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*Working to keep trails open to saddle and pack stock today
and for future generations through education, service and
voice.*

Without trails, where would we ride?

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**Next Meeting: Tuesday September 24, Morrison Inn - 301
Bear Creek Avenue in downtown Morrison. 6:00 pm social, 6:30 meeting**

Pres Sez

Hope everyone is having a busy summer and out enjoying these hot days. There have been several work rides throughout the summer -- thank you leaders for making those happen! Please continue to watch your email for other rides that are happening.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Colorado Trail Ride this year. There had been too much snow and the Forest Service reported the road to Celebration Lake on both

sides was still impassible due to avalanche and rock slides. They were unable to give a time of when it could be passable. We will try again next year.

We had a beautiful ride at Sandstone Ranch on the 20th of July. It was a gorgeous very scenic ride with beautiful red rock formations and huge hay meadows. We had a great potluck after our 2 1/2hr ride. If you get a chance to ride there you won't regret it.

With all of Sherry Baker's efforts and with her awesome crew of volunteers we successfully had our first BCHCO Rendezvous. We had a wonderful weekend with beautiful riding, fun activities and lots of conversations with other BCH members. We are hoping that another chapter will take it on for next year and continue this tradition.

Please join us for our next meeting on September 24th, at the Morrison Inn, Morrison Colorado. Social hour starts at 6 pm and the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Happy Trails

Sharon



BCHCO Rendezvous a HUGE Success!!

FRONT RANGE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF COLORADO hosted the first Colorado State Back Country Horsemen RENDEZVOUS at Clear Fork trailhead near McClure pass. Lots of preparations were done months before the event.



We headed up on August 9th to work on clearing trails and setting up camp for the 70 guests coming in. We had port-o-pottys brought in. Saturday was camp set up and Sunday through Thursday several of us including 2 forest rangers cleared trails.

Chris Vigil of the Northern Chapter with his helpers catered Rendezvous weekend meals which were delicious.

During the Rendezvous we had a Meet and Greet Friday evening with a multitude of appetizers. We had a short trail safety and a lovely LEAVE NO TRACE event and ended with music around the campfire. We also had a bingo game "ice-breaker" to get to know others in camp.

Saturday morning we had super breakfast, then FRONT RANGE led some rides on the trails we had cleared. We also led rides on Friday. All the rides were wonderful riding on good clear trails with wonderful views.

Saturday afternoon we had a packing demo that was very informative and fun. A silent auction also was entertaining with many fun and useful items.





Saturday evening we had a wonderful dinner and music around the campfire.

Sunday morning many attended the Cowboy Church and we ate a super breakfast, then had a fun event of door prizes before people started to pack up and head home.

Thanks to all who attended and especially to those who helped with both the entire event and trail work. It turned out to be a fun and safe

week, for which we all are thankful. Special thanks to Barrett Funka of the Forest Service who allowed us to enjoy this beautiful area.

We had folks attend from all over Colorado plus some from Arizona, Idaho, Iowa and New Mexico. Was so fun to get to know new equine lovers. We're hoping this is the start of a yearly event put on by different chapters in CO.

Here are some photos of great scenery and folks who helped on the trails, and some who rode with us.

Thanks to all --
Sherry Baker



Trail Clearing Activities

Dan Shier led the effort to clear the Lost Creek Trail on August 3. The trailhead is in the State Wildlife Area near Evergreen.

The group made it all the way to the Meridian Trail junction, about 11 or 12 miles round trip. The trail presents no hazards and little in the way of sections with small loose rocks -- great for a first-timer. The first 2.5 miles is alternating meadows and pine woods and is not steep. The last part is in a forested area with a persistently climbing trail. There are good water crossings where the horses could get a drink.

Dan also led a trail-clearing day ride On the Rosalie Trail in Mount Evans Wilderness on September 5th. Linda Mackety, Duey Freeman, Bill Klink and John Case joined in for the ride. The main goal was to clear trail through willows at the upper end of this trail that have congested and hidden the trail for years.



Those of you who have ridden this trail remember the high meadow, a big flat area about 6 miles from the trailhead. At the far end of the meadow, the trail has completely disappeared in an area of willows knee high to waist high. The willow area is 50 to 70 yards across.

The group brought cross-cut and smaller saws and did some

additional corridor widening, but generally concentrated on the willows. The trail was much improved by their efforts!

FOMELC Liason

After a recent FRBCH meeting, Dan Shier had a conversation with Bill Klink. It seems he is quite active in both FOMELC and FRBCH these days. Dan indicated that Bill was in a better position to take the informal position of liason with FRBCH which Dan had held for some years, more active at some times than others. They agreed that Bill now has the job.

Sharon, verified through email, announcing that Bill has volunteered for the job and that he is officially appointed to the job.

Activity Schedule for FRBCH for 2019

September

- 24, Tuesday - General Meeting, Morrison Inn, 6:00 pm social, 6:30 meeting

October

- 23, Wednesday - General Meeting, South Metro Fire & Rescue Headquarters, 6:00 pm social, 6:30 meeting

November

- 19, Tuesday - General Meeting, Morrison Inn, 6:00 pm social, 6:30 meeting

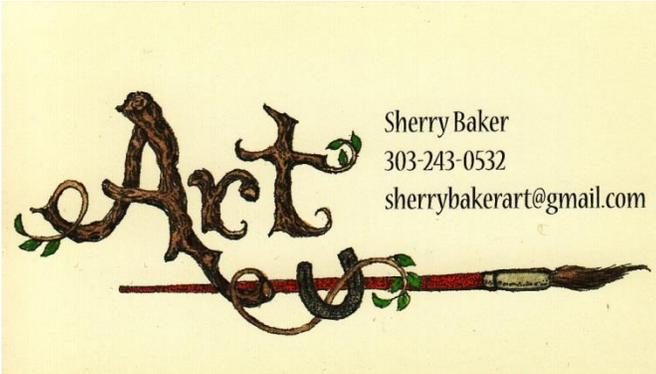
December

- Christmas Tree Ambassadors
- Parker Carriage Parade
- Christmas Party

South Metro Fire & Rescue Headquarters is located at 9195 East Mineral Avenue in Centennial. The meeting room is downstairs (take the elevator).

The Morrison Inn is at 301 Bear Creek Avenue in downtown Morrison. There is additional parking east of the restaurant.

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