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Hi Gang,

Well it's been crazy weather for sure. Summertime is here, love the thunder and lightning! It is an amazing area that we live in. It makes for great sunrises and sunsets. We are very fortunate to live in this area. We are able to ride to very cool spots within minutes. I am still finding new trails. Audrey and I headed out to go to a new place for us, destination Cedar Springs. So we had to fight our way to get to stage on the side of the road, really! Nobody was there until we are pulling in the trailer, arrgh. We tacked up and headed off. By the time we had open the 25th gate, well maybe it was only 4 of them, the horses remembered what we wanted them to do. As we climbed it was quite a site to be able to see the lake at the scout camp. We climbed up to the PCT and then we hit the fork in the road, should we go straight or left to Fobes? Humm. We decided to go to Fobes another day. As we started down the backside of the mountain, I was noticing the clouds really building up around us. Ah, we will be ok. This is another of our adventures! As we are going along near the split at the PCT, I had heard something and turned around to look for the hiker we had been following. I did not see him, it sounded odd, oh well. Further down I had heard it again, weird. We continued on and arrived at Cedar Springs. What a nice place. I walked up to see where the pipe to the trough originated and then decided I should not be that far out of eye sight of my riding partner. The trees are amazing and it is just peaceful. We started hearing thunder so we hopped back up and gathered up the horses to head back to the trailer. We went along maybe 10 minutes and I hear this weird moaning sound. I give up, I said hey Audrey, What is that I've been hearing it a few times. She started some rant about some Indian dude that lost a woman or something, she said no really, looking for a woman! I laughed so hard I thought I was gonna fall off Joe. She is being serious so I need to check into the story I guess. We tease each other so much that I don't know when she is pulling my leg or telling me the truth. We always have a good time. Almost done with our ride about 150 ft from the trailer we about got ran over intentionally by some knucklehead, I don't think he likes horses. Arrggggh.

I helped do another pack in food resupply for the Fuller Ridge Project. I learn something every time I go. Mike keeps an eye on Audrey and me when we go. We are still learning and loving it. It is so much cooler up there than down in Anza or Temecula. It was downright nice. The views are amazing. I am glad that Danny took the propane tanks, Audrey and I really don't want to carry propane tanks on our stock yet. Explosive times! NOT! Maybe next year Mike. Audrey got to help tie loads on Mike's stock which is helpful for us all. On the way back to the staging area, I wanted to get a pic so I got into my horn bag and pulled out my camera; oh I got a really nice shot then put my stuff away. Went a while further down the trail and

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Mike who is behind me and says Stacy you might want to pick up your lead rope on your mare, she has been following you and keeps stepping on her lead rope. We laughed and I realized how nice of a mare I do have. Oh sure I did it on purpose, we need a little excitement.

I want to thank everyone that had purchased raffle tickets for the pack saddle for your understanding regarding postponing the drawing. We had made a decision to hold off drawing the winner till March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is our unit fundraiser. We need to advertise it "everywhere", so that is what we are going to do. We sent out an email blast and got some folks that want to buy some. We have only taken the raffle box to meetings and events so now we are getting serious. Twenty Dollar bill gets you 7 chances, yes 7. You don't have to "need a pack saddle" to buy tickets, If you win it, I'm sure we will have a line formed on who would buy it for hard cold cash. And it is for a great cause, it's helping our unit. Thanks for your support!

Nov ride 17-18<sup>th</sup> Fobes Come out and ride on Saturday and we will be camping overnight then on Sunday doing a poker ride. This will be a great ride, as there are a few of us that know some spots many of you may not be aware of. This is a membership ride and more info to follow.

Don't forget to be keep track of your work hours. If you have any questions let me know. They are making it easier to track, the hard part is remembering to write them down You may want to put a small pad of paper in your vehicle and put the mileage, hours, etc.

Chip our state membership coordinator has told me that our membership dues will increase in 2013 \$10.00 of that 10.00 5.00 will be for BCHA and 5.00 will go to BCHC. It is for a great cause that helps keep our trails open to us all.

I had to get a tow and I found out that they did not allow my pup in the cab of the tow truck and had to stay in the towed vehicle. Are you kidding? This made me think about the Horses we haul. This company stated they would get us with livestock off the highway to the nearest off ramp. I spoke with the driver and he stated there are horse companies that offer services. Carol has in the past told me about

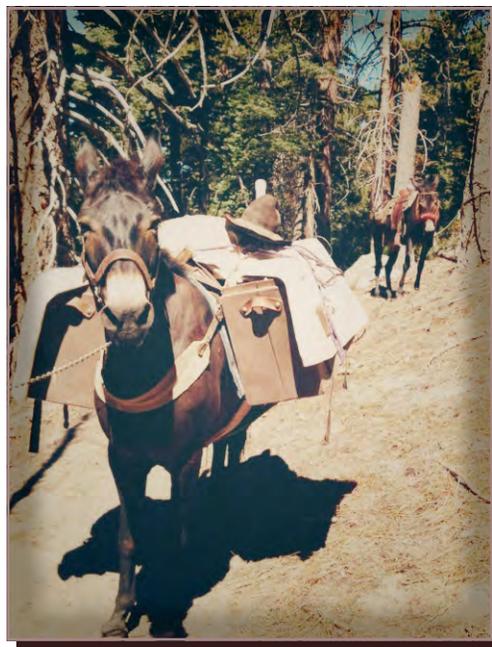
companies she learned about. Here is some info we should all look into, Thanks Carol.

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<http://www.usrider.org/index2.html> US RIDER  
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The next monthly meeting will be at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Anza at 7pm on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Hope you can make it.

Cya on the Trail, Stacy and Joe with the pack mare (Jessy)



## Rendezvous 2013

"From your Backyard, to your Backroads, to your Backcountry"

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- \*Youth Events
- \*Western Art Show
- \*Dutch Oven Cookoff
- \*Auction and Raffle
- \*Cowboy Church

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

## Redshank Riders August 9, 2012

### Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Little Red Schoolhouse

**Meeting began** at 7:12 pm

8 Attendees if you count Packer

Anne read the minutes from July and they were passed with no changes.

**Treasurers Report:** Mike reported income from Dues rebates from May & June, no expenses. Ending balance \$5849.13

**Membership Report:** One new member joined at "Day of the Cowboy" event. Four family memberships expired. Total 106.

**Trail Development & Maintenance:** Mike continues to pack for Forrest Service project at Fuller Ridge. There is a huge crew this year that is staying full time, so there is a lot to pack in. This is a 6 year project. Mike removed 3 trees from the PCT with the help of Pete Fish, and the 3rd was a "doozie."

**Adopt a Highway:** No Report

**Public Lands:** Action needed now for recreational Trails program. Also thanks to everyone who contributed to resolving the hiker issue lawsuit. Stacy will send you an email with details on either of these points upon request. New movement is happening on the Palms to Pines Trail. Carol described the proposed route.

**Education:** We need someone to step up for this position.

**Newsletter:** No report

**Historian:** Carol received a CD of photos from Stacy.

**Unfinished Business:** No report

**New Business:** We voted on sponsoring Rhonda Strickland's membership. Carol made a motion to renew and it passed unanimously. Several members have made donations to our new legal fund (Pete Spencer, the Peckhams, & Stacy) and Audrey collected \$77 from recyclables that were added as well.

There will be a dues increase on Jan 1, 2013 of \$10

Volunteers are needed for the Rendezvous. We need to form a committee for our booth.

**Rides:** November 17th will be our annual Poker Ride possible at Fobes Ranch.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 8:05 pm. Next Meeting September 13th at the Little Red Schoolhouse!

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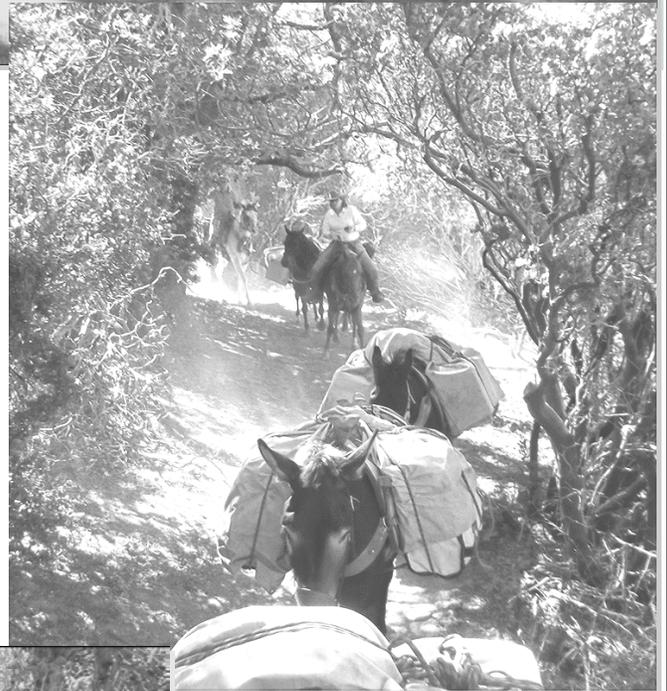
## Fuller Ridge Pack-In

The 1st of July found us doing our second official pack-in for the Forestry Service. The CCC kids were going up for few weeks to Fuller Ridge to do repair maintenance and revamp 12 switchbacks. We were needed to bring in supplies, food and tools for them. We all met in the morning at



the Deer Springs Trailhead to head out. Guru Mike Lewis, Pete Kriger (BCHC State Education Chairman), Mike Gillette, Dan Sullivan, Teri Baron, Stacy, Tim and I loaded our animals with 11 loads to head out.

The trail is a beautiful upward 6 mile climb thru redshank, pine, and cedar. The views are outstanding. We saw all the way to Diamond Lake. The animals behaved themselves and made it into camp without shifting or losing a load. We unloaded, ate lunch and headed back down the trail to the trailers. All in all a great day!



Story by Stacy Kuhns

Photos submitted by Mike Lewis

## READ, DISCUSS, ACT

### Recreational Trails Program *Submitted by Stacy Kuhns*

In case you didn't hear, the Recreational Trails Program survived the legislative tight rope. Below are some other details that may be of interest about the legislation. Thanks to everyone that spoke-up and joined our efforts to support this bill.

FYI We are much relieved that the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) came through in the Highway Bill, even with an opt-out clause for Governors. It was very close to losing it all together. We are already strategizing with the rest of the state recreation leaders on how to make sure the Governor does NOT opt out.

Here's more from Congresswoman Herrera Beutler, who earnestly worked to save the program.....

<http://www.columbian.com/news/2012/jun/28/herrera-beutler-compromise-drove-transportation-bi/>

#### ***Trails, streamlined provisions***

*Herrera Beutler was recently appointed to the special transportation committee tasked with reconciling differences between the transportation proposals presented by the mostly Democratic Senate and the mostly Republican House. This was Herrera Beutler's first time serving on a bill reconciliation committee.*

*Herrera Beutler said she's happy that the nation's Recreational Trails Program was safeguarded in the bill. At one point, lawmakers wanted to wipe that program right out, "she said, but we were able to protect that, and that was bipartisan. There are a lot of folks in our area that utilize trails."*

The national urban bike/ped folks are mad that their 1.1 billion dollars is being cut about 750 million dollars also with opt out provisioning. (RTP is about 85 million dollars nationally.) The bike/ped advocates are opposed to the compromise bill. Frankly, they nearly cost us RTP with some of their misleading advocacy efforts so I'm not all that sympathetic. But that will pass as bike lanes are very important. Some are even good for horses, assuming you are allowed to ride on them!!

The bill contains a 1 year reauthorization for Secure Rural Schools which pays for Title II grants. The funding level is down 5% from last year, but it is still something for rural communities and the USFS.

The bill does not contain any provision for LWCF funding. LWCF pays for federal lands acquisitions, some important to the Pacific Crest Trail. There is also a stateside portion that can cover some community parks and trails projects. The fact is that LWCF is not typically funded in a highways bill anyway. It is a provision in the Interior Appropriations bill, the same bill that funds the USFS, NPS, and BLM. That bill for 2013 is yet to be decided. It is likely to be a major upcoming discussion, perhaps even as late as this fall around the time of the elections. We will stay involved in the progress of that bill.

The highway bill does include some farm provisions.

<http://westernfarmpress.com/government/transportation-bill-carries-important-provisions-agriculture>

*The bill carries several important provisions for the agriculture and wheat community. Amongst these is an exemption from the regulation of farm trucks that would otherwise place limits on hours of service and requirements for commercial licenses.*

*The exemption will apply to farm vehicles that weigh less than 26,000 pounds and are carrying commodities, livestock or equipment and are operated by a farmer, rancher or their employee. Trucks that weigh more than 26,000 pounds are exempt within 150 miles of the farm or ranch.*

Overall I am okay with this two year highway bill. We will have to see if the RTP opt-out provision gives us any trouble.

Jeff Chapman,

Public Lands Chair, BCHW



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# Packers Corner

By: Michael Lewis

It has been a few months since I have written the Packers Corner but it's not for lack of information. The last few months have been incredibly busy for a number of reasons. April was a trip to Snow Creek with pack support for Don Line and his trail gorillas along with a trip with the mules to San Juan Capistrano to pull a covered wagon in the annual swallows' parade. Next were a couple of trips back to Mission Creek with pack support for the Bill Hawley and his SCA crew.

By the way, we were joined by our president, Stacy Kuhns and v-president, Audrey Turpin for their first official pack-support trip. It was a long day, 72 mile drive there, 18 mile round trip to the spike camp and back, and then 72 miles back home. Then in the middle of all this as many of you know, on June 15<sup>th</sup> Pebbles and I married off our daughter Brandi. It was a wedding at home with 300 of our friends and family. I believe it was a large portion of Anza and Aguanga. On June 30<sup>th</sup> the mules were once again hooked to a wagon for the Anza Days parade. Next up on July 2<sup>nd</sup> was the first supply trip for State Parks and the CCC to Deer Springs camp for the Fuller Ridge project. Once again we were joined by Stacy and Audrey along with Tim, Audrey's other half, who came along as an out-rider. Also there were Mike Gillette, Chip and Linda Herzog, Danny Sullivan, and Terry Baron.

Together we took up 12 loads of food and gear. Even though Tim did not have a pack animal he was busy putting together loads and tying hitches. It's always nice to have someone along with some knowledge to help out. I really appreciate it as I usually have 3 head to pack. July 10<sup>th</sup> took me back to the Nature Center to take more food up to Deer Springs camp. This time we had 10 loads and only 7 head of pack stock. This means they had to back pack the rest up. July 24<sup>th</sup> back up again. This time 10 loads with 9 head. Once again they had to back pack the remainder up. This year they have a 15 person CCC back country crew along with some park personal which means a lot of food. Anytime anyone can come up and lend a hand it would be a great help.

Pack-support will be needed through the summer along with the big pack-out. Here are the dates that remain. Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, Aug 28<sup>th</sup>, Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, with the pack-out Oct 23-28<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to James Sylvia from state parks for his expertise in coordinating these supply trips and the help he and his people provide.

If you would like to join us on one of these dates to pack or outride, let me know at [mike@stumblinranch.com](mailto:mike@stumblinranch.com). Take a look at the BCHC Training Objectives to see an overview of what you need to know as an out-rider.

Till next time "Keep your load balanced and your lash ropes tight"

P.S. They have a cook at deer springs camp that makes us lunch along with traffic control to get us across HWY 243.





**Save the Date:  
Sunday October 21  
Why?**

**For the Apple Canyon/May Valley Ride (again)**

**Yep, ANOTHER ride in the same area as the July ride...and this one will be even better! Sandy and I have cleared a different trail that promises fantastic views of the San Jacinto Mountains, and the bonus this time will be the fall colors there.**

**We'll start in Apple Canyon (directions will be in the October newsletter), ride over Keen Camp Summit, stop to water the horses at mid-ride, do the "Missing Link" trail, and then return to Apple Canyon.**

**So, keep your horse (and you!) In good condition for this 4-hour ride, and plan to join us on Sunday, October 21**

**Ride set up by Ron Korman -  
More details as they become available.**

**Trail Skills College** *By: Michael Lewis*

Many of you have expressed interest the last few years in learning more about trail building and maintenance. Well, here's your chance. The PCTA is holding a Trail Skills College this October 12-14, 2012 at the San Bernardino National Forest , Frontcountry Ranger District near Cajon Pass. There will three two day tracks ranging from beginner to advanced. It includes Basic Trail Maintenance (beginner), Drainage and Reconstruction (intermediate), and Rock Work (advanced). I would like to see some of our members in each of these tracks so we can later share what we have learned. Camping is available and food is provided. Registration is open to PCTA volunteers now and any spots not filled will be open to the general public on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.

More information and contact info is available at [www.pcta.org](http://www.pcta.org). Click the "Trail Skills College" link and then "Southern California Trail Skills College". This is a great opportunity you'll not want to miss. Hope to see some of you there.

# September 2012

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**Next General Meeting Thursday, Sept. 13th @  
the Little Red Schoolhouse Anza ~ 7:00 pm**

## Pack In for Season

### AUGUST

Tentatively Sept 4, Sept 18

Contact Michael Lewis for more info:

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mike@stumblinranch.com

## Redshank Riders Annual Poker Ride November 17-18th

Nov ride 17-18<sup>th</sup> will be  
our annual Poker ride at  
Fobes Ranch.

Come out and ride on Saturday,  
camp overnight Saturday night & then on  
Sunday we will be doing a poker ride.

More info coming soon.



## Tentative PCT Pack-In-Out Future Dates

### Pack In for Season:

Sept 4, Sept 18

Oct 2, Oct 16

### Pack Out:

October 23-28th (whatever works)

Ideally looking for 6-7 animals per food re-supply

Come out and join in if you can. If you like you can ride  
along and just enjoy the view.

Submitted by Michael Lewis

**Unit Meeting**  
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 at the Little Red School House

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*from the BCHC Bylaws*



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- To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legislation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.
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- To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails.