

CAPITOL  
RIDERS



OLYMPIA, WA.

# HOOFBEATS

## NOVEMBER 2014



Next meeting November 4th 7 pm

Video 6:30 pm

Peggy - treats, Karen - coffee

### Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW Officers for 2014

Norman Green - President  
Peggy Tucker - Vice President  
Deborah Green - Treasurer  
Chris Enrico - Secretary  
Karen Johnson - Director  
Sue Koch - Alt. Director

Chris Enrico - Newsletter  
Chris Enrico - Web  
Chris Enrico - Legislative  
Connie Bailey - Membership  
Connie Bailey - Communications  
Chris Enrico - Communications  
Carrie Russell - Rides  
Dean Hartman - Rides  
Norman Green - Work Parties  
Connie Bailey - Social  
Peggy Tucker - Hoofprints

### 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](http://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 November 4th, 7 pm at the Littlerock firehall, 10828 Littlerock Road SW, Olympia, WA. A BCHW Video will be shown at 6:30 pm.

### Nominations for ALL chapter officer

positions are open and must be filled. Those positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director and Alternate Director. Nominations are open up until the start of the general meeting at 7:00 pm.

We currently have offers from three of your current officers to remain in their respective positions. Those are Vice President, Secretary and Director. Laura Shillam nominated herself for the position of President. That leaves the Treasurer and Alternate Director positions open.

**Do you have any 2015 calendars sold yet?** One hundred calendars were distributed at the October meeting. If you were one of those taking calendars to resell, please attend the meeting so we can get the raffle tickets from you. Otherwise we ask that you somehow get the tickets to Karen Johnson (360-273-8075) prior to December 4th. You'll have them all sold by then, right?

**This month we are starting something** new with the newsletter, a Member Spotlight. You can learn more on that further in. This will hopefully be a monthly part of this newsletter.

**Please continue to record any volunteer** hours and get them to Deb Hall on a consistent basis.

**Legislative wise things are quiet at the** moment. About the only new thing I can tell you is about the movement to the south in the state of Oregon. It's called HCFH or Horse Camps For Horses. Equestrians feel their horse camps are being taken over by campers with out any stock. Their web site is [horsecamps-forhorses.org](http://horsecamps-forhorses.org) (no hyphen). Like Washington State residents, they have helped fund, design, build and maintain the camps only to see them being over-run by those with no stock and no interest in the site whatsoever but simply as another place to camp.

They have a petition available on the

web site. If you have used or plan to use one of the camps there in Oregon then I strongly suggest you sign the petition. It will be presented to : USFS Region 6, BLM - Oregon District, Oregon Department of Forestry, and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

### Attendance at scheduled chapter day

rides and camp outs has been a disappointment. Carrie Russell is asking all to provide her with at least two locations you'd like to go this coming year. You can do so at the coming meeting if you've not already done so.

### Would you like to have a packing

clinic? Would you like to go on an easy pack trip? We are talking all of a three mile ride here. Wilderness. Yes, inside a wilderness area. Lush meadows, lakes and streams. Three easy miles from the trailhead! Wouldn't you like that? Camp over for a few days and then ride back out?

What about a bit of a longer ride in but still under 10 miles? Still an easy trail. Sound like fun? Get a small group of friends together, maybe two horses or mules for packing for the group and go hang out at some wilderness meadows for a few days.

Of course you need to obtain some camping gear, some of which could be borrowed. A tent would be nice. A stove and cooking gear. A sleeping pad and bag.

Maybe it's time to plan for next summer? Learn the basics over winter, get your gear together and decide where to go (I can tell you that.) For a three mile trip in you almost don't need a pack animal but as it's great practice, why not?

**Do you know how to take your horse** or mule's temperature? What about the pulse? What about the digital pulse? (I'm not repeating myself.) If you don't know these things then you need to learn how, and why.

There is a great web site out there with probably the best information on taking the digital pulse I've seen. It also will teach you something about hoof anatomy and leg structure. Take a look - [www.ironfreehoof.com/equine-digital-pulses.html](http://www.ironfreehoof.com/equine-digital-pulses.html).

## **Currently Scheduled Events - partial for 2014**

### **October**

25 - Wine Ride, Zillah  
26 - National Mule Day

### **November**

4 - General Meeting Littlerock fire hall 7 pm (officer elections)  
13 - DNR User meeting 6 pm, 801 88th Ave Tumwater (2015 event schedule will be set)  
30 - Capitol Forest closes to Horses (Equine Loop open including trail from Margaret McKenny Campground)

### **December**

5 - BCHW, USFS & State Land Managers meeting - Ellensburg  
6 - 4th QTR BCHW Board of Directors meeting - Ellensburg  
7 - Chapter Christmas Party  
13 - National Day of the Horse

**Dues for 2015 can now be paid! Don't lose your membership in BCHW and it's subscription to the Trailhead News. And while you are at it, see if you can recruit new members.**

### **Capitol Riders of BCHW General Meeting**

**Littlerock Firehall, 10828 Littlerock Road SW, Olympia, WA 98512**

**October 7, 2014**

Meeting called to order by President Norman Green at (time not recorded in part due to the fact we got into the room right at 7 pm and there was a mad rush) (We were almost locked out again but a young lady showed up to work out. She wasn't sure she should let us in.)

15 in attendance with two guests (Cher Tebbs and Pat Everson) and one honorary member (Jeff LaBreck).

October "minutes" were approved as distributed in the newsletter.

#### **Treasurer's Report** – Deborah Green

Deborah told the group we are solvent.

#### **Newsletter/Web Site** – Chris Enrico

Chris said there was not anything new regarding the newsletter. Chris informed the group that he had put some Coggins info on the web site for those looking to visit national parks in the southwest (Bryce, Zion and Grand Canyon), as well as Yellowstone to the southeast of us.

#### **Director's Report** – Karen Johnson

BCHW President Trygve Culp has asked the chapters to invite new members to meetings. BCHW membership has been declining for the last few years.

Karen went on to tell the group that we are asked to record the ticket number along with who it was sold to when selling calendars. Some tickets had been lost in the mail.

Haney Meadow/Ken Wilcox Horse Camp is open to riders. The road still needs repair and BCHW is asking for donations.

The Wine Ride on October 25th still needs volunteers. (Peggy Tucker said she'll be working it.)

Karen said Washington Media (BCHW Trailhead News) is developing a new BCH brochure and is looking for photos. You can contact them at [bchw@wamedia.com](mailto:bchw@wamedia.com).

Chris will send out info for submitting calendar photos.

Karen mentioned a new trail reroute in the Capitol Forest - There is now a new reroute on the Campground trail from Mima to the Equine Loop. Please note the trail signs/blockage and follow the recently graveled section to prevent erosion and mud on the slippery slope during winter. DNR is going to take the trail machine in there soon and do some additional leveling of the slope. More gravel will be needed after that work is completed, so we will be involved with that.

#### **Work Parties** – Norman Green

Chris gave Norm a list of the chapter tools per Jeff LaBreck. Apparently we never had a proper inventory. Dean will pick up the tools from Norman.

#### **Hoofprints** – Peggy Tucker

Peggy asked those present to turn their forms in by November 1st. Track your miles ridden (excluding any in an arena) and Tack Room Too will give a \$15 gift certificate for the \$5 paperwork fee.

#### **Volunteer Hours** – Deborah Hall

Deb Hall told the group the deadline for getting hours in to BCHW for this year is October 15th.

### **Chapter Rides – Carrie Russell**

Carrie said the Wine Ride is October 25th.

Carrie asked those in attendance to write their first and last names on a piece of paper and then list rides they would like to go on (listing at least two) and they could be day rides or over night.

Kennedy Creek trails were brought up. Chris will talk to Traci Koch about GPS trail tracks. Diane Killingsworth or Linda Brooks may also have trail data.

It was mentioned that the JBLM training areas are closed a lot. Cindy McAllister said Nisqually chapter meets with fort personnel a lot. Laura Dell may also have information.

Karen said wintertime access to the equine loop now allows riders to come from Margaret McKenny Campground. The campground will be closed so park in the day use area.

Deb Hall said Mickie Hattrup wants to help organize day rides.

### **Unfinished Business**

Chris has nothing to report on the first aid kit yet.

By-laws and Standing Rules – Karen asked that for Standing Rule number 1, change March 1 to January 1. Motion made, seconded and approved to make that change.

Karen also asked that Standing Rule number 4, third line “BCHW and the chapter” be changed to “BCHW and the Capitol Riders chapter”. Motion made, seconded and approved.

### **New Business**

Elections are in November. Peggy Tucker said Karen Johnson will stay on as Director, Chris Enrico will stay on as Secretary and that she would stay on as Vice-President.

Laura Shillam volunteered herself for the position of President.

### **Good Of The Chapter**

Dean Hartman asked the group what they thought about December 7th or 14th for the Christmas party. He will talk to Rob Keyser. Dean asked about a Friday. Carrie Russell said she had a conflict. Dean said he would ask about the 7th or 14th.

Karen Johnson informed the group about the DNR Trail Policy meeting the following night (10/8, 6 pm). She said the meeting in Battle Ground went well and there was a good turnout. The meeting is at the DNR compound, 801 88th Avenue in Tumwater, just south of the Olympia airport.

Laura Shillam asked if people were still interested in having people come give presentations and having more potlucks. The answer was yes.

The BCHW video is scheduled for 6:30 pm just prior to the November general meeting.

Jeff LaBreck talked about selling calendars.

Peggy will bring treats for the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at (time not recorded. Secretary was wearing his watch!)

Respectfully,  
Chris Enrico  
Secretary

BCHW calendars were distributed after the meeting to those volunteering to sell them.



Want one of these?



Perhaps one of these?

## Member spotlight – Chris Enrico

Chris Enrico, currently chapter Secretary, Legislative Liaison, Newsletter Editor and Web “Master”.

Chris was born back in the year 1956 in Aberdeen Washington, moving a year later to Cosmopolis where he grew up. His father was a professor at the local community college and when younger, his mother was a “stay at home mom”. As his father had been born in Cle Elum and Grandma was still there the family would pack up everything including pets and drive over to spend about 2 ½ months every summer. Chris’s uncle was working for the USFS as a timber cruiser seeing lots of backcountry. A typical evening consisted of uncle, father and mother in the cab of the uncle’s pickup and five kids in the back, riding back roads to obscure locations. Everyone would then get out and hike to whatever it was that the uncle wanted to show off. It could be an old trapper’s cabin buried deep in the forest, or perhaps somewhere with a view.

Daytime excursions might include swimming up the West Fork Teanaway or perhaps Red Bridge on the way to the Teanaway, or even the bridge just before the West Fork. Other outings included drives on back roads where there were Basque shepherders tending their flocks. Chris’s father always took the opportunity to speak Spanish (he taught foreign languages) and just a little Basque (One of the hardest languages to learn as it does not use similar words from other languages. It’s known as an “isolated” language.) So papa would be leaning out the car window chatting away and saying “si”, “si” (“yes”, “yes”) quite a bit. Chris would be in the back saying “see what” a few times until being told to shut up by his older siblings.

Chris’s two sisters took horse-riding lessons (English style) from a Russian Cossack who ran a riding school down the road from where the family lived in Cosmopolis. Major Makarenko had many students and held a gymkhana for a good many years until he got too old to continue the school. (now the school property is a city park)

Summer afternoons and evenings in Cosmopolis might consist of blackberry (trailing blackberry - *Rubus ursinus*) picking on the ridge tops where Chris when he was younger ate more than he put in the bucket. Mother would make blackberry jam and wonderful pies.

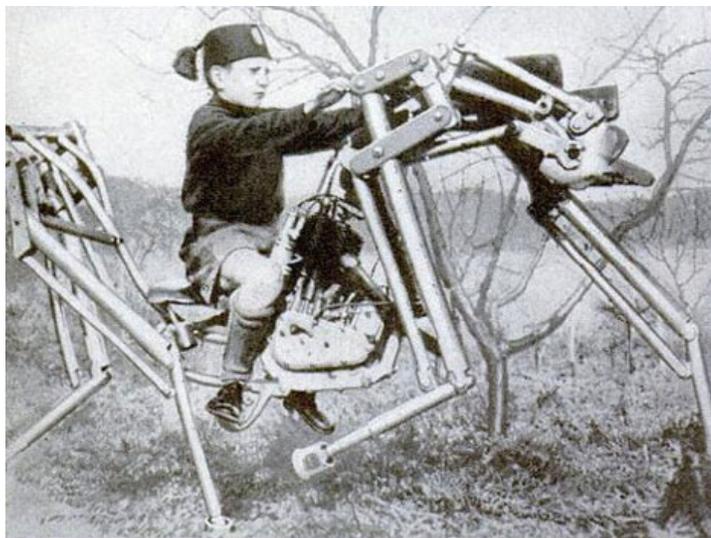
Chris never had a great desire to get on a horse. He was born with a spinal defect and had to wear a back brace when younger. Nowadays it would be too big a risk to get on one.

Chris chose a career as a Civil Engineer and worked almost 29 years for the state department of transportation. Chris at one time had supervised Jeff LaBreck and it was Jeff who got Chris involved with BCH. (Chris didn’t know how to say “no”)

It started with taking over maintenance of the chapter web site (which Chris was instrumental in getting the chapter interested in having). Then he took over the newsletter. Eventually the chapter Secretary position became vacant and Chris said “what the hey, I’ll do it because it makes getting the minutes into the newsletter a bit easier.”

At one point Chris felt the need to develop a list of horse camp locations in the state since there was no “all inclusive” list. The list seems to be popular with users around the state.

Chris continues to donate his time to BCH, having developed an on-line database for trail miles maintained. And now he is getting started on an auction database that can be used at Rendezvous. Besides, he’s newly retired and has loads of time now.



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## Come Join Us!

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- **Please Print Legibly**
- **Chapter members**, turn application and payment in to your Chapter Treasurer. If paying by check, make it out to **Capitol Riders**.
- **Mail** application and payment to: Capitol Riders, ATTN: Chris Enrico, 4809 24<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Lacey WA 98503



### 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*)

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 Sustaining \$125.00  
 Patron \$250.00  
 Benefactor \$500.00  
 Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00

State dues paid online (attach receipt copy)

Additional State Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

State Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

All chapter members must also be a member of BCHW. However, BCHW dues only need to be paid **once** each year. Joining additional (secondary) chapters only requires paying chapter dues.

Chapter Name: **Capitol Riders**

Chapter Dues - Single (\$10) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Dues - Family (\$15) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Chapter Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total (State+Chapter)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 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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