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September 2012

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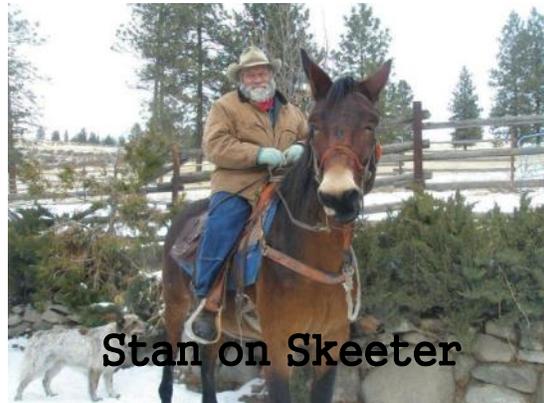
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Well gang another month has past and the year has flown by! We had a good ride up whistler canyon on Saturday and great pot luck when we got to the Wilcox trail head. I think there were ten of us started out then mike Buchert caught up with us after lunch. It was a good ride! It would be a nice day ride say up to the picnic table and the black diamond loop, I think it's called. As far as a trail head go's at whistler canyon we will know on October 9th who the successful bidder is and hopefully have a good road and parking lot by spring! The 13 mile ride on the 13th had to be canceled due to that big wind storm that hit the Sandpoil and Ferry County, so the next fun thing is a Halloween/dance at the Tonasket senior center Friday the 26th, and then Sunday the 28th is last ride of the



Stan on Skeeter

year out of our place up the Chiliwist. Hope to see ya there! Now for the bad news----- we need some members to step up and fill some vacant spots in our leadership positions. Yes I know we are all busy but somebody's got to do it!

God Bless

Stan

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Trail Boss Report

August September, 2012

Dave Sunde



We had a busy summer and I've combined 2 months into one report. On the second weekend of August we had a work party at the Disappointment TH. Some members worked at the TH while 5 of us rode up to Goodenough Park and cut out a 4 foot wide swath through the sage brush creating one route with appropriate grade and switchbacks to replace the multitude of cow paths which crisscross the slope from the timber line above the fire break to the wilderness boundary.

One of the PNTA trail crews started at the wilderness boundary at the top of Goodenough Park and completely spent the summer reworking the existing trail clear over the top of Goodenough Peak and down to the Long Draw Trail, and then for a mile or so towards Horseshoe Basin. Trygve and I made several trips to pack in their camp, resupply them, and then pack them out. The chapter pack trip into the basin was an opportunity for us to ride out on the newly rebuilt trail.

On August 17th Stan, Steve, Cher, and myself cleared the Sweat Creek trail from the campground to the county line. The Ferry County Chapter cleared the Ferry County portion the next day.

During August and September we also helped Dave Swanberg with his OTC grant funded trail signs. Dave built 2 new signs; one for the 14-mile Trailhead, and the other for the Irongate Trailhead.

On August 31st Trygve Culp, Bob and Vicki Gish, Lynn Kennedy, Jennie Paddock, and Dave Sunde headed into Horseshoe Basin for a couple of days. We rode out of 14 -mile and took the connector trail over

to the Boundary Trail, then on up into the basin. We “borrowed” the outfitter’s camp since it was not being used. Tom Tugaw and Jody Curry rode up on a day ride, but didn’t stay long. On Sunday, 2 of us tried fishing at Smith Lake. The others took a day ride to Windy Lake. We rode out on Monday using the Long Draw Trail and then the newly reconditioned Goodenough Trail. From the International Airport we rode on back to the 14-Mile Trailhead.

On September 8th we combined with the Ferry County folks and did a ride through from Granite Creek in Ferry County to the Sweat Creek Trailhead. Gail and Cathy had a BBQ potluck set up for the riders when we arrived.

On the 27th of September a few of us met at the 4th of July Trailhead and disassembled the trailhead sign/map for refinishing over the winter. We painted the posts with the required USFS brown so they are now in compliance with USFS specifications. The sign is at Dave Swanberg’s workshop and will be refinished over the winter.

On September 29th we had a “Celebration” ride through from the US-97 end of the Whistler Canyon Trailhead, up the canyon to the Wild Horse Spring Trail, and then into the Wilcox Trailhead. The County still has not completed the promised trailhead so we are still using the makeshift parking area and the old orchard access road to get to the trail. There have been well over 100 users that have signed in at the trailhead so far this summer so I guess we were celebrating that instead of the new county built trailhead access road and parking area. When the 11 riders and 12 horses arrived at Wilcox, Cathy and Gail again had a BBQ/Potluck laid out for us.

October is hunting season so we don’t have much in the way of chapter outings or work parties scheduled. We do have the Fall Color Ride in the Chiliwist on the 28th. As with all rides, we will meet at 09:00 and Ride at 10:00. We will meet at the Kvistad place and ride out from there. Cathy and Gail have some sort of food plan in place so no one should go hungry.

Don’t forget the annual planning meeting at Dave and Gail’s place on the 26th of November at 13:00. If you cannot attend please at least shoot an email to one of the officers and let us know if you have any thoughts on activities for 2013.

I think that is all for now. Ride and work safely and don’t forget to turn in your volunteer hour report every month.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

September, 2012

Dave Sunde

There is not much new happening on the legislative front. The Legislature adjourned Sine Die on April 11, 2012 and there is not any current activity on the floor. My last contact with Shelly Short revealed that there is not much going on at the state level during this off season.

Elections are upon us now and ballots will be mailed out soon. There are many offices and issues on the ballot from president clear down to school board elections. There are 2 Okanogan County Council seats on the ballot this year as well as a couple of judges. Please don't forget to vote and remember what a former Speaker of the US House said: "All politics is local." Remember, if you fail to vote, you remove all your rights to complain about the outcome.

2013 NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

It's time again to give serious consideration to serving the Chapter as an officer or in the other positions that are required to keep the Chapter up and running. All positions, whether they are elected or appointed, are open for volunteers. Specifically we will need a Publicity Chair, Volunteer Hours Coordinator, LNT Officer, BCHW Director, Assistant Trail Boss, Yearbook and two committee chairs that have gone unfilled for so many years we forgot we had them. They would be Community Involvement and Advertising. If any of these positions are of interest to you, let an officer know or attend the October meeting and let yourself be nominated or appointed.

Peggy Swanberg

VOLUNTEER HOURS

The end of the 2012 Volunteer Hours reporting period was September 30, 2012, a little earlier than usual. If you have not turned in your hours for 2012 or have some make-up hours

that you forgot to report, please send them to me no later than October 15, 2012. You can call me at 509-486-1107 or e-mail the information to dav-enpeg@gdimail.net.

The 2012 reporting year looks to be the biggest one yet. So far the total dollar equivalent of the work OVC did is over \$95,000. Thanks for all of your hard work, it shows and don't forget to keep accurate track of your 2012 volunteer hours.



Peggy Swanberg

HALLOWEEN POTLUCK AND DANCE

Please put Friday, October 26th on your Calendar. The party will begin at 6pm at the Tonasket Senior Center. We will have a night of Karaoke, games and music. The Everly Sisters will sing a song or two and our favorite Cowboy Poet, Stan Kvistad will perform for us. If you play an instrument please bring it and join in the fun. Costumes are optional but a prize for the best costume will be given out.



The Chapter will provide bratwurst and sauerkraut. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert for the potluck. Gail Sunde will make a ghoulish punch.

Let the Party begin....

Please contact Gail Sunde with questions, comments or ideas. gsunde@starband.net 486-1547

Gail Sunde

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Minutes of September Directors meeting

September 22, 2012

By Dave Swanberg, OVC Alternate Director



This a partial list of items that were discussed at the meeting as I remember them.

Officer and Committee Reports

BCHA dues increase of \$5.00 per year has been approved effective 2015.

BCHW membership as of 8-16-12 was 1622 memberships with a total of 2624 members an increase of 4.78% over the same period in 2011.

Ways & Means

Raffle Calendars-1100 calendars have been issued to Chapters to sell

Wilcox Ride- First annual ride in Skagit County was successful even with the wet weather. BCHW made \$800 this year and hope to have a even larger turnout next year.

Rendezvous- Committees are established and planning is under way. There will be more information coming in the next issue of the THN. We still could use more volunteers on various committees.

Education- Trygve Culp was nominated and approved as the Education Chair

LNT- Jane Byram asked that the 2013 budget include \$7500 for LNT if the \$10,000 RCO grant is not approved. Jeff Chapman stated that the LNT grant will be approved.

LNT handed out BCHW onion sack garbage bags to the Directors for members to carry with them on their Chapter rides."

BCHW Store - A T shirt was passed around for the Directors review and comments. It would be worn by members of the work party. It is similar to a referee's shirt, only with orange striping so they can be seen easily by other peo-

ple". No action was taken.

Governance and Bylaws- Teunis Wyers is working on a standing rule for the newly established Grant Committee and needs some guidelines from the Directors to complete the Standing Rule document by next Directors meeting.

Publicity/THN- Dick Yarboro stated that there are only 600 BCHW brochures left and wanted to know if he should order more. Motion to buy more with the remaining money in the budget was approved.

Good of the Order

NW Region Chapters donated \$ 173.12 to BCHW from their fundraiser proceeds.

Loup Loup Horse Camp- Gary Sterner stated that the MV Forest District received a Title II grant for a new horse camp and asked that Chapters write letters of support to the MV Forest District. MV Chapter has committed funds and volunteer assistance to develop the horse camp.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM

WHISTLER CANYON BRIDGE PROJECT

The Chapter afforded a Tonasket High School Senior the opportunity to use a bridge replacement as her Senior Project. Many members provided volunteer hours to help Jessica meet the requirements of the project.



Before



After

WHISTLER CANYON CELEBRATION RIDE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

Dave Swanberg

Back in November of 2011 we were sure the new Whistler Canyon Trailhead would be completed by September of 2012. We decided it would be a great time to hold a celebration ride. Well the trailhead did not get completed, but that did not deter us from following through and holding the ride anyway.

Since the trailhead was not completed, it required some additional planning and logistics because we had to use the temporary trailhead as the jumping off place to start the ride. As this was going to be a destination ride to the Wilcox Trailhead, our trail bosses discussed and planned how we would unload horses at the Whistler Canyon TH and then move the trailers, potluck dishes, chairs and BBQ to the Wilcox TH. As it turned out, we did not have to shuttle trailers planned. We had sufficient non riding members that could haul the horse trailers and the rest of the things to the Wilcox TH as well as sufficient room to haul all the horses back to the Whistler Canyon TH.

Now for the ride, we had a good turnout with 11 riders and 12 horses which included one guest, Mike Buchert. The 12.2 mile ride was a little dusty in places, but overall it was a very good ride. We left a 10:00AM and arrived at 2:30 PM at the Wilcox TH.

About 5 miles into the ride we started hearing comments from some of the riders asking about lunch so we did stop approximately ½ mile short of the picnic table for a little break. It was a little hazy, but we had a good view of the valley below us with the mountain ranges in the background.

Our chefs, Cathy and Gail, already had everything set-up for our BBQ potluck when we arrived at Wilcox. After tying up and watering the horses and mules, everyone sat down for some serious social time and talk about the ride and other topics. We had 18 members and guest for our BBQ. The Chapter furnished the flank steaks, and as always we had some great potluck dishes.

It's a shame that the trailhead was not completed in time for our celebration ride since our Chapter members have worked so hard on this project over the last three years. We are getting closer but it is still up to the County to award a contract for the access road and parking area. Every effort is being made to have the work completed before the snow flies. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

This is already a very popular destination for hikers, horsemen, bicycling and rock climbers. We installed a sign in sheet for visitors to fill in on July 1, 2012 and in just 3 months there have been over 160 people utilizing the new trail and our Chapter can be very proud of the recreational asset we have provided for tourists and visitors.

OKANOGAN VALLEY CHAPTER
BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON

Membership Meeting Minutes

September 19th, 2012

The meeting was called to order by our President Stan Kvistad at 6:27. There were 29 people in attendance, including 3 guests, Dick Fuller and Tom and Renee Gransden. It was moved by Tryg Culp and 2nd by Sandra Walter to accept the minutes as printed on our website. Passed. The Treasurers Report was given by Cathy Kvistad. We are solvent. Moved to accept by Tom Windsor, 2nd Dave Sunde. Passed.

REPORTS

Directors: Tryg Culp reported that there is an online site to post and observe comments on the Gifford Pincho area. There is a board of Directors meeting on Sat. and if you want to make comments call Tryg.

Trail Boss: Dave Sunde talked about the Sept 29th WC/Wilcox ride and pot luck. We will start at Whistler Canyon and ride to the Wilcox trail head. There, drivers will be transported back down to get their trailers. Trailer pool if possible. People could meet at the Fairgrounds or the Fire Station in Tonasket. Steve McKinney has room for one horse, and Dave Swanberg room for one. More information later via e-mail or contact Dave Sunde. Steaks will be provided by the club and potluck for salads and desserts.

Legislative: Nothing to report.

Volunteer Hours: Peggy Swanberg reported that the year ends Sept 30th and she needs your final hours very soon after the 30th to enable her to complete her report.

Website: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: We really need someone to take Nora Rappe's position of assembling the newsletter. Please contact Stan Kvistad or Nora if you are interested.

Social Director: Gail Sunday reminded us about the Halloween Party on Friday Oct. 26th at 6:00 at the Senior Ctr. In Tonasket. This is a joint function with Ferry County. Wear costumes or not but come and have fun. This is a potluck.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trail Signs OTC: Dave Swanberg stated that the signs are completed and installed. A statement for \$1930.00 has been submitted for payment. The club should net about \$1300.00 after expenses.

2013 Raffle Calendars: Dave Swanberg stated that he has calendars for \$20.00 each to buy now or take to sell to friends, relatives, etc., pay later.

DNR Annual Vol. Award: Dave Swanberg told us of the 1st Annual Hero Award and if you would like to nominate someone please call Dave or you can go to the DNR Website.

Whistler Canyon Trail Head Work: The last time the County opened a bid for the work no one submitted a bid. Stan Kvistad has worked up a bid to see if our chapter can do the work. We have a meeting with the county commissioners on Monday Sept. 24. The grant money has been extended until Dec. for the parking lot work.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chapter Elections-Nominations: Peggy asked that people consider accepting a nomination for our elections in Oct. Stan has said he would run for President, Cathy-Sec. Treas. unless someone else would like the job, Cher-Sec., Gail Sunde Social Director (unless someone else would like the job) Steve McKinney said he would run for VP and we would need a Director, & Volunteer Hours person. Please give Peggy a call if you are considering accepting a nomination for any of these positions.

Planning Meeting: Monday Nov. 24 at Dave Sunde's house at 1:00. Everyone is welcome to come and bring ideas of what you would like to do next year. Steve McKinney stated that he would like to organize a ride for days to a week at either Haney Meadows or Twisp River Horse Camp.

COMING EVENTS:

Sept 29th WC/Wilcox Ride and Potluck-Email later or call Dave Sunde.

Oct 13th 13 Mile joint ride with Ferry County—Cancelled

Oct 15th Board Meeting at Kvistad's 7pm

Oct 17th General Meeting @ Tonasket Sen. Ctr @ 7pm—Cathy is looking for a meeting place in Okanogan or Omak area. If you have a suggestion give her a call. Steve McKinney suggested that we consider having the board meeting 1 hr before our general meeting. It was stated that this was on the agenda for the Nov 24th planning meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Dave Swanberg stated that if people join BCH after Oct 1st their membership is good until the end of 2013.

Tom Windsor stated that the Hunter Meadow Cabin had been refurbished and it is a nice place to spend time and good places for horses.

Dick Fuller won the 50-50 drawing.

Motion to adjourn was made by Frank Osborne, 2nd Tom Tugaw. Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10. Stan stated that it was a record 43 minutes!

Respectively submitted,

Cher Bower, Secretary

COMING EVENTS

15 OVB Board Meeting Tonasket Visitor Center 19:00

17 OVC Membership Meeting—19:00 @ Tonasket Senior Center—Officer Nminations will be held

**26 Joint OVC/FCC Halloween Potluck Dinner-
October**

15 OVC Board Meeting @ Kivastad's 19:00

17 OVC Membership Meeting—19:00 @ Tonasket Senior Center—Officer Nominations will be held

26 Joint OVC/FCC Halloween Potluck Dinner-Costumes optional-Chapter will provide meat for potluck

28 Fall Color Ride—Meet @ 9:00 ride @ 10:00. We will leave from the Kvistad Ranch and there will be a potluck afterwards.

November

17 No Host Dinner—18:00 @ Koala's in Omak—Please RSVP to Gail Sunde 486-1547

19 OVC Board Meeting @ Tonasket Visitor Center 19:00

21 OVC Membership Meeting 19:00 @ Tonasket Senior Center—Chapter Officer Elections

26 OVC The Annual Planning Meeting at the Sunde's. The meeting is at 13:00 and is open to all members. Please bring your ideas and a 2013 calendar.

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To join BCHW, complete this application, sign the liability release (all members **18 and over**), and enclose payment:

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- **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.



Member Info

New Member Renewal – Membership number(s): _____

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Children's name(s): _____

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Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)

- Contributing \$65.00
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- Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00

- State dues paid online (attach receipt copy)
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- Subtotal A* \$ _____

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Tonasket, WA 98855

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LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

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

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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