

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN MULE ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

February 2011

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<http://rockymountainmule.com>



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## THIS MONTHS MEETING:

**Date:** Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 7:00 P.M.  
**Place:** Los Hermanos Restaurant  
16 W Center St, Provo, UT  
(801) 375-5732.

Once again, there will be a drawing (*for members only*) for a **\$30.00** Gift Certificate from Los Hermanos! Gratuity will **not** be included to individual bills.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The New Years Day Antelope Island ride was a bit chili, but I've rode on a lot colder days in my life. Wildlife was abundant, we saw about 50 buffalo, 100 antelope and several coyotes, this was first time I've ever experienced a den of coyote pups that were not scared of man and came out along side of the trail. Steve Hamilton was able to get them to howl and respond several times, it was quite an unusual experience.

The Mile Marker 10 ride started out with an outstanding breakfast prepared by Vardell Reese and Cary Tratos, Thanks guys, great job!! Congratulations to Jalyn Ward for playing an excellent hand of cards and winning **the fire pit circle donated by IFA**. We rode over to the cabin and met several other riders along the trail and enjoyed a sunny day with no smog or fog and with some great people.

Congratulations to Vance Baxter of Genola, Utah in winning last years raffle and taking home the Henry Rifle! We also want to **thank CAL RANCH for donating our prizes for Poker and the camp fire games.**

In December 2010, Rocky Mountain Mule Association donated a total of \$600.00 to two members of the club to assist with some extreme medical expenses.

Don't forget to buy or help sell Raffle Tickets for the ¼ Beef or \$350.00 Cash, tickets are \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. Contact John if interested in selling or buying tickets.

Resulting from the Jan 12th meeting, we will no longer be ordering RMMA Merchandise to be sold throughout the year. If there is a large enough demand we will place a pre committed order. All remaining club merchandise will be sold at a reduced price at Whitney Pockets. Also all current classified ads will be removed on the April newsletter and any new ads will be posted for a 3 month period and you must be a member to place an ad.

I would like to extend a very large thanks to Doug Tate for maintaining the clubs website for many years and most recently creating our Facebook group page. Facebook is a great way to communicate and know what's happening with your friends and club members, however you do not have to be club member to join the group. I encourage you to join the facebook page and look forward to seeing your comments.

I have solicited to a number of previous members and others by mailing out newsletters, but due to the expense related to the mailings, we will no longer be sending out newsletters to non members beginning in April 2011. If you are still interested in receiving one, then I encourage you to pay your membership dues which will also make you eligible for several drawings throughout the year.

I would like to send out a token of my appreciation to the folks that have helped me get started in my new position as President, and would also like to encourage everyone to share their thoughts or concerns with me to make it a enjoyable year for everyone.

- John Jacobson

## UPCOMING RIDES & ACTIVITIES

### **FEBRUARY: 18-21<sup>st</sup> Whitney Pockets Ride**

Sponsored by Celia Snow;

- Organized Games with Prizes at the Campfire.  
Pot Luck Dinner & Drawing!
- See information & Directions included herein

### **MARCH: 18-20<sup>th</sup> Moab Ride**

Sponsored by Roger Ward.

- New Place, New Adventures! Only a ride  
Roger could put on!

### **APRIL: 15-17<sup>th</sup> Green River Black Dragon Ride**

Sponsored by Mike & Fran Randolph

Reunion ride for friends that Mike and Fran have made over the years during the Green River Trail Rides. There will be lots of new people to meet with new ideas and places to see and allot of interesting stories.

Saturday night the 16<sup>th</sup> Dinner will be pot luck with the meat being provided by the club. There will be no charge for Dinner or the ride.

Planning to ride the wild Burro Trail that was a favorite club ride several years ago

### **MAY: 13-15<sup>th</sup> -The Ant Hill Ride-Torrey Utah**

Sponsored By Durran Brian

- Planning a day ride to the Petrified Forest!

### **JUNE: 24-26<sup>th</sup> -Strawberry Valley Ride**

Sponsored by Jeff Hisler

- New Campsite, New Rides!

### **JULY: 14-17<sup>th</sup> -Uinta Canyon Trail Head-**

Service Project; North of Neola, UT

Sponsored by Cary Tratos

RMMA will be donating Breakfast and Dinner for all 4 days.

Certified Hay and pellets will be provided by RMMA for all animals brought to the project for the entire

There will be many different levels of assignments, so please let us know if you're planning on attending so we can coordinate with the Forest Service.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN MULE ASSOCIATION

2010 Year End Statement of Account

### **Deposits:**

Beginning Balance:	\$2,284.50
Membership Dues:	\$ 785.00
Raffle Ticket/Poker:	\$2,355.00
Christmas Party:	\$1,812.25
<b>Total Deposits:</b>	<b>\$7,236.75</b>

### **Expenses:**

Administrative:	\$ 108.71.
Printing:	\$ 379.33
Promotional:	\$ 922.38
Merchandise:	\$2,037.91
Newsletter:	\$ 766.48
Donations:	\$1,138.97
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$5,353.78</b>

**Beginning Balance for 2011: \$1,882.97**

## JANUARY 2011 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

### **Deposits:**

Beginning Balance:	\$1,882.97
Membership Dues:	\$ 210.00
¼ Beef Ticket Sales:	\$ 140.00

**Total Deposits: \$2,232.97**

### **Expenses:**

Business Renewal:	\$ 10.00 UT Dept of Commerce
Promotional:	\$ 10.00 Drawing January
Membership:	\$ 10.00 Dues Overpayment
Printing:	\$ 61.44 ¼ Beef Tickets
Postage/Supplies:	\$ 113.94 Newsletter, Misc.
Other:	\$ 54.99 Get Well

**Total Expenses: \$ 260.37**

**Balance on 1/12/11: \$1,972.60**

## EDITORS CORNER

Have something to share or sell? Please have all maps for upcoming rides and newsletter submissions to me **no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

We **LOVE** to hear from you, so send in your frustrating, funny or amazing stories of the adventures you are having with your long eared friends. Feel Free to include pictures!

Be sure to check us out on **facebook** for any last minute updates or rides.  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) : search **Rocky Mountain Mule Association**

Membership fees for 2011 are now due. Complete the form on the last page, mail it in and get a **FREE 2011 RMMA calendar!** Encourage your friends & neighbors to join; let's make 2011 the best year yet!

**PLEASE NOTE:** The club e-mail address has changed to:  
[rockymountainmule@live.com](mailto:rockymountainmule@live.com)

Don't forget your Sweetheart on Valentines Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>!!



## WHITNEY POCKETS RIDE

For those of you that missed the last ride at Whitney Pockets, this is an interesting area that is directly East across Lake Mead, from Valley of Fire.



**DIRECTIONS:** After leaving Mesquite, 8-10 miles out, on I-15, you will take the first exit #112 (Riverside, Bunkerville, Gold Butte).

Take a left from the off ramp. About 3 miles down the road you'll cross the Virgin River bridge. After crossing the bridge, turn right.

You will not make anymore turns until you arrive at the campsite. The road is paved all the way, although there are potholes.

Whitney Pockets is 23 miles from the freeway exit. The road turns to dirt at the campsite. When the paved road stops, turn right and find a place to land.

### **Bring Firewood and Stock Water.**

- All remaining RMMA club merchandise will be sold at a reduced price. It will be sold on a first come first serve basis.
- There will be two portable restrooms provided at the campsite.
- Friday night the 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Dessert will be provided by the campfire along with games and prizes.
- Saturday morning the 19<sup>th</sup>
  - There will be a poker game for \$5.00 per hand, with prizes per deck and overall prize will be a britchin **donated by WS Packstation**. Second high hand will be saddle pad donated by RMMA.
  - Ride to an amazing petroglyph panel. It is about a 10-14 mile ride round trip, easy riding but plan on it being a long ride!
- Saturday night the 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Dinner will be pot luck with a roasted pig being **donated and prepared by Jon Holman of Las Vegas**.
  - Drawing for the ¼ Beef or \$350.00 Cash (need not present to win)

**QUESTIONS?** Call Celia Snow  
Evenings 435-574-2231 / cell 435-680-3295

This is a wagon friendly ride, also. Call Todd Greene if you have any questions about that. (435) 469-0111

**STILL IMPORTANT:** This is a popular spot that has been discovered by wheelers and dirt bikes. If there is anyone who could arrive earlier in the week to reserve the campsite, it would really help. If you haven't been before, call me and we'll discuss where to camp. This is not a huge area, so we'll need to pack in as close as we can. For those who are the first to arrive there is a Plan B & C, if this spot is taken, so call me if you plan to go in early. In the event we have to go to plan B or C, watch for a sign. However, it would still be very close to the same area.

**STILL IMPORTANT:** The last time the club camped there, Maggie & I went back a few weeks later and were visited by a BLM Park Ranger. She was hot, thinking that she'd caught the culprits who had left such a mess (hay, sawdust, manure) a few weeks prior! This place doesn't get many horse riders. It was after that the little clips in the newsletter started showing up about leaving a clean camp. As a club, and as individuals, we have to be conscious of leaving these spots the way we found them. The dry desert is especially vulnerable to a long decomposition time. She indicated that it was acceptable to throw trailer trash far and wide, but not leave it in heaps. If we leave an impact, this area could quickly become off limits to equine camping.

The following information is from:  
[www.backcountryrambler.com](http://www.backcountryrambler.com)

Whitney Pockets is a first class destination for any outdoor enthusiast. It is easily accessible and offers a variety of activities for almost any adventurer. It offers not only breathtaking scenery, with magnificent rock formations and a wide variety of desert colors, but also has a deep cultural and historical back-story

Once you reach the deep desert red rocks you can hike, camp, explore the many caves, visit the dam built by Luke Whitney in 1886 later refurbished by the CCC, or one of the many other outdoor activities.

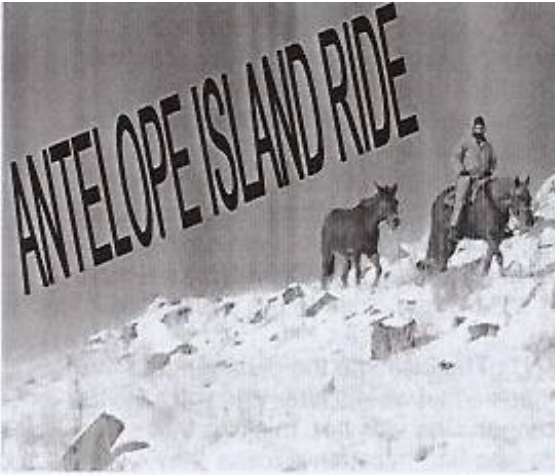
The red and white sandstone hills that make up the desert landscape of Gold Butte are filled with thousands of rock engravings. There is one particular set of petroglyphs found at Luke Whitney that has taken on the name of News Paper Rock. News Paper Rock is a sheer red sandstone outcropping packed with these ancient people's carvings. Many of the flat faced sandstone surfaces in the Luke Whitney Petroglyphs area are covered with a similar style of petroglyphs.



I do not know if the February ride is covering all of these areas or not, but I think that there is a lot to see and explore in the Whitney Pockets area and the February ride is the perfect place to start!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

# ANTELOPE ISLAND RIDE



All the brave souls that showed up at our ride at Antelope Island New Years Day were rewarded with a perfect day! It was me, John Jacobsen, Steve Hamilton, Melissa Anderson, Craig Orme and our newest member, Robert Martinez! It was cold but we were all prepared and enjoyed the ride! We were the first and only group in on a morning that has traditionally seen several riding clubs meeting for a ride the first day of the new year.

Incredible blue skies and sunshine were our reward along with lots of wildlife. Buffalo, coyotes, deer, antelope and chuckars were abundant. Some far some close. I wished I had my telephoto lens with me when we saw about 100 head of antelope running down the side of the mountain on our way back. It was incredible - as if the whole hillside was moving at once. We heard the yips of the coyote pups which was very cool too; I've never heard that before.

As we started back, the Antelope Island "cops" asked if we knew the guy they had hooked up with and we had to tell the truth than Vardell was truly a member of our club. Thankfully he hadn't done anything to get into trouble so we were glad to have him find us! We had a great time, great weather and great companionship on this ride!

*Submitted By: Karen Nalder*



# Mile Marker 10 Ride



Mile Marker 10 Ride turned out to be a beautiful day. Vardell and Cary cooked a wonderful breakfast of sausage and bacon with hashbrowns and pancakes, and eggs. We met some new friends, Jackie Hammer and some old friends came for breakfast but weren't able to ride with us. Harold, Dave Frost, and a few other people came for breakfast but couldn't ride because of other obligations that day.

Roger Ward and Jaylyn came and ran the poker game. It was fun and Jaylyn was the lucky holder of a good set of cards, next was Cory Steele and then Karen. They walked away with some good prizes, a fire ring, rope halter and lead, and leather halter.

A total of 11 riders left camp with bellies full and looking forward to reaching the old cabin. Along the way we stopped at the Mercur Cemetery and then continued on to the old cabin.

We ran into a couple of groups of riders who recognized Karen Nalder from other rides or functions. It was interesting that on an obscure Saturday in January we ran into so many people.

When we arrived at the cabin another group was already cooking their lunch in a nice fire and one of their members had cut his thumb cleaning a snow packed hoof with a really sharp knife that collapsed when he was using it. It was a pretty good cut and thank heavens John and Karen had their first aid kits. They were able to Doctor him up pretty good so that he could enjoy the rest of the day before going to the clinic to get stitches.

It was a fun day and lots of good people to ride and play with. Hope to see more folks on the next ride, we will be looking forward to it.

*Submitted By: Katy McKean*



# MULES WITH MORE

**12 YEAR OLD GELDING:** White paint horse. Broke to ride and rope has a lot of go \$2,000 and **2, 14 YEAR OLD** Team of Draft Horses. Perscheron Mares. Call Bryce Prior (801)616-1082

**12 YEAR OLD GAITED JOHN MULE:** 14.2 Hands, Festus has pulled a wagon most of his life but has been rode and packed for the past 3 years. He is good looking, gaited and has lots of go in him! \$2,500 Call Melissa Young (801)631-2643 or Dave Boyce (435) 529-3245 Evenings

**4 YEAR OLD MOLLY:** She is a dream! Packs great, not a mean bone in her body. She is a dark bay. I raised her and imprinted her. She is not broke to ride yet. \$500.00 **13 YEAR OLD JOHN:** Any one can ride. Black with white socks, 16 hands, neck reins, packs and rides. This mule does it all. He is not a pokey mule! \$2,500.00 Call Jamie Horn (435) 201-4798

**"BOO" 16 YEAR OLD GREY JOHN & "RED" 9 YEAR OLD JOHN:** Two really good mules! Call Chad Carter: (801)592-1580

**1 YEAR OLD JOHN MULE** out of Welsh Pony Mare and Tony Kogianes Mammoth Jack **3 YEAR OLD PONY HORSE CROSS** Red dunn gelding great disposition, has packed. **4 YEAR OLD PONY** Started, Buckskin Junn Mare, out of Welsh pony mare and Dunn Horse Stud. Call Bill Hobbs 801)556-8982

## GENTLE EXPERIENCED MULES FOR SALE:

We buy and sell Mules and Mule Saddles. John & Sena Hauer (435)259-1015 Visit our website [www.backcountrymules.com](http://www.backcountrymules.com) or e-mail us at [jhn@mymules.com](mailto:jhn@mymules.com).

**CERTIFIED WEED FREE HAY:** Call Todd Greene (435) 469-0080

**FREEZE BRAND ENTHUSIASTS:** For more information please call Darin Mulander (435)279-8009

**LOW STANDING 4 JACKS TO THE PUBLIC:** Utah Scooter Rooster mos, Rocky Top Pilgrim, Utah Scooter Scooter, and Utah Scooter Grulla: 500.00. [travisagha@yahoo.com](mailto:travisagha@yahoo.com) Willow Creek Mule Company (435) 979-154

**ACK STANDING AT STUD:** "Paco" offspring have a lot of stripes and great athleticism. \$350.00 For more details call Roger Ward (801)580-3539

**LOW STANDING AT STUD:** Aspens Hay Harley. Registered Spanish Mammoth Jack throwing color and gait of any mare. \$350.00 Heber, Utah; all Skinner (435) 654-1859

**CORSE & MULE FARRIER:** Call Shawn Stevens: (801)380-5265

**CORROWAN LEATHER WORKS:** We build what you want! Bob & Carolyn ay (435) 477-3698 Visit our website [www.bobraysaddles.com](http://www.bobraysaddles.com)

**ISC. MULE EQUIPMENT FOR SALE:** Bear proof stainless panniers. Really nice setup that includes the kitchen, and other items. Call Howard Reed (801)773-2625

**CORSE PROPERTY:** If you are interested in buying a house with horse property, contact George or Sheryl Bible (801)310-4663

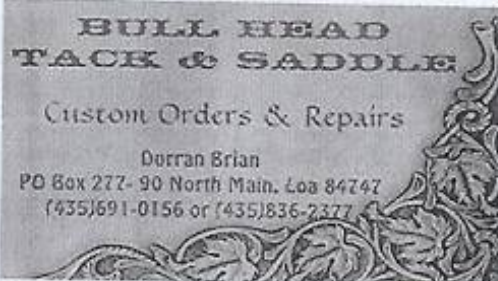
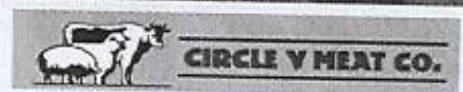
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### Yates Travel Trailer Sales, Parts & Service

### Rocky's American Car Care Center



### Just a NOTE..

All current classified ads will run until the April newsletter. All new ads will be posted for a 3 month period, You must renew your ad or it will be removed. You must be a member to post a classified ad in the newsletter. If you're not a member and still want to place an ad, there will be a yearly \$30.00 membership fee.

E-Mail Ad Submissions To: [rockymountainmule@live.com](mailto:rockymountainmule@live.com)

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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN MULE ASSOCIATION**  
**2011 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION**  
**\$30.00 A YEAR - PER HOUSEHOLD**

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

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach and send with check **payable to RMMA** to:  
Karen Nalder,  
12554 Janice Drive  
Riverton, Utah 84065

*You can also give it to any officer and they will see that Karen gets it.*