



# 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**

Everyone had a wonderful time at the poker ride. Linda Lanzoni has again done a fantastic job of getting everything organized. She isn't going to manage the poker ride next year, so we're looking for a new member to chair the ride. If you're interested, talk to Linda or to me about what's involved. We do have committees for each job, which is a huge help.

Gail Plakos is no longer able to bring refreshments to the general meeting. She brought wonderful refreshments, and I really appreciate all her help. Both Krista Ericson and Maryann Colley have volunteered to bring refreshments. I'd love to have one more person volunteer, so the job can be spread out and each member of the refreshment committee would only need to bring refreshments twice a year.

September is membership renewal month. We're making one change to the membership form. Now there is a check box above the address information that asks if the information has changed from last year. Please check either the yes box for changed information or the no box if your information is unchanged. This will significantly simplify creating the phone book.

Lynne Sullivan has made an amazing donation to the club of one week each at two different timeshares in Cabo San Lucas. They can be used from May to October in 2014. One timeshare is at the Villa del Pamar in Cabo. It is worth \$794 and is a one bedroom. The other timeshare is the Los Cabos golf resort in Cabo. It is worth \$981 and is an executive unit. We are going to be setting up a raffle for the timeshares. Tickets are \$5 per ticket, or 6 for \$25, and will be available at the September meeting. We're hopefully going to also set up a PayPal account so people can buy tickets via the website. We will draw the winners at the November meeting.

Bear Yuba Land Trust's major fundraiser is Sept 22 with Dr. John and the Nite Trippers and special guest Allen Toussaint. We will have literature about GCTC at the event. BYLT is giving membership discounts for General Admission tickets (\$55 rather than \$65) to GCTC members. For those who want to purchase a block of ten tickets or more, you can do so for a \$45.50 ticket price.

I'll see you at the meeting.



Little Lasier Meadow work crew from June 2013. Beautiful location and weather, scenic trails, lots of work accomplished, scrumptious potluck, fun for all. Photo by Cal Mckitrick

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**GENERAL MEETING**  
 Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.  
**GOLDEN EMPIRE GRANGE HALL**  
 off LA BARR MEADOWS ROAD

Speaker: Heath Wakelee from the Red Cross will be speaking on first aid and human trail emergencies. 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾

**IT IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME AGAIN**  
**Go to Page 13 for Renewal Information**

### NEW TRAIL SIGNAGE AT SKILLMAN

This past June while preparing for the "Wild West Ride" at Skillman Horse Camp, I met several families that had camped there over the weekend. We got to talking and one family in particular happened to mention to me that they didn't think that they would ever come back to Skillman again. I asked them why and their comment to me was "poor signage", they were lost for hours. Their kids came back crying after riding for several hours not knowing where they were or when, if ever, they would get back to camp. I spoke with "Phoenix" the camp host; his comment to me was that several campers had the same comments, "poor signage". I decided to volunteer to take on the job of "re-signing" or improving on the signage of Skillman, so that more people will come to ride the trails there and not get lost.

I asked Willie and Sue Brusin to please help me out with this task since they know that area well. They both agreed and off we went into the sunset. Now finally after several days of walking, riding, hammering and climbing, we have succeeded in marking the "Hallelujah", "Dogwood", and "Pioneer " Trails leading into and out of Skillman. A comment was made to me from someone that rode the trails after we completed this job that, "you really had to be blind to get lost on these trails"!!!

However, our job is still not complete. We still need to sign other trails in the area. We are waiting to meet with Forest Service representatives, representatives from "Bonc" and "Woods Riders" sometime this month to see if we can coordinate a "trails signage day" together. Also, I am designing a map for the "horse community" that will show where you are at all times. I hope to finish this within in a few weeks and make sure that our members receive a copy of this before the season is over this year.

If you haven't checked out our hard work, please get up to Skillman and let us know what you think and please let me know if you have any other suggestions that would make the riding experience more enjoyable for people that want to come and ride at Skillman. I hope that you enjoy your ride there as well!!

I sent pictures of the signage to Jaede and asked her to forward them to the GTC members. I believe that she also sent them to other riding groups that she is affiliated with. You should have gotten them in one of her emails. If not, please contact Jaede.

Submitted by, Irving Mazur

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### OUR 2013 POKER RIDE

Once again, this year's annual Poker Ride, while not as big and profitable as last year's, was, in fact, another successful event... again due to so many wonderful volunteers. Just like last year, we had perfectly marked trails, thanks to Sue Brusin, Ginny Dix, Pat Huntsinger and Ann Rubenstein, more and great prizes, a big thanks to Teri Personeni and Ann Driver, and more delicious food, hats off to Sue Hammontre, Gail Plakos and Merrill Kagan-Weston. Parking all the rigs was a bit easier this year but I still think it is quite notable that attendees can bring them in and be "escorted" to a parking place instead of having to stress over finding one - thank you Willie Brusin, Mike Curry, Don Soto and Jack Prust. The day seemed to flow even more smoothly than last year, due in large part to Mary Johnson's presence along with her trailer of goodies and necessities. We had a couple of "campsite issues" but they were resolved with the help of Karen Schwartz... it just showed us that we still cannot trust that goofy organization in Florida. I believe next year will be less painful since we will hold the event in June, instead of the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and we will block off our weekend from the Florida reservations folks in January this time. A June event will also help with the bees' situation... they were so prevalent this year that we had to re-route the trail and we still had a few riders and horses that were stung. Regardless of the mishaps, once again everywhere I looked people were relaxing, smiling and talking about the great ride they had just experienced. They also were tapping their feet and swaying to the music provided by Irv Mazur's band, Common Threads... what a treat to have music to ride and dine by. And while it fell a bit short of last year's fantastic profit of \$3800.00, we still managed to make a bit over \$2000.00 and that will go a long way towards maintaining our trails.

Thanks, again, to our wonderful cameraman, Cal McKittrick, for taking all the great pictures for us... you can view them at <http://imagesbycal.smugmug.com/Events/GCTC/GCTC-Events/GCTC-Poker-Ride-2013>. Additionally, much thanks goes to Gigi Lawton, Rose Massara, Lori Moniz, Sharon Silver, Jaede Miloslavich, Jeff Foltz, Larry Schwartz, Cheri Crain, Joan Fowle, Tom Soto, Mary and Worth Lundin, Barbara Hobbs, Susie Roush, Debbie McKittrick, Gail Anderson, Jan Geller and friend, Lynn and Gordon Mangel, Karyn Purmort, Claudette Paige, Valerie Logsdon and all the folks who made, bought and brought food, donated items and supported the ride by riding in it. Again, I could not have asked for a more fabulous crew and this would not have happened without you. Despite my complaining, I so enjoyed being your chairperson this year... it seems that Merrill will take it over in 2015 which leaves 2014 needing a chairperson... IF my main captains from this year will aid me again, I will happily do it one more time before passing it on to Merrill.

Thank you again, EVERYONE!

Linda Lanzoni

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### IT IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It is time to renew your commitment to keeping our wonderful area trails open for our enjoyment! Your support and/or participation are both needed to continue the purpose of Gold Country Trails Council: ..... "to develop, maintain, and protect non-motorized recreation trails in the sierra foothills area for public use and enjoyment." While accomplishing that task, members also enjoy fun trail rides, interesting informed speakers, social gatherings, a great newsletter, trail information, delicious lunches at trail work days, and wonderful opportunities to camp and ride, all in the company of dedicated, fun loving, hard working, like minded people.

Send your 2014 application in today! Don't miss any of the fun! Just fill out the **Renewal Form on Page 13** and return it with your **check for \$25** to GCTC. You also need to sign and return the **Release From All Liability Form on Page 14**.

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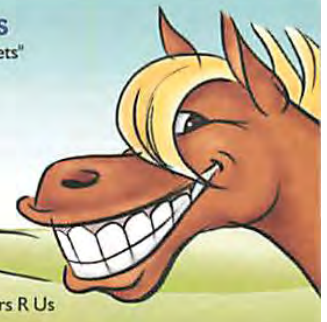
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**GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL  
2013 CALENDAR**

Date	Event
<b>SEPTEMBER (Membership Renewal)</b>	
September 10	General Meeting – 7 p.m. Grange Hall, GV
September 14	Work Day TBD
Sept. 19-22	Draft Horse Classic Fair (non GCTC event)
Date	Event
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
October 8	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
October 12	Unified Trail Work Day
October 19	Lone Grave Ride/BBQ
October 26	Lone Grave Ride/BBQ (rain date)
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
November 12	Gen. Mtg./Thanksgiving Feast 7 p.m. Grange Hall, GV
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
December 10	Board Meeting - 7 p.m.

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.



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**Donation from Molly Farlas**

GCTC recently received a very generous donation in the amount of \$5000.00 from Molly Farkas, an endurance rider from Oregon. Molly has been introduced to our local trails while attending the Wild West Endurance Ride over the past few years. In memory of her husband, Mike, Molly would like to see this donation used to keep our beautiful riding trails open. In recognition of her contribution, Molly is receiving a lifetime membership to the Gold Country Trails Council, and GCTC hopes to install a picnic bench at Skillman in honor of Mike.

Following is a note from Molly:

GCTC-

*I have so enjoyed riding your trails the past three years during Riblays' wild West Rides.*

*Please accept my donation to keep these trails going for non-motorized use. in memory of my husband, Mike.*

*Please use part of the money to replace Robert's chainsaw! We need to keep him out there working!*

*Molly Farkas*



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**GCTC Chain Saw Purchase for Trail Workdays**

The GCTC Board recently authorized the purchase of an additional chain saw for trail work. We would like to thank Valley Truck and Tractor Company for supplying us with the new Stihl chain saw at a discounted price. Valley Truck and Tractor Co. carries a full line of John Deere tractors and Skil chain saws. Their great customer service and friendly and knowledgeable staff make it a pleasure to do business with them. The saw will be a great asset in clearing brush and small trees on the trail.

**Submitted by Jeffrey Foltz**

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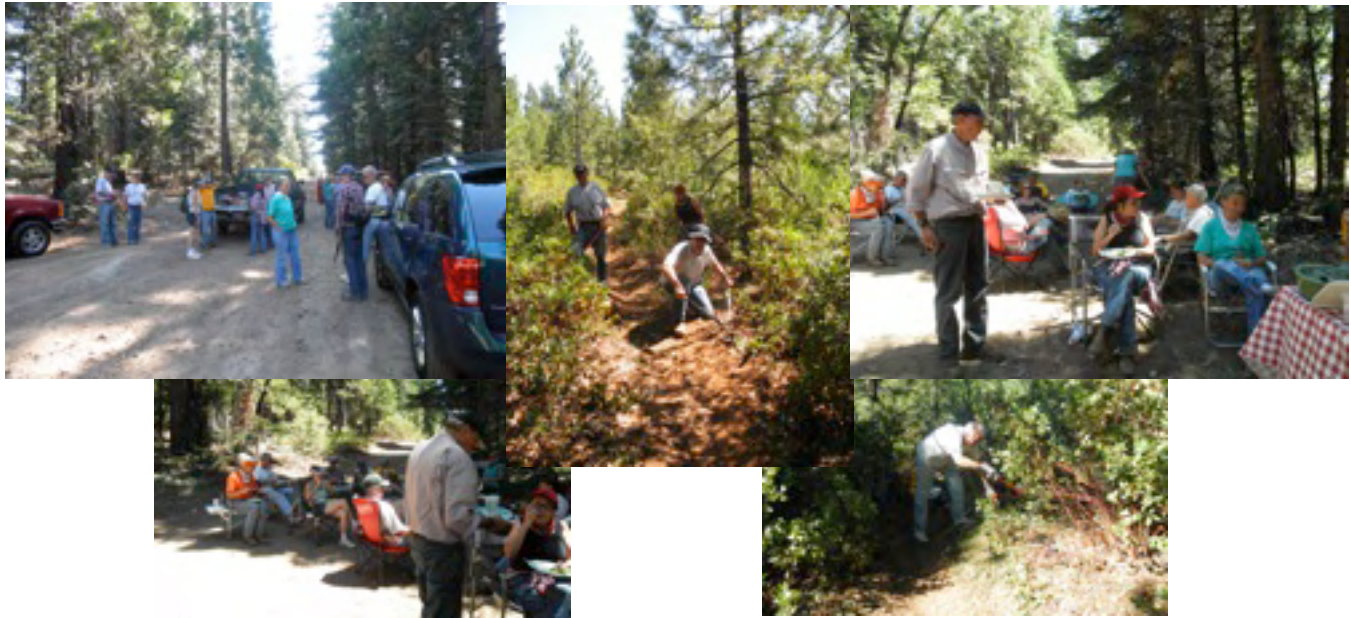
**Workday - Pioneer Trail**

Twenty-four enthusiastic GCTC members and guests attended the Pioneer Trail workday from Chalk Bluff on July 28, 2013 led by trail expert Vicki Testa. A section of the trail was passable, but heavily overgrown. The dedicated crew made quick work of the offending Manzanita, white thorn, willow and anything else that was in the way. Everyone did a fantastic job of cutting back to the base of the plants and widening the trail so that it will stay cleared for a couple of years. From there the crew split up into groups. A good number of them hiked a ways up the Pioneer Trail to another section near the Omega overlook, and cut back the encroaching brush. Another group hiked back down the trail and trimmed a section of the Pioneer trail below Chalk Bluff Rd. While GCTC members were on the trail, a group of equestrians and bicyclists passed by and thanked all of us for our diligence in keeping the trails clear. The trail travelers recognized GCTC by our T-shirts and they knew about GCTC and the work that is done by its members. GOOD JOB EVERYONE!

Merril served a delicious and welcome lunch as we relaxed after the hard work. It was a beautiful day in the Tahoe National Forest.

Participants: Vicki Testa, Dale Scoville, Judy Moore, Tom Fletcher (friend of Irv), Irv Mazur, Virginia Dix and her brother Bob, Heather Angove, Suzanne Vaccaro and friend Kala Ross, Cyndra McLeod, Lori Moniz, Val Logsdon, Jim & Gail Plakos, Mary Johnson, Barbara Hobbs, Cherri Crain with granddaughters Hannah & Emma, Shera Blume, John Connelly, Teri Personeni, Merrill Kagan-Weston.

**Submitted by, Mary Johnson**



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**SEPTEMBER IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH - RENEWAL FORM ON PAGE 13**

### Loney Meadow Campout/Workday

Loney Meadow campout and workday was a smashing success and a lot of fun, too. We ended up with 11 trailers in our little 'circle meadow'. That took some creative parking, which was handled by our skilled members with ease. In attendance were 14 members and guests.



August 8, some of us went up on Thursday and after a hasty set up we went for a short ride around the Culbertson Lake and Lindsay Lake loop for a couple of hours.

August 9, Friday we decided to venture farther and the most fearless of the group took the trail up past Lower Rock Lake and turned off at Upper Rock Lake to proceed around Bowman Mountain. There are spectacular views, but the trail is rugged and not for the faint of heart. The trail then blends with an old logging road for a while. A few years ago GCTC made a new connector trail so we could return via the old Loney Dairy trail which leads back to Loney Meadow. We didn't encounter any serious trail work to be done there; the trails are in great shape. We did meet a good number of hikers, as the Grouse Ridge area is very popular.



August 10, Saturday we broke up into 3 teams and left on a staggered time schedule. We all rode around Loney Meadow, then one group went to clear the trail to Bull Pen Lake, one group went up the Rock Lakes trail to clear any trees that were blocking the trail and the last group did some lopping and clipping of branches and shrubbery all the way to Penner Lake. Since our groups departed at different times each group had lunch in different places at different times.

Saturday evening Willie broke out his gas grill and prepared a wonderful tri tip. The rest of the group retired to their respective campsites and prepared side dishes, salads and dessert. Boy do we have some great cooks! With dishes like green beans with bacon, green salad, fresh garden tomatoes, Risotto salad, mixed melon dish, Ambrosia fruit salad, and I have forgotten what else, we barely had room for the cake which was presented for dessert. After our dinner had settled some, we broke out the fixings for s'mores. Although not the same as roasting over a fire, marshmallows do get melty, gooey even over the gas stove; add chocolate bars and graham crackers and yum!



August 11, Sunday each one was on his/her own. Some packed up, while others took one last ride. No one wanted to leave so we ended up hanging around visiting some more. What a great time we had. The weather was perfect and the scenery was unequaled.



Thank you all who attended! We accomplished a lot and I for one really enjoyed myself and am already looking forward to next year.

Submitted by, Teri Personeni



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## Equine Interstate Movement Questions and Answers

May 2013

### 1. What are the California entry requirements for equine movement into California?

A valid Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) issued within 30 days before movement and evidence of a negative Equine Infectious Anemia test, performed at a USDA-approved laboratory within six (6) months before the date of movement are required for the interstate movement of horses and other equine species into California.

### 2. Do the entry requirements apply to mules and donkeys?

The equine interstate movement requirements apply to all equids (horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, burros and zebras).

### 3. When did federal requirements for horse movement change?

The federal Animal Disease Traceability Rule, published in the Code of Federal Regulations on January 9, 2013, became effective on March 11, 2013.

### 4. Are there any exemptions to the requirement for an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (ICVI)?

The federal Animal Disease Traceability Rule exempts the ICVI requirement for the following equine movements:

- Horses used as a mode of transportation for travel to another location then back to the original location (Example: Horse and buggy and trail rides)
- Horse movement for veterinary examination or treatment and returned to the same location without change of ownership.
- Horse movement directly from a location in one state through another state to a second location in the origin state. (Example: Horse originates in California, trailers through Nevada and is offloaded at different destination location in California.
- Horse movement with a document other than a ICVI, as approved between shipping and receiving state animal health authorities. (Example: Valid equine interstate passport or a California Working Horse Permit. At this time, no other documents are

approved for use by animal health authorities in states bordering California.)

### 5. Does California accept equine passports for entry into California?

California accepts valid approved equine passports issued by an animal health authority.

### 6. Does California issue equine passports?

At this time, California does not issue equine passports. However, based on industry feedback, California may consider issuing equine passports in the future.



### 7. What is a California Working Horse Permit?

A California Working Horse Permit is a permit authorizing the movement of working horses across state borders from one business location to another location of the same business for use in the business operation. Horse owners, who operate a business in California and in another state in which horses are used in the operation of the business, are eligible to apply for an annual California Working Horse Permit. Approval and signature of animal health officials in both states is necessary for issue of a California Working Horse Permit.

### 8. How long is a California Certificate of Veterinary Inspection valid?

California Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) are valid for 30 days from the date of inspection.

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**Equine Interstate Movement**  
**Questions and Answers - Page 2 of 2**

**9. Several times a month, I travel from California to Oregon with my horses for shows and trail rides. Do I need a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for each trip?**

*No. If all destination locations are in the same state and the movements are to occur within the thirty (30) day timeline of the valid CVI, only one California CVI is necessary provided that a list of each destination location and anticipated travel dates are documented on the CVI at time of issue.*

**10. Is there still a 14-day exemption for California horses?**

*No. The federal Animal Disease Traceability Rule does not allow an exemption for California horses returning to California within 14 days of departure. ALL interstate horse movements into California require a valid certificate of veterinary inspection or valid equine passport AND evidence of negative Equine Infectious Anemia test within 6 months of entry.*

**11. When will enforcement of entry requirements for California horses moved from the state that are returning to California begin?**

*Enforcement of these entry requirements for California horses that have been moved from the state and are returning to California will begin on January 1, 2014. ALL interstate horse movements into California require a valid certificate of veterinary inspection or valid equine passport AND evidence of negative Equine Infectious Anemia test within 6 months of entry.*

**12. I travel frequently from California to several western states in a single month, do I need a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for each movement destination?**

*No. If the movements are to occur within the thirty (30) day timeline of the valid CVI, only one California CVI is necessary provided that a list of each destination location in each state and anticipated travel dates are documented on the CVI at time of issue.*

**13. If I travel to Oregon for a day to train, to trail ride or to show and return to California on the same day, what paperwork do I need to have?**

*ALL interstate horse movements into California require a valid certificate of veterinary inspection or valid equine passport AND evidence of negative Equine Infectious Anemia test within 6 months of entry.*

**14. Who will check my equine movement paperwork?**

*For California, border station personnel and animal health officials may request interstate movement documentation.*

**15. What will happen if I don't have a certificate of veterinary inspection for all horses entering California?**

*Failure to comply with California entry requirements is a violation of both California and Federal laws, which may result in issue of a Notice of Violation and assessment of fines up to \$25,000 per violation.*



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Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
8/13/13 Memorial Park  
415 Central Ave. Grass Valley, CA

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

In attendance: Helen Harvey, Melissa Ribley, Kathy Southgate, Willie Brusin, Sue Brusin, Don Soto, Jeff Foltz, Vicki Testa, Mary Johnson, Robert Ribley, Jaede Miloslavich.

Karen Schwartz was absent

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Treasurers report presented by Kathy Southgate - (see attached)

The poker ride was discussed. It was decided that a GCTC member needs to be present at Skillman on the Friday prior to the poker ride to facilitate parking. It was decided that the club will not reserve specific sites for attendees of the poker ride, but will keep a list of people who reserved corrals so those people will be instructed to park near a corral. The club will increase instruction to those people giving out cards. Willie stated that the drag riders will take down ribbons at the poker ride and that the ribbons will not be left up. This is due to the fact someone took down the poker ride ribbons this past year after the ride and did not return them to the club. Mary Johnson discussed that there was too much food at the poker ride and much of it was not eaten or needed. The use of a caterer was discussed, as well as limiting the number of dishes served.

Forest service report presented by Willie Brusin – see attached.

The nomination committee for board of directors and top hand was discussed. Helen will ask Laura Duncan to chair this committee.

Don Soto was asked to report on the picnic tables at Empire Mine – no new information is available.

Willie Brusin reported that the possibility of providing phone service at Skillman is unlikely.

Helen Harvey reported that there is a trail trimmer available on Amazon for \$509.00 including shipping. Don Soto made a motion that the club purchase this trail trimmer. Jeff Foltz seconded. Motion passed.

Melissa Ribley made the motion for the club to purchase a chain saw for a maximum amount of \$800.00. Kathy Southgate seconded the motion. Mary Johnson asked if Jeff Foltz can research getting a good price for a chain saw. Motion passed. Kathy Southgate discussed that she has a used chain saw available for purchase.

Helen Harvey stated that the club needs a new refreshment person for club meetings. Mary Johnson has a list of members who indicated they are interested in this position.

The 2014 membership registration form was discussed. Jaede stated she will send the current form to Helen. Helen discussed adding a change of address field. Willie Brusin suggested we change the color of the next club phone book. Helen Harvey stated that the Robinson Flat Camping trip is not occurring this year. The donation of Lynn Sullivan for a time share in Cabo was discussed. Jaede suggested we put a raffle for this donation on line for club members interested in purchasing a ticket. Jaede indicated we need a PayPal account. Kathy Southgate stated she will investigate this and set up an account for the

club. It was decided to charge \$5.00/ticket or 6 tickets for \$25.00. Don Soto stated he will contact Lynn Sullivan to find out more information about the Cabo timeshare donation.

Jaede presented information about the Action Coalition for Equestrians (Park Watch Report Fund) and requested a \$1000.00 donation be made by GCTC to the Park Watch Report Fund. Vicki Testa made a motion for the GCTC to donate a \$1000.00 to the Park Watch Report Fund. Don Soto seconded.

Motion passed.

Don Soto suggested we move the Loney Meadows date to either before or after the Nevada County Fair.

It was decided to move the Poker Ride back to June. It was discussed to add the Royal Gorge ride to the club calendar. It was discussed to charge a fee for the Loney Meadows club trip in order to pay for a porta potty.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Ribley

TREASURE REPORTBOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING7/12/13  
8/13/13August  
~~JULY~~ 2013

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Bank Balance at 6/30/13          | \$21,786.81 |
| 2. Year to date 5/31/13 cash flow + | \$7,147.95  |
3. New Year Dues Increased by \$3 to \$25. Will add about \$500 to our budget.
  4. Pioneer Trail Re-route between Skillman and Overlook
    - > Received \$1,500 from AERC for Trail study.
    - > Paid the US Forest Service for PEDDA Report \$3,060
    - > Actual Labor Construction Cost from the Forest Service should be an additional \$1,000.
    - > Net cost for Project about \$2,500. Completion by the Forest Service by this year.
  5. Annual Poker Ride fund raiser was on July 6th.  
Total Proceeds \$2,546 with costs if \$46 Netting \$2,100 in contributions
  6. Received a very large contribution of \$5,000 from Mary Farkas for future trail Maintenance
  7. Expenses coming up:  
Annual Payment Of Grange Hall Rent \$300 - STILL NOT PAID -HAVE NOT RECEIVED BILL
  8. Have Changed Accounting of these cost from ' Prepaid' to 'Expensed' when paid  
These costs are relatively small -  
\$35 per month for Insurane & \$50 for rent every other month is not significant.  
This adds a lot of Hours for the treasure to track these cost this way.  
Change accounting to just 'Expense these costs when they are paid  
This better tracks the actual cash flow for GCTC

## Forest Service Report for August, 2013.

1. Pioneer Trail Relocation Project will wait until the United Trails Day meeting on August 27th for an Environmental Assessment update from Joe Chavez.
2. United Trails Day meeting with Joe Chavez at 5:00pm Tuesday August 27th to select a project loacation and assignments.
3. Loney Meadows workday cleared trail on the Bowman Mt. trail, the Loney Meadows trail, the Penner Lake trail and the Bull Penn Lake trail. Clearing a trail from the parking area to the meadow away from the road is a suggested project for 2014.
4. Review Irv Masur's Skillman trails signage update. *AND MAP UPDATE*
5. Purchase white letters for carsinite posts.
6. Teri reports that repairs on Bowman Road will have to wait for a logging contract with TNF.
7. Review the camp host outline of the Skillman Campgroud.

# Gold Country Trails Council Membership Form

*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.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Renewable annually in September)

Membership:  Individual  Family (all signatures needed on release form)  
 Renewal  New  
 Equestrian  Bicyclist  Hiker/Pedestrian

Did your address, phone, or email information change this year? Yes  No

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box if you DO NOT want your contact information listed in the GCTC Club phone book.  
*The phone book is for club use only.*

**Stay informed, stay involved! Please check the communication option(s) that best meet your needs:**

**Announcements:**  Email  Telephone reminder for club activities  Do not phone

**Newsletter:**  Email  Postal mail

## Gold Country Trails Council welcomes donations

If you are unable to participate in the workdays, please consider a donation towards your favorite project. (Include your check with membership form and fee).

To enable us to utilize your many skills and interests, we ask that you check those activities which you can assist the GCTC. Please add to the list under "other" if there is something we may have overlooked.

Advertising/Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Artwork/Graphics	<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant Writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Horse Camping	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Phone Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Photography	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refreshments	<input type="checkbox"/>	Signs/Maps/GPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tool Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trail Ride (lead/organize)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trail Work	<input type="checkbox"/>	Webpage/Design	<input type="checkbox"/>
Woodworking/Welding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workday Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>	Workday (lead/organize)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Would you consider serving as an officer of the GCTC Board? Yes  No

Would you consider serving as a Board Member of the GCTC? Yes  No

Would you consider chairing a GCTC committee? Yes  No

Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

To join, please complete and mail this form with membership fee of \$25.00, payable to:

**Gold Country Trails Council, Inc.**

**P.O. Box 753, Cedar Ridge, CA 95924**

**(100% tax deductible as a charitable contribution)**

***(Please sign the release form below or on the reverse of this application for our files)***

**RELEASE FROM ALL LIABILITY**

**This is a binding legal document. Read it carefully before signing below.**

I understand that the Gold Country Trails Council sponsors and organizes a variety of events, including, but not limited to, equestrian trail rides and overnight campouts, trail building and work days, tack sales, membership meetings, potluck dinners, and other social events. Gold Country Trails Council events are non-alcoholic.

In consideration of the acceptance of my application for membership in the Council or permission to participate in these events, I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Gold Country Trails Council, its officers, members, agents, employees, and representatives, from and against all claims, suits, actions, or liabilities (including any of the foregoing by way of indemnification or contribution), for personal injuries, property damage or loss, death, or for attorney fees, which are based on or arise out of my participation in such events. This release applies to all such claims, suits, actions, or liabilities, even though they may arise out of or be based on the negligence, lack of care, or other fault on the part of the persons listed above.

In signing this release I acknowledge that (a) equestrian events and activities involving horses involve risks which may result in serious personal injuries, property damage or loss, or death, (b) that trails and areas for equestrian events may consist of rough trails, steep or unstable terrain, water hazards, wild animals, and other natural or manmade obstacles and dangers, and that I may expect to encounter such areas in their natural condition without any preparation or safeguards designed for equestrian activities, and (c) that horses themselves may create dangers because of kicking, running away, throwing riders off, and other disruptive and uncontrollable behaviors.

I am sufficiently skilled in riding horses, and am sufficiently physically fit, to participate in the equestrian events listed above.

This release is binding on my heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representatives.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY ON BEHALF OF MINOR**

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, address: \_\_\_\_\_, age(s): \_\_\_\_\_, have read, and having legal authority to do so, agree to all of the foregoing provisions of the **RELEASE FROM ALL LIABILITY** on behalf of such minor and myself. I authorize any supervisory personnel to consent on my behalf to any necessary emergency medical treatment for such minor by a properly licensed or qualified person, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless any persons giving such consent in accordance with the foregoing **RELEASE FROM ALL LIABILITY**.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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