



News from 10,000 Feet!

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Brian Head Town News

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The Dummkops', an authentic German showband, have provided the Oktoberfest entertainment in Brian Head for years!

Brian Head Commemorates 20 Years of Oktoberfest Celebrations!

Brian Head will be holding its 20th Annual Oktoberfest on September 15 & 16, 2012 at the Navajo Lodge in Brian Head. Come celebrate from noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 15th and from noon to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 16th! There will be:

- Authentic German Food
- Genuine German Music
- Costumed German Dancers
- A variety of vendors selling their wares

Everyone is welcome – young and old! If you haven't been to an Oktoberfest celebration, you're missing out. It's fun to explore different cultures -- the German food is delicious and the German entertainment is fun for all ages! If you have already attended an Oktoberfest, we know you will be here again this year.

Another highlight of the Oktoberfest celebration is the beautiful scenery you will enjoy. By mid-September the leaves are starting to change colors and by the first part of October, the entire mountain is a magnificent color of yellow (with a few hues of red, orange, brown and green). Our mountain really is breathtaking in the fall!

Please come and enjoy a day (or two) with us during Oktoberfest! We guarantee an enjoyable experience and one you will want to add to your calendar every year!



Dancers from a past Oktoberfest Celebration in Brian Head

History of Brian Head's Oktoberfest

First, a history of the Hartlmaier family, who started Oktoberfest
Three of Brian Head Town's first residents, Georg & Stephanie Hartlmaier and their 16 month old baby, Georg Jr., moved from Germany to Brian Head in 1964.

In 1964, the Vasels family, who started Brian Head Resort, ran into Georg in Munich, Germany, took him and his wife to dinner, and offered him a position to help pioneer Brian Head Resort. The Hartlmaiers' accepted the offer and moved to Utah.

The Vasels picked the perfect person to help start the ski resort! Georg was a machinist by trade. He was also very musically talented and belonged in a band in Germany before moving to Utah. He played the guitar and had a beautiful singing voice. Georg helped build and maintain the ski lifts at Brian Head; he was also a ski instructor and a member of the ski patrol. When the Hartlmaiers' second child, Robbie, was born in 1966, Merrill Dalley, a college student who was helping at the Resort, announced at the ski lifts that Brian Head's population just changed from 3 to 4.

Georg Sr.'s first love was mountain climbing. He went to the Himalayas 3 times. He climbed Mount Everest to 26,000 feet when weather stopped him and his group from going any higher. He climbed mountains all over in Europe, France and Austria.

Twenty years ago, Ken Kraus, the Director of Marketing at Brian Head, was visiting with Georg Hartlmaier, Jr. about coming up with a summer event in Brian Head. Georg Jr. suggested having an annual Oktoberfest. He volunteered his mom, Stephanie Hartlmaier, a German native, to help get it going. After the first 4 years, the event became too big for the Hartlmaier family to oversee so the Brian Head Chamber of Commerce took over after that.

Brian Head's Oktoberfest is probably the biggest event in Brian Head each year and will be enjoyed by many for several years to come.



A Brief History of How Oktoberfest Celebrations Came About

The famed Oktoberfest began with a Royal Bavarian Wedding in 1810. To celebrate his autumn marriage, King Ludwig I called for a State Fair in Munich. The festival was dedicated to the fall harvest and, of course, BEER - the region's most famous product.

Tradesmen and merchants came from throughout Southern Germany to join in the merrymaking. They examined the crops, sang, danced and sampled the first beer of the season.

The celebration was such a success that Ludwig issued a royal decree making every October in Munich a festival time. Oktoberfest has been held annually in Germany ever since and has grown into the largest of all German beer festivals.



Stephanie Hartlmaier & grandkids at past Oktoberfest Event



Georg Hartlmaier Sr. & Grandson

Driving in the Mountains

(By Brad Benson, Deputy Public Safety Officer)

Brian Head Marshals respond to a large number of emergency calls each year dealing with drivers who find themselves in over their heads when driving up or down our steep roads.

Times have changed and so have the vehicles we drive. It is hard to find a car or truck that does not have an automatic transmission, instead of the old manual transmissions that many of us first learned to drive. Because we have changed from learning to shift gears, up and down, many drivers now, simply sit behind the steering wheel, shift the transmission to drive and push on the gas pedal to go and push on the brake pedal to stop. This is fine for driving around town but what about when driving up and down steep grades? Not knowing how to properly maneuver the numerous steep grades in our area can not only be damaging to the vehicles we drive, but can also be very dangerous to ourselves and other drivers on the road.

Safety should always be our number one priority when driving anywhere. This is especially true when driving on steep grades. Drivers must realize that they are responsible for maintaining control of the vehicle they drive and always be ready to stop if they have to. Drivers need to know the limitations of their vehicles, and how to safely operate that vehicle.

Drivers need to pay attention to the Yellow warning signs posted along the roadway that advise drivers to slow down on sharp curves or that a steep grade is coming up. State Route 143 has some of the steepest grades in the country and drivers need to consider the possible ramifications of driving too fast on this highway.

Police Officers who have worked accidents on our roadways will tell you that the vast majority of accidents occur because of drivers driving too fast. Weather conditions do play a part but, as stated before, drivers are expected to maintain control of the vehicle they drive and need to be prepared to stop. Driving on wet, slippery, or snow packed roads require even more driving skills and will be discussed in another article. For the purpose of this article we will assume that road conditions are dry.

Driving up hill - When driving up a steep grade or hill, drivers need to know how their vehicle operates and how the transmission shifts. Watch your gauges, engine temperature, transmission temperature and your RPM's. The goal is to reach the top of the hill without doing damage to your vehicle. As you start up a steep grade you should listen to your engine. If you are driving an automatic transmission try to find and maintain your "climbing gear". This is the gear that is most suited for climbing the particular grade you are on. How will you know which gear this is? Simply drive until your vehicle feels as if it losing power then let off the accelerator and let the transmission shift down one gear and then push on the accelerator and maintain a speed that allows you to continue driving with adequate speed and power in reserve, to make it to the top.

Watch your temperature gauges and slow down if the temperature gets too high. If your vehicle keeps shifting up and then begins to lose power you are trying to go too fast and could cause damage to your engine and transmission. You may want to manually shift your transmission to a lower gear or activate your tow/haul feature if your vehicle has one. Remember this is not a race and you should always stay under the posted speed limit, even when going uphill.

Driving down hill - Driving down grades is where most accidents occur. Because automatic transmissions are designed to reach high travel speeds without overworking your engine, your transmission will want to keep shifting up, letting your vehicle go faster and faster. Your vehicle does not know you are driving downhill with sharp turns. It is up to you to decide what the proper gear and speed is for your situation. There again, remember you are responsible for maintaining control of your vehicle and be able to stop at any moment. Simply using your brakes will not be enough to stop you if you are on a steep grade. You will need to shift down to a lower gear before beginning your decent. Many transmissions will not allow a driver to shift to a lower gear if their travel speed is too high, making it impossible to slow down without using the brakes. Even the best brakes, if used too much will heat up, become soft, and will not work.

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Driving in the Mountains

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So, how do you drive down a steep grade? Before you start down a steep grade is when you want to shift down. Depending on the size and weight of your vehicle you should shift down to second, or even first gear. It is easier to shift up a gear then to shift down. By gearing down and making your engine the braking system, you save the wear and tear on your brakes. Many inexperienced drivers become concerned when they hear the vehicles engine reach high RPM's and think they are damaging the engine. The trick is to let the engine reach high RPM's and then use your brakes for a few seconds to slow the engine and then continue down the grade. As a reference, most drivers only use their brakes 3 or 4 times down the steepest part of SR 143.

When driving bigger vehicles or pulling large trailers it is important to be extra careful to avoid using your brakes. Large trucks should start in the lowest gear before starting down a steep grade. Pickup trucks that have 4 wheel drive and are pulling trailers usually have an option to shift to 4 low. Experienced drivers, pulling heavy loads routinely shift to 4 low before descending steep grades. This may seem too slow for some, but remember that the goal is to reach the bottom without incident.

State Route 143 now has a runaway truck ramp that has been used several times, probably saving lives. This addition to our highway is a great asset and should be used when needed but more importantly drivers should be educated and skilled enough that the ramp is rarely used. A case in point occurred last winter. A semi-truck pulling a trailer came upon a garbage truck driving down the steep grade. The garbage truck was geared down, fully loaded with garbage, and moving at a reasonable rate of speed. The driver of the semi-truck chose not to gear down until it came up behind the garbage truck. The truck driver was unable to gear down and was forced to use his brakes for an extended length of time. This caused his brakes to fail and he was forced to use the runaway ramp to stop. When the Officer arrived at the scene the truck driver complained that the garbage truck was going too slow and that the incident was the garbage trucks fault. The Officer then informed the truck driver that the garbage truck was still driving to the landfill and he was the one stuck in the runaway truck ramp.

An old trucker's saying goes like this, "you can drive down a hill a thousand times too slow, but you may only drive once too fast."

As you travel the beautiful mountain roads, please drive safely and keep in mind that these roads were not designed or built for speed. Be careful and mindful of others who may also be traveling these routes - be it by car, bicycle, hiking or on horseback. Remember there are livestock and wildlife also on the road who don't know the rules. Most importantly be safe and, for the last time, remember that you are responsible for controlling the vehicle you drive and must be able to stop at any time.



Brian Head Events – September, October & November, 2012

September 7 & 8 – 4th Annual Red Rock Relay; this team event travels the most beautiful running venues the world has to offer. It starts at Brian Head Town then proceeds through Dixie National Forest, Cedar Breaks, Snow Canyon, St. George and ends at the entrance to Zion National Park. (For more information or to sign up your team, go to info@redrockrelay.com or call 30RELAY101)

September 15 & 16 – Oktoberfest (20th Anniversary) at Brian Head Lodge; enjoy German food, German entertainment, and amazing scenery (call Brian Head Town at 435-677-2020 for more information)

November 16 – Brian Head Ski Resort is scheduled to open!

Business Highlights

Doubletree by Hilton & Cedar Breaks Lodge

This month we are highlighting the two local hotels in Brian Head – the Doubletree (formerly the Grand Lodge) and Cedar Breaks Lodge. Both hotels have given good rates for local events and both hosted activities in conjunction with the 2012 Festival of Flavors & Brewfest event that took place in August 2012.

The “Grand Lodge” at Brian Head was officially bought by, and renamed, the “Doubletree by Hilton” Hotel on March 15, 2012. This is the first Doubletree in Utah and only the second Doubletree in the United States located in a ski resort area!

Since March 15, 2012 business has grown by 41%! This is a benefit to the Town because of the increased tax revenues.

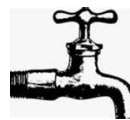
Cedar Breaks Lodge has enjoyed a busy summer as well. The 3rd Annual Festival of Flavors held August 7th was well attended and featured local Utah wines, brews and spirits with some amazing food from the dining room.

Biking, hiking, archery, you name it, Cedar Breaks Lodge guests enjoyed all that Brian Head has to offer. As summer comes to a close, the staff is hard at work getting ready for ski season and enjoying the brilliant colors of Fall.

Besides lodging, both hotels have a restaurant and bar, spas, cozy fire places, swimming pools and other services.

The Cedar Breaks Lodge has a playground area for kids to use whenever the weather is good.

For reservations call Doubletree at (435) 677-9000 or Cedar Breaks Lodge at (435) 677-3000.



Explanation of Brian Head's Utility Rates (for basic residential services)

Brian Head Town provides water, sewer, and garbage services to its residents. The monthly rates for residential homes (i.e. single family, condominiums, and townhouses) are as follows:

WATER RATES

<u>Usage</u>	<u>Amount (per month)</u>
0 – 5,000 gallons	\$62
5,001 – 10,000 gallons	\$3.00 per thousand gallons
10,001 – 15,000 gallons	\$3.60 per thousand gallons
15,001 – 20,000 gallons	\$4.20 per thousand gallons
All above 20,000 gallons	\$10.00 per thousand gallons

Monthly rate for disconnected service is \$48.65

SEWER RATES

Sewer rates are based on water usage (above). For anywhere from 0 – 5,000 gallons of water usage, the fee is **\$33.00 per month**. If water usage is over the 5,000 gallons, an additional 60% of the water overuse charges will be billed.

Monthly rate for disconnected service is \$27.75.

GARBAGE RATES

Residential rate is **\$11.00 per month** for garbage pick-up. \$1.00 of this amount is for a monthly recycle fee.

Note: Because of the infrastructure of the Town, where the majority of the residents are part-timers, and due to Town debt obligations, residents are still charged a monthly fee for water and sewer services even when they are disconnected from the system. It costs \$100 each time you have your utilities disconnected or reconnected.

Utility bills are sent out at the beginning of each month and are due by the 20th of the month. A 5% late penalty is assessed on any outstanding utility bills. If your water services are disconnected due to non-payment, the Town charges a \$100 disconnect fee and a \$100 reconnect fee. If you have your meter re-read by our utility crew, there is a \$50 fee (which is only charged if nothing is found wrong with the reading, such as a water leak).

The majority of the time, no residence uses over 5,000 gallons of water each month. If your bill seems higher than normal, this usually indicates a water leak and you may want your meter re-read.

The above rates are for basic residential homes only. For commercial/business rates, please go to the Town website at www.brianheadtown.utah.gov. All rates are listed on the Town's “Consolidated Fee Schedule” found under “forms.”

Best Wishes to Henry Hornberger!

(by Jon Christopherson)

After 16 years with Brian Head Resort, Henry Hornberger has resigned as the Resort's Vice President and General Manager to take the position of Vice President of Mountain Operations at Solitude Mountain Resort.

Henry served as Brian Head Resort's General Manager and Winter Sports School Director since coming to the area in 1996 with his wife Caroline, and their two sons Henry and Philip. After some much-deserved vacation time, Henry began his new position with Solitude on September 10th. Prior to coming to Brian Head Resort, Henry served as the Director of the Aspen Mountain Ski School and at Taos Ski Valley in various capacities for nineteen years.

The entire staff at Brian Head Resort wishes Henry and his family the best in their future endeavors, and thank him for his time and efforts spent at the Resort.

Brian Head Resort is scheduled to open for the 2012-13 winter season on November 16, 2012. For more information, please call the Resort at (866) 930-1010, or visit brianhead.com.



OKTOBERFEST WORD SEARCH

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Find the following words
(sideways, backwards,
diagonal, up and down)
associated with Oktoberfest:

Autumn
Bavaria
Beer
Bratwurst
Celebrate
Dancing
Dirndl
Dumpling
Family Day
German
Oktoberfest
Party
Pork Roast
Pretzel
Sauerkraut
Strudel