



OKANOGAN COUNTY  
BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMAN  
OF  
WASHINGTON  
NEWSLETTER  
JULY , 2010

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR  
BY DAVE SWANBERG

A small crew of three worked on the National Trails Day weekend clearing part of the Maple Mtn. Trail #312 on Friday. It was difficult going but all but about 3/4 of a mile of that trail is left to be cleared. On Saturday a crew of 4 drove to Ferry Co. and worked on the Maple Mtn. trail from the East end. From the East end the trail has been cleared to the Okanogan County line.

On Sunday a celebration ride for National Trails day was completed although the location changed from Sweat Creek to Upper Whistler Canyon, Wilcox Trailhead. Five riders went on a loop trail ride from Wilcox Trailhead. Even though it rained some and we encountered deep mud and big, lake sized puddles, we had a good ride. The horses, and mule and riders had some trail challenges to overcome, but all came through without incident.

Trygve and I attended the BoD meeting in Ellensburg several weeks ago. It turned out to be a very productive meeting with lots of items on the agenda and most were discussed and approved by the Board. Trygve's report further in the Newsletter will discuss the items in detail.

One item that passed was the 2012 BCHW Calendar Raffle. This calendar will be one of our major annual fundraisers for BCHW. A person will be able to purchase a calendar with an attached raffle ticket for \$20. There will be 11 monthly drawings and a **GRAND PRIZE DRAWING at Christmas of 2012 with the winner receiving a minimum of \$3,000.**

2,000 calendars will be sold and each Chapter will receive 15% of the calendar price for every calendar they sell. I believe we will be able to sell more calendars to non members because of the raffle

program and the enticing lure of 12 drawing prizes. The odds of winning one of the drawings are pretty good.

We have several trail clearing work parties and rides that might have to be rescheduled due to heavy snow depth in the mountains. So stay tuned. You will be notified of any changes.

Till then, Happy Trails,

Dave

*"IT DON'T MATTER SO MUCH HOW LONG A RIDE YOU HAVE, AS HOW WELL YOU RIDE IT"*

Bannon Mtn. Work Party  
June 25 & 26, 2010

On Fri. morning a small OVC crew and 3 PNTA crew members arrived at the Bannon Mtn. trailhead to install 3 new steel gates replacing 3 wire gates at the cattle guards on Road 200. New posts had to be installed for the new gates and digging the holes turned out to be quite a job. We were able to install 2 gates on Fri. and installed the 3<sup>rd</sup> gate and new fence wire at the new gates on Sat.

These new gates will make it much easier for the riders to open and close when riding on the 200 road.

Thanks to the OVC crew and PNTA for taking the time to install these new gates

**THIRD ANNUAL LADIES' CAMP-OUT  
SOUTH LOUP-LOUP  
JUNE 25,26,27**

**If the answer is 2,849,439, what is the question? The question is, "How many words can be spoken by 12 women on a 4 hour trailride? If the answer is 537, what is the question? The question is, How many times did we wonder why our presumed location did not match the map location".**

In spite of some difficulties with the map, 12 ladies got in three pretty good days of riding. We might not have known exactly where we were, but we had fun getting there. On Friday, three of us took a pretty nice spin through the trails relatively close to the camp-ground. Saturday saw 12 of us starting out on a 4= hour trek that expelled us from the forest in the wrong direction on an unexpected USFS road a goodly number of miles from the camp-ground. Not to worry, we were out for the riding and we were doing that without experiencing any difficulties except map reading 101.

Sunday was the breaking camp day but 6 of us were able to get in a 3 hour ride and we did pretty much master map reading 101 on those trails that kept us a little closer to home base.

The Weather was good all three days and the dessert table on Saturday night was exceptional. All you need is a few women getting together and you get a very fine array of chocolate in all edible forms.

My thanks to Gail Downs, Lu Young, Julie Hensley, Betty Ruff, Jan Breuel, and Ken for the extra driving, Jan Bryam, Lynn Kennedy, Nonnie Judd, Sue Robbins, Jodi Curry and Marvel for being good sports and great riding companions. I look forward to riding with all of you again.

The recipe for Baked Oatmeal is here, but the others requested will take awhile.

Thanks again, You are a great bunch of gals.

Peggy S.

**BAKED OATMEAL**

From Gail Downs and the Patchwork Quilt Country Inn

**Mix 2/3 cup Oil, 1 Cup brown sugar, 2 large beaten eggs, Then add and mix well 4 Cups Quick cooking Oatmeal, (uncooked) 3 teaspoons baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 1/2 cup milk. Spray an 8x8 pan with Pam and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.**

**Double the recipe and bake in a 9x13 pan but cook a little longer. This can be made ahead and baked later or baked and then cut into squares and frozen. Reheat in Micro-wave. Gail serves this by pouring milk over it, but it sounds like topping it with fresh fruit or fruit puree would be good too.**

## Directors Report July 2010

Trygve Culp, Director, OVC, BCHW

I attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board of Directors Meeting in Ellensburg the 12<sup>th</sup> of last month. There was quite a bit of information that should be of interest to the members – I'll try and hit the high points in this report.

- 1 The special committee Chaired by former BCHW President Dave Jackson reported that a review of all available documentation - as well as interviews with former members of the Tri Rivers Chapter – led the Committee to the conclusion that the Chapter had been dissolved in accordance with that Chapter's by-laws as well as the by-laws of BCHW. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the special committee's report. As a result, the Tri Rivers Chapter ceased to exist. Former members of the Tri Rivers Chapter expressed a desire to form a new Chapter in southern Okanogan County. Stay tuned.
- 2 President Darrell Wallace appointed a Chapter Services Committee chaired by former BCHW President Bob Gish to assist newly formed Chapters – as well as established Chapters – with a variety of services including, but not limited to: assistance with by-laws, membership recruiting, assistance with IRS and treasury issues, and creation of an education and LNT program.
- 3 Treasurer Teri Stark recommended that BCHW's banking services be consolidated and that additional signatories be added to the checking account. A motion to that affect was made, seconded and passed.
- 5 Ways and Means Chair, Dave Swanberg, briefed the Board regarding calendar sales. Over the years the calendar program has not earned the amount forecast; the VIP calendar give-away has been especially costly to BCHW with "give aways" totaling nearly one half of what BCHW purchases each year. A motion was made seconded and passed to charge production cost (\$4 each) for all VIP calendars. I estimate that it will cost OVC about \$48 a year to continue to give the number of VIP calendars that we currently do. Additionally, the Legislative Committee will be debited \$800 and the BCHA Directors will be debited \$200 for the calendars VIP that they give away each year. Dave also briefed the Board regarding the proposed calendar raffle for 2011. Jane Byrum, LNT Chair, briefed the Board on her trip to Washington DC to receive the National Recreation Trails Coalition educational excellence award on behalf of the BCHW LNT Program. While she, Jeff Chapman and Louise Caywood were in the Capitol, they visited with Senator Murray and several members of the Washington congressional delegation to lobby for trail funding and equestrian access to public lands.
- 6 During the "unfinished business" discussion the subject of non-mission donations was discussed. Although BCHW accountant Ken Keddington has stated that Chapters can donate to "equestrian activities and events", BCHW President Darrell Wallace cautioned Directors to review their Chapters donation policies carefully as any non-mission donation could draw scrutiny from the IRS and could possibly endanger our 501c3 status.
- 7 2011 Rendezvous Chair Dave Swanberg gave an update on the 2011 event. The name BCHW Rendezvous will be used henceforth as the name of the event. If directors or members have vendor suggestions they should contact Vendor Chair Dick Bailey at (360) 264-2800 or e-mail [dbailey@scattercreek.com](mailto:dbailey@scattercreek.com). Dave also stated that more activities for members will be included at Rendezvous. Stay tuned. More next month - until then, Happy Trails!2. A motion was made, seconded and passed to conduct a calendar raffle in 2012.

## **A SECOND LADIES' CAMP-OUT ????**

The camp-out for the ladies was another great weekend. During Saturday dinner I asked if they would enjoy doing this again in 2011 and they said “NO, we want to do it again this year.” So to that end, the best option for a second camping trip would be Wednesday September 8th. Sorry it can't be a weekend, but it is difficult to change dates after the calendar has been set.

So what I would like to know is how many of you would be interested in camping at Wilcox Trailhead on the 8th,9th, and 10th of September? I need a YES or MAYBE . If you don't want to camp there or can't make the dates, you don't need to respond at all. I will not bring to the Board any suggested changes to the September 8 day ride unless I hear from you. Please respond to PEGGY SWANBERG [509-486-1107](tel:509-486-1107) or [davenpeg@gdimail.net](mailto:davenpeg@gdimail.net) before July Board meeting on July 19.

Thanks Peggy

### **DE-HYDRATION—RE-HYDRATION HORSES AND MULES**

#### **TRICK # 3 WATER BEFORE AND AFTER FEEDING.**

It was thought horses and mules should not be watered after feeding because the water would wash the food into the large intestine too quickly and cause colic. This information can still be found in some text books, but the new research has shown ( and it makes sense) that some water after eating may be helpful to prevent colic and aid in re-hydration. In fact, tests have found no influence on digestibility upsets. Animals should be offered water before and after feeding—free choice.

#### **TRICK # 4 LIMIT COLD WATER DRINKS WHEN OVERHEATED**

During a long hard ride on a hot summer day your horse or mule may want to drink a lot of ice cold water in the creek or river. As long as all four feet are in the water to cool down the horse and no more than 10 swallows of water are taken in—you should be fine. Take a break first, then slowly let them drink, a little bit at a time.

Happy Trails

REMEMBER  
IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH OUR READERS  
OR PHOTOS OF RECENT OR PAST ACTIVITIES OR RIDES  
PLEASE SUBMIT  
TO EDITOR

P.O. BOX 453 OR [nrappe@wildblue.net](mailto:nrappe@wildblue.net)

## **BUCKET RIDE AND FUN DAY**

**JULY 11, 2010**

### **PEACOCK MEADOW**

Frank and Linda Osborne have been working and planning for your enjoyment, a BUCKET RIDE, AND BAR-B-Q dinner of Chili, Bar-B-Q Polish Dogs (Donated by OCBCH). Deserts and Salads and Side dishes are POTLUCK.

Bring your favorite Lawn Chair for Total comfort after the ride.

The ride starts at 10:00 and is approx 3-4 hours long. LOCATION IS PEACOCK MEADOWS, just West of Conconully. PAPER PLATES with the BCH printed on them will guide you all the way.

When you arrive in Conconully, (that is where the paper plates start) at the corner of the STATE PARK.

GO WEST and follow the road around the lake. Follow this road for about 1 1/2 miles and there will be plates as you go. The road starts climbing (all blacktop) and about the top there will be a CATTLE GUARD, just beyond there is a dirt road to the left and another Paper Plate. Follow this dirt road for about 1/4 mile, there will be another CATTLE GUARD. This is PEACOCK MEADOWS, where we will start our Ride and Fun Day

Each Poker hand will be \$5.00, If you choose to just enjoy the good food and Company, that is fine too.

Money and Prizes up to 3-5 places, depending on the number of riders  
QUESTIONS??? Call Linda or Frank Osborne at 826-5767 or email at [twhfnl@ncidata.com](mailto:twhfnl@ncidata.com)

## **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**Wednesday July 21**

**Tonasket City Park 6:00 P.M.**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE ICE CREAM  
TOPPINGS**

The Chapter will provide the Ice Cream, bowls, and Spoons

Family and Friends are Welcome

QUESTIONS????

Call Gail Sunde 486-1547

**P.S. DON'T FORGET YOUR FAVORITE LAWN  
CHAIR!!!**

## OVC CHAPTER COMING EVENTS

Since there is no Meeting in July, here is a reminder of what is coming up in July and August.

Saturday, July 31 Barnell/Bailey Trail Clearing

Sunday, August, 1 Barnell/Bailey Trail Clearing

Sunday August 8, Ride Bonaparte Ridge Trail and Cabin Trail

Wednesday August 11 thru 13 Hangman Flats Pack-in and Work Party

Saturday August 14, Barnell/Bailey Trail Ride

Sunday August 15, Barnell/Bailey Trail Clearing

If you are interested in attending any of these events, call Dave Swanberg for more information. 486-1107



Even tho they did not know where they were every minute, It did not mar the enjoyment of a great ride, Great Food and the best of companionship. That Smile tells it all. Congratulations on such a Successful Camp-Out.

OKANOGAN VALLEY CHAPTER WILDERNESS  
PACK TRIP

July 13 thru 16th is the date for the annual wilderness pack trip into Horseshoe Basin.

Tentatively , the plan is to meet at the Middle Fork trailhead and go up the middle Fork of Toats Coulee to the Clutch Creek trail. We will go north up the Clutch creek trail to Old Iron Gate and then on into the Basin on the Boundary Trail. Total length of the trip into the ? Basin is about 8 miles.

Driving directions are in the 2010 Membership book (yellow book). Although Northwest Forest Passes were not required at the Middle Fork in past years, one may be required this year, so folks should have on (or an America the Beautiful pass) just to be on the safe side. Remember when planning feed for the animals, packer pellets must be Washington State Certified weed free. These are available at Tonasket Feed and Supply

If you have any Questions please contact Trygve Culp at 486-2061 or email [trygveculp@gmail.com](mailto:trygveculp@gmail.com)

For all of us unlucky people who cannot be with you, we will stay home and do the “Sunshine Dance” in hopes that good weather prevails. Have a great pack trip!!!



## JUNE OVCBCH MINUTES

### June 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Pres. Dave Swanberg.. New members Ken & Jan Breuel were welcomed, along with Ferry County members Jerry and Gail Down. 22 people were present.

**The minutes** of the May meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter, by Dave Sunde, 2nd by Trygve Culp.

**The Treasurers Report** was given by Dave Swanberg. Linda Osborne requested a check for payment of T-Shirts for the bucket ride. Dave Sunde approved and 2nd by Gail Sunde. Cheryl Bower was appointed Temporary Secretary for the Meeting.

**Reports:** Director Trygve Culp gave an update on the Tri-Rivers club, information on our lobbyist, calendar sold with raffle tickets. See his report in the Newsletter. Also a reminder that Vicki Clark would like pictures for the 2012 calendar to be received no later than March 2011.

**Volunteer Hours:** Peggy Swanberg had nothing to report.

**No Host Dinner:** Gail Sunde reported that 11 people attended and had dinner at Riverside Bar and Grill. The food was good and everyone had a good time. It was a little loud at times.

**National Trail Day:** Trygve Culp reported on the trail work at Maple Mountain and the Ferry County –Okanogan County joint work day. (complete report in Newsletter)

**No Unfinished Business.**

**New Business:** The nomination of Cheryl Bower for Secretary was made by Dave Sunde and 2nd by Gail Sunde. Moved to close the nominations and passed. The vote will be taken at our next meeting in August.

**Bannon Mountain Work Party** Friday June 25 to install gates. Sat June 26 will be Rifle Sight-in Day. Contact Trygve Culp for more information.

**Ladies Camp-out So. Loup** June 25,26,27. Peggy Swanberg gave an update. Women are welcome all days or any part of this time. Please let her know if you are planning on coming. Susan Beck is providing the meals on a cost share basis.

Coming Events: Disappointment Trail Work Party July 7 & 8, may have to be changed due to snow. Check with Dave Swanberg.

**Bucket Ride– PeacockMeadow** July 11, A report was given by Linda Osborne. \$5.00 per hand. Start at 10:00 Ride is about 3 1/2 to 4 miles, Pot luck following.

4th of July work party Sat July 10, May have to be canceled due to snow. Check with Dave Swanberg.

**Horseshoe Basin Pack Trip** July 13-16. This may have to be canceled due to snow. All spaces are full. Check with Trygve Culp.

**Ice Cream Social:** July 21, Tonasket City Park: The club will supply the ice cream, bring your favorite topping.

**4th of July Ridge Trail Ride**, Sunday Aug. 8, is up in the air at this time.

Hangman Flat Work Party , Wed. Aug, 11-13, Check with Trygve Culp.

**Barnell/Bailey Trail Ride**, Sat. August 8-14, Check with Dave Swanberg.

**For the Good of the Order:** Dave Swanberg reminded us to let the advertisers know that we appreciate their ad support when we visit their business.

**Mystery Gift Auction:** Cheryl Bower volunteered to bring one to the August Meeting.

**Motion to adjourn** by Trygve Culp and 2nd by Gail Sunde. Meeting Adjourned.

Cher Bower, Temp. Secretary





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