

October Meeting

October 3rd
Mesa Community
Room
7pm
Nona Carver,
Cowboy Poetess will
be our guest
speaker!!!

Next Work Day

See Page 2 for
details.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SADDLE BAG

It is hard to believe that summer is over and we are already into fall and still have very little color on the mountains. It looks as if fall will be just as busy as summer was for GMBCH.

In addition to some of the options Terry has given you for National Public Lands Day, Colorado National Monument is seeking volunteers to help spruce up Saddle Horn Campgrounds on September 24th from 8a.m. to 3p.m. Through a generous grant from REI, the project includes refurbishing picnic tables, building tent pads, and building trail in Loop C, a popular destination for student campers. If you are interested in helping with this project, please call Amy Ashman at 858-3617 ext. 366, or email Amy_Ashman@nps.gov. Please remember to give me your volunteer hours if you work on ANY project--you can call or email me.

We had a great ride on the 10th at Flowing Park and had eight riders. It was a beautiful day and fun to ride new country. A special thanks to Cyndy Leinberger for a great job as trail boss.

A lot of work went into our trail course this year with more fun, new, and difficult obstacles. We had around twenty two people present, although some were helpers and not riders. I certainly learned some things that my horse still needs to work on. The day was again beautiful and I think a fun day was had by all. Many thanks to Chris Walton, Betty Lou Canterbury, Connie Johnson, Carolyn Anderson, Carolyn Pree, and Janet Gray for all their hard work on the setup. Thanks to Terry Gray who rode a pack string around the area as one of the obstacles, Jan Potterveld for manning the raincoat area, and Dave Dashner for furnishing the bridge, hay bales, and helping us clean up after.

Our next meeting will be at the Mesa Mall Community room on October 3rd at 7:00P.M. Please put on your thinking caps about how to revamp the two horse trailer into an equipment trailer. We have 6 loppers, 6 shovels, 6 pick axes, 6 hand saws of two different sizes, a computer screen, a banner, and the box panniers—we need to discuss ideas at the next meeting. Also, Nona Carver will be a guest speaker for this meeting and it will be a great treat to have this cowboy poetess at our meeting

Hope to see you all there!
Penny



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Work Committee Report: September 24th

This was National Public Lands Day. I hope you all joined one of the many projects available. I am sorry that the newsletter has gotten so out of sequence due to late in the month meetings etc. Some of you may not have gotten the email. The Hills joined me in working at the Gunnison Gorge project. I had a great day. We had some children working at my project which added to the fun and was good to see. Jan wrote that he joined the Mica Mine project. I will be interested in hearing how that went.

October Work Day.

The Canyon Association has 2 dates for trail monitor training which some people have expressed an interest in. The 1st date is October 15th at the Devil's Canyon trailhead. It is from 9-12. I would like to combine this with a road cleanup that we cancelled this spring due to rain.

The second date will be in Dominguez –Escalante, on October 29th. The trailhead has not been decided on yet. Please plan on attending one of these training sessions. Trail monitoring is an important function of the BCH. It is something that can be done on any ride anywhere. We do need to register so let me know which one works for you.

Rabbit Valley Cleanup Schedule:

September and October: Amber Bates,

Katey Kelly, Cheryl Ballew, Joyce Smith

November: Laurie and Bob

Calendar Of Events

Please remember this is a work in progress. All rides and events are tentative depending on weather etc. Check with the ride leader if you have any questions.

We will be updating this calendar as we get more information:

October 3: Meeting at the Mesa Community room at 7 pm.

October 8: Dominguez Cyn., Ride Leader- Terry Randall 596-6640

October 15: Trail Monitoring Training and Road Cleanup, Devils Cyn Trailhead 9 am.-12

October 29: Trail Monitoring Training, Domingues Escalante 9-12

November 12: McGinnis Cyn., Ride Leader-





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- To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use;
- To assist the various government and management of said resources;
- To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resources by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.

Grand Mesa Back Country Horsemen Trail ride rules

- All rides shall be under the direction of the designated Trail Boss
- No rider shall pass the trail boss without permission
- Maintain a safe distance between horses
- There will be no running or cantering on any GMBCH ride
- Notify the Trail Boss before leaving a ride
- No riding double
- Imexperienced horses and those likely to kick should have a ribbon on their tails
- At gates and other obstacles, move clear of obstacle, then wait until everyone is remounted and ready to proceed before riding off
- All horses will be restrained (tied or held) during lunch stops or breaks
- Riders must be diligent at preventing their horses from digging and chewing on trees
- No smoking while on the trail
- No dogs will be allowed on rides
- Guests must sign a liability release. Minors must have parent or legal guardian sign a liability release for them
- No loose horses in camp or on the trail
- Leave gates as you find them and obey all closures and regulatory signs
- Pack it in; pack it out. Leave no trace
- No stallions will be permitted on trail rides

Membership Application & Liability Release

Please include your check or money order and send to:
Grand Mesa Back Country Horsemen, P.O. Box 4872, Grand Junction, Co. 81502

Name(s) _____ Occupation(s) _____
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How do you use your Horse/Mules? Pleasure/Trail riding _____ Ranching _____
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Would you be willing to serve on a committee? _____

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

