

# CAPITOL RIDERS



OLYMPIA, WA.

## Hoofbeats - June 2011

General meeting August 2nd, 7pm  
No July meeting

### BCHW Capitol Riders Meeting Minutes

Littlerock Fire hall, 6/7/11

**Call to order :** President Dean Hartman called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**Introduction of Guests :** Angelle Hickman  
Jim and Carol Oakes, JR Oakes.

**Attendance:** 24

**Approval of minutes :** Minutes from the May meeting read by Chris Enrico. Correction - Trail Marker Signs: Money was donated by Scattercreek Chapter, not Joan Fleming. Minutes approved with the correction.

Dean said the camp out to Kalama horse camp is a no go due to snow.

**Treasurers Report :** Traci Koch

- Club is solvent.
- Petty Cash - Angelle Hickman is in charge of petty cash accounting.

**Newsletter-Web :** Chris Enrico

Chris said he's sending out six newsletters now.

**Activity Committee :** Laura Kingman

- Ride Committee: Carrie said that as Kalama is snowed in the plan is to go to the Nile instead.
- Traci will be going to Mount Muller west of Port Angeles that same weekend. Carrie asked if there were takers for either ride.
- The Kalama ride will be in September on the date the Nile was scheduled for.
- With the Nile ride on June 23-26, a trail boss is needed. Carrie and Dean agreed to share. Caravan leave time is 9:00 am.
- Carrie has all the chili dog ride fixings. Carrie suggested dropping the July 30 ride on Fort Lewis and go Nisqually-Mashel. The group was in agreement.
- Traci mentioned the Kennedy Creek ride this coming Saturday. Look for the big orange gate by an arena. 10 am, The valley loop is six miles. Space for 80 rigs. Drive up 101 another mile and come back south on the Old Olympic Highway setting yourself up for an easy entrance back onto 101 towards Olympia.
- Laura mentioned her Bronco's 35th birthday party June 11, 11 am. Contact her for directions.

**Work Parties :** Jeff LaBreck

- The National Trails Day on June 4th had 8 horse folks in attendance. Forty people total with the bicycle folks doing most of the work on the 6A reroute.
- Jeff is supposed to get reimbursed for his costs and money spent on signs.
- Mima Falls closed through the end of the month.



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- d) Discovery Pass that hangs from the rear view mirror \$30. It is a \$87 fine if you don't have it displayed.
- e) Jeff said the BCHW store will have items at the Directors meeting. He can pick up anything ordered.
- f) Jeff shared his recent trail maintenance efforts in the Capitol Forest.

**Ways & Means :** Dean Hartman & Tom Crowson

- a) Garage sale - Joyce and Don's for next year? It works well for the chapter having the tie in with the Littlerock sale as it brings people in.
- b) Advertising: Tom said he has "Stop Thurston County" and handed a business card to Chris for the web site and newsletter.
- c) Raffle Tickets: Angelle Hickman
- d) iGive-: Connie Bailey not present.

**Social Events :** Anita, Connie and Nina

- a) Committee not present.
- b) July 16th BBQ at Joyce and Don's
- c) GPS/Map Class: at date to be determined. Sometime next winter.

**Membership Correspondence :** Chris E, Connie B

Nothing

**Legislative :** Judy Francis & Dean Hartman.

Judy not present, Dean had nothing. Chris said he's posted the latest list of bills on the web site.

**Director :** Jeff LaBreck - Public Lands

- a) Director meeting this Saturday
- b) New calendar with raffle tickets are available for \$20. Jeff will get 60.
- c) No information on the August bicycle event in the forest.

**Old Business :**

None.

**New business :**

- a) Westport ride - Diana Gunderson is spending the night. Contact her if you wish to do the same. 360-943-3121
- b) Traci mentioned expenses the chapter can claim with BCHW: Accounting, bank dues, education, grant and contract expense, legal expense, newsletter, postage, web site, and more.
- c) No general meeting in July
- d) Keenes trail boss is Tootie (said Tom). Leave at 9:30

**Education/LNT :** Karen Johnson

- a) Pick up after your horse and dog at parking areas. Put a muck bucket in your trailer or come up with your own system.
- b) Pick up what others have left behind.
- c) Fill in holes if a horse was tied to a tree of post at the trailhead. Repair the area - "Leave it like you found it."
- d) A new brochure is available called "Front Country Use".
- e) Karen found a piece of purple plate glass on June 4th while working on the 6A reroute. She will take it back per LNT principles.

Dean asked if the chapter can start alternating who brings coffee.

Next general meeting August 2nd, Dean to bring coffee.

Lorreta mentioned she has or knows of a 93 percent Appaloosa, 2 years old, Asking \$500.

Laura said she is looking for a draft horse.

**Adjournment** : Dean Hartman adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Connie Bailey

Minutes approval by: Membership on \_\_\_\_\_

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**Events - partial**

July

- 1 - Mima Falls Campground open
- 2 - Roslyn Riders Play day
- 2 - Capitol Riders Westport ride, caravan leaves Summit Lk Grocery 9:30 am, Tom and Tootie 360-866-2298
- 5 - No General Meeting - see July 16 BBQ
- 15-17 - Olympic Chapter Western Dream Ride, Lower Teanaway, Cle Elum Lynne Smith: 360-895-0127; iluvbmds@wavecable.com
- 16 - Capitol Riders Chapter BBQ at Joyce Nelson's 4pm 360-786-1224
- 17 - Nisqually Chapter ride Scattercreek first out 10 am (Red Barn on Case Rd)
- 21-24 - Capitol Riders Keenes horse camp, camp out, Tootie 360-866-2298, caravan leaves 9:30 Maytown rest area
- 29-31 - Ferry County Chapter Steak/Poker Ride, Lambert Creek Horse Camp, Jerry Downs: 509-775-3218
- 30 - Chili Dog ride - Nisqually-Mashel, Carrie 360-438-1873

August

- 2 - General Meeting Littlerock fire hall 7 pm
  - 4-7 - Capitol Riders Mt Adams horse camp, camp out, Barry and Carrie 360-438-1873, Leave Maytown rest area at ???
  - 20 - Pacific Rim Arabian Horse Association trail ride 10 am Rochester
  - 26-29 - Capitol Riders White Pass horse camp, camp out, no trail boss yet
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**Chapter Barbecue** - July 16th, 4 pm at Joyce and Don's, 360-786-1224

This party has not be discussed much so plans for who brings what are up in the air. **There will not be any general meeting before hand so it's a must to call Joyce.** Meat will be provided by the chapter so any side dishes and drinks need to be provided by those attending.

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Note the change in ride schedules - Nisqually-Mashel on July 30 (was Fort Lewis); Nile on June 23-26 (was Kalama) and September 16-19 Kalama (was Nile). The Nisqually-Mashel ride had been canceled due to poor weather and as Carrie still has he chili dog fixings she asked we change the date. Kalama is still snowed in so that ride will be later.

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Joint Base Lewis McChord (Fort Lewis) is seeing changes on their land use policies and regulations - You need to keep vehicle tires on the dirt and gravel. Designated parking is around kiosks or in dirt areas. You need to keep the horses on the roads and trails, no cutting across the grass lands. This is not an issue in the wooded areas.

There is the possibility of access fees. No more information on this for the time being.

Follow leave no trace ethics. . . pack out the horse manure and shed hair around the parking areas, pick up trash, etc.

The web site for obtaining passes is not working properly. Visit the main gate (I-5 exit 125) in order to visit the Area Access Office (Range Patrol), building T-4074. Their phone numbers are 253-967-6277 or 253-967-4686. Bring driver license, vehicle registration (don't forget the horse trailer) and proof of insurance.

## What Riders Should Do When Caught Horse Riding in a Lightning Storm

As a seasoned horse owner and rider, you most likely keep an ear open for the weather report before setting out on your horse for an afternoon ride. Yet the warmth of spring and summer, and the waning warmth during fall will quite often bring storms that you may not have been prepared for. Quite often these storms are more than just a nuisance, and the lighting and thunder, hail, driving rains, and even flash floods are in effect dangerous to both horse and rider.

While you most certainly will not go on a ride if you know that a severe thunder storm warning has been issued, the often negligible warning of possible afternoon storms falls on deaf ears, simply because most often nothing comes of this possibility. Thus it is imperative that you, the experienced rider and horse owner, keep an eye on the weather whenever you are out and about with your horse. If you notice that a storm is brewing, do not waste any time but find an adequate shelter. Should you be close to the storm, you are at added risk for being struck by lightning. Generally speaking, being within 10 miles of the storm's epicenter puts you at an elevated risk of experiencing lightning.

Get off the high point! If in spite of your precautions you are caught in the open during a lightning storm, the very first thing you need to remember is to get off the horse. While you cannot outrun lightning, you are able to stay low and decrease your likelihood of getting hit. Stay out of river beds and off hills and ridges, and instead seek out the lower part of slopes. Tie your horse to a bush – never a tree – and squat down on your haunches. Stay away from large trees but smaller trees can also attract lightning. Open slopes with few trees can also be a danger. Again, stay away from trees and get as low in elevation as you can, as quickly and safely as you can. Wait out the storm and ride home or back to camp after it has passed.

High winds are a danger since they can rip weakened trees from the ground and cause you and the horse to get hit with them or anything else it has loosened. Dismount and take cover behind something sturdy such as a boulder. Hail requires you to seek shelter that will protect you from above. If no building or cave can be found, head into a thicket of bushes. Find something with which to protect your head and the head of your horse. If all else fails, ensure that your horse puts down its head, and so should you.

One of the most misunderstood risks is the danger of flash floods. Previously babbling brooks suddenly swell because of heavy rain, and within relatively short periods of time they turn into raging rivers that sweep hoof and foot off anyone who attempts to cross them. Seek out a higher spot and stay away from streams. Additionally, heavy rain negatively influences the soil conditions and riding on will be dangerous to you and your horse, since it is easy to lose your footing in this situation and severe injury to you and your horse may be sustained. Dismount immediately!

Should you be towing your horses in their trailer, stop and pull over. Ensure that the ramp is up, and nothing is touching the ground. Proper planning will help decrease the odds of you or your horse getting hurt by any weather related conditions.

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Did you hear about the Irishman who couldn't tell the difference between his two horses? His friend suggested measuring them, that didn't help though, the Irishman discovered that the brown horse was only an inch taller than the white one!

Did you hear about the overweight man who took up horse riding as exercise? The horse lost 15 pounds in a week!

What does it mean if you find a horse shoe? Some poor horse is walking around in his socks.

What is the strongest animal? A racehorse, because it can take hundreds of people for a ride at once!

Why is horse racing so romantic? Because the horse hugs the rails, the jockey puts his arms around the horse and you can kiss your money goodbye!

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# 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 Chapter Treasurer:

Traci Koch  
61 SE Craddick Road, Shelton, WA 98584



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### STATE MEMBERSHIP

#### Basic Membership

- Single      \$36.00  
 Family      \$49.00

#### Optional Membership (*includes family or single from above*)

- Contributing      \$65.00  
 Sustaining      \$100.00  
 Patron      \$250.00  
 Benefactor      \$500.00  
 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 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.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Calendar (partial) of Events for 2011 -

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The complex block contains a logo on the left and contact information on the right. The logo features the word 'STOP' in large white letters on a red, splattered background, with 'THURSTON COUNTY' and 'STOP TAKING OUR PROPERTY' written below it. The contact information includes the name 'Glen Morgan', title 'Project Manager', email 'glen@stophurstoncounty.com', and details for 'Stop Thurston County', including its affiliation with the Freedom Foundation, address, and phone/fax numbers.

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