



# 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

It's so warm out, it seems like spring is here. The snow is already melted at Lone Grave. Considering the weather, we should be able to have our first trail ride to Spenceville on March 9 and our first workday in April at Lone Grave as scheduled.

I know it seems like winter is just ending, but planning for the poker ride is underway. Much to my delight, Linda Lonzoni is going to chair the poker ride again. She has an article in the newsletter asking for volunteers. Everyone really comes through and helps with the event to make it a resounding success.

We're hoping to get the NEPA report this spring for the reroute of the Pioneer Trail so we can complete the project. It will certainly be helpful to have the new trail complete so we can avoid riding on all the rocks on the current trail.

There will be a report to the Board of Supervisors from the planning department at the March 26 Board of Supervisors meeting on the Emigrant Trail. I and several other members of Gold Country Trails Council will attend the meeting. I'll send an email when we know the approximate time of the presentation. Jaede Miloslavich has organized the Emigrant Trail Conservancy to advocate for the protection and development of the Emigrant trail. The Emigrant Trail Conservancy has sent a letter from their attorneys to the Board of Supervisors stating that the easements are publicly owned and Nevada County has an obligation to protect the trail and allow development and access. You can read the letter at: <http://www.parkwatchreport.org/doc/493/LettertoNevadaCountyBOS2-15-13.pdf>. Gold Country Trails Council wrote a letter in December of 2011 pledging our support for the trail and offering our expertise in trail building.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting. The new members directory will be available at the meeting. Sandy Ruggiero compiled this year's directory. I very much appreciate her willingness to compile the directory. It's a vital source of membership information.

Helen Harvey, President



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**GENERAL MEETING**  
Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

**GOLDEN EMPIRE GRANGE HALL**  
off LA BARR MEADOWS ROAD

Speaker: Rafe Little - Rafe is a horseman/  
clinician and fellow GCTC member. He will  
be speaking to us at our March club meeting  
on horse behavior, horse vision and why  
horses act the way they do. Come hear how  
you can better get along with your horse  
knowing how and why he does the things  
he does.

Howdy and Welcome to our  
newest members!!



Maggie Loobey  
Evelyn Soltero  
Lynne Sullivan

Welcome back:  
Lynge Simoni

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The phone books are coming!!!**

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printing stage. They will be available to members at  
the March General Meeting. Please attend the  
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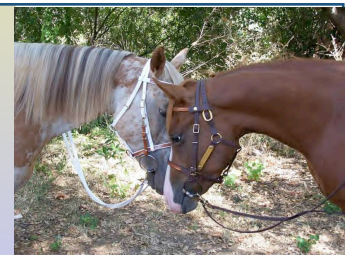
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**GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL  
2013 CALENDAR**

Date	Event	Date	Event
<b>MARCH</b>			
March 9	Spenceville Day Ride	August 9-11	Loney Meadow Ride/Work
March 12	General Meeting - 7 p.m. (Grange Hall, GV)	August 13	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
March 16	Spenceville Day Ride (rain date)	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
<b>APRIL</b>			
April 9	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.	September 10	General Meeting - 7 p.m. Grange Hall, GV
April 21	Work Day - Lone Grave	September 14	Work Day TBD
April 28	Work Day - Lone Grave (rain date)	Sept. 19-22	Draft Horse Classic Fair (non GCTC event)
<b>MAY</b>			
May 5	Trail Ride, Cronan Ranch	<b>OCTOBER</b>	
May 14	General Meeting - 7 p.m. (Grange Hall, GV)	October 8	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
May 16-19	Pt Reyes Camp/Ride	October 12	Unified Trail Work Day
May 22	Skillman Horse Camp Work Day	October 19	Lone Grave Ride/BBQ
<b>JUNE</b>			
June 7-9	Western States Horse Expo, Sacramento (non GCTC event)	October 26	Lone Grave Ride/BBQ (rain date)
June 11	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
June 15	Upper Pioneer Trail Ride	November 12	Gen. Mtg./Thanksgiving Feast - 7 p.m. Grange Hall, GV
June 21-23	Wild West Endurance Ride (non GCTC event)	<b>DECEMBER</b>	
June 28-30	Little Lasier Meadow Ride/Work	December 10	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
<b>JULY</b>			
July 6	GCTC Annual Poker Ride Fundraiser	E-mail announcements will be sent prior to each RIDE or WORK DAY with staging area info, times, road conditions, directions, footing, ride difficulty, etc. pertaining to that specific event.	
July 9	General Mtg./Ice Cream Soc. - 7 p.m. (Grange Hall, GV)		
July 20	Tevis Endurance Ride (non-GCTC event)		
July 28	Work Day TBD		

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THE POKER RIDE IS COMING!



Hi GCTC Members,

It's a bit early but I wanted to remind you that the 2013 Poker Ride is scheduled for Saturday, July 6. We are likely going to have an even bigger crowd than last year, so I will need LOTS of Volunteers and LOTS of Food!

Please start thinking about what you can do to make sure this year's Poker Ride is an even bigger success than last year's. I'll be at the Mar/Apr meeting and will welcome your comments and suggestions and would love to sign you up for whatever you can do to help.

Also, I've already received a call to reserve 3 campsites. If you are interested in camping, or know someone who is, you might want to get your reservation in early.

Linda Lanzoni

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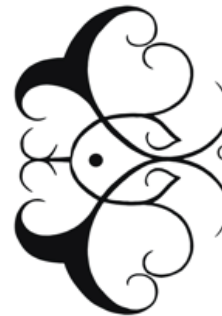
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[www.parkwatchreport.org](http://www.parkwatchreport.org)

[www.coolhorsetrails.com](http://www.coolhorsetrails.com)

**We Are Not A Club (WANAC) Catered Horse Camping Rides**

Howdy,

Spring is coming up on us fast. I imagine that most of you, like me, can't wait to spend long hours with your horses or mules and your horse riding friends out on the trails.

We are excited about all three of the catered horse camping trips we are organizing this year:

**Pt Reyes Coastal Ride, Camp at Stewart's Ranch Horse Camp near Olema.**

Ride on the beach!! Beautiful groomed trails!!

Date: May 16 - 20th, 2013

Camping fees: To be decided by manager of Stewart's Ranch. 2012 fees were \$17.50/night.



**Cuneo Creek Horse Camp - Humboldt Redwoods State Park, south of Fortuna**

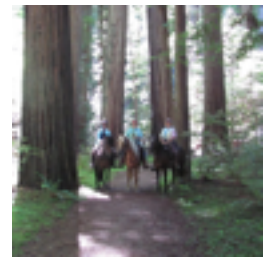
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Reserved!! Hot showers, flush toilets!!

Beautiful groomed trails through old growth redwoods

Date: August 15th - 19th catered, August 14th optional night-no catering

Camping fees: To be determined based on numbers coming not to exceed \$20.00 per night- horse and rider.



**Stone Cellar Private Horse Camp, El Dorado County, near Tells Creek and Loon Lake**

This campground has a limited number of cabins for those without a sleeping trailer

Date: September 11 - 15th 2013

Camping fee: \$10.00 a night per person/horse, cabins are \$15.00 per person.

Minimum two people per cabin.



Participation/Catering fees for all rides:

\$185 for 4 nights, \$165 for 3 nights, and \$135 for 2 nights

Deposit of \$50.00 for each ride sent with the registration form, three weeks prior to ride date.

Late registrations accepted if space is available.

We hope to see you when Mike's dinner bell rings and we gather for a yummy meal in a beautiful campground surrounded by good people and our horses and mules (or donkeys too - we had a few come last year).

For more information about these rides please contact Claudia at [cbolton@northstarsls.org](mailto:cbolton@northstarsls.org) or 530-305-7013

Happy Trails,

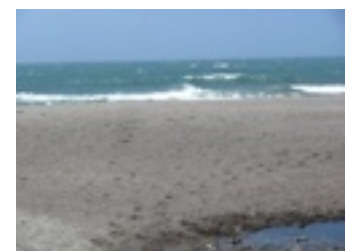
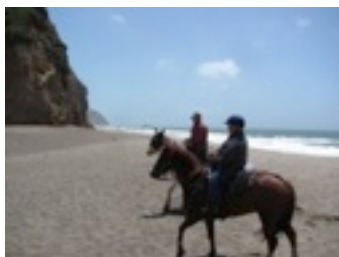
Claudia and Mike



**Pt Reyes GCTC Ride May 16-19**

Since I like to eat with Mike, I have scheduled the GCTC Pt Reyes ride to coincide with his. If anyone wants to join his catered meal program refer to the complete information in the above article, We Are Not A Club (WANAC) Catered Horse Camping Rides.

Hope to see there.



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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 with the information and she will be happy to send a cheery note or card to light up their day.



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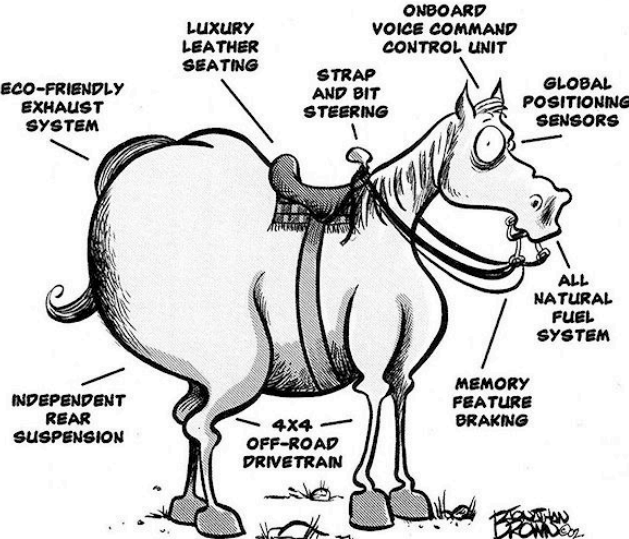
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**ORIGINAL S.U.V.**

**GCTC NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU!!**

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 May/June Newsletter will be Tuesday, April 30. Articles/pictures should be sent to Lynn Mangel, Editor ([quailhollowpv@me.com](mailto:quailhollowpv@me.com))

Heather Jansch's horse sculptures made from driftwood. Not only are they beautiful but using what Mother Nature has left behind.



Gold Country Trails Council  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
February 12, 2013  
Community Room, Fire Station  
10135 Coyote Street  
Nevada City, Ca 95949

The executive board meeting was called to order by President Helen Harvey at 7:03.

Members present included:

President: Helen Harvey

Secretary: Karen Schwartz

Treasurer: Kathy Southgate

Forest Service Liaison: Willie Brusin

Board Members: Don Soto, Jeff Foltz, Vicki Testa

Members: Mary Johnson (Membership Chair), Sue Brusin, Jaede Miloslavich

Absent:

Vice President: Melissa Ribley

Teri Personeni (Past President)

President Helen Harvey called the meeting of order at 7:03.

Helen requested approval of the January minutes. Secretary Karen Schwartz reported that no revisions were offered, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Kathy Southgate reported that the bank balance as of 2/12/13 was \$15, 895.17. Current membership renewals are now about 135. The \$3.00 dues increase to \$25.00 will increase income by about \$500. She recommended changing future accounting from "Prepaid" to "Expensed" when paid because the Prepaid system requires more accounting time.

Also, Kathy announced that she must resign as Treasurer as she is moving out of the area, but she offered to prepare the monthly statements until a replacement is found; however, she will not be able to attend future meetings.

Old Business:

Forest Service Liaison Willie Brusin reported the following items:

The Forest Service is focusing on improvements for the Upper Burlington motorcycle trail system. These changes will include moving a trail, and adding more signage whenever motorized and non-motorized trails cross. Spark arrestors are required for all motorized vehicles using the trails. Funds for these improvements and enforcement will derive from sales of green stickers for motorcycles. These proposals stem from the TNF Grant Proposal Workshop held several years ago, and comments are invited on the website, not by postal mail. The Forrest Science Synthesis Study contains several errors, especially about the environmental impact of horses on trails, and Helen will draft a response to address these.

Three Skillman area non-motorized trails not shown on the Tahoe National Forrest updated map will be added to avoid their being decommissioned. Willie asked Board Member Vicki Testa to examine the trail map he brought to the meeting to help determine where missing trails should be added. Willie will see that the amended map is in Joe Chavez' hands in the next 30 days. In addition, several members of the GCTC executive board will meet with Joe Chavez in June to discuss the proposed changes at the Skillman campground. Before this meeting, executive board will visit Skillman to develop a plan regarding what should and should not be changed.



## New Business:

Membership Chair Mary Johnson reported that there are currently 164 members. 31 members have not renewed and will be contacted with reminders via email and the telephone tree.

Sandy Ruggiero is completing the update of the membership directory, which will be available soon.

Helen reported more telephone tree volunteers are needed.

Helen stated that the Publicity Chair position is still open.

Helen asked Jaede Miloslavich to provide an update on the status of the effort to preserve the Emigrant Trail in southern Nevada County and to provide public access. Jaede reported that she and several other people, including GCTC Secretary Karen Schwartz, attended a tour of the Trail arranged by Larkyn Feller of the Nevada County Planning Department and including Brian Foss, Director of the Planning Department. Several local residents also attended and provided videos of flooding and other impediments they believe should prevent opening the Trail to the public. The Planning Department is preparing a report, which will be presented to the County Board of Supervisors at their meeting on 3/12/13. The Supervisors will choose one of eight options regarding the Trail, ranging from affirming the trail easements, which currently belong to the County to abandoning the easements. Jaede asked the GCTC board to reaffirm our offer to assist in the development of the Trail, which was ignored in the recent summary report developed by the Planning Department. It was agreed that Karen will provide a draft of our previous letter to the Board regarding this matter for Helen to use in sending a second letter to the Board of Supervisors.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Schwartz, Secretary