

# 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

Hello Everyone,

We're smack in the middle of a busy summer. May and June have flown by, and not all our events have gone smoothly. Our Running I Ranch event was poorly attended, although those who were there said they loved it. Our Cronan Ranch day ride was cancelled after our Trail Boss Carol Scurria was told groups had to pre-register to ride there. Our Poker Ride had to be rescheduled to May 16th after we were unable to reserve the first weekend in June. And our initial attempt at celebrating our accomplishments, the Pioneer Trail Ride, was cancelled after concerns arose that it might violate our non-profit status.

Just as I was beginning to question whether this year could be salvaged, I reminded myself that, thanks to our wonderful volunteers, we have had numerous successes. Our May work day at Skillman campground, led by Melissa Ribley, was very successful in transforming a massive scramble of felled trees into a well groomed park-like campground, and was followed by a delicious lunch cooked on the spot by our excellent new camp cook Debbie Malloy. Thanks to Linda Lanzoni and many other volunteers, our annual fundraiser, the Poker Ride, went off successfully. And thanks to Trail Boss Mary Beyer some of us got to enjoy a long ride on the Pioneer Trail and adjacent trails, truly a special experience. That ride only reinforced my desire to celebrate GCTC's outstanding accomplishment, the Pioneer Trail.

What's next? Be sure to attend our **July 14th membership meeting**. Yes, it's time again for our famous **Ice Cream Social**. Come to the meeting prepared to enjoy some great ice cream and to pre-order your new GCTC t-shirt.

The following Saturday, **July 18th, our Royal Gorge day ride** will be led by Trail Boss Suzanne Vacarro. She and our day ride leader Jamie Canon will be pre-riding those spectacular trails to make sure you have a perfect ride.

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Recently Teri and My Fair Lady participated in a Cowboy Dressage show at Blue Fountain Farm. "Lil" is an amazing Morgan mare who can do it all, from trail rides, packing grandkids, gathering cattle and now Cowboy Dressage. Have I mentioned how much I love this mare?

Submitted by, Teri Personeni



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at 7:00 P.M.

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**Gold Country Trails Council  
 2015 Calendar**

**JULY**

- July 3-5 Tevis Educational Ride (non GCTC event)
- July 14 General Mtg./Ice Cream Soc. - 7 p.m.  
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley
- July 18 Royal Gorge Day Ride  
Trail Boss: TBA
- July 25 Work Day - Skillman Trails  
Leader: Vicki Testa

**AUGUST**

- August 1 Tevis (Western States Endurance Ride (non-GCTC event)
- August 12-16 Nevada County Fair (non-GCTC event)
- August 11 Board Meeting - 7 p.m.  
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley
- August 14-16 Loney Meadow Camp/Work/Ride  
Leader: Teri Personeni
- August 15 Loney Meadow Workday

**SEPTEMBER**

- September 2-6 East Bay Hills Trail Benefit Ride (non GCTC event)
- September 8 General Meeting - 7 p.m.  
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley
- Sept. 24-27 Draft Horse Classic Fair (non GCTC event)
- September 26? Skillman Closes

**OCTOBER**

- October 10 United Trails Day/Workday  
Omega/Upper Pioneer  
Leader: Irv Mazur
- October 13 Board Meeting - 7 p.m.  
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley
- October 21 Skillman Workday  
Leader: Melissa Ribley
- October 24 Lone Grave Ride/BBQ  
Leader: TBA
- October 31 Lone Grave Ride/BBQ (rain date)  
Leader: TBA

**NOVEMBER**

- November 10 General Mtg./Thanksgiving Feast - 7 p.m.  
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley

**DECEMBER**

- December 8 Board Meeting - 7 p.m.

**We are so thankful!**

Worth and I rode out at Skillman yesterday and again were so thankful for the trails that we have in this area. Wished that the motorcyclists were taller so they would trim the face-slapper branches on the trails that they maintain! Also spoke with some ladies from Foresthill and Sacramento who were camped there. They come to Skillman often to camp as they really appreciate the clean campground and the marked trails. There were several rigs camped there and more arriving as we left for the day. That is what keeps the Forest Service willing to accommodate horses. Let's all continue to be a part of the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful area on our horses.

Submitted by, Mary Lundin

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**Impressed!**

As a new member of GCTC, the Skillman Workday was my first actual club event. When a fellow member and I arrived early that morning, I couldn't imagine how we could possibly get the campground cleaned by the target time of noon. But, the participating members worked so efficiently and with such dedication that indeed by lunchtime the campground was transformed. Then to top it off, we were served an amazing lunch. I was truly impressed, and happy to be a part of such an amazing group of people.


Submitted by, Pamela Warmack

**SKILLMAN CAMPGROUND WORKDAY**

The Gold Country Trails Council had our annual Skillman Campground Workday on May 13 and what a huge success it was! We had a great turn out with 24 members coming out to work on the campground. Skillman needed a lot of work after the winter, with several large down trees. With hard work, chain saws and a chipper, Skillman was quickly made to look it's beautiful self again and ready for campers. New club members Debbie and Bernie Malloy provided a delicious lunch after the workday. Club members enjoyed visiting, eating, and appreciating the beauty of Skillman after a morning's work. Following are the club members who participated:

Willie Brusin (running the chipper), Sue Brusin, Thomas Fletcher, Bill Gore, Irv Mazur, Sherry Warren, Jeff Foltz (running the chain saw), Robert Ribley (running the other chain saw), Melissa Ribley, Susan Van Stesakista Cathy Chase, Rob Chase, Gail Plakos, Jim Plakos, Frank Maricich, Kurt Sorensen, Chris Smith, Vicki Testa Debbie McKitrick, Mary Lundin, Pamela Warmack, Kathy Cahouette, Ginny Paschke, Karen Schwartz, Debbie Malloy, Bernie Malloy

**Submitted by, Melissa Ribley**

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We have a new GCTC Sunshine Person. Lara Dodd is taking over this responsibility from Cheri Crain, who is moving out of state. We would like to thank Cheri for bringing sunshine and cheer to many of our GCTC members when they needed a little cheering up. We wish her well in the future and will miss her cheerfulness.

If you know of a GCTC member that needs a little sunshine in their life, contact GCTC's new Sunshine Person, Lara Dodd, at 530-673-4390 or [mamadodd@yahoo.com](mailto:mamadodd@yahoo.com) with the information and she will be happy to send a cheery note or card to light up their day.



**Welcome to our newest members!!**

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Inger Avery                | Lesla Osterholm     |
| Sandy Dent & Steve Sicotte | Ginny Paschke       |
| Thomas Fletcher            | Pam Raymond         |
| Stacy Graham               | Deliah Springer     |
| Leslie Gray                | Dolores Tarantino   |
| Linda Hada                 | Lucinda Warren      |
| Lisa Mahon                 | Kevin Windrem       |
| Randy Martin               | (returning)         |
| Jessica Nelson             | Jeanine Wolf        |
| Connie Osier               | Adrienne Youngblood |



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The next weekend, **July 25th**, Vicki Testa will lead our next **Skillman workday**. This time we'll be tackling some overgrown trails around the campground. Come prepared to have fun working on the trails and to enjoy another delicious lunch.

Our hardworking **GCTC board will be meeting Tuesday, August 11th**. We are focusing on what steps must be taken to ensure our organization is operating in the most efficient fashion, both financially and legally. Members are always welcome to attend board meetings.

Our next work/camp/ride event will be at **Loney Meadow**, led by Teri Personeni. The workday is **August 15th**, but why not come early and stay several days so you have plenty of time to enjoy riding these beautiful trails.

In early September I will be leading some of our members to the East Bay Hills Trails Benefit Ride. Our May membership meeting featured an excellent presentation by Morris Older on the history and variety of trails and activities associated with this great fundraiser. Contact me if you're interested in learning more.

Happy Trails,

Karen

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

**Inger Avery**

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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Thanks to the twenty-three hard working GCTC members (including six new members) who traveled the 100 (or more) miles to **Little Lasier Meadow Horse Camp** to work willingly and enjoy the company of fellow trails council members. Most campers arrived early enough Friday or before to enjoy pleasant trail rides ahead of the Saturday work day, as well as on Saturday and Sunday. Riders learned the variety of trail loops and destinations while familiarizing themselves with names like the Connector Trail, Blue Trail (AKA Mary's Trail), Roads 70-60, 70-50, 70-40, and the PCT. New areas were explored (Pumpkin Face Meadow) and some were rediscovered (Moscove Meadow).

After a group picture, the Saturday crew went right to work, sanding and painting picnic tables, cleaning fire rings, replacing weak posts, clearing downed trees, and brushing and refurbishing the trail bed on part of the PCT. (Pacific Crest Trail). Many able hands made the work go quickly allowing for more trail riding on Saturday afternoon, followed by a delicious potluck dinner. Bar-B-Q chicken (by chef Barry) was surrounded by a wonderful variety of side dishes and deserts. After dinner members enjoyed looking at the history of GCTC in pictures from the beautiful scrapbooks created by Mary Lundin while mellow notes of favorite songs flowed from Irv Mazur's saxophone.

As all good things must eventually come to a close, campers packed up on Sunday (or Monday) and headed home with great memories of beautiful places to ride and the desire to return to the wonderful horse camp created by GCTC many years ago in the Tahoe National Forest.

Thanks to all of the members who willingly camped in their assigned sites and worked so diligently at this work party! It couldn't have happened with out every one doing their part. Gail Plakos, Suzanne & Barry Vaccaro, Mary & Worth Lundin, Karen & Harry Wyeth, Lesa Osterholm, Carol Scurria & Merv Kril, Willie & Sue Brusin, Lynn Mangel, Dolores Tarantino, Gigi Lawton, Lori Moniz, Teri Personeni, Deliah Springer, Irv Mazur, Thomas Fletcher, Leslie Gray and Pam Raymond.

**Submitted by, Mary Johnson**

**LITTLE LASIER MEADOW PICS, PAGE 7**

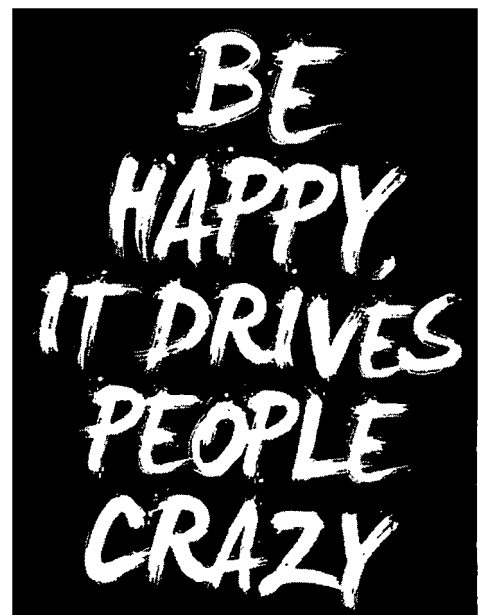
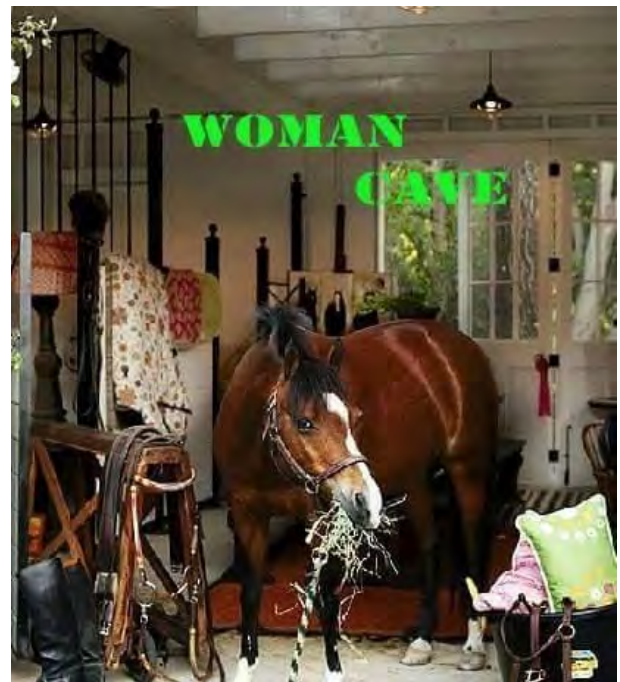
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### Little Lasier Meadow Camp/Work/Ride Pictures



## THE 2015 POKER RIDE

With a lot of persistence, hard work and a great group of volunteers and participants, we managed to have a reasonably successful Poker Ride this year... despite the change of date, the sudden weather shift and multiple cancellations. We were a bit chilly, we got a little wet (Sue B. and her granddaughter got the worst of it on their pre-ride) but the sun tried hard to come out and the guys built a cozy fire where we all gathered, ate great food and won really fun prizes. And there was absolutely no dust or bees!

Sue Brusin, Barbara Hobbs and Sharon Silver did a great job of marking the trails while dodging the weather and new member; Kathy Davidson and Daughter rode drag and took all the markers back down. Diana Culver got the word out via all the various equestrian social media and, of course, Jaede Miloslavich kept up the communications within our group. Barbara Simmons, with help from Merrill Kagan-Weston, Teri Personeni and all the wonderful members who donated prizes, did a super job of soliciting and organizing the prizes - and they were absolutely fabulous this year! Willie Brusin, Don Soto and Mike Curry once again made parking rigs at the ride a real "piece of cake" for the participants and Valerie Logsdon, Lynn Mangel, Stephanie Hensey and Diana Culver got everyone registered and off to a good start. The food was bountiful and delicious and we have Sharon Silver with help from Gail Plakos and all the super members who brought dishes along with them to thank AND a big thank you to our very new member, Sandy Dent and her terrific fiancé, Steve Sicotte, for bringing up their pellet grill and cooking all the chicken breasts and sausages for us. Joan Fowle put all the poker cards together again this year - 14 decks all neatly wrapped and stapled - Charles Green, Barbara Hobbs, Susie Roush, Claudette Paige, Stephanie Hensey, Debbie McKitrick, Lana Dodd and Tom Fletcher, another brand new member, got all those cards into the hands of the riders after which, Gordon Mangel and Irv Mazur counted all the hands and made sure we had a good list of winners. And if you want to check out all the great pics from the ride, Cal McKitrick took them and has furnished us a site to go to - <http://imagesbycal.smugmug.com/Events/GCTC/GCTC-Poker-Ride-2015/>

Finally, a HUGE Thank You to Mary Johnson for her trailer stocked with every accessory we could possibly need and her totally organized set-up... I think you've got this down now, Mary!

If I have missed anyone, please accept my sincere apologies. I am still working on the list of prize contributors and will publish that soon.

I have a couple of very fun stories from the Ride to tell you about so please come to our July Ice Cream Social Meeting so I can share them with you.

Congratulations to ALL the VOLUNTEERS, ALL the MEMBERS who participated in the ride and ALL of YOU who donated prizes and food. This event had a bit of a rocky start but with all of your help, it came off smoothly and was a ton of fun.

Submitted by, Linda Lanzoni

### Little Lasier Meadow First

I was finally able to participate in the Little Lasier Meadow camp/work/ride event with the club. What a great weekend. New member, Dolores Torantino and her gelding Jack, stayed at my place on Thursday. Early Friday morning we met up with Teri Personeni and new member, Deliah Springer and caravanned to Little Lasier Meadow. It was a much easier drive than I expected.

Upon arrival at the campgrounds, Mary Johnson directed us to our campsites and they are really nice campsites. Within an hour we were settled in, our horses were secure in their corrals and we could just kick back and relax.

Friday afternoon we took a short ride on Mary's Trail, to get a feel for the area. This campground is in the trees with open meadows all around, it is beautiful. Saturday morning we were up early, took care of our horses, had a relaxing breakfast and headed for a meeting for work assignments. Dolores and I were assigned painting picnic tables, Teri was off to work on the trail and Deliah helped Tom replace fence posts. Once our work assignments were completed, we were free to enjoy the rest of the weekend. We kicked back had lunch and off on another ride. Saturday night we enjoyed a wonderful potluck. GCTC members know how cook. We had a relaxing time and enjoyed visiting with other members around a campfire.

Sunday was my favorite ride. We rode up to the Pacific Crest Trail, a first for us. The views were spectacular. I was amazed at how many different



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wildflowers we saw, particularly because of the little rain and snow we had this year. Along the trail we met hikers on their way from Mexico to Canada, an adventurous group. I prefer to ride my horse.

Sunday afternoon everyone packed up to leave. Teri, Dolores and I decided to stay over and enjoy the peace and quite. We had a little rain in the afternoon but it cleared up after a couple of hours. We just kicked back, sat around chatting and enjoyed a beautiful evening in the mountains. Oh, did I mention the COW lurking in the trees right behind us. Teri had to shoo her off. Monday morning we were up early, packed up and pulled out for home. I think we all had a wonderful time. If you have not participated in this yearly event, I highly recommend it.

**Submitted by, Lynn Mangel**



## Grant Funding at Work

An AERC trails grant allowed the Gold Country Trails Council to relocate a portion of Northern California's Pioneer Trail

BY MELISSA RIBLEY, DVM

AS EVERY ENDURANCE RIDER knows, access to trails forms the very basis of our sport. Open trails allows us to train, condition and enjoy all that nature has to offer with our horses. Open trails also provide us with the opportunity to experience areas all over the country on horseback while participating

in endurance rides. The AERC Trails Grants Program assists with the creation and maintenance of existing trails and trail heads.

In the spring of 2012, the Gold Country Trails Council, a nonprofit association that develops, maintains, and protects non-motorized recreational trails in the Sierra

foothills of Northern California, applied for an AERC trails grant. The grant was to be used to relocate a portion of the Pioneer Trail, a trail extending from Nevada City, California, for approximately 50 miles east through the Tahoe National Forest.

The trail is used by equestrians, pedestrians and mountain bikers and is the trail used by the Wild West Endurance Ride, held every year since 1998. Many local endurance riders use the trail for conditioning their horses.

A section of the trail extended through a prehistoric lava flow and had deteriorated to a degree which made continued equestrian use only marginally safe at best. The proposed trail relocation moved this section of the trail to a nearby canal berm providing a level trail pad free of boulders and other obstructions.

Since the trail project was located on public land, the Tahoe National Forest, a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) report was required. The AERC trails grant in the amount of \$1500 was put towards the NEPA report. The Gold Country Trails Council donated the remaining funds for the trail relocation project and donated 50 hours of volunteer labor for supervision of the trail crew.

The relocated section of the Pioneer Trail continues to be used and enjoyed by endurance riders and recreational trail riders. This is a good example of how effectively AERC trails grant funding is used for the purpose of providing maintenance and continued access to trails.



Trail crew at work on the Pioneer Trail in Northern California, site of the Wild West Ride. Inset: the old, deteriorated trail.

Reprint of article that appeared in the July issue of Endurance News (the official publication of the American Endurance Ride Conference)

GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 7 PM  
NCHI Clubhouse, 10600 Bubbling Wells Rd.  
Grass Valley, CA

Attending:

President, Karen Schwartz  
Vice President, Melissa Ribley  
Secretary, Karen Wyeth  
Treasurer, Teri Personeni

Board Members:  
Fran Cole  
Vicki Testa

Others:

Forest Service Liaison, Willie Brusin  
Membership Chair, Mary Johnson  
Past President, Helen Harvey

Call to Order: Karen Schwartz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Board agreed that the usual time of meeting will be 7:00 PM. Melissa Ribley will run the July General meeting in Karen's absence. Members have complained about background noise at the May General meeting. We will request that anyone addressing the group should use the microphone.

Approval of the Minutes of the May meeting: Karen Wyeth has not been able to finish the minutes. She will send them out for review soon. Both May and June minutes can be approved at the July meeting.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Teri Personeni reported that the beginning balance (5/12/15) was \$26,964.85. The balance for 6/9/15 is \$27,966.39. The income from the Poker Ride was \$1,678.03. Expenses for the Poker Ride for this month were \$354.20. We also paid \$750 this month for our new web site. Income from new memberships totaled \$532.91. We need to hire an auditor to do the annual audit. Teri, Karen S., and Fran Cole will meet as a committee to arrange for this and to discuss other legal issues (see below under Old Business).

Forest Service Report:

Willie passed on historic maps to Teri.

Cable Trail - Tahoe National Forest personnel are meeting Wednesday, June 10. Heather Newell will email Willie the results of their meeting. He will forward it to Karen S. and she will send it to the Board.

Grouse Ridge - Willie received an email from Joe Chavez regarding the re-signing of the Grouse Ridge trail system. Paul Hart will be in charge of the re-signing project. Willie will let the Board know when he gets any information regarding the status of the signs.

Caltrans emergency phone - Willie has requested that an emergency phone box be installed where the cable crosses Rt. 20 to go to the town of Washington. Karen S. reported that Caltrans has a problem installing a phone that could be vandalized. The supervisor of that area will call her to discuss the possibility of installing a secure emergency phone.

Rice's Crossing - There is no new information about Rice's Crossing.

Skillman Campground - Linda Lanzoni will report on the review of the camp layout. Teri said that having only two faucets for horse water is a problem. Willie said there should be three and he doesn't think the Forest Service will agree to install more. Sue said that an additional faucet could be installed on the large horse trough.

July Workday - Willie and Sue requested that this work day, scheduled for July 25, should be for the trails near Skillman. The Omega work could be done on United Trails Day, since there are two project areas for non-motorized and motorized uses across Rt. 20 from each other. The Board agreed.

#### Old Business:

Legal Compliance Checklist - Fran is very concerned about legal compliance and liability issues. She pointed out that a conflict of interest policy is also not in our Policy and Procedures manual. Our expenditures must meet our public purpose as a non-profit and do not go for private benefit. Teri is concerned about lack of contracts for our expenditures and the reporting of income and expenses separately. An auditor will be hired in August. Fran, Karen S., and Teri will meet as a committee and address any obvious problems before then. Fran also pointed out that we need a binder with all of our minutes. Mary has binders and Karen Wyeth will put all minutes in them. The Board approved these legal concerns and supported the committee's work to resolve them.

Membership - Mary Johnson reported that there are 191 memberships, with 10 additional new members. She is concerned that non-renewing members be dropped from our email list, since this is a benefit of being a member. Mary will coordinate with Jaede regarding our email list. There was discussion of how often we should print our Members Phone Book. Updates can be sent out by email. We should also be sure that Policy and Procedure manuals be returned by outgoing Board members. Don Soto and Jeff Foltz may still have theirs. Fran needs one.

Leaders Update - Sandy Dent is our new Historian. Publicity Chair is Pamela Warmack. Camp Cook is Debbie Molloy. Sunshine Chair is Lana Dodd.

Website Update - Karen W. asked to update the Lone Grave map on the web site to the version that shows the GCTC staging area off Conservation Camp Rd. She also asked to improve the About/History tab and to make sure the Calendar posted is accurate. The Board approved these actions.

#### Calendar Update -

##### Review:

Running I, May 2 - There was confusion about costs for this event. If we have this next year, we need to decide if GCTC reserves the entire facility or if individuals will make their own reservations and we are not guaranteed exclusive use. The cost differential is considerable. (I believe that the owners don't set up all the obstacles and have them animated for individuals).

Cronan Ride Cancellation - Teri suggested that we consider this an informal ride, since it isn't a large group event like our Poker Ride. The ride organizer should always check about conflicts with any other scheduled group events as early as possible.

Poker Ride, May 16 - There was rain and it was cold, but the fire helped. There were half the usual participants and only 3 campsites used. We made about \$1,400 and gained about 10 new members.

Celebration of Trails Day, May 30 - Karen and Harry Wyeth, and Jaede organized the booth. The event was well-attended and we added one new member. Supervisor Richard Anderson spoke. We passed out over 30 information sheets and the maps for Lone Grave and Skillman were in demand. People also were interested in the newsletters and the photo albums. We need to create more accurate maps and have our web site url on more of our information, especially our newsletter. We also need more T-shirts in sizes S and M. There were a couple of requests for XS for kids. Mary will order more and she is planning to order a V-neck style as well.

Pioneer Trail Ride and Campout Cancellation - GCTC had reserved the entire Skillman Camp, but had cancelled the reservation. However, the Forest Service wouldn't take individual reservations because of the group reservation. Teri has kept the emails regarding this conflict. Those who still went paid for their reservations as individuals. Mary Byer and Karen Schwartz led a day ride, which was appreciated.

Upcoming:

Little Lasier Meadow - Mary Johnson reported that camping for Friday, Saturday & Sunday nights, June 26, 27 & 28 are blocked out. Any additional days should be paid by individuals. There has been a lot of interest. Mary J. will make final camp assignments so she can fit in as many as possible and accommodate everyone's needs as well as possible. Mary proposed that GCTC plan to install more corrals.

Royal Gorge Day Ride - Jamie Canon and Mary Byer will pre-ride the trails. It's scheduled for July 19 and we need a leader. The leader should join Jamie and Mary for the pre-ride.

Upper Pioneer Work Day, July 25 - This has been changed to a Skillman Work Day, because there is greater need there as requested by Sue Brusin. Vicki Testa volunteered to be the leader.

Loney Meadow Camp/Work/Ride, Aug. 16, 17, 18 - Teri Personeni will contact Irv Mazur re. the phone tree and Jaede re. email notification. Two weeks ahead would be good advance notice.

Lone Grave Porta-potty Update - Melissa Ribley reported that the porta-potty was vandalized and destroyed. It was replaced by the rental company, but we have a bill for \$350 to replace it. GCTC needs to decide whether to continue paying for its rental. This is the first time in ten years that it has been totally destroyed. If it is damaged again, the Board decided to discontinue the rental.

East Bay Hills Ride, Sept. 2-6 - Karen Schwartz wants people to let her know if they would like to go.

New Business:

East/West County Trails Meetings proposed by Supervisor Richard Anderson - Karen S. talked to Sup. Anderson at the Celebration of Trails Day. She recommends that we appoint an official representative at those meetings. She thought that Jaede had volunteered and the Board approved her as the representative. Karen S. will also contact other equestrian groups that may be interested in participating, e.g. Back Country Horsemen, American Endurance Ride Conference local members, Action Coalition for Equestrians, Nevada County Horsemen. If anyone has additional suggestions, please contact her.

Horse/Bike Sensory Clinic proposed by Jet Lowe - Due to concerns over conflicts between bicycles and horses, the Board decided that it is important to participate in planning this clinic.

Other New Business - Melissa Ribley passed out an article she wrote for AERC to follow up on the grant money they provided for the Pioneer Trail Re-Route between Skillman and the Overlook Equestrian Staging Area. She will send it to Lynn Mangel to print in our newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Wyeth, Secretary