

Okanogan Valley Chapter, Back Country Horsemen of Washington

The Picket Line

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The President Says

Stan Kvistad



Happy New Year!

Hope everyone had a great Christmas! Ours was good with the kids coming and grand's are a hoot! The snow kinda fouled my sleigh riding plans up (too much to fast) but oh well. I finally got the sleigh dug out Christmas day and hauled it and the team down to Omak to my cousins and gave them rides so now all I have to do is break out the trails here and we'll be set for some good sleighing.

Well back to business, January 14th is going to be our planning meeting at 1:00 at Sundes with the board meeting following ,all are welcome or if you can't come and have some ideas for a ride call me so I can get it on the table. At the January meeting we will go over the schedule and see what everybody thinks.

The January meeting will be at home town pizza for a start but I'd sure like to nail down a permanent meeting place here in the Omak area, have any ideas? Call me 826-1421

Dang it seems like I'm forgetting something, but how about this bring a canned good or something we can take to the food bank how about that?

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Director: Dave Sunde
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Volunteer Hours Coordinator: Nora Rappe'
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Newsletter: Trygve Culp
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Trail Boss Report

Dave Sunde

The month of December passed without much activity on trails. The Whistler Canyon Trailhead and driveway are pretty much completed. There may be some additional work to be done after the snow melts and the ground thaws.



I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a prosperous New Year. The December snow or at least the amount caught me by surprise. I have 2 horses that still have shoes on. We are having our annual planning meeting at our home on the 14th at 13:00 (1:00 PM). Please plan to attend if you can. This meeting is open to all members and the more ideas the better. That's all I have for now. Check the website periodically for late breaking news.

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Recipes Needed—Urgent

WE NEED RECIPES! We are putting together a Back Country Horsemen of Washington Cookbook for a state fundraiser. We are requesting ALL chapters AND/OR members to send in your very best recipes! All of the recipes will be for camping (front country or backcountry) or potlucking events. It can also include dishes that you prepare ahead of time and put in the ice chest/refrigerator until the potluck. Meals you cook over the fire or your camp stove. Dutch oven cooking recipes, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, you name it! We need your favorite recipes! Your name, chapter or independent member, will be credited in the cookbook. Please submit your recipes now!

We also would encourage creative names for your recipes – (i.e. After the Workparty Stew, Alpine Lake's Over the Top Apple Dessert) Use your imagination! We want this cookbook to be useful and fun for BCHers – or anyone else who loves cooking and eating in the outdoors!!!

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***** We have a cutoff date of JANUARY 25, 2013 – in order to make our publishing date for the Rendezvous.**

Thank you for helping us make this the best BCHW cookbook ever! And it will be because it's the first one!!!!

PLEASE SUBMIT RECIPES TO:

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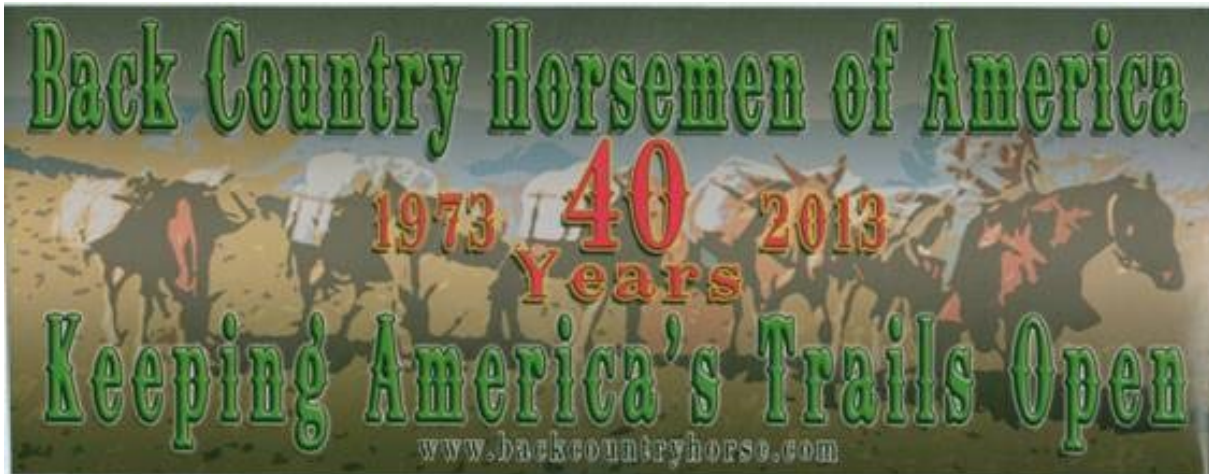
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NOTICE

Please send volunteer hours to Chapter Volunteer Hour Coordinator Nora Rappe'. Her e-mail address is:

nrappe@wildblue.net. Or. Nora can be reached by telephone at (509) 422-0244.



Director's Report

Dave Sunde, Chapter Director

The 4th quarter Board of Directors meeting was held at 9:00 on December 8th in Ellensburg, Washington.

President Bob Gish presided. I attended as the new guy from Okanogan County because our former Director, Mr. Culp is now sitting at the head

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BCHW Needs Calendar Photos

The BCHW Calendar committee is in need of your pictures....we are looking for a wide variety of categories and are in special need of work party and winter scene pictures. I have created a new e-mail account for digital submissions:

bchw.calendarpictures@gmail.com

The submission date deadline for the 2014 calendar is March 1st, 2013. We are accepting submission all year long and have created an archive for all pictures received in order to use them at a later date. The resolution of the pictures should be high and a minimum of 300 x 400 pixels for the small pictures can be used but 600 x 600 pixels is much better. Always choose the high resolution selection when e-mailing any submissions. Please check your camera settings to make sure that your resolution is not set on thumbnail or e-mail settings. Submitting pictures implies a release of the copy right to those photos submitted. Please make sure that you have permission from the person who took the picture that you are submitting if it is not your own. Chapters frequently make a disk of chapter pictures to use for slide shows and we would love to receive a copy of those pictures. You can send digital pictures or hard copies which can be scanned, a 4x6 picture is large enough to use for the large picture after it has been scanned in at a high resolution.

Please send information with each picture which includes where the picture was taken, a short description of the event and who took the picture. Submission do not have to be new pictures but can be from any year.

Please mail submissions to:

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Table as BCHW Vice President

Most of the committee reports were all given and approved with little or no discussion.

The Rendezvous organizers now have volunteers for all positions. Preliminary posters were presented and passed out. Trygve gave a presentation on the Whistler Canyon Trailhead project and passed some 8 by 10 photographs around.

Education: There will be no saw certification classes at Rendezvous because classes will be presented prior to that meeting.

Safety: There will be a cargo hauling workshop at rendezvous.

LNT: Jane Byram reported that the news grant came through and the 2nd year grant is ranked 4th. There is \$30,000 lined up in grants to run the program.

Wilcox Horse Camp Rebuild Project: Jason Ridlon gave a report on the state of the area post wild fire. He proposed a state-wide work party to repair trails in the area.

Grant Committee: We have a change in committee members. Lori Lennox has retired and Bob Gish appointed Judy Smith from the Mt. St. Helens chapter as her replacement.

2013 Budget: The 2013 budget was passed out, discussed and approved.

Volunteer Hours: Deb Wesselius presented the year end numbers and pointed out areas of concern.

Treasurers Training: All new and current treasurers are encouraged to attend the Treasurer Training session on Saturday morning during Rendezvous.

Don’t forget to bring a can of food to donate to the January Chapter meeting

From My Spot on the Picket Line

Trygve Culp, Newsletter Editor



Please bear with me on this newsletter editor deal—the last time I edited a newsletter I had to cut mimeograph stencils. This seems to be a lot easier, but it is not without its challenges, also. In order for the newsletter to be successful or good or however you care to describe it, I need your help. I need your pictures, stories, recipes and ideas. I also need your patience and tolerance—there will probably be some bumps along the way.

I am starting to get excited about the BCHW Rendezvous—I sort of view that event as the “kick off” for BCHW activities for the year. Its not too early to mark your calendar for March 15, 16 and 17. As usual, the event is planned for the Kittitas Valley Events Center in Ellensburg. Plan to be there—its always a great time.

Dave Sunde

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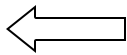
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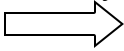
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Stan Kvistad reciting a poem (maybe "**6 and 7/8**") at the "Cabin Fever" fundraiser at the Tonasket Community Center in early February



First Work Party of the year—Cutting planks for the Wilcox Trailhead and Whistler Canyon bridges



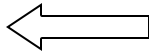
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Stan Kvistad with help from Knute and Harley skidding stringer logs for the Whistler Canyon bridges

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Lynn Kennedy and Jessica Puente put the finishing touches on one of the Whistler Canyon bridges

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Dave Taylor supervises Peggy Swanburg and her Grandsons finish varnishing the new Wilcox Trailhead picnic tables



Dave Sunde, Trygve Culp and Michael Alvarado work on the 14-Mile Trailhead Map



Dan and Teresa Naylor and Sandra Walters waiting for dinner after the Whistler Canyon ride to Wilcox Trailhead

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Dave Sunde and Trygve Culp on the way into Horseshoe Basin during the Chapter wilderness camp trip



Great minds pow-wow before the Fall Color Ride in the Chiliwist



Breaking ground on the new Whistler Canyon Trailhead access road south or Oroville

I hope that you have enjoyed this pictorial year in review. May the new year find all of your ponies gentle, your packs secure and your trails easy. We'll see you on the trail.



The new access road into the Whistler Canyon Trailhead. Its Done!

If you have not rejoined the Chapter for 2013, please do so. Membership applications can be found on the Chapter Website: ovcb-chw.com.

Don't forget that the Chapter Business Meeting is at the Home Town Pizza in Omak this month on Wednesday, January 16th. Come early and have dinner before the meeting. The meeting will start at 7:00PM.

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Calendar of Coming Events

January 14, 2013: Planning Meeting—Sunde residence, 1:00PM

January 16, 2013: Chapter Business Meeting—Home Town Pizza in Omak, 7:00 PM

January 28, 2013: BCHW Legislative Day—Olympia

February 20, 2013: Chapter Business Meeting—Sr. Center in Tonasket, 7:00 PM

March 15, 16 and 17, 2013: BCHW Rendezvous—KVEC, Ellensburg, WA

March 20, 2013: Chapter Business Meeting—Location in Omak to be announced, 7:00 PM

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