



HOOFBEATS

AUGUST 2014



Next meeting August 5th 7 pm
Karen (coffee) Laura Shillam (treats)

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Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW

Mission :

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
2. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
3. To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.

Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW

www.capitolriders.org (with a link to our Facebook page)

Meet monthly at the Littlerock firehall, 10828 Littlerock Road SW (larger of the two meeting rooms). Please verify the meeting by either going to the chapter web site and the Events page, or call 360-459-4759.

The next general meeting is scheduled for August 5th, 7 pm at the Littlerock firehall, 10828 Littlerock Road SW, Olympia, WA.

Please get your volunteer hours in to

Deb Hall as soon as possible if you've not already done so. hallsmith@comcast.net (no hyphen).

Reminder - If you want to renew your first aid certification, Centralia College is offering classes. Good for two years.

Aug 9th 8:30-4:00 \$60 code 4604, # CE 207A
Sep 20th 8:30-4:00 \$60 code 4612, # CE 207B

Registration 360-736-9391 ext 427. No refunds within 24 hours of class start.

We as a chapter need to have at least two certified folks on work parties when using power equipment such as chain saws.

Equine Courtesy Day on July 19 saw

only one chapter member out there on the trails. What happened? A gorgeous day, not too hot. Fortunately there were plenty of others taking advantage of the trails. Guess DNR will do it again next year after all.

With the wildfires this summer in Eastern Washington, our fellow BCH members will be needing some assistance. All Methow Valley chapter members made it through okay. No one lost any horses or mules. What they did lose were barns, tons of hay, tack and grazing pastures.

Please set any tack aside for now that you are not using and want to dispose of. We'll let you know how to get your donations to them at a later date.

No word yet on Okanogan Valley members or ex Tri-Rivers members (Tri-Rivers was dissolved by the board a few months ago.) One would think they are in the same situation as Methow Valley.

Beaver Creek and North Summit (Loup Loup) horse camps survived the flames. Beaver Creek is inside the perimeter of the fire which makes it all that more amazing.

Methow Valley chapter has been working on making North Summit into a full fledged camp so it's nice to know all their efforts have not gone to waste. Of course the fire is not yet out so let's not be counting chickens just yet.

Be sure and read the meeting minutes in last month's newsletter, especially if you'll be at the meeting. You need to know what you are approving after all when you are asked.

Some of you are going on rides and camp outs. Sure would be great if you could share your photos and provide a short write-up about your trip! You have my email address.

Karen Johnson has two work parties scheduled for Capitol Forest. (We adopted Mima Campground and some trails). DNR expects us to be out there working on brushing and miscellaneous cleanup. The manure bin at Mima needs to be cleaned out. Trails need brushing.

Thursday, July 31st and/or Friday August 1st, 9 am.

When you do get out there for camp outs, remember that there is a burn ban in effect for pretty much all public lands. You can use a propane fire but no wood or briquettes. Pretty much means your dutch oven cooking will be done on a stove.

And on those rides, if you need to tie the horse or mule to a tree, make sure what you tie to is stout enough to hold them if they get spooked. This is especially critical if you are close to any lake. Recently a horse drowned in Pete Lake (Alpine Lakes Wilderness out of Cayuse Horse Camp, Cle Elum River.)

There will be an animal adoption event at the county fairground on Sunday August 2nd. Dogs, cats, horses and other animals. This will take place in the Hicks Lake Barn, all day long 10 am until closing. The barn is south of the main gate coming up from the lower parking lot, and immediately north of the carnival (not the best location for the animals!)

There currently is chatter on the Capitol Forest Users Yahoo group about races and other users. DNR can't close trails and speeding bikes or galloping horses are a hazard to the unsuspecting hiker. Is there a solution? My thought on the topic is to do what Thurston County required the Northwest Equestrian Center to do with the Chehalis-Western Trail. Post someone who would stop the traffic on the Chehalis-Western Trail when a

Currently Scheduled Events - partial for 2014

July

31 - DNR User meeting 6 pm, 801 88th Ave Tumwater will be rescheduled for sometime in August due to the wildfires

31 - work party at Mima Campground, 9 am

August

1 - possible work party at Mima Campground, 9 am

2 - Equine Endurance Ride, Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, Littlerock, - Greenline, Wedekind, Mima Falls Tie, Mima Falls trails

5 - General Meeting Littlerock fire hall 7 pm

7-10 - chapter campout - Les Hilde/Sedro-Woolley, Carrie Russell, twalkin10@gmail.com

16 - chapter day ride - Grayland/Westport

21-24 - chapter campout - Kalama Horse Camp, Carrie Russell, twalkin10@gmail.com

23 - Peggy Bolling Memorial Scholarship Foundation Ride, Hunter Tree Yard, Shelton Tom or Kris (360) 426-3771 or (360) 280-6367, tommasonco@yahoo.com or katznhorse@aol.com

September

2 - General Meeting Littlerock fire hall 7 pm

4-7 - chapter campout - Keenes Horse Camp

6 - chapter day ride - Elbe/Sahara Crk/Nicholson trail system (optional overnight)

6-7 - Competitive Mounted Orienteering, Capitol Forest

20 - 3rd QTR BCHW Board of Directors meeting - Ellensburg

25 - DNR User meeting 6 pm, 801 88th Ave Tumwater

27 - National Public Lands Day work party Capitol Forest

October

4 - chapter day ride - Kennedy Creek

7 - General Meeting Littlerock fire hall 7 pm

25 - Wine Ride, Zillah

26 - National Mule Day

horse was about to gallop through. In this case, post people at trail junctions warning them of the hazards. Granted that this takes a fair number of volunteers but it may be what is needed. If there are enough events involving any kind of speed and as other users formally complain, I can see it happening.

Do you have any 2015 calendars sold yet? I do! And so far this year two of the winners have me to thank. Pretty good odds. And speaking of odds only 1,300 calendars will be available for 2015. With 200 unsold for 2014 the board decided to cut back. How do you go about selling them? Well, you ask everyone you come in contact with including friends, coworkers, business people, doctors, nurses, anyone. I even bought a bunch for Christmas gifts. In fact the January winner was my sister-in-law. Here is my spiel and feel free to use it. "It is a unique raffle. The winning ticket goes back into the box so even if you win one month, you have more chances. January through November the winner gets \$300 and December it's \$3,000. With only 1,300 calendars being sold the odds are far better than the lottery. Plus you get the calendar complete with scenic photos and room to write notes on each day's block."

With no meeting minutes nor trip write-ups this month, we'll see if we can fill some pages.

I recently learned of a 14 year old girl riding a \$550 horse that took first place in a 100 mile endurance ride back east at the end of June. The horse was in tip-top shape and got A's during each veterinary check including the last. She came in a full hour and 8 minutes ahead of the second place finishers (a tie for second.) Anything is possible!

Immediately after the Livestock Coalition fun ride out of the Evergreen Sportsman Club on June 21st, I was asked what the web site "hits" were for May and June. I had to answer that I did not know. Our web provider had dropped the tracking feature some months ago. In about 2 hours however, I set up each page on the web site to be tracked by Google who has something they call "Google Analytics". The tracking results have been quite interesting. Right now we have about a 30% return user rate. Some find us through web searching and don't stay long. Others browse the site, concentrating on the horse camp information page, prize rides page and maps page. Most reside in Washington with others from other countries around the world. The BCHW web site is doing a good job of directing users to the site with others coming from Facebook or web search engines.

In order for me to track each and every document linked on the web site would require a lot of work and time that I don't have right now. Of course it is doable to see how many times a particular PDF document may be getting viewed. It's simply low on my current list of priorities.

I continue to work on the BCHW Volunteer Miles database, concentrating now on the logon part of it. I gave a demo at the end of June in Ellensburg at the BCH board meeting. I believe it went fairly well. When I finish with the logon stuff we'll go live and Norman and other Work Bosses in other chapters will learn more about it. Jason Ridlon who is the BCHW liaison to BCHA likes it and is using it for real. I'll save his work when we go live and put it back in the database.



Horse Heaven! near Bend Oregon Fourth of July weekend 2014, photo by Dean Hartman



The "Nile" 2014, photo by Dean Hartman

Come Join Us!

To join or renew your membership with BCHW, complete this application:

- Please PRINT LEGIBLY.
- Sign the LIABILITY RELEASE (all members over 18).
- Make checks out to CAPITOL RIDERS.
- Give or mail the application to :

Chris Enrico
 4809 24th Ave SE, Lacey WA 98503-3252



Member Info

New Member Renewal – Membership number(s): _____

Adult's name(s): _____

Children's name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

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Basic Membership

- Single \$41.00
 Family \$54.00

Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)

- Contributing \$75.00
 Sustaining \$125.00
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 Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00

State dues paid online (attach receipt copy)

Additional State Donation \$ _____

Subtotal A \$ _____

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Chapter Name (or Independent): _____

Capitol Riders

Chapter Dues - Single \$10.00
 - Family \$15.00 \$ _____

Additional Chapter Donation \$ _____

Subtotal B \$ _____

Grand Total (A+B) \$ _____

LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

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 Back Country Horsemen of Washington, 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.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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