

# Gila Chapter

## Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico | MINUTES

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Meeting date | time 2/8/2017 6:00 PM | Meeting location Watts Hall, Room 224

Meeting called by Doug Dexter

Type of meeting Monthly business meeting

Note taker Cindi deCapiteau

### Attendees

Chris Allen (guest), Susan Austin, Joan Bacon, Cathy Brett, Dawn Byrum, Zach Crockett (guest), Cindi deCapiteau, Dixie Dexter, Doug Dexter, Dan Dockery, Vicki Dowd, Gerry Engel, Amy Hartell, Jean Hill, Andrea Imler, Dave Imler, Nancy Imler, Russ Imler, Mickey Lemon, Rawlings Lemon, Hal Rosenthal (guest), Becky Shumway, Donna Tillmann, Cole Wentzel (speaker), Nathan Williams, Laurie Wlosinski

## AGENDA TOPICS

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Agenda topic *Call to order* | Presenter Doug Dexter

Discussion Doug cracked a 12' bullwhip to open the meeting. Following a gasp of surprise, a deafening silence flowed over the assembly. The meeting began promptly at 6:00 p.m.

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Agenda topic *Recognize guests and new members* | Presenter Doug Dexter

Several new faces were present tonight. Doug acknowledged Chris Allen, Britton Bradberry, Zach Crockett, Hal Rosen, and Cole Wentzel (the evening's education speaker).

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Agenda topic *Guest Speaker* | Presenter Cole Wentzel

The ever-engaging and self-effacing Cole Wentzel, son of our friend John Wentzel, DVM, appeared before us this evening. He said his instructions from Cheryl Roth (GBCH education coordinator) were to "talk about himself." That left him to wonder what he did to anger us so much that we asked him to talk about himself. Ha ha!

Cole is opening a practice in Deming. At the moment he's operating a mobile vet service, but is building a small-animal clinic. Eventually he will have a large-animal clinic as well.

Cole said he grew up in Silver City, where he spent time in trouble and played sports. He held employment for two summers in the Gila Wilderness District packing and fighting fires. He estimates he traveled some 900 miles that first summer, up the Gila west and middle forks. One summer he rode the entire Gila east fork, but can't remember why.

Cole attended NMSU for an undergraduate degree in animal science, and then went on to Kansas State's vet school for four years. He had a good time in Kansas, but the cost of education prompted him to get a military scholarship, which obligated him to subsequent military service. He was stationed at Ft. Riley (Kansas) as a military veterinarian. There he was assigned to fun-filled duties in food inspection, public health, and rabies. He took care of soldiers' privately owned dogs. Ft. Riley runs working dogs for patrols and bomb detection. Cole took some of his medic training (to treat dogs) in helicopters.

Ft. Riley still has a mounted color guard that consists of 20 ridden horses and two wagon teams drawn by mules. The color guard competes in activities that include popping balloons and shooting guns from horseback. The guard

recently participated in the 2017 inaugural parade and once participated in a Chicago parade that was attended by 350,000 people—so the horses get accustomed to noise. Cole rode in the color guard on traditional saddles and in traditional dress.

Ft. Riley's vet clinic was originally built in 1905. The fort has a museum that displays photographs of surgical procedures at the clinic, as well as images of the color guard warming up by riding straight down a hill. Cole commented that it's unbelievable what old-time cavalry could do with their horses. He learned from the pictures and other experiences that he is not a horseman—but those guys were—and that cavalry work is similar to wilderness packing.

Soldiers get into the Ft. Riley color guard because they have done something extraordinary—but not necessarily with horses. Many of the color guard members had never been around horses—and everybody had to learn something.

In the cavalry, Cole saw that tack used inappropriately is the enemy of horses. They get saddle sores. Weak or broken hardware causes the saddle to slip. Riders make mistakes with saddles that don't fit. He cautioned us to make sure we have the appropriate tack for the task at hand and that it's set up properly.

The wilderness and military experience exposed Cole to many facets of horsemanship. He has packed into fire zones with flames all around—and found that the horses weren't intimidated. He could see fire up in the trees and on the ground—and the fire team had to bug out one afternoon. They could hear the fire coming and Cole commented that they rode pretty fast that day. Cole remembers being 18 years old, healthy, young, and tough. He hired on at Mimbres with Johnny Zapata. The first day's ride was 20 miles, one way. Cole couldn't remember a time when his knees hurt so bad that he thought he wasn't going to live. So just like people who need to train before the big game, horses need to train too.

The Gila country is tough and not easy to ride. It's not really possible to bring urban horses into the area to ride. Horses today aren't used to full-blown stops, sabers, guns, and jumps. The horse injuries he has seen tend to be related to a lack of physical conditioning. You can't keep a horse in a stall for three months and then take him packing in the Mogollon. Cole advocates firmly for preconditioning horses before taking them into our wilderness because they are performance animals. You start with round penning, then ponying, then riding them.

Cole related that after his military service, he saw a rope horse that hadn't been ridden in a couple of months. The first time that horse was taken out for roping—an activity the horse understood and was good at—he went lame because of the lengthy layoff.

Amy Hartell said she finds the advice about conditioning very exciting. The USFS has 42 head of stock that winter at Ft. Bayard and forget how to do their jobs. Then the fire teams take them out onto a fire, where the animals sustain tack and conditioning injuries.

A question arose from the GBCH crowd: Please define preconditioning. Cole responded by using the example of a roping horse that will run hard and stop hard. Such a horse needs to be conditioned by sprinting. For pack horses, condition them by riding them as far down here as you plan to ride or pack them in the wilderness on rough country. Ride them for 20 miles frequently so they get used to the distance. Pack mules and horses on the flat before you take them up into the mountains. Cole mused that all performance horses that have problems get into trouble due to lack of preconditioning.

Vicki Dowd commented that she used to participate in competitive trail riding, for which she would train by riding in intervals. One day she would ride for speed. The next day she would ride for time/distance. The following day she would give the horse time off to rest.

Cole advised that his vet clinic would be north of Deming on US Hwy 180 and thanked us for our attention.

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**Agenda topic** *Secretary's report of minutes* | **Presenter** *Cindi deCapiteau*

In a conversation prior to the meeting, Doug mentioned to the secretary that he had a correction for last month's minutes, but couldn't remember what it is. The secretary thinks she knows what that correction is. In the January minutes, a meeting of the state BCH was listed as occurring on January 21, 2017. That meeting is actually on February 21, 2017

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**Agenda topic** *Financial and membership report* | **Presenter** *Jean Hill*

See attached report on page 8.

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**Agenda topic** *Public Service/Communications* | **Presenter** *Gerry Engel*

Gerry Engel reported that he would work on the 2017 trail-clearing project schedule after the chapter's sawyer training session on February 15 and 16.

At our Christmas party in 2016, the Forest Service displayed several attractive posters that show Gila BCH members at work on the trails. Gerry reported that he has nine copies of the posters and it would be nice if these could end up on display at Tractor Supply and the other feed stores. Somebody? Anybody? Step up to the plate and volunteer to fetch the posters from Gerry and get them posted around town.

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**Action items**

**Person responsible**

Place USFS posters at feed stores and other locations in town

Somebody, anybody

Put up poster at Silver City visitors center

Doug Dexter

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**Agenda topic** *Trail lopping support* | **Presenter** *Doug Dexter*

Ah trail lopping—that trail maintenance activity that keeps wet brush from soaking your jeans and stickery, stabby, vegetation from raking your hands and snagging your clothes. It's an activity you don't even notice has occurred when you ride a trail with no scratch hazards—unless you did the brushing yourself. It's tiring work and not easily accomplished from horseback!

We've been trying to figure out how to get hikers, who are by definition already on the ground, to take on brushing duty. Easier for them, you see, because they have no requirement to dismount and remount. Doug Dexter has been in touch with the myriad contacts in his network of civic do-gooders. He reported that he talked to Chris down at Gila Hike and Bike. Chris is eager to play with us up in the forest. Doug has also been in touch with Christa Osborn, the recreation program manager for the Gila USFS. She is working to find a day when everybody—log buckers and thorny brushers—can get together for a trail project.

Amy Hartell added to the conversation. Christa Osborn and Lynnette Brown, a Gila forest technician, want to conduct a meeting sparked by the upcoming [Tommyknocker 10](#) bicycle race, scheduled for February 25, 2017 at Ft. Bayard. The meeting's purpose is to convey to the biking community the capacity of the USFS to take care of trails and to make cyclists aware of other trail users.

Amy also commented about Silver City's annual Trails Days festival, which is usually held in the middle of April. This year, the Continental Divide Trail (CDT) Coalition, which sponsors the event, will hold it April 28-30. That date corresponds to the time when more people are using the CDT and therefore will be coming into Silver City to restock, refresh (and presumably bathe). This year's Trail Days will be held at the Silver City Hub Plaza (located on N. Bullard Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets, adjacent Yada Yada Yarn).



Amy reported that she heard at a recent Greenways meeting (the CDT/Greenways Federation is an organization that talks about and makes decisions about stuff related to trails around Silver City) that the CDT brand will appear on crosscut saw cookies. The puzzled secretary assumes that the CDT brand is either the image at left, which shows up on signposts along the Continental Divide Trail, or the image at right, which is the logo of the [Continental Divide Trail Coalition](#). She tried to find out what crosscut saw cookies are, but received no response before these minutes went to press.



Doug reported that interest is in the air for GBCH to perform a tools demonstration at Trails Days. Amy offered to see what she could do about helping out with this. We need to take some logs downtown to make it happen.

Amy advised that she attended last week's meeting of the Lower Rio Grande BCH. That chapter will be working on their portion of the CDT (from Sapillo up Rocky Canyon to the North Star Mesa Road—see map on page 9) over the last weekend in May.

In the alarming news department, Amy also advised that she would get with the Lemons so we can obtain permits for the upcoming New Mexico BCH Rendezvous. (Mickey and Rawlings are coordinating planning for Rendezvous, which will be based at the Celebration site (see map on page 10). The permits, Amy commented, help keep everybody safe and ensures that all the organizations involved act as partners to deal with potential conflicts at Celebration—and also what to do if Celebration isn't available.

Amy continued that she would recommend to the USFS Ranger that the Forest Service waive the user fee for the Celebration site.

Then Amy dropped this bombshell. When outfitters and guides venture into the Gila and Aldo Leopold Wilderness areas, the Forest Service requires them to use weed-free feed and hay. Since the policy is based on the assumption that weed-free comestibles must be fed exclusively for 48 hours before an animal can be considered weed-free, this news generated a flurry of comments about where to get this stuff.

Zach Crockett noted that most commercial hay is weed-free, but that obtained from farmers and ranchers who sell their surplus hay probably isn't. Pelletized feed tends to be weed free. Laurie Wlosinski added that Tractor Supply sells compressed bales of weed-free timothy; Doug said he would look into the options at Tractor Supply.

Amy commented that she received a permit request for an organization called "[Heroes and Horses](#)." That group uses mustangs obtained from the Bureau of Land Management's [Wild Horse Program from the Burns, OR](#) district. Heroes and Horses partners with a prison inmate outfit that trains the horses. The organization then works with soldiers who have combat-related disabilities. Although Amy expressed uncertainty about the idea of the CDT being used as a pilot for the Heroes and Horses program, she commented that it would be interesting to see where the program goes. Becky Shumway added that there are close-by facilities that offer such programs and work with Horses for Heroes—one in Canon City, CO and another in Florence, AZ.

Amy said she would have to study the Horses for Heroes proposal and see if the ranger approves it.

She closed by saying that we can call her at the office any time.

#### Action items

#### Person responsible

Assess weed-free feed options at Tractor Supply

Doug Dexter

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**Agenda topic** *Equine Evacuation – call tree* | **Presenter** *Doug Dexter*

Doug issued a big old thank you to everybody who responded to his recent request for cell phone numbers. This request relates to a call-tree alternative for communicating information about emergencies requiring livestock evacuation. The strategy is to issue a text alert, backed up by the call tree for people who don't have cell service or who don't text. The call tree still exists, but is no longer the first line of notification.

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**Agenda topic** *GCSAR* | **Presenter** *Laurie Wlosinski*

Life is always interesting for search and rescue types. Laurie Wlosinski reported that Grant County Search and Rescue will hold a mock search in the Burros on February 18. The scenario is a big secret. The only thing known by anybody but the planner is that a "rabbit" (amusing SAR name for a mock lost-person-in-need-of-rescue) will be out there, but that's all anybody knows.

Laurie asked the members of GCSAR's mounted unit (all of whom are members of GBCH) to attend, as an assignment will be given for horses.

GCSAR will also have a booth at the CDT Trails Days and Laurie promised to look into the location of the booth.

Laurie advised that the Tommyknocker 10 bicycle race will occur on February 25, so if any of us ride in Ft. Bayard that day, we need to stick to the Dragonfly area to avoid being run down by speed demons on bicycles. The race, Laurie continued, goes out of the Servis Corral area.

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**Action items**

**Person responsible**

Find out where GCSAR's booth will be located during Trail Days and advise GBCH members, who are eager to know.	Laurie Wlosinski
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**Agenda topic** *NMBCH Rendezvous* | **Presenter** *Mickey Lemon, Rawlings Lemon*

Mickey Lemon delivered a zingy report about developments for the 2017 NMBCH Rendezvous, which the Gila BCH chapter has agreed to conduct.

Mickey noted that:

1. The planning committee has come up with registration form (see page 10). The form will have to be approved by the state before it is made available to rendezvous participants.
2. The state BCH is enthusiastic about the progress we've made in planning.
3. A registration fee of \$30 will be assessed to cover expenses GBCH incurs.
4. The entry form contains a list of things to bring, the schedule, and other details.
5. The entry form will be posted online when it is approved by state.
6. Mickey has a list of committees for which she needs volunteers.
7. For participants who don't want to camp, the Lake Roberts motel will be available for early reservations.
8. The Rendezvous will feature a raffle for 8 separate \$50 Amazon.com gift cards (one gift card for each BCH chapter). Doug designed a raffle ticket. Jean tweaked it. The state BCH needs to approve it and decide how to handle this activity.
9. The raffle is strictly a fundraiser for the state. Tickets will cost \$5 for a single ticket or \$20 for five tickets.
10. Any profits from any activity go to the state because the rendezvous is a state fundraiser.
11. The raffle will get underway after February 25 when the meeting with state happens.
12. The state vice chair wants GBCH to hold off on this activity until March. If the raffle is initiated too early, people will forget about it and won't do it.
13. We may work on a silent auction and possibly a 50-50 raffle, but those enterprises depend on state approval.

14. Weed-free feed is needed only for rides in the wilderness. Wilderness rides would be those that leave from Woody's Corral (if any), an option that would be offered to participants who want to take advantage of it. GBCH members would assist in getting out-of-towners and their steeds up the narrow and twisty road to Woody's.

Regarding the weed-free dilemma, Amy Hartell said she would talk to Johnny Zapata and find out where the Forest Service's own hay comes from. She commented that if the Forest Service asks outfitters and guides to adhere to the weed-free policy, USFS needs to be consistent for other users as well.

It's possible that a load of weed-free hay could be delivered to the Celebration site in advance of any trips into the wilderness from of Woody's Corral.

Zack Crockett commented that most commercial hay isn't certified as such, but is generally weed free. Bagged pelleted feed doesn't have viable seeds of any kind. Non-pelleted whole-grain feed, on the other hand, could contain weeds. Mountain Right has sold certified weed-free hay in the past, but Zach doesn't know if they still do. Vicki Dowd added that Tractor Supply sells compressed bales of timothy hay, alfalfa, and alfalfa/orchard grass. These items are branded Standlee and are weed-free. Doug offered to take a look at Tractor Supply's compressed bales and then get the information out to everybody.

Action items	Person responsible
Get clarification about weed-free requirements for the Rendezvous— where does USFS hay come from.	Amy Hartell
Find out what other BCH chapters do to comply with the weed-free requirement	Mickey Lemon
See what Tractor Supply offers in the way of weed-free feed	Doug Dexter

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**Agenda topic** *Fun rides* | **Presenter** *Doug Dexter*

Last month Vicki and Mike Dowd hosted a ride at their rancho. Vicki skillfully laid out an interesting trail and posted amusing limericks and micro-stories on poster board along the way. The eight participants all reported having a fun time. After the ride, Mike, who was obviously up all night cooking, grilled hotdogs, etc., and fed the group on beans, coleslaw, and dessert.

Doug mused that we could do a similar ride over on the expansive territory surrounding his place. He'll look into the possibilities for another ride in the spring.

Action items	Person responsible
Look into a fun ride at Doug's place	Doug Dexter

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**Agenda topic** *Sawyer certification training* | **Presenter** *Gerry Engel*

Gerry and Rawlings organized a training session to certify willing and able GBCH members as sawyers; thereby expanding our capabilities for organizing and staffing trail projects. The training would be held on February 14 and 15 (or was it 15 and 16?). Eight members have signed up. Certification will be offered for both chainsaw and crosscut saw. The two-day event will happen at Doug's place. Gerry, Rawlings, and Doug have identified and/or set up trees and logs in realistic positions. Sawyer certification candidates will have the opportunity to identify and deal with the various challenges that trail clearing presents.

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## Agenda topic CDT Trail Days 4/28 & 4/29 | Presenter Doug Dexter

The Continental Divide Trail Days are scheduled for April 28 and 29 in Silver City. Doug mentioned that the festivities represent a healthy opportunity to keep GBCH and our good works visible to the community. Bullard Street will be blocked off to traffic. The plan is to have logging demonstrations at the Forest Service booth, which requires transporting logs to town. The plan also includes the Dexter family's adorable miniature donkeys. Doug mentioned that it would be nice to have a pack animal there too.

This year, Trail Days will be located around Silver City's Hub Plaza, between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets on Bullard Street.

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### Action items

### Person responsible

Organize a work crew to move logs to the USFS booth	Doug Dexter
Find out where the USFS booth will be located	Amy Hartel
Offer the chapter's outstanding packhorse, Leo, to strut around the premises	Cindi deCapiteau

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## Agenda topic Announcements

- Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 8, 2017
- There's an education session on Saturday, February 25 at the Roth Ranch. Donna Cinti will continue her information sharing about horse feet—this time focusing on their health problems. Cheryl Roth will announce the time the session begins. Part of it will be inside.
- The Tommyknocker 10 bike race also happens on Saturday, Feb. 25 on Ft. Bayard. This is an all-day event.
- Mickey is circulating a sign-up sheet for a Rendezvous work party.
- The Lower Rio Grande BCH chapter is planning to work on its adopted portion of the Continental Divide Trail in April. GBCH members are welcome to help out. The trail is located in Rocky Canyon, between NM Hwy 35 and the North Star Road. The project will involve a camp-out; the campground location in Rocky Canyon presents challenges for space and trailer access, so participation might have to be limited. Camping is available at Celebration, of course, but that presents a long ride to the upper end of the trail. Gerry will investigate.
- Vicki Dowd announced that the 2018 NATRC Nan Ranch Ride needs to be voted on. Vicki proposes holding a competitive trail ride (CTR) clinic on Ft. Bayard some time in 2017 to generate local interest in the 2018 ride. She can round up a clinician from Farmington to come down and run the clinic. Gerry expressed enthusiasm for the clinic proposal—Doug said, "go for it." A delighted Vicki said this would be a one-day event—no camping required. She will contact whoever is in charge of Ft. Bayard at the moment. (Is it Santa Clara? Is it the Forest Service? Is it the Ft. Bayard Preservation Society? How about the Great State of New Mexico? Nobody knows for sure, but Vicki is good at sleuthing).
- Donna Tillmann mentioned that she came across a water main break out on Ft. Bayard. She reported the gusher to the Forest Service, but they don't know what to do about it. However, when Donna returned to the site of the flood a few days later, there was no geyser. That means either the tank that supplied it ran out or somebody shut down the pipe. As it happens, nobody knows who manages Ft. Bayard's extensive water system; maybe nobody does, in true New Mexico fashion.

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### Action items

### Person responsible

Announce start time for 2/25 hoof session at Roth Ranch	Cheryl Roth
Provide additional information about LRGBCH trail project in April	Gerry Engel
Add LRGBCH trail project to the GBCH trail project schedule	Gerry Engel
Scope out job requirements for LRGBCH trail project	Gerry Engel

(last bank statement available at meeting)

**Bank Balance December 15**                      **\$6,334.07**

**Transactions after December 15**

Deposits	12/21	\$ 40.00	membership, family
	two	\$3,607.80	FS reimbursement from RAC for 2016 trail work
	1/13	\$ 340.00	6 memberships, 50/50 Jan meeting, and donation
	1/30	\$ 40.00	membership, family
	2/2	\$ 40.00	membership, family
Withdrawals			
	#1326, 27, 39	\$ 64.67	xmas party meat reimbursements
	#1328-1338	\$3,607.87	total of checks written for trail work reimbursements, two not cleared

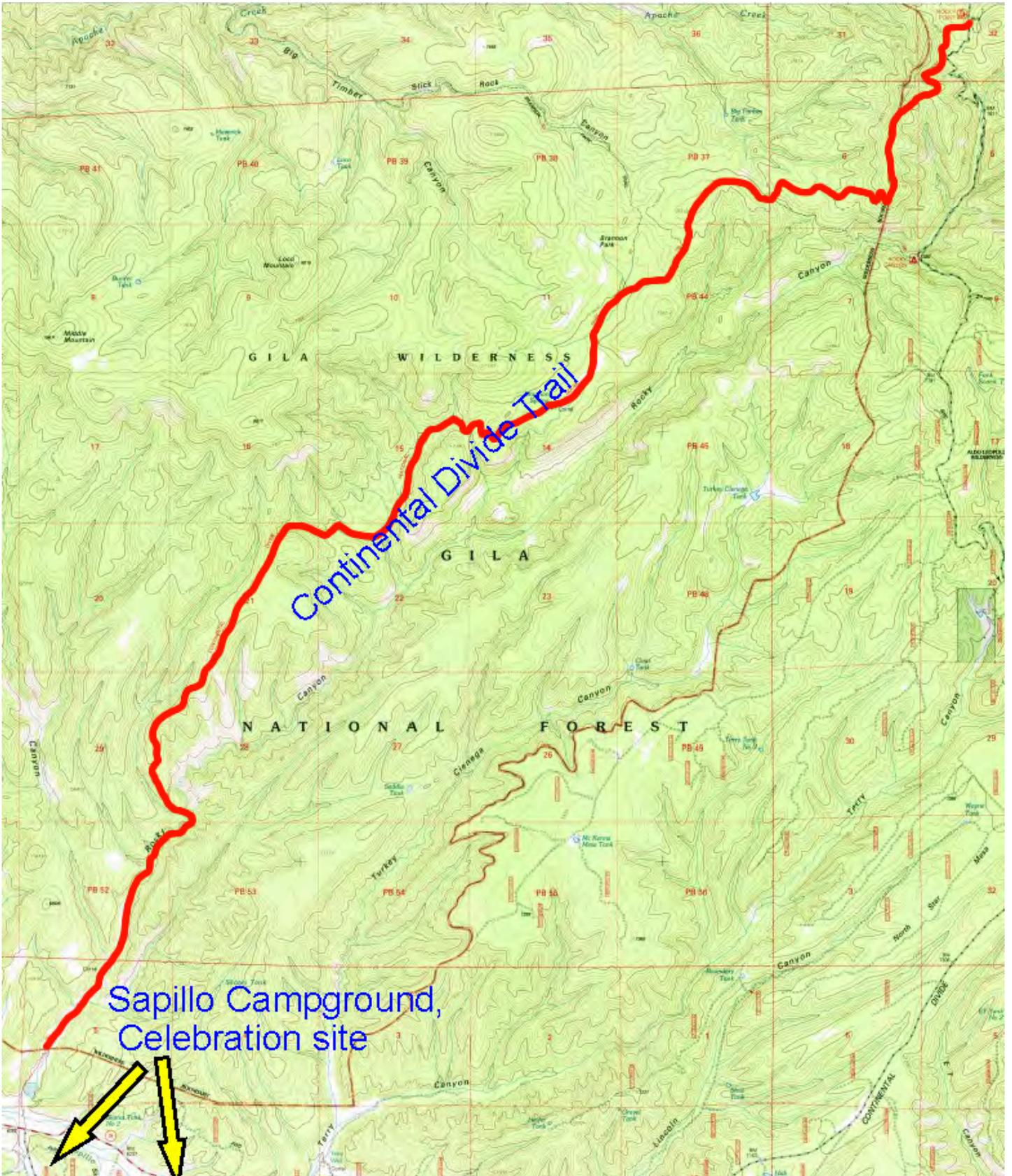
**Bank Balance February 8**                      **\$ 7,185.30** (\$840+ dues to state/national in April)

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**2017 membership**      At the January meeting, we had 8 more members sign up, (7 renew 1 new), 1 family and 4 singles. One more single and two more family memberships were received later via USPS, so we have 56 members (same as February 2016), 20 family and 14 singles.

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Continental Divide Trail in Rocky Canyon



## Rendezvous 2017 Details

### Things to bring:

- Portable fence or high line to contain your equines.
- Both open areas and treed areas are plentiful.
- Chairs for the group area.
- Manure fork to spread manure or collect and carry-out.
- Plates, utensils, cups, bowls, and drinking glasses for all meals.
- Potable water: bring your own for your camp site; a limited amount of water will be available at the group area
- Equine water is available at one trough near the camp area.
- Firewood will be provided for the group area.

**Thursday evening:** "Meet and greet". Please bring your own appetizers and drinks.

**Friday evening:** Bring your own items to grill along with buns or bread if needed;  
Gila Chapter will furnish grills, condiments, beans, coleslaw, and cookies.

**Saturday evening:** Gila chapter will provide dinner. Please remember your dinnerware and drinks.

**Sunday breakfast:** Gila chapter will provide breakfast. Please remember your dinnerware and drinks.

Updates and schedule will be sent to registered participants.

### Other Tips:

Cell phone service is not available at the Celebration Site. Information will be provided with the nearest cell phone service.

Portable toilets will be placed in areas around the camping area.

### Directions to the Celebration Site Camping Area:

From the intersection of US-180 E & NM-152 N (7 miles east of Silver City)

1. East on NM-152 N for 14.1 miles
2. Turn left on NM-35 N and drive 18.4 miles
3. Celebration Site entrance is on your left;
4. From the entrance the check-in for the 2017 Rendezvous is approximately ½ mile.

### Directions to Lake Roberts Motel from Celebration Site Camping Area:

For anyone who prefers a cabin or motel room, Lake Roberts Motel is a 10 minute drive from Celebration. May begins their busy season so book early if you are interested!

- When leaving Celebration, turn left onto NM-35 N, the motel is 7.4 miles.
- Their website is [www.lakerobertsmotel.com](http://www.lakerobertsmotel.com)

**BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF NEW MEXICO**  
**RENDEZVOUS 2017**  
**Celebration Site Camping Area**  
**In the Gila National Forest**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration includes participation in all planned activities.

Activities will be planned for non-riders.

There are no commemorative items included with the registration this year.

**Registration:** 4 days (Thursday, May 18, 2017 through Sunday, May 21, 2017)

	<b># of Persons</b>	
Adults: \$30 per person	_____ x \$30 =	\$ _____
Youth 13-18: \$15 per person	_____ x \$15 =	\$ _____
Children 12 and under are free	_____ Free	
<b>Total Registration :</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

**Liability Waiver**

I/We realize that there are inherent risks involved in all activities with equine animals, and I/we hereby release BCHNM and its officers, directors, and membership, and the United States Forest Service from liability for any accident, injury, or death that may occur to myself/ourselves or my/our equine by participating in any Back Country Horsemen of America activity, in accordance with the EQUINE LIABILITY ACT [42-13-1 NMSA 1978]. I/We further understand that I/we are fully responsible for our minor children and release BCHNM of any and all liability for any accident, injury, and/or death of any minor child. Children under the age of eighteen (18) years are not allowed to participate in any BCHA activity unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Signature of adults and/or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**BCHNM policy: Stallions, dogs, cats, or other pets are not permitted on rides. Dogs are allowed in your camp/vehicles restrained only; dogs are not to be loose in camp and not on the trail.**

**I understand and agree to comply with the BCHNM dog policy.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please familiarize yourself with the Leave No Trace guidelines: <http://www.bchw.org/lnt/lntbk.htm>

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and agree to follow the Leave No Trace guidelines during the BCHNM Rendezvous 2017 in the Gila National Forest.

Make checks payable to: Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico (BCHNM).

Mail completed registration form with payment to: Sam Prda, BCHNM Treasurer, #20 CR 3114, Aztec, NM 87410