



**OKANOGAN VALLEY CHAPTER  
BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN  
NEWSLETTER  
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I thought I heard someone say it was Spring. But then again March comes in like a lamb and out like a lion is not really working either, for the last weeks I've been putting a couple days of wood at a time on the porch thinking this will be it.. O well.. the work party today was real good and a great lunch-pot-luck after. Nine brave souls showed up( kinda reminded me of the pony express) rain, sleet or snow ect. Dave 'n Gail, Nonnie, Sue, Betty Dave 'n Peg, Steve 'n Cher Cathy and I. Looking back if it snowed any harder it might have tuned in to the Donner Party. LOL. But ya know what is sure felt good!

Lets see.. The March meeting had very good response at Home Town Pizza 36 members and 1 guest, we hadn't expected that, the room was probably good for 25 or so, we were a little cramped but we made it. Thanks every body! Next Meeting (April will be back at the Tonasket Senior Center and by May I'm hoping for good enough weather to hold our Summer meeting outside , say at a City park, what do ya think? Yes and I want to say something right now before it slips my mind again, I want to thank Nora for her great and prompt job on our Newsletter! We've picked up a few more ads and Bob Isenhardt is writing a little "as a vet sees it" piece and want to thank him also! Another thing It's like to see is a little short tip of the month, any one can do it, if you have something just send it to Nora and she can slip them in somewhere. If ya haven't figured it out yet, I am all about making this thing fun and getting people involved.

Tuesday Dave Sunde, Trig and I rode up Whistler canyon and looked at a couple of bridge sites so that will be another neat work party. As for the fire pits and picnic tables I've got a good start on the pits and Monday we're milling the planks so yeah, it is all coming together. Also, Dang, I'm getting long winded here but a thank you to Cathy , Bob and Mike Isenhardt for updating the First Aid kit, there will be some discussion at the next meeting. They scaled it down and have almost enough for two and we were able to use horn bags, more user friendly) **God Bless....Stan**

## **OVCBCHW LEGISLATIVE REPORT 3/31/12**

**By: Dave Sunde**

Discover Pass: While the Legislature has not Completed its work, and a Special Session is all

but certain, I want to inform you of something likely to affect all of us. The Discover Pass bill that we have been actively working on for months has passed the legislature. The governor has signed the bill (finally).

There were a few changes in the final bill from the Senate and House versions I have reported to you throughout the session, so I want you to know exactly what passed.

1. 2-vehicle transferability for \$30. per year; one-vehicle use of the pass at a time. There would be spaces on the pass to write in two vehicle license numbers, and only those vehicles could use that pass. You could not bring two vehicles into the park at the same time with one pass. This would take place immediately and retroactively for all folks who have already purchased a pass. No refunds for those who have already purchased two passes would be allowed.
2. Flexibility on when the Discover Pass activation starts (will make gifting easier). It will be up to the three agencies to agree on how to do activation for periods different from the sales date. It will take time to come up with specific policies and procedures, so until further notice, the activation time is still the date of sale. (Note that there is currently some time offset with DOL and other sales and that will continue.
3. Expansion to all of the DNR's uplands which would be subject to the pass requirement.
4. Broadening locations and methods of sale
5. Provides as an option that the agencies may choose to offer a \$50. fully transferable pass that is called a "Family Discover Pass". The word "Family" is a misnomer, in that the pass could not be used by anyone, inside the same household or not. Again, it would only be for one vehicle at a time. Implementation of this provision is also not immediate. The three agencies need to come up with many policies and procedures, and agree to sales price, prior to implementation.



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Continued)

6. Special Events could, at the discretion of the agency, be exempt from the Discover Pass, if they pay other fees to state parks. (This is a complex implementation task for the 3 agencies involved, they are balancing our public service and revenue objectives. The legislation gives discretion, but each agency is still working the details,) It is not clear yet how this will be implemented at the DNR.

7. Expands the existing Opt-Out vehicle donation program to additional vehicles ( like snowmobiles, mo-peds, and 3/4 ton pickup trucks)

8. Contains an emergency clause to have it enforced immediately upon the governors signature.

Other elements that were part of earlier versions of the bill that did NOT get adopted include

1. Expanding Disabled Veteran's free access to WDFW and DNR lands
2. Directing Hotel/Motel Tax receipts from State Parks lodging and camping to go back to State Parks
3. Creating a 3-year temporary \$10. RV license surcharge
4. Wholesaling of the Pass
5. Eliminating requirement to get a Discover Pass if visitor already has a Sno- Park day pass. Thus, there is no change from the existing requirement for a Discover Pass on the State recreation lands for those people holding a day Sno-park permit.

It is also important to note that earlier this week the legislature passed a bill that transfers Discover pass citation fines to the joint agency Discover Pass account. State Parks receives 84% of these revenues. The fines have been going to Counties for court Administration.

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## **Minutes of the Okanogan Valley Chapter Monthly Business Meeting March 21, 2012**

**Welcome and Introductions:** President Stan Kvistad called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. March 21, 2012. The meeting was held at the Hometown Pizza restaurant in Omak, Wa. There were 36 members and 1 guest present.

**Minutes of the November Business Meeting:** The minutes of the February monthly business meeting as printed in the March Chapter newsletter and posted on the Chapter website, were approved by unanimous vote on a motion by Dave Sunde, 2nd by Gail Sunde.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chapter Treasurer Cathy Kvistad presented the Treasurer's report; the Chapter is solvent. Following discussion, the report was approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion by Dave Sunde and 2nd by Tom Tugaw.

**Reports; Director:** Trygve Culp reported on the Board of Directors (BOD) meeting held with Rendezvous March 16th. The BOD approved the Saw Certification Program. The BOD also approved time payments for Lifetime Membership. The BCHW budget at the end of the first quarter is nearly \$30,000. (in the Black). There have been two applications /résumé's received for the BCHW Executive Director position.

**Trail Boss:** Dave Sunde reminder the membership that our first work party of the year would be on Saturday, March 31 at the Sinlehekin Wildlife Area. Meet at the Blue Lake Campground at 8:00A.M. ;work starts at 9:00. Dave needs sawyers with valid saw certification cards from last year, swampers, and wranglers. There will be a BBQ potluck after the work party. Contact Gail Sunde regarding the potluck. The Chapter will furnish burgers and hotdogs. Dave reminded everyone that they will need a Discover Pass or Wildlife Pass.

**Legislative:** Dave Sunde informed everyone that the Discover Pass Legislation authorizing 2 vehicles on each pass had passed and was awaiting signature of the Governor. Cost remains \$30.00 plus a processing fee unless purchased at a State Park-no processing fee is charged at State Parks. Stan briefed the members on the Chapter's recent meeting with WDNR officials regarding our letter to Commissioner Goldmark and our positions that certain requirements for earning a Discover Pass that were unacceptable to us. As a result of our meeting with the WDNR, the Chapter Board agreed to continue our adopt-a-trailhead agreement with the Loomis State Forest ( Disappointment Trailhead)

**Volunteer Hours:** Peggy Swanberg reported that last year BCHW total volunteer hours were 54,573 hours with a value of \$1,788,256. She also reported that a new form was forthcoming but advised members to continue reporting on the existing form until notified otherwise

## Chapter Minutes Continued

**Website: Dave Sunde reported that he is considering changing website management software that would permit easier posting of photographs and user navigation. He also requested that members send him pictures of Chapter activities to post.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**2023 Raffle Calendars:** Dave Swanberg reported that to date BCHW has sold 1110 calendars and taken in \$22,000. He anticipates that when sales close BCHW will have sold 1200 calendars for around \$24,000. Two monthly winners have been drawn to date and a total of \$600. has been awarded. He also thanked the membership for selling 138 of the raffle calendars.

**2012 Rendezvous:** Dave Swanberg gave a close out briefing concerning Rendezvous 2012. 360 meals were served at the Saturday night banquet. The auctions netted nearly \$11,500.. All vendor booths were sold out and many vendors reserved for the 2013 Rendezvous. People attending expressed disappointment with the Steve Rother Clinic ( they couldn't hear him) Barb Apple clinic was a hit. Stan read a letter from the Rendezvous Auction Committee thanking us for our cash donation. All in all the Rendezvous was a huge success.

**WILCOX TRAILHEAD PICNIC TABLE AND FIRE RINGS:** Stan gave the members an update on the status of the project. Steel tubing and plate steel has been ordered for delivery at Malott. Stan ordered material for 3 picnic tables and 3 fire Pits. During the ensuing discussion of the project, 3 related motions were made:**1. Peggy Swanberg** made a motion, seconded by Dave Sunde, that the Chapter reimburse itself \$3,675,82. for work previously completed at the Wilcox Trailhead from the Whistler Canyon dedicated trail enhancement funds (note: this is not the WC acquisition fund) During the discussion of the motion, Peggy stated that this action would-in part – eliminate or at least reduce significantly the requirement to do other fund-raisers to meet the Chapter budget obligations for 2012. Following discussion, the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. The funds are to be transferred from the Whistler Canyon account to the Chapter Checking account.

**2. Trygve Culp** made a motion that was seconded by Dave Sunde to allocate \$300. from the Whistler Canyon dedicated trail enhancement fund to support an Oroville High School student's senior project to construct and install 2 benches near the Highway 97 Whistler canyon Trailhead. The Motion passed on an unanimous voice vote. Trygve will advise the young man's senior project advisor that the funds have been approved.

**3. Finally, Dave Sunde** made a motion that was seconded by Gail Sunde that the remaining \$211.65 in the Whistler Canyon dedicated trail enhancement fund be allocated to the Wilcox Trailhead picnic table/fire ring project. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. Once completed, this action reduces the Whistler Canyon trail enhancement fund to zero.

Minutes Continued:

**NEW BUSINESS: BCHW Awards:** Dave Swanberg announced to the members that Dave Sunde had won the BCHW Backbone award for the 2-12 and that Tom Windsor had won the 2012 Trail Warrior Award.

Along with a certificate and award narrative packet Tom received an engraved axe and sheath with BCGW logo branded on it.. Dave received a director's chair with his name and the BCHW logo embroidered on the back.

**USFS Volunteer Passes:** President Stan Kvistad passed out the passes awarded to volunteers for work preformed in 2011. Several of the members who were awarded passes donated them back to the Chapter to be used by other individuals on USFS work parties where a pass is required.

**TAILGATE SAFETY SESSION;** Trygve Culp advised the Chapter hat the BCHW Safety officer had revised the Tailgate safety briefing to be more project specific. President Stan Kvistad related an experience regarding the importance of doing tailgate safety sessions and stated that we would conduct tailgate safety sessions prior to start of each work party. Trygve will e-mail the revised form to Trail Boss Dave Sunde.

**OKANOGAN COUNTY FAIR:** Cathy Kvistad had contacted the county fair regarding prices for a booth at the County Fair this year. A motion was made by Trygve Culp and seconded by Dave Sunde that a committee of 3 be appointed to head up Chapter efforts to secure booth space and booth design and content for the 2012 fair. Linda Osborne volunteered and was appointed Chair of the committee: Noni Judd and Janet Logan volunteered and were appointed committee members. Stan Kvistad will also sit on the committed . The committee was instructed to update the Chapter monthly. Note: We did not approve any funds for a fair booth– We'll need to do that if the committee decides to proceed.

**2012 BCHW TACK SALE:** Peggy Swanberg reported that the consignment tack sale netted \$1544. BCHW will receive \$376 from the proceeds. Doris Bacon, Ferry County Chapter Treasurer, will write checks to cosigners. Stan Kvistad auctioned off a pair of size 10 cowboy boots that were donated to BCHW . Jim Ruff was the high bidder at \$20.; the cash was given to Peggy Swanberg to transfer to BCHW

**SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS;** Dave Sunde reported that he and Tryg Culp had visited with Jeff Hardesty, Tonasket High School Principal and the Junior and Senior Class advisors regarding Senior Community service projects and trail work.

**MINUTES CONTINUED;** The School personnel were quite excited about the possibility of some seniors doing trail projects. Dave and Tryg will meet with interested seniors on April 9th to discuss possible projects. Projects we have in mind include refinishing the 4th of July Trailhead sign/map, constructing a new bridge just above the green gate on the Whistler canyon Trail and repair of the first bridge south of the trailhead on 4th of July Trail.

#### **OKANOGAN TRAILS COALITION (OTC)**

Tom Windsor reported that the OTC was being re-activated with new officers led by Dick Copock of the Washington State Snowmobile Association to advocate for multi-use trails in Okanogan County. The Coalition will continue to be an "umbrella" organization for the various trail advocacy groups in the County to work together on projects of mutual benefit, seek grants and be a voice of power with local politicians and other organizations that seek to deny access to public lands. Okanogan Valley Chapter is or was a charter member of OTC. Tryg Culp made a motion, seconded by Dave Sunde for the Chapter to rejoin OTC. Cost is \$50. per year. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Tom Windsor will get an application to Stan Kvistad

**Coming Events:** Sinlehekin Trail Clearing March 31. Meet at the north end of Blue Lake camping area. Discover Pass or WDFW access pass required. Meet at 8:00A.M. Work begins at 9:A.M.. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

**FCC PACKING CLINIC.** April 14th at Dolly Watkins arena. Starts at 9:00A.M. ends at 3:00 P.M. Potluck dinner to follow. Clinic will feature both static teaching barrel and live animal packing for all skill levels- beginners to experienced. For driving directions see the Chapter website or contact George "Chicken" Young at 509-775-9998

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Ginny Bartholomew invited Chapter members to attend the Lake Osyous Mini hydroplane fundraisers in Oroville and Tonasket on April 28th and May 12th respectively.

Dave Swanberg announced that the old Chapter displays need to be removed from his barn/shop before April 21st. There is not room for them in the Chapter Tool Trailer. They might be used for possible Fair displays.

Dave Taylor announced that the Ferry County Rail to Trail meeting to take comment on the proposal to finish the trail between Republic and Grand Forks would be in Malo, Wa. (north of Republic on Hwy 21) at the Grange Hall on Saturday March 31st. BCHW members need to attend to insure that no decision is made to pave the entire width of the trail.

Minutes continued:

Linda Osborne requested that the folks participating in the Omak Stampede Ride in be able to use the OVC Green vests. This would be cheap advertising and would put our name in front of a lot of people. It was agreed by acclamation that this be permitted.

Jerry Downs reminded the membership that BCHW is now on Face book and that Amy McBride, the BCHW Social Media Coordinator was available to assist the Chapter if we chose to develop a Face book presence.

Dave Sunde announced that WDFW had applied for an \$80,000 grant to establish trailhead facilities at the Carter Mountain Wildlife Area. Near the Buchert place driveway south of the Janis bridge on Highway 97 South of Tonasket; a second Carter Mountain trailhead near the old Trout farm area on the North Pine creek Road West of Tonasket; and finally, at the Horse Spring coulee Wildlife Area West of Tonasket on the Horse Spring Coulee rd.

Tom Windsor reminded members of the WDNR trail user group meeting on Thursday, March 22. The meeting will be at 9:00 A.M. at the Tonasket Fire Station. Dave Swanberg will verify this and advise.

Linda Osborne asked the status of the Chapter First Aid Kit. Dave Sunde has the kit. It needs to be checked. All members should carry their own first aid kits for people and equines. Dave will continue to bring the kit, but is very reluctant to carry– in fact stated that he could not. Stan agreed to check on the first aid kit and the Chapter's responsibility to furnish akit for rides and work parties.

Jerry Downs reminded the Chapter about the request for donations for portable toilets at Conrad Meadows. On a motion made by Dave Sunde and 2nd by Sally Taylor, a decision was made to table discussion of this request until the April 2012 meeting.

Stan Kvistad reminded members that the April meeting would be held at the Senior Center in Tonasket on April 18th at 7:00 P.M.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trygve Culp, seconded by Dave Sunde and passed unanimously by voice vote. President Stan Kvistad declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Trygve H. Culp

Acting Secretary

## **VOLUNTEER HOURS PROGRAM**

**Peggy Swanberg—Chairperson**

It seems not a year goes by but what we don't have to tweak the reporting form and add to the instructions. 2012 will no exception. We are trying to make things simpler but often it seems like one step forward and two steps back.

The new reporting form and instructions aren't quite ready yet, but the differences in the form is slight. For those of you that report to me electronically, please continue to use what has been previously provided. Changing to the new form will not require much more than a copy and paste procedure. For the rest of you, please just continue to send me your information in just about any form that I can read.

There are still some changes that myself and others would like to see made, but we have to consider the total picture. First, we have to remain compatible with BCHA, then we have to be able to provide what BCHA wants, but not always exactly. After that, we need to be able to record information that specific chapters need for their record keeping. Some land managers require certain information and we need to be able to track that. Several other chapters have needs or requirements that are much more specific than our chapter. Then, at the individual level, we have to try to keep it as simple as possible so people will report their hours and not just throw up their hands because it isn't always as straight forward as it should be. After all of that, any suggestion we, the VHC, have made then has to go back up the food chain for approval.

With much variety in needs, of course we have rules, guidelines and what some would think, uncommon sense. When it comes down to hair splitting and nit picking, we sometimes have to make a decision that best suits the majority and not an individual preference.

I do have some good news. The 2012 final report provided by the BCHW show that 54,573.5 volunteer hours for a dollar value of \$1,788,256.93 . Our Chapter reported 2548.5 volunteer hours for a dollar value of \$75,280.11. We are down some from last year so I encourage you to be sure you report your hours including those elusive administrative hours that you officers are performing but not tracking 100%.

Keep up the good work, it can mean money for our trail projects and that translates into tangible improvements in the outdoor recreation our area can offer not only to us but to our visitors.

# **TIP OF THE MONTH**

STAN KVISTAD

Cockle Burrs, hounds tongue , Gus the dog got into a bunch of hounds tongue the other day, so I was having a hard time getting them out of his hair, and yes I'd heard of spraying wd-40 but hadn't had much luck in the past so this time I used my knife kinda trapping them with my thumb and it worked good, kinda a sliding movement, Ok so today we got into a forest of cockle burrs, the mules had them buggers all over their legs, bellies you name it they were stuck there. Ya pull them off and half stays stuck there so back out with the knife and scraping like ya would bot eggs , they came right off. So that's my tip for the month.

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## **OVCBCHW TRAIL BOSS REPORT**

**MARCH 31, 2012    DAVE SUNDE, TRAIL BOSS**

Our work season is well underway for 2012. The month started with Chainsaw Certification on March 10 at the USFS building in Tonasket. Next came the Rendezvous and annual meeting in Ellensburg on the 16-18th. Several classes relating to trail maintenance and construction were offered. On the 27 th Trygve, Stan and I rode up whistler Canyon to survey possible locations for a new bridge just past the green gate. After that we rode on up the canyon to assess the snow pack . There was snow at the gate and we turned around just past the Judd Memorial with the snow depth in places over 12 inches. It will be a month before the entire trail is passable from Wilcox to US97. If any of you see Michael Alvarado, please give him a big thank you for the work he has done on the upper end of the new portion of the trail. I don't know how many buckets of dirt he has hauled in by hand( or where he even got it) to cover the exposed rocks, but it was many. That section of trail shows a marked improvement. Your horses should thank him also.

On the 29th Trygve and I rode some of the trails in the Sinlahekin to assess the amount of work required to open them up. We found that the local beavers had a busy winter. Our work party was well attended on the 31st. All in all we had 11 people show up. We got snowed on, rained on, and briefly the sun poked thru the clouds. We got all the scheduled trails cleared. The trail is clear from HQ south to the north end of Blue Lake. The Trail behind the lake on the west side has been cleared. We improved the tread across the wash just before the trail droops down the switchback near the south end of the lake. We did not have time or materials to do proper maintenance on the switchback though. We placed 7 Carsonite trail marks starting just past the bridge and ending just short of the observation shed at the end of ADA trail.

The trail from the Hunters camp to the south end of Blue Lake has also been cleared. The South 1/2 mile of that trail needs Carsonite markers and that will be done on t he 1st if I have time.

After the work party we were treated to a roaring fire, hot coffee, and a potluck with hamburgers and hotdogs thanks to Cathy Kvistad and Gail Sunde. We also got to watch some Big Horned Sheep on the rocks across the valley. April brings new challenges. There may be a couple of unscheduled work parties within the first two weeks. The first scheduled work party is at Bannan Mountain on the 28th. Prior to that work party is a ride on the 21st so the members can appreciate and enjoy our labors in the Sinlahekin. We are planning a BBQ-potluck after both of these events. Watch for emails and check the website, [www.ovcbchw.com](http://www.ovcbchw.com) , or just call me or Trygve

## **DIRECTORS REPORT MARCH 2012 BY TRYGVE CULP**

Here it is April Fools day already. I normally end my wintertime reports by saying that I hope your wood pile and haystack are holding up; this month I'd better start it that way! My goodness, I awoke this morning to 3 inches of snow and snowing harder than it did all winter.. Wasn't March 21st the first day of spring? If this is global warming I sure hope I'm not around when global cooling starts. Anyway.

March was a big month for BCHW. Of course it was Rendezvous month and Annual General Meeting Month—more about those later—but it was also the month during which the First Quarter Board of Directors meeting occurred. I'd like to share several things from that meeting that are super important to us as an organization and some other stuff of general interest. First off the Board approved the BCHW Sawyer Certification Program. You may remember that we had previously signed a Letter of Agreement with Region 6 of the U.S. Forest Service that authorized us to conduct our own saw certification program. Well, after a whole lot of blood, sweat and tears, that is nearly a done deal. All that remains to be done is to get our Instructor/Certifiers approved by the Forest Service and we will be in business. Hopefully before the end of this year all of the bugs will be worked out and our program will be old hat. Another big step forward in my opinion was the Board's approval of a policy to permit monthly payments for lifetime memberships. I'm no quite sure how that will work out, but it will—in all likelihood—be an internet that relies on monthly credit card payments. Stay tuned for implementing instructions. The Board conducted BCHA Director elections: Lori Lennox, the Grays Harbor Chapter Director, was elected BCHA Director ( Position 1) Darrel Wallace, Northeast Chapter, was elected Alternate BCHA Director. Bob Gish remains BCHA director ( position 2 for another year. Big news on the 2012 budget front0 BCHW is in the Black for the first time in a long time despite declining memberships. Although there are a lot of months left in the budget year, the Treasurer is optimistic that we may be able to move some funds to savings/reserves at the end of the year rather than take money out of saving to finish out the year. That will be a pleasant change!

At the Annual General Meeting Bill Lawrence, the keynote speaker entertained us. He gave a very interesting talk about his life work as a movie industry horse trainer with lots of antidotes about different movies and various movie stars and personalities. Following Bills talk, we heard from President Bob Gish who gave a short talk on the state of BCHW. Bob reported that we had contributed over 55,000 hours valued at more than 1.7 million dollars in volunteer labor, education, goods and services to keep trails open in Washington during 2011

**Directors Report** Continues:

During the BCHW annual awards presentation three OVC members were recognized: **Dave Sunde** was awarded the 2011 Backbone Award, **Tom Windsor** was awarded the 2011 Trail Warier Award and **Dave Swanberg** was awarded the Presidents Diamond Award.

**Congratulations** to those gentlemen.

In my not so humble opinion the 2012 Rendezvous was the best I have attended since I joined BCHW in 1994. Despite the really crappy weather on Thursday and Friday there were record numbers of campers, attendees at leadership training, vendors, diners at the Saturday night banquet, folks who stuck around for the auction and the dance afterwards. Speaking of the auction and record numbers, I believe the gross and net for the live and silent auctions, "pick of the live" raffle and bucket raffles also were hugely successful. It was a whole lot of fun! I hope that you will plan to attend next year.

**I'll see you out on the trails just as soon as the snow melts!**

**BE PREPARED**

**WEBSITE UPDATE: DAVE SUNDE REPORTS THAT THE WEBSITE IS UPDATED AND CAN ALWAYS USE MORE PICTUES.**

**TRY TO KEEP THE RESOLUTION HIGH WHEN TAKING PICTURES, YOU MAY WANT TO USE THEM ON THE CALENDAR OR WEBSITE. BE SURE AND IDENTIFY PEOPLE IN THE PICTURE AS WELL AS LOCATION OF THE PICTURE.**

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## IN MY OPINION by BOB ISENHART



Stan and I recently went over the Chapter's First Aid kit to update drugs and discuss its contents and the thought came to mind how you can pack enough with you to care for all possible situations that might arise? In practice I had a pickup loaded and it often didn't carry all the items I could have needed. So what is First Aid? I think it's exactly that!

You Take with you enough to deal with the problem on a short term basis, with what you can easily carry and get that critter out to better care (and perhaps professional care) at least to a place where long term care and complete care can be given. Get the horse to a safe area where you can stop and stop any significant bleeding. Clean out the wounds and cover them if possible and then head out. Wounds that could be sutured are often not suitable to suture if they have been medicated with many of the wound preparations on the market. The horse with muscle tie up is one exception because the problem is related to exercise and muscle cell breakdown such that further exercise will make it worse. A little knowledge and a whole lot of common sense is going to result in good first aid. Below is a list of what I think will make a good First Aid Kit

### FIRST AID KIT

**BUTE PASTE**, anti-inflammatory for pain and swelling, Lameness and Traumatic injuries—2 Grams daily

**ELECTROLYTE PASTE**-For Electrolyte replacement from heat and exhaustion and/or diahrea-1/2-1 tube.

**BANAMINE PASTE**- A pain killer commonly used for colic pain but also useful for pain associated with trauma, give orally by weight of the animal

**BETADINE SCRUB** 8OZ-A germicidal soap for cleaning out wounds

**BETADINE SOLUTION** 4 OZ.- a germicidal solution to make a solution , for flushing wounds

**CEFA DRY PASTE**- An antibiotic commonly used on cows to treat mastitis-used to inject into punctured wounds

**EYE OINTMENT**-(Antibiotic)-for eye infection and/or after eye has been scratched to prevent infection

**FURACIN OINTMENT** 1 OZ- A topical Antibiotic to dress various types of wounds.

*FIRST AID CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.....*

FIRST AID CONTINUED;

DERMALONE OINTMENT– is also a topical antibiotic that has cortisone in it as well, which may help with wounds that itch or surface abrasions that are inflamed.

E-SE INJECTION 10 CC used for horse that is tying up give (intramuscular) give 10 cc/dose

1– 3”Vetwrap roll Gauze, 1– 2” Vet wrap, 1-2” brown, 1 –2” Elasticon tape, Gauze pads– 2”

Other additional items that could be added to this kit include

1 Oral Benadryl, Bandage Scissors

P.S. I NEVER GO OUT WITHOUT MY PISTOL

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**Big Horn Sheep  
Photographed during a  
Work party in the  
Sinlehekin March 31st**

**Photo by  
Cathy Kvistad**

TRAIL RIDE LIST—LNT CHAIR PERSON — JANET LOGAN

CHECK IT OUT/ CHECK IT OFF

**Get Ready Ahead of Time—Fuel Truck-Check Oil-Tires-Lights**

DIRECTIONS FOR RIDE, Location and maps

HORSE: Hay nets, Grain, Water buckets, Feed Tubs, Grain- Weed Free Hay , Saddle, Bridle, Breast Collar

Saddle Blankets/pad- Brushes- Hoof Pick-Saddle Bags-Fly Spray-Pocket Knife- Extra Halter- Extra Lead ropes, also long ropes- Weather Gear-Saddle cover-Horse Blanket-Flash light-Tie line- Pitch Fork or shovel.

LUNCH: Drinks and Food-People bug spray- Lip moisturizer-Tissue Paper-Chair.

MEETING OR POTLUCK: Chairs, dishes/utensils, Food, Drinks, paper towels CAMERA

**LNT COMMENTS— BE PREPARED!!!**

## 2012 RENDEZVOUS

The 2012 Rendezvous was tremendous success due to all of the Chapters and their members who volunteered their time and ideas to insure a fun and enjoyable time for all. I want to thank all the Committee chairs and their crews for a job well done.

At the beginning of the week we didn't think Mother Nature was going to cooperate with our event, but the weather in Ellensburg turned out to be quite comfortable overall. The weather didn't prevent us from having the largest Rendezvous attendance in recent years. The demonstrations, leadership training, clinics and the membership meeting were all well attended. For those of you who did not attend you missed marvelous weekend where you would have met new friends and the opportunity to gain insight on how your partner organization operates and supports the state Chapters.

This year saw increased attendance at the Saturday dinner/dance and generous participation in auctions and raffles. The dancing continued until the band closed out the evening. Chapters, participants, donors and presenters all did a very good job and deserving of a grateful BCHW Thank-you.

Our 2013 Rendezvous Committee Chairs are already planning next year's event that should be even larger and better.

Submitted by, **Dave Swanberg**, Rendezvous Chair

## OTHER EVENTS

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[BRING: POT LUCK DISH AND CHAIR](#)

[DRIVING DIRECTIONS: FROM TONASKET ON SR20, TURN LEFT AT STOP SIGN AT MAIN ST. REPUBLIC RIGHT AT "T" INTERSECTON AT STONE CHRUCH. THIS BECOMES THE WEST CURLEW LAKE ROAD.](#)

[CONTINUE FOR ABOUT 73/4 MILES TO TROUT CREEK. TURN LEFT ONTO TROUT CREEK RD AND](#)

[CONTINUE FOR ABOUT 4 MILES TO THE WEST FROK TROUT CREEK ROAD. THIS IS A SHARP RIGHT TURN ONTO A DIRT ROAD. CONTINUE ON FOR 1 MILE TO DOLLY'S BARN;](#)

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- **Chapter members**, turn application and payment in to your Chapter Treasurer. If paying by check, make it out to your chapter.
- **Independent members** (folks who are **not** joining a chapter), make check out to "BCHW", and mail application and payment to: BCHW, ATTN: MEMBERSHIP, 110 W. 6th Ave., PMB 393, Ellensburg, WA 98926.



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All ADULT members MUST sign! Adult's signature covers minor children.

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders, and spectators, and also recognizing the fact that Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Inc., including Chapters, officers, directors, or members, cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience levels of riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other BCHW events, I do hereby release and hold harmless the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children, or horses.

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Work Party on the Monday April 2nd. Sawing logs for the Picnic Tables and benches. Hardy hands included Dave Sunde, Stan Kvistad, Trygve Culp and his grandson, David Taylor and Loren Dolge, Photographer-Gail Sunde, and Chief Cook and Bottle washer- Cathy Kvistad. Logs were donated by Elmer Rappe and the mill used for sawing belongs to neighbor Loren Dolge. Great job by everyone as usual.

