445 or**  
**[montanahorsesense@mac.com](mailto:montanahorsesense@mac.com)**

### Horse Safety Schedule

#### 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-4 p.m.

- First aid for horses, presented by a local vet
- Tack issues for the trail
- Ground Safety (horse care, handling, trailer loading, ground manners, general horsemanship)
- Trail Safety (trail courtesy, mounted manners, obstacles)
- Packing (proper loading and balancing, equipment)
- Riding times available at the end of the day

#### 12 noon-1 p.m.

- One hour break (pack a lunch)
- Riding times available
- Brand inspector available for questions and brand inspections



#### NOTES:

Horses are welcome, but not necessary. Horses should be prepared to spend a lot of time at their trailers eating hay (bring your own). Owners are responsible for horse "clean-up" duties

Dress for weather! Indoor and outdoor arenas and adjacent parking areas may be used.

#### Tack Swap/Sale

Buy, sell, swap! If you bring tack, make sure it is clearly marked with your name, phone and price. Consider donating unsold tack to Eagle Mount

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