



# The Picket Line

Okanogan Valley Chapter  
 Back Country Horsemen of Washington  
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## Presidential Musings

Stan Kvistad, Chapter President

Well, isn't this a fine how- do- do? One of the last things I remembered writing was get your tack ready and go riding... How did ya do?

My summer has been a bummer Working out of town is something I've done a lot of in my life and hadn't planned on doing any more but this company thinks different . I have a week left in Roslyn and then back to Sandy Point till November.

I feel so out of touch with you people perhaps I should have resigned or maybe if I won the lottery it would help with this paying the bills and putting bread on the table. Oh well.

The Soap Lake fall color ride is coming up October 5th and yes we are going to do it! Twice we have changed it. The riding is open country with patches of aspens some pines and sage brush then we will be looking across at Gebbers's orchards that are laid out in blocks and with the different varieties will have different shades of fall colors - some frost would help.

On the flip side of the fun and riding is a business end of things to do and get done to keep the OVCBCH running. I have tried a few things like splitting the meetings up north and south and summer in the parks, a hamburger , hot dog menu so you didn't have to hurry home and cook yourself . Come eat, relax, get some visiting in. All in all the attendance has been up and yes these things



*President Stan Kvistad with three of his traveling companions test one of the new benches above the Whistler Canyon trailhead.*

haven't pleased everyone but what can I say... Oh yes, the 50-50 drawing has funded this and has made some very happy faces!

Last year we set a record for volunteer hours and this year will probably set a record the other way. Somehow we need to get more of our members active and what's more important is some younger people. What can we do to make this more attractive to the younger kids and how good it feels to see a job done or just being out seeing the great outdoors!

Now for the bad news - are ya ready? We are in a state of (almost) emergency. Nora has resigned as the volunteer hour person and Tryg, our newsletter editor, took a job as the 2014 president of the state (BCHW).

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Nora's job is open immediately and Tryg will do the newsletter only through December. So if anyone wants to step up please do!!!

October's meeting will be at the Tonasket senior center with nominees for next year's leaders so let's get a tight grip on that rope and hang on. Our trails and riding depend on us, (all of us)

God Bless, Stan.

PS: See ya the 5th. Turn up the Soap Lake Rd. (off Highway 97 just north of the Monse River Rd.) go about 2 miles and we will take off from there.

PPS: Cathy will have a chili and the fixin's when we get back.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
OCTOBER 26, 2013  
JOINT OVC & FCC HARVEST/HALLOWEEN  
POTLUCK AND DANCE**

**Minutes of the September 2013 Chapter  
Business Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 by our VP Steve McKinney. There were 21 members and 2 guests present. Guests Ted and Cheryl were introduced.

Dave Swanberg made an amendment to the Aug. minutes changing 12' to read 20' in the Carter Mountain discussion. A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Dave Swanberg and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lou Young. The minutes were approved as amended.

No Treasurers report was given. Dave Swanberg stated that he would be taking a check for \$34,000.00 with him to the directors meeting for deposit in the state account as approved at the last meeting.

The following reports will appear in the newsletter and on the website as Dave Sunde was not present: Directors, Trail Boss, Legislative, and website.

Volunteer Hours: make sure you turn in your volunteer hours monthly. Peggy Swanberg told us they need to be in by the end of the month.

Newsletter: Trygve Culp was not present.

Social Director: Gail Sunde reminded us about the Halloween party on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm at the Tonasket Senior Center. This is a party/potluck/dessert.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Calendar Sales: Dave Swanberg reported that of the 108 calendars that we are responsible for sell  
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ing, we have only 28 left (if all those that people took have been sold) See Dave if you need more.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Whistler Canyon Property Sales: Dave Swanberg went to a meeting with the county commissioners for public input on the sales of Surplus Property near the Whistler Canyon Trail Head. The county wants to keep 3.7 acres at the trailhead and make easements through the proposed land for sale to the Frog Pond and through the scabland to the upper trail. There will be a meeting on Mon Sept 23 at 1:30 PM to set prices for the parcels which will be auctioned in December. The BLM has written a letter stating that they are still interested in purchasing the land but a new EIS Survey is necessary. The BCHOVC has \$34,000 which it could apply to the land purchase if other monies are available. Marc Morris is talking to Kinross to see if they will donate additional money.

Directors Meeting: Dave Swanberg reminded us that the 2014 dues will be going up \$5.00 and that new forms should be here in October. The directors are looking for nominations for people for the awards ceremony. Dave also stated that BCHW has 15086 members, which are 2.2% down from last year.

BCHW Store: Dave Swanberg will be attending the meeting and if anyone wants anything from the store he can bring it back.

**COMING EVENTS**

Sept. 21, 2013 BCHW Board of Directors meeting  
KVEC in Ellensburg, WA at 9:00am

Sept. 28, 2013: Salmon Meadows Ride. Linda  
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Anonymous**

## Director's Report

Dave Swanburg, Alternate Director

I attended the 3rd Quarter BCHW Board meeting. Hereafter is my report:

### Reports:

A. Treasurer- 2014 budget was reviewed and approved by the board.

B. Membership- 2013 memberships are at 1586, 2.2% less than 2012, with families at 42.4% and single members at 50.4%. 2014 family memberships will cost \$54.00 and single membership will cost \$41.00, plus \$10...00 for chapter membership.

C. Nominations- The nominations for 2014 and 2015 are: President-Trygve Culp; VP-Jim Anderson; BCHW Director I- Darrell Wallace; Alt. Director-Ken Carmichael.

D. Ways and Means- A new BCHW Fund-raiser Program was proposed and approved by the board with amendments. This program covers all fundraisers that are raising money for BCHW only, does not address or include the chapter fundraisers. Examples are the Rendezvous, Ken Wilcox Ride, the Wine Ride and any future fundraisers.

- a. Wilcox Ride made \$750 gross and the Store made \$550
- b. Rendezvous-made \$15,496 net
- c. New Wine Ride is estimated to make approx. \$10,000 gross.

E. Education- There are now 130 members who are trained to certify chapter members. On 5/08/14, there will be a train the chapter trainer at Cougar Flats next year. LNT training will take place on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Randle.

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Osborne said the trail was good. One log to go over and one to go around. Ride to be 3 to 4 hours, level 2/3. Meet 9:00 Ride 10:00am.

Oct 5, 2013, Smith Lake Ride in the Chiliwist: Level 1-2 Meet at Stan Kvistad's 9:00am ride at 10:00am. Potluck following.

Oct. 26 Halloween Party/potluck/dessert at the Tonasket Senior Center, 6:00pm. Come in Costume or not, just come and enjoy!

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50-50 Drawing: The winner was Doug Walla, \$22.50.

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Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Lambert Creek camp grounds: Jerry Downs stated that someone from the Colville Forest Service will be there at 9:30am to discuss improvements to the campground. Try and be there for support.

Tom Windsor encouraged all of us to join Med Star N. W. He told us about the dues (3 years for \$150.00) and his recent experience with the helicopter ride from Republic to Wenatchee. Gail Downs also mentioned her good experience with the company. We currently have 12 members enrolled.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jane Byron and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gail Downs. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

Respectively submitted, Cher Bower, Secretary

**Dave Sunde**

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**Elected  
Officers for 2013**

**President:** Stan Kvistad  
**Vice President:** Steve McKinney  
**Secretary:** Cher Bower  
**Treasurer:** Cathy Kvistad  
**Trail Boss:** Dave Sunde  
**Director:** Dave Sunde  
**Immediate Past President:** Vacant this year

**Appointed  
Officers for 2013**

**Volunteer Hours Coordinator:** Vacant  
**Leave No Trace Coordinator:** Steve McKinney  
**Newsletter Editor:** Trygve Culp  
**Publicity Chair:** Linda Osborne  
**Alternate Trail Boss:** Trygve Culp

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## Out on the Trail

### UNSCHEDULED WORK PARTY

On Thursday, September 25, 2013, a small group met at the Wilcox trailhead to prepare for installation of some directional trail signs. We loaded the trail signs and tools on Dave's pack horse and headed down the Wild Horse Spring trail. We installed the first sign about ¼ mile down the trail and joked that it would have been faster and less work if we would have just carried the sign.

After installing the remaining 2 signs, the group continued on to the top of the canyon and identified 5 more potential areas that could benefit from additional signage. On the return ride Trygve spotted a bull moose on the trail and we all got a good look before he saw us and slowly moved away.

The group of workers included Dave and Gail Sunde Trygve Culp, Dave and Peggy Swanberg and a guest from the Skagit Co Chapter, Director, Michael Mahaffey. Michael and his wife Nan are vacationing here for an extended vacation from the rainy side.

Back at the trailhead Gail had a delicious hot lunch of biscuits and beans and cake waiting for us. Michael declared not only is this Okanogan group great to ride with, interesting to **"Work Party" continued on page 8**



*Trygve Culp and Dave Swanburg adjust a load of signs and tools at the Wilcox Driveway trailhead.*

## With Apologies to Baxter Black

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**WANTED:** The Chapter urgently needs a Volunteer Hours Coordinator. The VHC is responsible for the collection and reporting of all members volunteer hours. The VHC should have a home computer and a basic working knowledge of Microsoft Excel. If interested in helping please contact Chapter President Stan Kvistad.

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F. Grants- We will be receiving an RCO grant \$150,000. on approx. Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. There is approx. \$39,000 available for Chapters to apply for main of trails and tools. Chapters need to apply for these funds by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Next RCO 2 year grant submittal is scheduled for 6/1/2014. If Chapters want to apply for this grant they must have a member(s) attend a grant work shop at the 2014 Rendezvous.

G. Legislative- Gjurasic and Kohl submitted a contract proposal to represent BCHW in the legislative procedures in Olympia in 2014. It was discussed and approved by the board.

H. Awards- Program was discussed and a committee will be established to review and recommend the # of Lifetime Achievement Awards that should be handed out each year.

**New Business:**

1. Timing of tax reporting- Teri asked that the Chapters close their yearend books by mid December an order for her to complete her work by end of Feb.
2. Teri will be holding a Treasurer training meeting in Jan of next year and asked all Directors o impress on their treasurers that they must attend the meeting.
3. Business Plan- A proposal was presented to prepare a BCHW Business Plan. It was discussed and approved to proceed with a preliminary draft.

**Good of the Order:**

Whistler Canyon- The proposed auction sale of the WC property was discussed and a motion was made and approved by the board to use the money collected by OVC for a down payment to purchase the WC property to be used by collaborative group to purchase the scab land of WC trail system and sell to a government entity.

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pack with and not only provided a great lunch, they include a moose sighting.

All in all it was a successful work party and social time.

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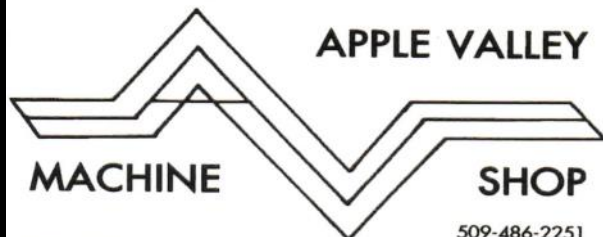
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## Trail Boss Report

Dave Sunde

September was a wet one. The Maple Mountain to Sweat Creek ride through was postponed and probably cancelled for this year. It seems that no one wants to ride 4 hours in heavy rain. I can't say as I blame them.

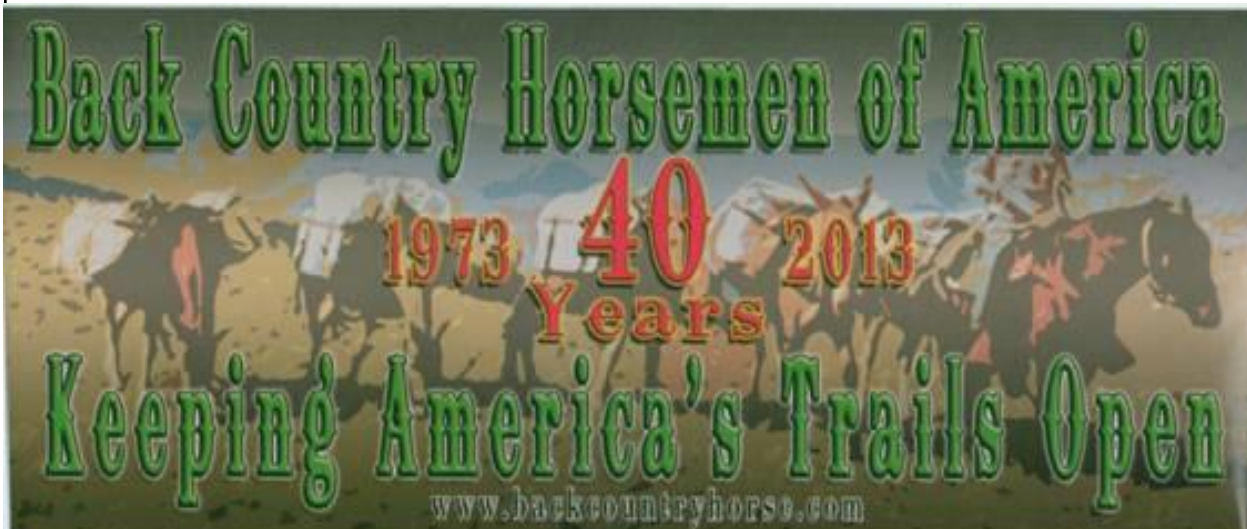
On the 17<sup>th</sup> a few of us attended the Okanogan County Commissioner's meeting in Okanogan. The business before the group was the surplus of the Whistler canyon property that the County purchased several years ago for the trailhead. The land has been divided into 3 parcels. One is the 32.5 acre parcel containing the agricultural ground, one is a 3.7 acre parcel for the trailhead, and one is a large 63 acre parcel containing the scab land. The county says that the scab land will be sold with an easement for the PNWNST as well as the Frog Pond trail. The Agricultural parcel will be sold with an easement for the trailhead driveway. This is an ongoing issue with the chapter and several other user groups involved. I believe there will be more information posted elsewhere in this newsletter. We will also have a discussion at the next membership meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> a few of us had a work party out of the Wilcox Trailhead. We packed in three 8 foot posts with signs and placed them at the more confusing spots on the Wild Horse Spring trail. We also identified locations where additional signage is needed and will be going up again on October 8<sup>th</sup> to complete this work. Anyone who can make this is welcome to attend. I think Gail will again have some sort of hot meal for us when we get back at the trailhead.

The annual Fall Color Ride has been replaced this year by a ride at Soap Lake on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October. Cathy will be emailing directions prior to the event.

Hunting season is upon us so be sure both horse and rider are wearing "hunter orange" when out riding. Now is a good time to be thinking of taking off the horseshoes and oiling up the tack for winter storage. Remember that mice are very fond of chewing on salt infused leather so cats, traps or some other deterrent will help save your equipment. This is also a good time to make sure those tank heaters piled on a back shelf still work and don't have any frayed cords or hot spots in the cal rod. Some heaters don't have grounded plugs so be sure and check any exposed metal with a neon voltage tester. Above all, make sure the heaters are plugged into a GFCI outlet. An energized heater can create current flow through either the brain or heart, either of which can prove fatal.

The end of year reporting for volunteer hours is due on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. If you have not turned in your hours up to now, please make every effort to get them in. Nora is no longer our coordinator, so please send them to Cathy. If you have any questions on how to fill out the spreadsheet you can also feel free to call me and I can help you. We tried to capture hours from people that don't normally show up for work parties by having Gail available at work parties to manually record the hours, but that probably did not capture all the hours. We need to stay on top of this to make sure that every hour is properly reported.



## **Okanogan Valley Chapter** **Calendar of Upcoming Activities**

October 5, 2013: Soap Lake Fall Color Ride. This is a Level 2 ride. Meet at 9:00 AM; ride at 10:00 AM. Contact Stan Kvistad for information. 826-1421.

October 8, 2013: Wild Equine Spring trail work party. Meet at Wilcox Driveway trailhead at 9:00 AM. Contact Dave Sunde at 486-1547 or Trygve Culp at 486-2061.

October 16, 2013: Chapter officers meeting, 6:00 PM; Chapter business meeting, 7:00 PM. Tonasket Senior Center.

October 26, 2013: Okanogan Valley and Ferry County Chapters joint pot luck dinner, Halloween Party and dance. Contact Jerry Downs at (509) 775-3218 or Stan Kvistad (509) 826-1421.

November 16, 2013: No host dinner at the Sitting Bull restaurant in Conconully. Contact Linda Osborne for information 826-5767.

November 20, 2013: Chapter officers meeting, 5:00 PM; Dinner, 6:00 PM, Chapter business meeting, 7:00 PM. Caribou Inn, Okanogan.

December 13, 2013: Chapter Christmas Party, Potluck Dinner, Gift Exchange, 6:00 PM. Tonasket Senior Center.

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