



Trail Times

Official Publication of the Gold Country Trails Council

A non-profit incorporated association formed in 1981 to develop, maintain and protect non-motorized recreational trails in the Sierra Foothills area for public use and enjoyment.

President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope your Holidays were bright, and you feel energized and eager to take on 2014.

Speaking of 2014, the Gold Country Trails Council executive board met in December to plan lots of fun activities for you in the year ahead. We will present the GCTC 2014 Calendar to you at our January 14th meeting for your approval. (If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please see Mary Johnson at the next meeting.)

Our December board meeting was a bit of a challenge because the extended period of very cold weather left some of the local roads too dangerous to drive at night. Luckily, our always-resourceful Past President Helen Harvey put together a conference call that allowed board members to stay safe at home and conduct GCTC business over the telephone.

We are delighted to have some new faces on the board, including Karen Wyeth as our new Secretary and Rafe Little as our new Board Member. We will miss Past President Teri Personeni and former Board Member Jeff Foltz, who both contributed many good ideas and lots of hard work to keep GCTC a successful organization. Please take a minute at our January meeting to thank Karen, Rafe, Teri and Jeff for their service.

In the more than ten years I've been a Gold Country member, I've discovered that our membership is an energetic, sociable group of people who enjoy riding and hiking and working together on our beautiful local trails. These trails are what brought many others and me to Nevada County, and they exert a powerful impact on the prosperity of our local economy, attracting tourists and permanent residents alike.

I hope you'll consider getting involved in some new way this year. We need a Publicity Chair to inform our community about our activities as we work toward our mission of creating and maintaining trails and encouraging public access to our abundant natural beauty. And we always need volunteers to coordinate our Trail Work Days.

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Chief Joseph Historical Ride

I went on the Chief Joseph Ride this year in Yellowstone. I received my 5-year pin for having completed 5 years on the ride. Each year the catered ride, only open to registered Appaloosa horses, covers 100 miles in 5 days of the 1300-mile Trail of Tears. The cycle takes 13 years to complete. The trail follows the route of the Nez Perce Indians who were chased by the US Soldiers in 1847 from their homeland in Walawa, Washington, 5 times over the Continental Divide, to where Chief Joseph surrendered in Bear Paw, Montana near the Canadian border. My husband Jon was my driver. Each day, at the end of the trail, the assembled crew, drivers, cooks, musicians, etc. met us. A fun party ride through beautiful mountains.

Submitted by, Ann Rubenstein



MESSAGE

Don't miss our January meeting. The speaker will be our own Jaede Miloslavich, speaking on Saving the Western States Trail, also known as the Tevis Trail. She has an interesting slide show presentation on what is being done to preserve this historic trail.

I look forward to getting to know you better in the year ahead. Please don't hesitate to let me know your ideas about how we can make GCTC even better. See you at the Grange, 7 p.m. on the 14th.

Karen Schwartz, President

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.
GOLDEN EMPIRE GRANGE HALL
off LA BARR MEADOWS ROAD

Speakers: Jaede Miloslavich, Bob (forester, finisher of several Western States 100 and Tevis rides) and Judy Suter (two Tevis buckles and past WST Foundation Board member, current NFARA and ACE Board member) will be the presenters at the January GCTC meeting speaking about the Western States Safe Trail Alliance (WSSTA) that was formed to protect and preserve the Western States Trail. At this time, there are many trail and environmental organizations who have joined this alliance to ensure that the historic WST will be used for what it was built for: human and horse traffic only.

Currently the WST is protected from wheeled traffic at the beginning and at the end of the trail, but the middle section through Tahoe National Forest is open to mt. bikes and motorcycles. Wheeled vehicles are causing unsustainable damage to the narrow trail as well as presenting serious danger to hikers, runners and equestrians.

The mission of WSSTA is to protect and preserve the entire length of the WST, to support U.S. Senate SB60, the Western States National Historic Trail Act, an essential step need for permanent protection, and to support alternate trails for mt. bikers.

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Riding at Garden Bar Preserve

Bear Yuba Land Trust hosted two equitreks in November 2013 staging from the ranch of Greg and Lee Marino off of Perimeter Road. BYLT treks coordinator, Melony Vance met the rigs at the gate and directed them to the ranch where Greg helped everyone get parked. After horseback introductions, Lee led the group from their ranch to the 652 acre preserve where riders viewed the beautiful landscape of rolling oak covered land. Several creeks were crossed then the trail skirted the Bear River and finally made its way to the spot where the Nisenan or Maidu tribes had encampments. The quiet spot in the river was also the crossing for the pioneers traveling the Emigrant Trail into central California.



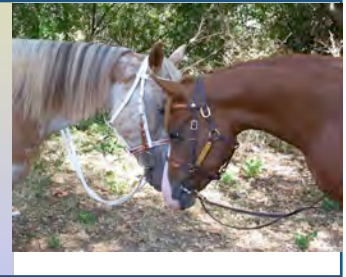
From that lovely setting, riders then climbed up and away from the river to a vantage point with great views of the river as well as the Sutter Buttes. Piercing the golden grasses were large outcroppings of volcanic rock that were awe inspiring in themselves. Although no wild pigs were seen, it was evident from the rub marks on the trees that they inhabit the area.



The ride continued along the dirt roads and trails, crossing creeks again and winding its way back to the Marino's ranch where horses were cleaned up and left to relax while lunch was served. Everyone enjoyed the privilege of previewing the area, which BYLT hopes to develop with trails for public access.

Submitted by, Mary Johnson

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Howdy and Welcome to our newest members!!



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The Gold Country Trail Council would like to recognize the following individuals for their generous donations.

- Rob and Cass Creger
- Shellie Duggan
- Arlene McCallum
- Lynn Schugren
- Yvette and Robert Trevorrow
- Bill and Kris Van Roo
- Karen and Harry Wyeth

GCTC members are not always able to participate in workdays or other activities but want to contribute to the support of the important work that the Gold Country Trail Council does throughout the year. We appreciate their donations and support.

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GCTC NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU!!

I would to thank all the members that contributed articles and pictures for the GCTC Newsletter last year. You shared a lot of interesting stories with all of us and that makes for a great newsletter. So, keep up the good work for 2014. Remember to take along your camera for the upcoming activities. Snap a few shots and submit a brief article on your adventures. Submission deadline for the Mar/ Apr Newsletter will be Friday, February 28. Articles/pictures should be sent to Lynn Mangel, Editor (quailhollowpv@me.com).

I wish all of you a Happy and Safe New Year!

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Gold Country Trails Council 2014 Calendar (Proposed)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
JANUARY		
January 14	General Meeting - 7 p.m.	Golden Empire Grange Hall, GV
FEBRUARY		
February 10	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.	Memorial Park Annex Bldg. (next to pool), 415 Central Ave., GV
MARCH		
March 8	Spenceville Day Ride	Trail Boss: TBA
March 11	General Meeting - 7 p.m.	Golden Empire Grange Hall, GV
March 15	Spenceville Day Ride ((rain date)	
APRIL		
April 8	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.	Memorial Park Annex Bldg., GV
April 27	Work Day - Lone Grave	Coordinator: TBA
April 30	Work Day - Lone Grave (rain date)	
MAY		
May 4	Cronan Ranch Day Ride	Trail Boss: TBA
May 13	General Meeting - 7 p.m.	Golden Empire Grange Hall, GV
TBD	United Trails Day/Work Day	Coordinator: TBA
May 21	Work Day - Skillman	Coordinator: Melissa Ribley
JUNE		
June 7	GCTC Annual Poker Ridge Fundraiser	Coordinator: Linda Lanzoni
June 10	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.	Memorial Park Annex Bldg., GV
June 13-15	Western States Horse Expo, Sacramento	(non GCTC event)
June 20-22	Wild West Endurance Ride	non GCTC event)
June 27-29	Little Lasier Meadow Camp/Work/Ride	Coordinator: Mary Johnson
JULY		
July 8	General Mtg./Ice Cream Soc. - 7 p.m.	Golden Empire Grange Hall, GV
July 19	Royal Gorge Day Ride	Trail Boss: Mary Johnson
July 26	Work Day - Bowman/Langs Crossing	Coordinator: TBA
AUGUST		
August 6-10	Nevada County Fair	(non-GCTC event)
August 9	Tevis (Western States Endurance Ride	(non-GCTC event)
August 12	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.	Memorial Park Annex Bldg., GV
August 13-17	Loney Meadow Camp/Work/Ride	Coordinator: Teri Personeni
August TBA	Robinson Flat Camp/Ride	Coordinator: TBA
SEPTEMBER		
September 9	General Meeting - 7 p.m.	Golden Empire Grange Hall, GV
September 13	Work Day - Bowman/Langs Crossing	Coordinator: TBA
Sept. 19-21	Draft Horse Classic Fair	(non GCTC event)
OCTOBER		
October 4	Work Day TBA	Coordinator: TBA
October 14	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.	Memorial Park Annex Blvd., GV
October 18	Lone Grave Ride/BBQ	Coordinator: TBA
October 25	Lone Grave Ride/BBQ (rain date)	
NOVEMBER		
November 11	Gen. Mtg./Thanksgiving Feast - 7 p.m.	Golden Empire Grange Hall, GV
DECEMBER		
December 9	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.	Memorial Park Annex Blvd., GV



If you know of a GCTC member that needs a little sunshine in their life, contact GCTC's Sunshine Person Cheri Crain at 916-996-8854 or cwcrain01@gmail.com with the information and she will be happy to send a cheery note or card to light up their day.

LOOK BACK AT 2013



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GCTC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2013

Conference Call

Attendance: Karen Schwartz, Willie & Sue Brusin, Helen Harvey, Karen Wyeth, Vicki Testa, Rafe Little, Kathy Southgate, & Mary Johnson

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by incoming president Karen Schwartz. New members of the board were welcomed, as well as special thanks to Helen for her service as past president, and to Jeff.

Minutes of the previous general meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: The current bank balance is \$21,800, with the increase due to membership dues and \$500 from the raffle. Pioneer Trail has been the major expense. Kathy is preparing the year end tax filing for 2012 and 2013. Mary said that form 990 is not filed and the insurance bill is due Jan. 19, 2014. Any reimbursed costs for board members should be submitted.

Forest Service Report by Willie: Jet Lowe, on behalf of YBONC, has submitted the Keen Grant Proposal for 2014. The NEPA study may cost \$5,000. The Forest Service will provide \$1,500; other clubs will provide \$1,500. YBONC is requesting that GCTC provide \$2,500. Jet Lowe of YBONC expects to hear if the grant is approved by Jan. 14. She will let GCTC know if it's approved. Willie proposed meeting in Dec. with Joe Chavez, YBONC, and Heather Newell (Joe's replacement as public service officer) to clarify GCTC's role and responsibilities.

Back Country Horsemen's Assoc. is asking for a letter of support for changes to the Emigrant Wilderness Area that includes Kennedy Meadows. This is an action to change the designation from wilderness to primitive area proposed by Tom McClintock. Bob McGee is the Public Lands liaison for this project. Willie suggested that we find out more information and consult with Joe. Primitive areas are easier to manage.

United Trails Day in 2013: Seven people worked on the Hallelujah Trail cutting brush down. Stumps remain and will be pulled at a separate time. BONC volunteered to do this work. The next United Trails Day will be in May. BONC, YBONC, GCTC & Woods Riders will participate. Woods Riders want to have trails across from Skillman improved.

Wind storms have blown down about 30 trees on trails above Burlington, primarily on the trail to Bear Valley, requiring lots of work before the Wild West and Poker Rides. Two people are chain saw certified. Not much is down in Lone Grave.

Laings Crossing: Sue said that the trail is in bad shape below Bowman Rd. and will need two work days. PG&E won't let people use the snow park area in summer, but Karen S. should contact BYLT to see if that's in the acreage they are requesting. Thirty trailers could fit there.

Old Business:

Advertising in newsletter: A motion to limit advertising to members was approved.

Unfilled committee chairs: publicity and trail ride unfilled. Irv should be asked if he will chair the United Trails workday committee.

Mary and Karen S. will review policies and procedures to make sure they're up to date. Karen S., Karen W. and Mary will meet after the New Year to review archives.

Helen will update the membership directory during Jan. & Feb.

Meeting location for future: Rafe will look into the Elks & VA buildings. Next board meeting will be Feb. 10 at Memorial Park Annex Bldg.

New Business:

Wilderness First Aid: Jaede asked if GCTC would pay for renting the Grange or the Annex for 2 days. So far 15 people are interested. We need information from Jaede about cost and whether there's a limit on numbers.

Change in website management: Stephanie Hensey will oversee the transition from the former web manager to the new one. Gigi Lawton and Pat Gibbs have volunteered to manage our website.

Jaede requested the use of the GCTC logo to put on a "Leaving Only Footprints" flyer for educating riders to pick up manure at trail heads. Approved.

Calendar for 2014: The draft calendar was modified. Willie will prepare a large calendar to display the 2014 calendar at the January general meeting, but will not be able to attend the meeting. Karen S. will arrange to get the calendar to the meeting.

Next board meeting is 2/10/14 at 3:00 at the Memorial Park Annex building. Karen S. will make the reservation and obtain the key.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Wyeth, Secretary