

BCHNEG Newsletter

Greetings to everyone! It has been a while since a newsletter and there has been a lot going on.



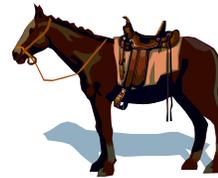
In June, we worked on the 'Red Clay Bank Trail' that connects Earl's Ford Road to the Willis Knob loop. The trail is now 3 feet wide and wonderful! In September, we improved the trail down from the cell phone area and further toward the Big Island Ford crossing. There were several spots that were nothing but deep mud and our trail bosses and equipment fixed the problem.

Our future projects include improving the entrance to the Big Island crossing and rerouting the trail near Earl's Ford crossing where you have to go around the rocks in the river. Also, an area above Pig Pen Branch has washed and created gulleys. Some of these changes require help and approval from the Forest Service.

A big thank you goes to all the volunteers that went to help on our workdays. An extra thank you goes to Tom Adams, Doyle Williams, Tommy James, and Wendell Cochran. They used their machinery and extra days making sure the trail was 'just right'! Brenda James and Dayle Faulkner spent two days nailing up the new trail markers while others trimmed the trails and guarded the trails for safety with oncoming traffic. The Forest Service

provided gravel and hauled it to Willis Knob for us.

It takes each and every one of us working together as a team to make all of this happen and BCHNEG should be proud of what we have gotten done to date.



Please contact Dana if you have a chainsaw, equipment, or UTV license that will expire in 2014 or 2015. Also, if you are interested in taking a UTV certification class, please call Dana at 706-982-9037 so she can add you to the list.

The dates for certification locally that have been set are:

4-11-15 CPR/First Aid certification

6-13-15 Chain saw certification

These are at the Chattooga River District in Tallulah Falls.



STATE BCH RENDEZVOUS

The first state rendezvous will be held at Cottonwood Patch Campground near Chatsworth., GA. This event will be Oct. 31 to Nov. 2, 2014. Several activities are planned with prizes. The camping cost \$5.00 per site. Also, the state board is requesting \$20 per person as a donation to the state board to pay for expenses that state officials have to

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pay out of their own pocket. Everyone has been sent an email about this event. If you have not received an email, please let Kathy Keller know. We need to be represented at this ride and hopefully several can attend. It is not far away and would probably take one tank of gas.



New Website

Our wonderful young member, Katie Deal, is working on a new website. It is almost finished and looks great! There are photos of members riding, membership forms, info about the trails, and info about our group.

Please take time to look at our website. If you have suggestions for changes or improvements, please, let us know.

www.bchneg.org

T-Shirts for Sale

A committee is working on a new t-shirt for our group. It is time for a new look and you will receive a picture when it is available. Order forms will be sent out for you to use.



CHRISTMAS GATHERING AND MEETING

On December 6, we will meet at the Valley Café in Dillard, GA at 6:00. Heavy appetizers will be served with a short meeting. You will be contacted the week before to see if you can come. We will need to let the restaurant know how many to feed.

Be sure to put this date on your calendar!