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The Mt. St. Helen's Chapter is excited to host our first regional V.I.P. ride the weekend of July 21 and 22 at our home base of Kalama Horse Camp, just north of Cougar, WA.



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The Old Stage Coach trail, as it is now called, in the Colville National Forest, was dedicated for horseback riding, hiking and also mountain biking. On July 27, 28, 29th, YOU, will have a chance to ride this historic old trail!

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Word of the Day

By Bob Gish, President

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Latin root word laborare, to work together; to cooperate.

These days the buzz is all about partnerships and collaboration –especially when one is talking about projects to be accomplished using diminished resources.

These shift-forming partnerships to collaborate on a task are not steps that comes easily for an organization such as Backcountry Horsemen; an organization largely comprised of independent, strong-minded individuals who seek the trail less traveled. Perhaps this is just a politically correct way of saying we are stubborn, ornery, fiercely independent cusses filled with a dwindling measure of pioneer spirit and love of the land seen from astride our trusty mount.

Over the past several months I have been contacting various land managers and equestrian-related associations throughout Washington. Most comments ranged from “you’re a great group to work with” to “we don’t do much with you”, but at no point did I need to describe who we are. I am happy to report that the general opinion out there is favorable, especially when it comes to “gaining access” to deep country trails for repair work. This year, trails are even more threatened, however, with our combined efforts, BCHW can make a formidable impact upon trail repair and partnership building.

Partnership building must continue with other entities as well as from within BCHW in a state and chapter collaboration. Remember the saying “The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.” Only with this reciprocal relationship and coordination will we be able to target and manage our resources effectively in pursuit of our common goal.

Our organization has had to broaden its scope out of necessity to include less familiar territory because our mission is under siege. BCHW must shift to encompass expertise in policy and law-making to counter rules and policies that would restrict access to public land by saddle and stock users just as effectively as if a trail was closed by a downed tree and no one was chainsaw certified. BCHW has submitted resolutions to its parent organization, BCHA, urging BCHA to adopt a stronger strategy through legislative action and chapter expansion.

As President of BCHW, I testified to the legislature urging the enactment of a policy that would provide weed-free forage; now required by law for saddle stock use in the wilderness. This is an ongoing battle with huge ramifications for our Right-to-Ride on public lands.

The Public Lands Committee co-authored a strongly-worded refute in protest to the proposed closure of equestrian access in the Hanford Reach Monument (USFWS) area along the Columbia River where saddle stock have been used for nearly one hundred years. Currently, I am addressing proposed actions that may impact access and use of the Green River Horse Camp and trails in Gifford Pinchot USFS (BLM).

Yes – our trail access and Right-to-Ride is under siege but our most effective weapon is for us to unify our efforts and energetically protect and embark upon this new terrain, the historic entitlement to ride that is such an integral part of our American heritage. 🐾



Legislative Report

By Bob Brooke, Legislative Chair

The legislative session will be adjourned by the time this THN is delivered so I can only report what has happened so far. Our Joint Memorial passed both the House and Senate. There were some moments that caused concern but they were dealt with and the bill moved forward. It will be sent to Washington D.C. where we hope it will be influential in getting Right to Ride up and running again.

I want to thank Senator Marilyn Rasmussen and Representative Lynn Kessler for being the prime sponsors for this effort. Additionally co-sponsors; Representatives Larry Haler (Dist. 8, Pos. 2), Joel Kretz (Dist. 7, Pos. 2), Bill Hinkle (Dist. 13, Pos. 2), Ed Orcutt (Dist. 18, Pos. 2), Dan Newhouse (Dist. 15, Pos. 2), Patricia Lantz (Dist. 26, Pos. 1), Jim McCune (Dist. 2, Pos. 1), Dan Kristiansen (Dist. 39, Pos. 1), Kathy Haigh (Dist. 35, Pos. 1), Brian Sullivan (Dist. 21, Pos. 2), and Jim Dunn (Dist. 17, Pos. 1). Also, a big thank you to Rep. Judy Warnick for not only co-sponsoring but helping on many occasions. And finally a grateful thank you to the entire House and Senate for passing this with out so much as a single “no” vote. We do have friends in high places. Keeping us in touch with those friends is Terry Kohl our lobbyist. He and Mark Gjurasic have been at our beckon call every day, including nights and weekends. A well deserved thank you to Public Affairs of Washington.

“So what” you say. Well here is what—we are engaged in an effort to get our Right-to-Ride bill introduced in DC. If passed this bill would give us a huge step toward maintaining access to the trail systems we now enjoy. Our Joint Memorial by our elected representatives sends a message that there is a concern and support for equestrian access to the trail systems of the U.S. Forests and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land. In the world of politics it is very significant. We can start to write, call, and email our Federal politicians and encourage them to pay attention to the state elected officials.

As much as I appreciate the votes and support of the Senators and Representatives, my special thanks to all who participated in the political side this session. Those who gave up time and money to come to Olympia and Legislative Day and to all

who wrote, phoned and emailed their reps. Thank you!

There were a number of issues in which we did not take an active roll. The opt out license tab fee of \$5.00 for state parks was an issue that had mixed support within BCHW, some were in favor and others objected because it was not a “forthright” approach to the funding. The thought here was it should be clearly stated what you are paying and why.

Another issue is the National Animal Identification System (NAIS). This is a program that will purportedly track any problem in the livestock community, be it diseases in food, or some communicable illness that would jeopardize animal health. The problem here is that in order to make it work, all animals would have to be listed and all properties on which animals reside will have to be identified, including full access by state and or federal officials to your property. The first bill introduced here was a resolution stating that Washington State would not participate in this program. There are numerous groups and individuals involved in this issue, many in favor of the program and many opposed. BCHW has taken a neutral stand on it. The current bill, as amended, states that the state of Washington will form an advisory committee to study for one year. Your legislative committee will do everything possible to make sure we have a seat at that table.

Lastly the federal government is tackling, again, the issue of medical coverage if you are injured while participating in a “legal” recreational activity. The current bills that have been proposed are S 616 and HB 1076. These are companion bills and if passed, both will prevent insurance companies from denying claims for recreational injuries. I suggest you contact your congressmen and Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell.

It is my hope that next year we will have a very efficient system to notify every member of urgent issues. This will entail you providing email addresses and voting district numbers to BCHW. By setting up a roster, we will be able to inform each member of issues that affect their area and each member will have a “vehicle” to get information back to the committee.

God bless and have a safe and scenic summer. 🐾

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Engrossed Substitute House Joint Memorial 4011

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2007 Regular Session By House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Kessler, Warnick, Haler, Kretz, Hinkle, Orcutt, Newhouse, Lantz, McCune, Kristiansen, Haigh, B. Sullivan and Dunn)

READ FIRST TIME 02/26/07.

1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

5 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
6 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
7 represent and petition as follows:

8 WHEREAS, Recreational pack and saddle stock have historically used
9 and ridden on trails both on public lands and the backcountry of these
10 public lands; and

11 WHEREAS, In the past ten years, federal land managers have, for
12 reasons not substantiated by scientific evidence or research,
13 restricted or prohibited access to and the use of trails by
14 recreational pack and saddle stock on those public lands; and

15 WHEREAS, Federal policies regarding management of public lands have
16 a profound impact on the well-being of the citizens of Washington, and
17 changes to those policies should be conducted in an open public forum;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Backcountry Horsemen of Washington members contributed
20 over 62,000 volunteer hours in 2005, maintaining many miles of trails
21 for all users worth over \$1,000,000 in savings to taxpayers;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully request that the
23 Congress of the United States enact a law that: Preserves the use and
24 access of pack and saddle stock animals on public lands, including
25 wilderness areas, national monuments, and other specifically designated
26 areas, administered by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land
27 Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest
28 Service where there is a historical tradition of such use, and for
29 other purposes; directs, as a general rule, that all trails, routes,
30 and areas used by such animals remain open and accessible for such use;
31 and allows agencies to implement a proposed reduction in the use and
32 access of pack and saddle stock animals on such lands only after
33 complying with the full National Environmental Policy Act review
34 process.

35 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
36 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
37 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
38 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
39 Washington.

– END –



Who Cares What District I'm In?

By Darrell Wallace, Vice President

In recent years, members have seen a blank on the membership form that asks for their legislative district. Far too many members leave it blank, leaving the board of directors wondering "why?". Some think that members don't know why it's important, while others speculate that many members just don't know in which district they live, and don't know how to find out.

The mission of BCHW is to keep trails open to equine use, and that frequently means working with the Washington Legislature. Often, a bill can be blocked by one or two individual legislators, and we find it necessary to convince them how important the bill might be. In January, the BCHW Legislative team wanted to contact members from one legislative district, but our records did not show any members from that district (although we know we have a number of them!).

Legislators usually listen most to voters from their own district, so we try to contact members from the legislator's district, asking them to contact their legislator and tell him or her how

they feel about that issue. In some cases, merely telling a legislator how many BCHW members live in his or her district can be very influential. But we can't do that if we don't know members' districts. Consequently, President Bob Gish has set a goal of determining legislative districts for all BCHW members by the end of this year.

Finding out your legislative district is easy, especially on the Internet. The Legislature's website www.leg.wa.gov/Legislature/ has a link that says "Find your district" and asks for your address. Hint: just typing in your ZIP Code will often be enough to find your district. If you prefer the telephone, your county elections office can tell you your district as well.

BCHW maintains confidentiality on all information about individual members, including legislative districts, and will not use your name in legislative endeavors without your permission.

So please, tell BCHW your district! 🐾

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Washington/Oregon (R6) Recreation Forum

By Jeff Chapman, BCHW Public Lands Committee Chair

On March 15, the Forest Service along with the National Forest Foundation (NFF) and the American Recreation Coalition (ARC) hosted one of six regional recreational forums being held around the nation in Portland. Each of these forums focuses on different issues facing the Forest Service as it works on reinventing itself for the future. The last of these forums will be held in Washington DC on April 30 where the information will be gathered into a coherent set of visions.

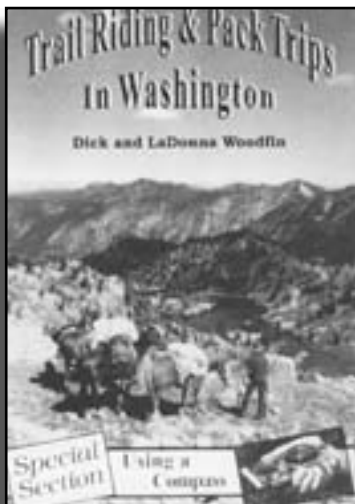
I attended the Portland forum, which had the theme of “Re-Connecting Youth to Outdoor Recreation”. The topic stems from an identified need to get new generations of kids to not just understand what cherished resources federal public lands are to America, but also to get out and enjoy them. The flip side is that kids have to both be able to and want to get involved in outdoor recreation. This only happens if there are activities and experiences that attract them. Enhancing outdoor education programs in schools, reaching out to parents in health initiatives, and offering a range of outdoor activities that appeal to kids all involve a long term effort to communicate with urban based residents that it is worth experiencing nature rather than just viewing it on a screen. There is a certain safety net that goes with interacting with known quantities, say a group of friends at a movie. Going beyond that is risky behavior to a generation of Americans that are growing up detached from nature. This issue is now receiving major attention, particularly since the much heralded author Richard Louv of “Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder” argued that the media and parents have “scared children straight out of the woods and field” into “safe” regimented sports.

There were a number of important leaders and managers at the forum, and their concerns were real. Most of the non-government representatives were from outdoor education activity groups

or businesses which produced goods for them. There were several kids there from one of the Portland area schools, and they actively joined the discussions with very thoughtful insights. We talked about diversity, access, outdoor skills, healthy activities, and successful programs financed by both business and non-profit organizations working together. Jim Bedwell, USFS Recreation Director, gave an insightful talk along with the rather interesting comment, “We need to be better partners with those that share our goals.” I do believe that he was including us. All in all, it was a good forum that attempted to deal with a very difficult issue – trying to keep the Forest Service as a vital part of American society and culture.

I find the youth topic troubling for us as it touches on our sustainability issues. Where is the next generation of trail riders? With western movies and stories now disappearing from American culture, how will our goal to keep horses on trails sustain itself if the connection between Americans and horses is merely historical? Where will we be if the new crop of federal and state land managers are completely educated by people who may view horses as bothersome, manure-producing, carbon agents that can’t run on batteries? There have always been certain disconnects between Americans and reality – beef comes packaged in grocery stores, not from cows; paper comes from Office Depot, not from trees; copper comes from China, not from mines. Well, if we’re not careful, horses are about to come from old DVDs, not stables, ranches, and open range. If parents don’t relate to horses, and teachers don’t relate to horses, and well-meaning outdoor education non-profits don’t relate to horses, then who is teaching kids about history and life on the range? We will have to find a way since it will take a national commitment to keep our public lands open – apathy can have a much more profound affect on the future of recreation than politics. 🐾

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Being billed by some as "Rondy Lite", or "Adopt a Living Legend", the BCHW general meeting will be held in conjunction with the Bureau of Land Management wild horse adoption. Trainer Leslie Neuman and natural hoof farrier Cheryl McConnaghey will be working with some of the thirty to forty horses the BLM have available for adoption. Also on the fairgrounds that weekend will be The Western Washington Reiners show, cowboy shopping, and a swap meet.

BCHW has invited a select group of vendors, including Chris Tornow, Way Out West, Spang Buildings, and Brim Tractor Company (featuring Silverlite Trailers). Several of these vendors have supported Backcountry Horsemen of Washington for many of those 30 years, with some new ones for added interest. The planning committee has reserved space in the hall for each chapter, so bring your banner, chapter display, and any other information your chapter wishes to share with the gen-

eral public. Also, tables will not be provided, so please bring a table if you need one. Additionally, DNR, State Parks and the Forest Service have been invited.

At the general meeting, the Lopper and Volunteer Coordinator of the Year Awards will be given, as well as current BCHW and Legislative information. A fascinating guest speaker has not been named, but may magically appear.



After the meeting and some great shopping, please plan to attend our dinner, plus our live & silent auction. This is the only planned BCHW fund raiser for 2007, so if you are at all inclined to support our organization with more than all those volunteer hours, please come and buy some cool stuff. The large variety of auction items include Seahawks tickets, a weekend for two at Eden Valley Ranch, an antique pack saddle, a Ruger Old Army blackpowder revolver, Mariners tickets, a riding saddle, a laser level and a DVD player.

The BBQ chicken dinner must be ordered by May 15 (see order form below or on the BCHW website). You do not need to buy dinner to attend the auction. BCHW's own Steve Reppert and Stan Kvistad will be our auctioneers. If you have ever seen

them work together, you know how much fun it will be to watch them. If you haven't, you are in for a treat. And as if the Steve and Stan Show is not enough, the planning committee is working on some additional great evening entertainment. Of course, no BCHW weekend event would be complete without a Sunday morning Cowboy Church, which will be conducted by Fred Moore of the Traildusters Chapter.

For those wishing to stay in Monroe both days, there is camping available at the fairgrounds (call 360-805-6700).

- So come to Monroe on June 2 & 3 to:
- Attend the general meeting and Promote your chapter in the display area
 - Look at wild horses and Do some shopping
 - Watch Leslie Neuman
 - Watch reining and buy stuff at the auction
 - Eat dinner (remember LNT rule 1 – plan ahead. Order those tickets for dinner today!)
 - Come to Cowboy Church and Take home a Mustang (a MUST!) 🐎

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- 1:00 p.m. – Raffle Drawing for
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- 1:00 p.m. – BCHW General Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. – Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. – Live Auction starts

Sunday (6/3):

- 7:00 a.m. – Cowboy Church
- 8:00-9:00 a.m. – Viewing
& Registration, Gentling Demo
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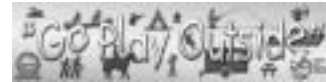
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BCHW Wants You to Go Play Outside or Ride The West!



By Jeanne Koester, Executive Assistant to the President, BCHW Northeast Chapter

This year Ride the West and Go Play Outside Events are scheduled on the same days in May but at opposite ends of Washington. At the December 2006 BCHW Board of Directors meeting, it was voted that BCHW would participate in the Ride The West event by sponsoring exhibits and making the most of the opportunity to get information about our organization out to the public through this highly visible and popular event.

The benefits of participating in events like Ride The West or Go Play Outside are multiple: we can meet and greet people, provide helpful information, become a more visible group, recruit potential new members, forge new partnerships, teach skills, share ideas, show off, tell tales, brag or complain about our

four-legged manure machines, talk trails, eat good Dutch oven cooking and play in good company where the shared language is "horse/mule".

BCHW Chapters located on the east side, especially, are encouraged to support and become involved in BCHW/Ride The West, and BCHW chapters are encouraged to make financial contributions for the purpose of helping to defray the cost of the exhibits.

Let's remember that our objective for participating in such events as Go Play Outside or Ride The West is to make the most of every opportunity to promote the BCHW Mission and Purpose. ↪

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By Crissy McGee, Editor

Help Wanted - Writers & Photographers

We are looking for experienced horsemen and newcomers alike to represent their chapters by writing articles and photographing events to be published in the Trailhead News magazine. Due to the overwhelming response from members for this issue, articles need to be a maximum of 300 words or less with one to two high quality photos (at least 3" x 5" and 300 resolution) so we are able to represent more chapters. If necessary, we cut from the bottom up when editing, so please have all your important information in the beginning of your article. Please send entries to Crissy at bchw@wamedia.com. Entries must be submitted no later than June 5 for the July/August 2007 issue.

Photo criteria can include shots of events or people involved to be published with articles, and large photos

for the magazine covers. Members are also encouraged to submit photos of the authors, and photos for the new section titled "Where in Washington?" This section will feature photos taken in areas all across the state. Readers send in guesses as to the locations of these photos.

Another note, please remember to pay your membership dues on time! Every member who pays their dues on time will receive one free classified advertisement in the Trailhead News per year (this freebie applies to current and new members and is only for advertising personal items, not for business profit). We are also looking for updates to chapter director contacts, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. throughout the magazine. For questions, please contact Crissy (360) 754-4543 or bchw@wamedia.com. 🐾

Premier Horse Festival to Benefit Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Prevention

Horse Around Days will kick off a full program of festivities at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon on July 21 and 22. The first of its kind, Horse Around Days will benefit domestic violence and sexual assault prevention.

The Backcountry Horsemen of Washington is a featured provider of multiple demonstrations during both days. Additionally, they will operate an informational booth.

"The horse industry is very important to Washington State's economy," says Patty Kelley, Event Director for Horse Around Days. "And this festival will showcase many wonderful breeds and disciplines that contribute to the health of the industry."

Renowned natural horsemanship clinicians Alice Trindle with T & T Horsemanship of Oregon, and Barb Apple with Barb Apple's Horseplay, from Washington, will provide multiple training demonstrations for both beginners and experienced riders.

Other featured demonstrations include the Warhorse Challenge Association, Washington State Polocrosse team, Warm Beach Vault-

ers, medieval equestrian riding, Skagit Rein Riders Drill Team, Columbia Basin Equine Rescue, and Spanish Riding. In addition to these, veterinarians and other professionals will demonstrate how to care for a horse and what to look for when buying a horse. 🐾

Horse Around Days!

July 21 and 22nd, 2007

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BCHW Mt. St. Helen's Chapter V.I.P. Ride – July 21 & 22

By Terri Anderson & Norm Welsh, BCHW Mt. St. Helen's Chapter

The Mt. St. Helen's Chapter is excited to host our first regional V.I.P. ride the weekend of July 21 and 22 at our home base of Kalama Horse Camp, just north of Cougar, WA. We have hand delivered or mailed dozens of invitations to state and county representatives from Clark, Skamania, and Cowlitz Counties. Regional managers of the state public lands and other recreational users have also been invited. Our hope is to continue the momentum of our state organization, as we strengthen the grass roots effort of spreading the message of our mission statement. In addition, we will highlight our willingness to be a cooperative partner in the recreational use of our public lands.

We plan on offering opportunities for a nice trail ride, non-motorized mountain bike ride, or a hike along one of the plethora of trails that we help to maintain. Of course, we will have great camp food as well, along with some musical entertainment from a few of our more talented members. Excellent campfire discussion will be a certainty, and our Leave No Trace (LNT) chairperson, George Matson, is planning a display to showcase the Backcountry Horsemen's LNT ethics. Sunday morning will be highlighted by a Cowboy Church service.

Chapter members Lloyd Gelentere and Norm Welsh went to Olympia on March 14 and hand delivered the invitations to our local representatives in the State Senate and House. It was very encouraging to be greeted by staff members who were fully aware of the Right-to-Ride legislation. More impressive was that on this very day the House Chamber voted 96-0 to pass HJM 4011. Everyone across the state should be very proud of their part in

making your voices heard. "THANK YOU" to our state leaders and all those who attended the legislative day. You all made a great impression that day!

We are hopeful for a strong turnout to our V.I.P. event and invite anyone who wants to come down and participate. We are reserving the lower half of Kalama Horse Camp, which is the bigger side. Please RSVP your attendance to Terri Anderson at JimTerriMustRide@aol.com or 360-835-5719.



The volunteer crew, tired but proud, and working together

Update on latest project

Some was not built in one day but the Rock Creek Bridge was!!! This project began on Saturday, March 31st with DNR "heading up" the Trail Advisory Group (TAG) in planning the construction of this bridge. With the help of a great work crew and the very generous donation of a crane and crane operator, we built a long-awaited bridge across Rock Creek just out of the Rock Creek Horse Camp in **one** day. We had help from DNR, Washington

Trail Association, Cold Creek Mountain Bikers, Chinook Trail Association, Washington Trail Riders Association, and Mt. St. Helens Chapter BCHW members. There were volunteers with a wide range of construction experience who worked together and got the job done. The Rock Creek trail system appeals to many user groups; we continue to work cooperatively to keep this trail system open. What a great example of how we can all work together and enjoy the trails together! 🐾



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Wagon Wheeler's Nine Mile Ride

By Robin Dale, BCHO Pendleton Chapter

Well the ride wasn't exactly nine miles long but it did take place on Nine Mile Ranch (halfway between Walla Walla and Pasco). It was Walla Walla Wagon Wheeler's spring fund raiser prize ride April 1st.

It seemed more like maybe five-six miles total and was a very pretty ride up and down newly greened up ranch hills. Sometimes we rode on cow trails, sometimes we followed roads and sometimes we just wandered across open range like in the western movies.



I couldn't help but admire some good looking cows and their very handsome babies and some of them seemed to admire us too! (At least they stared very intently as we rode by.)

I would estimate that there were about 75-100 riders, but they were spread out over about an hours worth so we didn't really see them all until lunchtime. Though the wind blew pretty steadily, a nice BBQ lunch was served up in a sheltered corral which I thought was very picturesque with all the many

horses tied up along the wooden rail fences. 🐾



At the Trail's End

In Memory,

BettyRae Ward-Shonka,
BCHW Cascade Horse Club Chapter
Oct. 23, 1941-Feb. 23, 2007

By Laura Drager, Independent Member of BCHW

Bob Shonka, past President of Backcountry Horseman of Washington lost his loving wife BettyRae today, February 23rd, to congestive heart failure. As many of you may know Bob and BettyRae have been battling her health issues over the last few months. That day BCHW lost a dedicated member, the community an avid supporter and my best friend. I met both BettyRae and Bob when they attended a meeting at Cascade Horse Club in 1996. I immediately felt an instant kinship with both. BettyRae and I had uncanny similar interests and likes. From our great love of animals, riding horses, camping, traveling, thrift store shopping, furniture refinishing to dark chocolate. Over the years I had come to know of her many talents. She was a wonderful cook and no one could bake a better pie than her. Many a dollar was raised at Cascade Horse Club dessert auctions from her baked goods, and all enjoyed her dishes at camp cookouts. You couldn't find a person who treated their family and friends any better. She truly loved her husband Bob and was very proud of her niece, Tracy, nephew Randy and their families. Always remembering her friends with a special card or a quick call to say, "It's a nice day, let's go have lunch", some little keepsake or recipe she thought you might like. BettyRae has been a longtime horseman since her youth and strong supporter of BCHW and BCHA. As she lived her life caring for her family, animals and others, we all can take note and honor her by doing the same. 🐾

Wenas Valley Chapter's
2nd Annual
**Moonlight
Steak Fry**



Saturday, June 2, 2007
BBQ Flats – Wenas (Selah, WA)

- Free Camping
- Four Guided Trail Rides (Your Horses) 2 to 6 hours long
- \$20 Adult - Steak Dinner
- \$8.50 Child - Hamburger Dinner
- Dutch Oven Cobbler
- Live Entertainment
Classic country music by Mama's Pride
- NO Dogs - NO stallions - NO Riderless Stock

Prepaid reservations are REQUIRED to guarantee dinner



Mail ticket information and payment to:
Wenas Valley Chapter BCHW
PO Box 1325, Selah WA 98942

For more information contact:
Susie Drougas (509-965-4052 SandersonRPR@aol.com)
or Linda Kisner (509-697-4312)

History Comes Alive on the Old Stage Trail in Ferry County!

By Lu Young, BCHW Ferry County Chapter Historian

Howdy from the Ferry County Chapter of Backcountry Horsemen! In case you have never been to our corner of Washington, this area is rich in wildlife, history, and GOLD as well as one of the most wonderful places in Washington to ride your horse or mule! Not only do we get to enjoy living in Republic but we get to enjoy riding here. Where else can you ride where you will see white face cattle still grazing on the grassy hills? In Ferry County you can feel like you are going back in time to when cattle grazed and stagecoaches rolled on the trails.

History comes alive on the "Old Stage Trail". If you went back in time to 1892 and lived in this beautiful area, you would know that the old State Wagon Trail was constructed as the first highway in Washington State! A bill was passed through the State legislature that would establish a wagon road system to link the river port town of Marcus with the bustling gold camp of Republic. The State Wagon Trail was built for wagons and passengers to cross over the Kettle Crest mountains to the Republic gold fields.

In 1992, an energetic Chapter of BCH, called the "Kettle Ridge Riders", in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM), reconstructed this trail for its 100th anniversary. The trail was dedicated on August 8, 1992, complete with a BBQ, riders with flags, a ribbon cutting ceremony, and horses and wagons! The Old Stage Coach trail, as it is now called, in the Colville National Forest, was dedicated for horseback riding, hiking and also mountain biking.

On July 27, 28, 29th, YOU, will have a chance to ride this historic old trail! The Ferry County Chapter will be having our Steak and Poker ride using the Old Stage



Tom Windsor, Ken Orford, George, Darius Youn and Tyrgve Culp huddled around the steaks on the grill at Lambert Creek

Trail. This loop trail consists of five miles of climbing up the Midnight Ridge Trail to the Kettle Crest. On the upper reaches of this trail you are treated to vistas of green grass bent over by the wind and large stands of Lodge pole Pines, as well as Aspens. Portions of the Old Stage trail have wide turnouts, where we are told stage drivers turned their teams. There are interpretive steel and rock cairns along this trail, and halfway down is Lust Spring where thirsty teams were watered. This loop trail ends over a wooden bridge and fords Lambert Creek and back to Lambert Creek

Horse Camp. If you look closely you may see gold flakes in the creek. The ride is 9.94 miles of breath-taking scenery and wildlife. This year we are adding a longer trail for those who want a longer ride to Copper Butte and back to the Old Stage Trail. This longer trail will be approximately 15 miles.

We, the Ferry County Chapter of BCHW, invite you, to come to our steak/poker ride and go on a journey back in time that you will never forget. If you haven't see this corner of Washington, you are missing a chance to hear the snort of horses and a jingle of trace chains as the old west comes alive here in Ferry County this July! Our steak/poker ride, Saturday the 28th, will end with a steak dinner and dessert for \$20.00. A pancake breakfast will be included on Sunday morning. Sing around the campfire and sleep under the stars in Ferry County on July 28, 29 at Lambert Creek Horse Camp in Republic, Washington. Come join the fun! For information and pre-registration, call: Linda Peterson at 509-775-2140 or email steakridefcch@wildblue.net. Plenty of sunshine, great food and good memories are to be had in Ferry County this July! 🐾



Dishing out the dinner



The 2nd Great Gravel Haul 2007

By Ed Haefliger, Volunteer Packer DNR and Olympic National Park, BCHW Capitol Riders Chapter

March 3, 2007 was a drizzly, cold, and damp morning. Patches of leaving snow dotted the area as 34 trail workers from local chapters of Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff and other groups arrived. These volunteers gathered at the intersection of roads D4000 and D4100 in the Capitol Forest near Olympia, WA. This was a continuation of repair to the damaged trail tread on the Mima-Porter trail #8, but because of the severe winter damage, this year's work focused on repairing several gapping holes in the trail left by the displaced root balls of downed trees. The Great

Photos by Jim Thode



Gravel Haul has become a very valuable project for both the DNR

and the local trail users.

Because of adverse terrain, motorized gravel haulers are unable to reach these areas. Only volunteer packers and trail workers are able to pack gravel in on horses and mules. During this year's project, 26 horses and mules were used for packing. Horse and mule pack strings traveled approximately 12 miles, round trip. 16 pack animals carried 18,680 lbs. of gravel and rock equaling 408 buckets, all of which had to be loaded, packed, unpacked and spread by hand. The volunteer workers and DNR staff were rightfully proud of the amount and quality of the work they accomplished. The experienced pack stock and handlers demonstrated that the ancient skill of moving cargo with horses and mules still has a very valuable place in our modern world. We are all looking forward to March 1st, 2008 when the members of BCHW and many other volunteers will again gather for the next Great Gravel Haul. 🐾



By Christine Redmond, Public Land Use Manager, Dept. of Natural Resources

On behalf of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Pacific Cascade Region and Commissioner of Public Lands Doug Sutherland, I would like to thank the Back Country Horsemen of Washington for their participation in the 2nd Annual Great Gravel Pack-In in Capitol State Forest. This event, organized by volunteer Ed Haefliger in cooperation with the DNR, is an excellent example of the generosity of our volunteers and the spirit of cooperation characteristic of our volunteer program.

This year's event was a great success and included thirty-four volunteers, 4 DNR staff members and twenty-six very patient animals. In addition to hauling gravel, crews patched several potholes and made significant improvements to the trail at the trailhead resulting in a total haul of approximately 20,000 pounds, or 10 tons, of gravel!

A special thank you to Ed Haefliger for having the idea and bringing us all together. Thanks to the efforts of Bob Stover, drop site lead, and Dick Yarboro, loading site lead, we had a safe event with no injuries. Thanks to Betty Reichel for her fabulous record keeping skills and Jeff LaBreck for acting as Scale Master. Thank you to all of the gravel shovelers, loaders, handlers, packers, unloaders, photographers and helpers. Also, thank you to Dick Pust of KGY Radio, the Olympian and other local newspapers for getting the word out. Thank you to Washington Media Services' Joyce Willms for all her public relations work and Crissy McGee your Trailhead News Editor.

The Department of Natural Resources Pacific Cascade Region is looking forward to hosting this event again next year. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 1, 2008. In the mean time, we'll see you out on the trails. 🐾

2007 Calendar of Events

**Lewis County Chapter
Poker Ride**

May 12, Sign in 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Last rider out at 11:00 a.m.
\$6 ride fee
Burnt Ridge in Onalaska
(360) 978-5336 or (360) 262-9132

**2007 Washington Youth
Outdoor Adventure Expo**

May 18 & 19
Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Cowlitz County Expo Center,
Longview, WA
(360) 864-4259, www.gopaw.org

**Ride the West Horse &
Ranch Expo**

May 18-20
Spokane Fair & Expo Center
Jim Hudkins: (509) 954-7446
jchudkins1@netzero.net

Oakland Bay Chapter Fun Ride

May 26
First pair of hands \$10,
additional pairs \$5 each
Kennedy Creek off Hwy 101
between Shelton and Olympia
Debbie Binion: (360) 426-1998
rbinion@hctc.com or
Georgia Priestorn: (360) 432-3022

**BCHW Board of Directors
Meeting**

June 2 at 9 a.m.
Monroe, WA. Fairgrounds
Jeanne Koester: (509) 238-3267
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**BCHW General Membership
Meeting**

June 2 at 1 p.m.
Monroe, WA. Fairgrounds
Steve Reppert: (360) 403-9388

LNT Social Campout

June 22-24
Twisp River Horse Camp
Jane Byram: (509) 997-7407
Intjane_3@hotmail.com

**Willapa Hills Chapter Annual
Prize Ride**

June 23, 10 a.m.
Cost: \$12 for ride, lunch & prize ticket
\$6 for lunch only
Oxbow Road
(between Chehalis and Raymond)
(360) 942-5659 or (360) 934-5500

**13th Annual Special Olympics
Thurston Co. Sheriff's Trail Ride
and Chili Feed**

June 22 & 23
Meriand Scott: (360) 786-5510 ext. 6632
scottm@co.thurston.wa.us

Nisqually Chapter Trail Challenge

July 14: Pre-ride meeting from
8:00-8:30 a.m., start time 9:00 a.m.
Northwest Equestrian Center in Rainier
Jaceil Easton: (253) 682-9740
www.discovery-computer.com/bchw

Mt. St. Helen's Chapter V.I.P. Ride

July 21 & 22
Kalama Horse Camp,
North of Cougar, WA
Terri Anderson
(360) 835-5719
jimterrimustride@aol.com

**Ferry County Chapter Poker/
Steak Ride**

July 27-29
\$20, includes dinner, dessert and
pancake breakfast on Sunday
Old Stage Trail in Republic
Linda Peterson: (509) 775-2140
steakridefcbch@wildblue.net

Buck Creek Prize Ride

August 4
Ron Lind: (360) 829-6580

**Olympic Chapter
Springwood Ranch Ride**

August 17-19
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Thorp, WA
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**Third Quarter Board of
Directors Meeting**

September 22
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**BCHW/USFS & State Land
Managers**

November 30
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**Fourth Board of Directors
Meeting**

December 1
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2007 Calendar of Events Form

Chapters! See below for how you can get your event listed on the BCHW Trailhead News 2007 Calendar of Events at no charge!

Name of event: _____

Sponsoring Chapters: _____

Date of event: _____ Cost (if any): _____

Location: _____

Contact person: _____ Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Event listings must be submitted using the event form, which is also available on www.bchw.org. Please email your event to Crissy at bchw@wamedia.com. There will be no cost to members who wish to have their event on the calendar, as long as more than one chapter is participating in any way (shape or form) in the event, i.e. more than one chapter hosting the event or more than one chapter invited to participate in event. For questions, please call Crissy at 360.754.4543. Thank you!

2007 Optional Members

Backcountry Horsemen of Washington express their gratitude to those who contribute to BCHW as “Contributing”, “Sustaining”, “Patron”, and “Benefactor” members for 2007. The Optional Membership Program is available to all members for renewal or new membership. Members in this program pay only the optional membership fee which includes the Family or Single Membership.

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All Adult Members Need To Sign The Form. Chapter Members: Turn in to chapter treasurer.
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I would like to help preserve the Horsemen's rights to use horses on public lands.

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(includes Family or Single Membership)

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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 of riders or horses taking part in Trail Rides or other BCHW functions, I do hereby release the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children or horses.

Signed _____ Dated _____
 Signed _____ Dated _____
 Signed _____ Dated _____

Dues are not deductible as Charitable Contributions for Income Tax Purposes. Dues may be considered ordinary and necessary business deductions.

The information on this membership application will be shared with BCH of America, and if so designated by the applicant, the appropriate local chapter of BCHW. Otherwise, the information will not be divulged to any other person or organization without the express permission of the applicant.

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