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## Winter 2012 NEWSLETTER

### WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN AT EAST FORK THIS YEAR?

### JOIN US! APRIL 12-15<sup>th</sup> for our 5<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BENEFIT RIDE

#### This year we have planned:

- ⤴ **Thursday night** – Cookout & dessert buffet – please bring a dessert to share
- ⤴ **Friday Night** - Silent / Live auction
- ⤴ **Saturday Night** - Movie – Popcorn & Sangria
- ⤴ **Friday and Saturday** - Horsemanship Classes with Pete Dillingham – group and private available – call 706-632-3063 for reservations
- ⤴ **Equine photographer** available for action shots on the trail and portraits
- ⤴ **Massage therapist** available on site to ease out the kinks after a day's riding!
- ⤴ **Trailer awning installation and minor repair.** Must call Paul Blair by March 29, 2012 to schedule an appointment and discuss your order. Awning prices start at \$300. Phone 574-527-2670 or email [Paul.BlairJr@gmail.com](mailto:Paul.BlairJr@gmail.com).
- ⤴ **Pork Chop Corner** – Weigh your horse on our large animal scale! (*Courtesy Seminole Feed, with door prizes!*)
- ⤴ With more fun stuff to be added, this is going to be a great event!

**Call East Fork at 931-879-1176 for reservations!**

### REMINDER...

Auction items are needed! If you have items you would like to donate, or any questions about the auction or the weekend, please contact Nanci at 706-455-1966 or by email [ntnt@tds.net](mailto:ntnt@tds.net).

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

**Dear Fellow BCHNG Members,**

Thank you all who attended our December 2011 Annual Meeting and Christmas Party, as well as those of you who could not be present but cast ballots by mail or fax to elect your new BCHNG directors and officers for 2012. We appreciate your support and the confidence you have placed in us by asking us to lead our organization this year.

We have accomplished a great deal in the few years since BCHNG was founded in 2006. And we have earned a “place at the table,” and the respect of land managers and fellow trail users and their organizations, for the work we do to preserve and maintain trails and campgrounds on public lands. BCHNG's motto says it best: *Dedicated to the Gentle Use, Protection and Preservation of Georgia's Trails and Back Country.*

Our founding president, Susan Shedd, her successors Jim McGarvey, Larry Wheat and Melinda Towe – and the officers and directors who served with them – have led us to the strong position we enjoy today. We owe them a big debt of gratitude. Next time you see them, please tell them **Thank You!**

There is still much more we need to do and it will require every current, former and new member's involvement and participation to achieve it. We need to rebuild membership to the levels of a few years ago when BCHNG was one of the largest and most active chapters in our national organization. In the past couple of years, your directors, officers and a few very active members have worked hard to maintain an active and visible profile. But we need more of you to help and be involved.

A recent example of what we have achieved is the major role BCHNG has played in the CoTrails (Collaborative Trails) Initiative, launched by the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest in Georgia last year (more later in this issue of the newsletter).

So, if you have not done so already, please renew your membership now and join us for the many important events we have scheduled in 2012 (see next page). And help BCHNG continue to contribute to make horse and other recreational trails on our National Forests and on other public lands in Georgia the best that they can be!

Carlos Martel,  
President

## **MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT!**

Individual yearly dues are \$30, \$40 for a family and \$60 for a business membership, which includes an ad on the sponsor page of our website, as well as the sponsor page of our newsletter. [Click here for a BCHNG membership form.](#)

Please renew or rejoin today!

## **2012 UPCOMING EVENTS** **– SAVE THESE DATES!**

**Feb 7** – Georgia Equine Commission’s Youth Day at the Capitol – BCHNG is a sponsor

**Feb 11, 18 & 25** – USFS / CoTrails Inventory Workshops & Training – Details to Follow

**Mar 10** – State Parks Workday, Ft. Mountain State Park – Camp and help work on the trails

**Mar 17** – Team Conasauga Workday

**Mar 20** – CoTrails General Meeting, 6-8 PM, FS Supervisor’s Office, Gainesville

**Apr 12 – 15** – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Benefit Ride at East Fork Stables, Jamestown, TN

**Apr 21 – 22** – USFS / CoTrails Field Demonstrations & Workshops – Trails Education and Training

**Apr 24 – 28** – Back Country Horsemen of America Annual Meeting, Eugene, Oregon

**May 12** – Jacks River Fields Spring Cleanup

**May TBD** – BCHNG Membership Meeting & CoTrails Update

**Jun 2** – National Trails Day at Jacks River Fields – Workday and camping weekend

**Jul 12 – 15** – SETC Exhibitor (Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference), Lexington, KY

**Oct or Nov TBD** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Leaf Ride

**Dec 7** – Annual Meeting & Christmas Party

## **ANNUAL MEETING & CHRISTMAS PARTY – 2011 Year-in-Review**

On Friday, December 9, 2011 Back Country Horsemen of North Georgia held its Annual Membership Meeting & Christmas Party at the Fannin County Senior Center in Blue Ridge. More than 40 members attended, bringing side dishes and delicious desserts. BCHNG provided the BBQ brisket and baked ham.

Elections for BCHNG officers and directors positions called for by the By Laws were held during the Annual Meeting. President Melinda Towe asked Bob Goggins, chairman of the nominating committee, to present the recommended slate of candidates. BCHNG Secretary, Susan Shedd, gathered and tallied the ballots

and announced the following results:

Carlos Martel – President  
Kathleen Corcoran – Secretary  
Hanley Rose – Director  
Paul Saunders – Director

The gavel was passed to the new president, Carlos Martel, who presented outgoing president Melinda Towe,



founding president, Susan Shedd, and former president and founding director, Jim McGarvey, with plaques in appreciation and recognition for their outstanding service to the organization.



Susan Shedd made a special presentation to US



Forest Service Ranger Larry Thomas, who was recently promoted from the Conasauga Ranger District to the Forest Supervisor’s office in Gainesville. Larry has been a long-time friend

of BCHNG and the founder of Team Conasauga, a concept he will try to promote throughout the four FS districts in Georgia. In his remarks, he talked about the continued need for collaboration between user groups in the forest. Larry also presented Team Conasauga T-shirts to BCHNG members who had contributed more than 20 volunteer hours during the prior year.

BCHNG was active on many fronts in 2011 as summarized by Carol Martel. **Highlights were:**

- Built the Fannin County Park Nature Trail
- Sponsored & participated in the Georgia Equine Commission’s Youth Day at the Capitol
- Participated in the USFS Collaborative Trails Initiative (“CoTrails”), started in February 2011, continued during the year, leading to the launch of the CoTrails Strategic Plan in January 2012
- Organized BCHNG’s participation in the Annual State Parks Workday at Ft. Mountain State Park
- Organized the 4th Annual BCHNG Benefit Ride at East Fork Stables in Jamestown, TN
- Attended and represented BCHNG at BCHA’s Annual National Directors Meeting in Butte, MT

- Hosted BCHNG's annual National Trails Day workday and camping weekend at Jacks River Fields with 20+ volunteers participating
- With proceeds from the AQHA-Tractor Supply STEP grant received in late 2010, purchased a:
  - Zero-turn mower to maintain the fields at the JRF campground and horse camp
  - Cargo trailer for the mower and trail tools to perform routine maintenance on the South Fork and other BCHNG-adopted trails. Many specialty hand tools including fire rakes, McLeods, Pulaskis, etc. were provided for the trailer on indefinite loan from the Forest Service
- Exhibited & attended SETC (Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference) in Auburn, AL
- Organized a Fall Leaf Ride at Circle E Guest Ranch near Winchester, TN.
- Attended a bidder's conference for contractors to repair sections of the South Fork Trail; will monitor progress and keep members informed when the work begins in early March 2012.

BCHNG's Jim McGarvey, who was elected to serve on the BCHA Executive Committee, gave an update on BCHA's current activities including concern over the BLM's proposal to declare some BLM land "pristine" which could put it off limits to man or animal. BCHA is watching this issue very closely.

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FORMED**

You may not be aware of this, but membership in BCHNG has remained relatively flat for the past several years. The economy is one obvious factor. Nonetheless, we need to increase our membership numbers and member participation in order to protect and preserve our access to riding on public lands. Why do we need more members? Members are the foundation of this organization, which offers unique opportunities to meet new friends and riding partners, share experiences and knowledge, and of utmost importance, to provide trail access, maintenance support and input to local, state, and federal agencies.

This year, we are undertaking a concerted effort to increase our membership and **we need your help!** A membership committee comprised of Paul Saunders, Nanci Tarrant and Hanley Rose is looking at many options for increasing membership including brochures/cards for display in local businesses, using our booth at local events, at activities affiliated with local saddle clubs, and finally, face-to-face solicitation of support from local businesses. A simple but effective approach is for members to carry blank applications in their vehicles. This is a great "on-the-spot" method to encourage friends, new acquaintances, or

businesses we buy from, to join BCHNG! ([Click here for a BCHNG membership form.](#))

Help us ensure that our children and grandchildren will have the same, or better, trail riding opportunities in our National Forests.

We welcome suggestions from our members and invite you to join our committee. Contact Paul at [paul@suncoastsolutions.org](mailto:paul@suncoastsolutions.org) or by phone at 706-258-2779, or other committee members (Nanci at 706- 455-1966 or Hanley at 706-374-1045) with your ideas or to volunteer!

### **VOLUNTEER TIME – BCHNG**

BCHNG members are still hard at work volunteering their time and efforts to maintain and construct our equestrian trails in the north Georgia area. Also, considerable volunteer time has been spent in certifications and trail planning with the Forest Service. **Volunteer time reported for 2011 totals 1,486 hours!** Below is a breakdown of BCHNG's 2011 volunteer efforts.

Beech Bottom/Dry Creek	21.50 Hrs.
Certifications/Training	294.50 Hrs.
Garland Mtn. Trails Area	62.25 Hrs.
Fannin County Park	111.00 Hrs.
Fort Mountain State Park	103.00 Hrs.
Jacks River Fields/South Fork Trail	285.50 Hrs.
Pinhoti Trail Area	39.00 Hrs.
Penitentiary Trail	18.00 Hrs.
Blood Mountain	129.00 Hrs.
Jake & Bull Mtn. Trails	81.00 Hrs.
CoTrails Initiative	341.00 Hrs.

Total volunteer time reported for all of 2010 was 926 hours and 1,151 Hrs. for all of 2009. Please help us do even better in 2012!

Remember to report your volunteer time and efforts to Bob Goggins by email [rgoggins@tds.net](mailto:rgoggins@tds.net) or by phone 706-838-4170. Please report your work time as soon as possible after the work date so that accurate and current records can be maintained. Volunteer time is reported to the Forest Service bi-monthly, and to BCHA National annually. Thank you for all your efforts.

### **CALL IN TRAIL PROBLEMS, BLOWDOWNS & OTHER HAZARDS**

When you come across trail problems that need to attention, please report them to Bob Goggins (see contact info above) so that they can be addressed. Report the date when observed, trail name and location, GPS coordinates if possible, and a description of the problem to be corrected.

## COLLABORATIVE TRAILS INITIATIVE CoTRAILS Strategic Plan Launched – Trails Assessment Started

For the past year, BCHNG members have been busy working on an initiative called *CoTrails: A Collaborative Trails Initiative Supporting the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests* (CONF) in Georgia. We are joined by members of sister BCH chapters, other horse organizations, and a large number of volunteers from other groups who enjoy the use of forest trails and campgrounds.

### ***Why is CoTrails important to our future enjoyment of horse and multi-use trails on the Forest?***

Collaboration on the trails of the Chattahoochee-Oconee ... = CoTrails stemmed from the realization that if we are to preserve, and continue to have access to the wonderful recreational opportunities that our national forests offer our citizens, we, the users who benefit from them, must make significant volunteer contributions to maintain and support a diverse, quality trails system on Georgia's forests.

Through the CoTrails process, we also realized that it was imperative that the different user groups who enjoy the trails, and have often been in conflict with one another and with the Forest Service, come together and agree to develop and work on shared solutions to common problems.



George Bain, Forest Supervisor, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, addresses CoTrails Volunteers

During most of 2011, more than 350 volunteers representing hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, hunters and anglers, motorized drivers and other enthusiasts of the forest, devoted nearly 5,000 hours of their personal time to identify, explore and discuss the issues and challenges, and develop the CoTrails Strategic Plan. Some 40 of those worked in smaller groups focused on the areas that the larger group indicated as priority. From those, a small group of 8 volunteers representing the major user groups was appointed by the larger group to finalize the plan and continue to lead the effort.

This "Working Group" presented the CoTrails Strategic Plan to the forest supervisor's leadership team in November that was approved by year-end. ([Click here for approved CoTrails Strategic Plan](#))

The plan was unveiled in January 2012 at a full weekend of volunteer training workshops attended by more than 100 participants representing the diverse groups who enjoy the use of forest trails.



Carlos Martel presents CoTrails Strategic Plan

To the many BCH members and other equestrians who have participated in the CoTrails process, we say **Thank You!** You have made BCHNG visible, engaged, and with a seat at the table as conversations about trails on the forests unfolded. For those who have not been involved, please join us now!

There is much to be done as the strategic plan is implemented and it will be critical that equestrian interests continue to be well represented. There will be many opportunities to participate in CoTrails activities in the next few weeks – three Trails Inventory Workshops in February (11, 18 & 25) and four Field Demonstration sessions in April. (See box below and stay tuned for details).

For more information and to stay in touch, visit [www.CoTrails.org](http://www.CoTrails.org) and plan to participate in as many upcoming CoTrails events as possible. We'll see you on the trail!

### ***Please mark your calendars for these upcoming CoTrails events:***

#### **CoTrails Inventory Workshops**

February 11 - 9:00am - 4:00pm – Conasauga RD

Keown Falls near The Pocket Campground

February 18 - 9:00am - 4:00pm – Blue Ridge RD\*

February 25 - 9:00am - 4:00pm – Chattooga River RD\*

#### **CoTrails General Meeting**

March 20 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm – Chattahoochee-Oconee NF Supervisors Office

#### **CoTrails Field Demonstrations\***

April 14 - 9:00am - 4:00pm – Blue Ridge RD

April 15 - 9:00am - 4:00pm – Conasauga Ranger District

April 21 - 9:00am - 4:00pm – Chattooga River RD

April 22 - 9:00am - 4:00pm – Oconee RD

\*Stay tuned for details & locations

## THE TRAIL TO BLOOD MOUNTAIN A UNIQUE COLLABORATION ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

### ***Can hikers and equestrians work together to save historic structures on the nation's most prestigious hiking trail?***

The answer is YES and the trail to Blood Mountain, Georgia tells the story of an amazing collaboration. And the connections that brought the equestrians and the hikers together began at a meeting of volunteers working together to establish the Collaborative Trails Initiative (CoTrails) in partnership with the US Forest Service.

Gary Monk, former president of the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club, had a dream. An AT "thru-hiker" in 2002, Gary wanted to save the old Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) shelter that is a favorite resting and overnight camping place for hikers on the trail as it begins its 2180-mile journey from Georgia to Maine.

Making his dream come true was a long and drawn-out task, but it was completed with the help of Dewey Campbell from Blue Ridge, member of Back Country Horsemen of North Georgia (BCHNG), a farrier by trade, and his pack string partner, Jimmy Hollis. Introducing Dewey to this opportunity was another BCHNG member, Kathleen Corcoran. She served with Gary on the CoTrails Initiative, launched by the US Forest Service last year where she learned that Gary was looking for proposals from pack stock wranglers for this project.

To coordinate the repairs to the CCC structure, Gary had to deal with many difficulties and potentially derailing obstacles. The shelter is in a designated wilderness area so no motorized vehicles, helicopters or power tools are allowed.

And, substantial funding was needed to finance this ambitious project.

As a retired Delta Air Lines captain and former Marine, Gary had the true grit to take on a project with so many challenges. A grant from the Waterfall Foundation provided the funding, and so began the long process of getting buy-in and approvals from the US Forest Service and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

Next, Gary had to find the right contractors to construct the shelter roof consistent with preserving historic buildings and a way to transport all construction materials, hand tools and equipment up and down the mountain with minimal damage to

the steep and rocky access trail. He received responses from 15 potential bidders, from Vermont to North Carolina, with proposals for building the roof. Four of those put in final bids and the contractor selected was Bona Fide Construction of Athens, Georgia.

The task of finding a way to get the heavy white oak timbers to the shelter proved more difficult. Three pack stock wranglers showed interest in the project. With the selection of Dewey and Jimmy, Gary found experienced wranglers using Tennessee Walking horses, American Quarter horses and mules trained for both packing and riding.

Adding to the historical nature of the project, Jimmy's grandfather was one of the CCC builders who constructed the original shelter. His grandmother Hazel, still active and bowling at the age of 90, met her future husband while he was working on the shelter near Blairsville, Georgia. Her grandson, Jimmy, rekindled the family's connection to the shelter when he and Dewey and their pack animals were selected to haul construction materials up and down the mountain.

In Dewey, Gary also found a man with an entrepreneurial mindset ready to find solutions to the challenges of Blood Mountain, the highest point on the AT in Georgia. The swivel mechanisms or lumber cradles allowed the longest beams to be secured onto two animals' backs, providing the sideways rotation to go around the sharp turns and the up and down movement to tackle the steep climbs along the selected access trail to the restoration site.

But when the materials arrived at the staging site, the beams were heavier than originally estimated. Overnight, the wranglers had to come up with a better way to deal with both the weight and length of the beams. Dewey's idea for securing the big beams to the pack frames made it work.



Dewey & team load 14 ft., 200 lbs. beams on pack stock



Beams & rafters, hauled by pack team, installed, ready for shingles

Before Dewey's solution, the plan was to drag the beams up the access trail with significant damage to the trail tread that would require many hours of trail rehabilitation. "If not for Dewey's well-trained pack animals and unique carrying system, the entire project could not have been done," said Gary.

According to Dewey, "It was exciting to work on this historic shelter on America's oldest and most famous hiking trail. I felt like I was really a part of preserving our country's traditions on the trail." He added, "I was happy that I could show some of the non-equestrians how important it is for the folks who love all the trails in this country to work together to preserve what we all value so much."



Success! Project completed on time and on budget!

With an emphasis on safety and training of the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club members and other volunteers, and working with passing hikers to minimize encounters with the heavily-loaded pack train, Gary, Dewey and Jimmy were able to avoid close encounters for an injury-free project. As important, the project came in on budget.

So what was the secret to doing the impossible? According to Gary, "it was a lot of determination, perseverance and finding the right people to get the work done." In this case, they looked to the past to restore a 1930's structure while preserving the historic Appalachian Trail. "We found it by drawing from our nation's historic mode of transport – pack animals," Gary added. "And we used unique designs to handle the long beams on the winding trail to complete the task without damaging the land."

To top it all, Gary, an avid hiker never interested in being around, much less sitting on a horse, became comfortable around these working equine and decided to at least have his picture taken on Maddie, one of the pack mules. Once in the saddle, and with photos taken, he rode up the mountain and later back down, helping to wrangle the pack train on the final workday.

And now Gary announces proudly to his friends and fellow trail hikers: "I am an equestrian too!"

Gary Monk, Project Leader,  
AT "Thru Hiker" & now  
"Equestrian," on Maddie



*Editor's Note: To see how the pack train moved the materials up and down Blood Mountain, click on the link at [www.bchng.org](http://www.bchng.org) to view photos and video made by BCHNG and SABCH member Jim Holland.*

### **LEAVE NO TRACE TIP**

BCHNG has two *LNT* Master Educators for Pack Stock Use. They offer *LNT* Awareness Workshops and *Train the Trainer* Programs to interested groups of Scouts, 4H, FFA, saddle clubs, etc. Please contact Melinda Towe (706-455-2921) or Susan Shedd (706-633-7041) for more information.

### ***LNT Principle #1 – Plan Ahead and Prepare***

- Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you will visit
- Check for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use
- Visit in small groups when possible. Consider splitting larger groups into smaller groups.
- Repackage food to minimize waste
- Use a map & compass to eliminate the use of marking paint, rock cairns or flagging.

## **RTP FUNDING – ACTION ALERT!**

In a nutshell: On February 2, the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee approved the U.S. House of Representatives Bill H.R. 7. It now goes to the full House for a vote expected later this month. The bill reauthorizes funding of \$85 million for the Recreational Trails Program for fiscal years 2013 thru FY 2016.

The RTP program has benefitted equestrian trails and programs very significantly, including projects at Jake & Bull in the Blue Ridge RD, Dry Creek in the Conasauga RD and others in the Chattooga River and Oconee RDs.

It is currently funding a significant portion of the professional trails assessment presently underway on approximately 200 miles of trail segments on our national forests in Georgia, a major strategic objective of the CoTrails Strategic Plan.

The US Senate has a different bill that does not include RTP funding ***so it is important to let our elected officials know how critical this program is to recreational horse and multi-use trails in Georgia and across the nation.*** [Click here to follow the legislation and to contact your elected officials.](#)

## **LAND CONSERVATION / LAND USE**

### **-- One-Day Educational Forum Series**

The Equine Land Conservation Resource (ELCR) has announced a new series of Regional Educational Forums. These sessions will address land conservation and protection, trails access issues and the needs for community equine facilities across the nation, and will culminate in a National Conference in 2014.

During 2012, the forums will focus on Community Land Use Planning. Shannondale Farm in Alpharetta, Georgia will host the March 10 forum with the theme: "Secrets of Community Land Use Planning Revealed - And Why You Should Care."

For more information and details, visit [www.ELCR.org](http://www.ELCR.org) or contact Denise O'Meara at ELCR at (859) 455-8383.

## **ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE**

War Horse is at theaters now. Good flick. It is about horse use in WWI. Joanne Mitchell viewed the movie with only one tissue. Her grandfather, a farm boy, trained artillery mules while stationed at Fort Oglethorpe. The movie is from the book War Horse by Michael Morpurgo written for young adults.

## **BCHA NATIONAL BOARD MEETING**

The next BCHA National Board Meeting will be held in Eugene, Oregon on April 24-28, 2012. Carlos Martel and Jim McGarvey will serve as delegates from BCHGA. All BCH members are welcome to attend.

## **BCHNG 2012 BOARD MEMBERS TERMS**

### **Officers:**

Carlos Martel – President – 2 yr. term – elected  
Carol Martel – Vice Pres. – 1 yr. term – appointed\*  
Kathleen Corcoran – Sec. – 2 yr. term – elected  
Martha Fillingham – Treas. – 1 yr. left on term

### **Directors:**

Bob Goggins – Director – 1 yr. left on term  
Hanley Rose – Director – 2 yr. term – elected  
Paul Saunders – Director – 2 yr. term – elected  
Nanci Tarrant – Director – 1 yr. term – appointed\*  
Melinda Towe – Director – 1 yr. term – appointed\*  
\*To fill unexpired terms

## **NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

***Send news items to newsletter editor, Joanne Mitchell at [JFGMhorse@gmail.com](mailto:JFGMhorse@gmail.com). Or 423-337-6194 landline or 865-250-1645 cell. Newsletters will come out quarterly. Next newsletter will be Spring 2012.***

## **RABIES IN GEORGIA, PLEASE VACCINATE**

There has recently been a confirmed case of rabies in a cow in Jackson County, Georgia. The incident occurred in the Unity Church Road area of Maysville, GA. Rabies is always fatal if not treated, and its presence appears to be increasing, according to data from health departments in Jackson, Madison and Banks counties in Georgia. Any warm-blooded animal, horses included, can get rabies. Please include an annual rabies vaccine in your vaccination schedule. For more information about rabies or other equine diseases, talk with your veterinarian and go to [www.outbreak-alert.com](http://www.outbreak-alert.com) sponsored by Merial.

## **HORSES FOUND**

1. The grey TWH horse, missing from the Cottonwood Patch horse campground has been found! It wandered into someone's yard and has been reunited with its owner.
2. Linda Norton found an old mare, a young gaited horse and a jack that had been turned loose in the Cherokee National Forest. She brought them all home and had them evaluated by a vet. They were all close to starvation. If interested, pictures can be found on the SABCH facebook page.

## Meet our Sponsors!

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