

TRAIL TALK Northeast Chapter April 2008

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Mission Statement – The purpose of Backcountry Horsemen of Washington is to perpetuate the legal and moral claim by the American people to use horses and mules for recreation on public lands.

Remember that the **Defensive Horsemanship Training is on Sat. April 19th** starting at 12:00pm.

We will have a potluck after and then the general meeting. This is a requirement if you want to work on work party's in Idaho state forest.

PRESIDENTS CORNER: By Leon Sproule

I can't believe that I am writing again while watching the snow fall thickly outside my window. Virginia and I canceled out of the ride at Dana Ogle's as we have over 10 inches, I measured, of snow piling in our driveway. I was planning on writing about what a good time we had but not now.

During one of the breaks that we had between snow storms a couple of weeks ago we went and picked up our three year old mare that was being trained. The mare is a black Missouri Foxtrotter named Dolly. It has been fun learning her personality as she watches everything that is going on around her as you ride. Virginia has her mom and we were planning on riding our matching mares for the first time at Dana's. Maybe next time.

Things to plan for in the future include the up coming general meeting, where we will have the defensive horsemanship training and a potluck. If you haven't had the defensive horsemanship training I am sure that you will learn something. If you have had the training, check your expiration date. The training is needed for working around trail and pack animals on Forest Service projects. It is also just good information about horses. May 10 will be the chain saw certification required if you wish to use a saw for clearing trails.

May 17 and 18 will be Ride the West at the Spokane County Fairgrounds. This is an opportunity to help with the trail course, spend time in the BCHW booth, tour the booths, and see some of the events. Thanks to Jim Hudkins for keeping this going. Contact him to help with the trail course.

Finally sign your relatives up for the Life Flight program. It is only \$5.50 per person and could prove invaluable if needed. See you on the trail.

Leon

LIFE FLIGHT is now open to family and friends that are not NEBCHW members. (please include name, address and phone number) The annual cost will be \$5.50 per individual for 2008. For those that have purchased Life Flight, I have received key tags and window stickers. I also have the membership cards and Big R cards for everyone that paid their 2008 dues. I will have these available to pass out at the chapter meeting. If you wish to participate, **please do not combine your payment** with your regular NEBCHW membership. **You will need to send a separate check with the name, address, and phone number for each membership. Mail checks to:**

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Hello,

I'm a freelance journalist working on a story for Equus magazine titled "Lightning on the Trail." I'm looking for a couple of good lightning stories--where people were caught out on horseback in a lightning storm and what they did to get through it. Do you know of anyone in the Washington BCH who might have such a tale to tell?

Most of the information in the story will be based on interviews with John Gookin of the National Outdoor Leadership School and Peter Kummerfeldt of OutdoorSafe. I am also looking for someone with safety credentials who can speak directly to horse care during a lightning storm.
Please let me know if you have any suggestions.

Thanks.
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No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle. ~Winston Churchill

RIDE THE WEST Horse and Ranch Expo

By Jim Hudkins

Ride the West Expo this year will be May 17 and 18. It will all start with a Spirit of the West show Friday evening May 16 followed by "An Evening with Josh Lyons".

The week-end will be full of clinics presented by Josh Lyons, Charles Wilhelm, Steve Edwards (Queen Valley Mule Ranch), Grant Setnicka (Reining) just to mention a few of the presenters. What would Ride the West show be without lots of vendors and shopping? Returning this year after a year off will be the BLM and their Wild Horse Adoption. Check out the pictures of my wild mustang, Duchess. She adopted me at Ride the West in 2006. You can go to www.ridethewest.net and get the lowdown.

There are a few twists you won't see in the advertising. BCHW will have two booths again this year with the indoor booth being in the main building and the camp booth will once again be set up by the water feature just outside the indoor arena. What would this week-end be without the XTreme Trail Challenge with over \$1500 in cash and prizes being handed out. Some of the course will be changed but the two major additions will be starting with a pistol and a time limit. There won't be any lollygagging this year. To set this off Western Horseman magazine is doing an article for their "On the Trail" segment of their May issue featuring Ride the West's "Extreme Trail Challenge". At our chapter meetings we will have sign up sheets for volunteers to help us pull this off.

Again this year, for all those who wish to join us, there will be a BCHW all chapter potluck featuring Dutch oven cooking in the trailer parking lot Saturday night. Come join us for the fun and see the Expo. volunteers may have free passes so it is worth your time to help make this a great show and put BCHW forward.

Contact myself or Jeanne Koester for further information.

Ten Ways To Get In Shape To Own A Horse

1. Drop a heavy steel object on your foot. Don't pick it up right away. Shout "Get off, stupid! Get off!"

2. Leap out of a moving vehicle and practice "Relaxing into the fall". Roll lithely into a ball, and spring to your feet!

3. Learn to grab your checkbook out of your purse/pocket and write out a \$200. check without even looking down.

4. Jog long distances carrying a halter and holding out a carrot. Go ahead and tell the neighbors what you're doing. They might as well know now.

5. Affix a pair of reins to a moving freight train and practice pulling it to a halt. And smile as if you are really having fun.

6. Hone your fibbing skills. "See hon, moving hay bales is fun!" and "I'm glad your lucky performance and multi-million dollar horse won you first place - I'm just thankful that my hard work and actual ability won me second place".

7. Practice dialing your chiropractors number with both arms paralyzed to the shoulder, and one foot anchoring the lead rope of a frisky horse.

8. Borrow the US Army slogan; "Be all that you can be"...(add) bitten, thrown, kicked, slimed, trampled."

9. Lie face down in the mud in your most expensive riding clothes and repeat to yourself: "This is a learning experience, this is a learning experience,..."

10. Marry Money!

WANTED: Your Camping Recipes

Well it's almost camping season and I would like to know what recipes everyone uses. I would be great if we could include a recipe/recipes a month in the newsletter. Any and all contributions would be wonderful. (Dutch Oven, BBQ, Soups, Salads ect.)



Great article from the October 2007 Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Hoofing it: Backcountry riders use their horse sense on state trails

By GREG JOHNSTON Mail author SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER REPORTER

Most backpackers' view of horseback riding in the wilderness is tainted by what the creatures leave behind ... but also with perhaps a twinge of envy.

Struggling and sweating seven miles up the North Fork Skykomish River Trail, for example, with 40 pounds upon your back, you meet two Stetson-shaded riders atop their steeds, their leather-clad hands comfortably cupping the reins. Although each greets you cordially and each looks as natural in the woods as the single white blossom atop the three leaves of a trillium, you think this is not fair.

You've always believed the wilderness cannot be gained without a measure of pain. Besides, they dig up the trails, leave a mess, don't belong in the wilderness.

Well, listen up, fern-feelers.

The approximately 2,500 members of the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington and their animals have been working their tails off for 25 years to prove they belong on trails.

Last year they put in 26,000 volunteer hours repairing and maintaining trails in Washington -- 3,000 hours more than the much larger membership of the hiker-oriented Washington Trails Association.

The horsemen have hauled tons of materials up trails to help various groups restore historic fire lookouts. And chances are those two riders along the North Fork Skykomish worked hard

to preserve the very land you were treading. In 1984, the Backcountry Horsemen joined hikers and environmentalists in the successful fight for several new federal wilderness areas, including the Henry M. Jackson. "Considering their numbers, they put more energy into it than hikers did," recalls Ira Spring, longtime trails activist and hiking guidebook author. "I can forgive them a lot of problems in consideration for what they did back then."

Simply put, the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington are as active or more, person for person, than any trail group in Washington. Their main mission is to keep trails open to horse-riding. Secondary goals are to teach backcountry riders methods that minimize their effects on the environment and to foster cooperation with hikers and others trail users.

"It's easy to point to horses and say, 'Well, they make a lot of mess,'" says Mike McGlenn of Bellingham, president of the group. "But horse people do a lot of good."

Adds Kathleen Dawe, a member from Arlington: "Not only do we not want to injure the environment, we also don't want to be perceived as people who don't care about it."

Choco Raspberry Burritos:

- * 4 8-9" flour tortillas
- * 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- * 1 cup fresh raspberries
- * 2 Tablespoons melted butter
- * 2 teaspoons sugar
- * 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

At home, mix sugar and cinnamon and store in a zip-lock baggie. Don't forget to bring it with you camping. At the campsite, stack the tortillas and wrap in a piece of foil; grill over indirect (med-low) heat, turning once, for about 5 minutes until they are warm and pliable.

Sprinkle 1/4 cup each of the chocolate chips and raspberries in the center of each tortilla; fold in the sides and roll up (like a typical burrito). Brush rolls with half of the melted butter. Grill burritos over indirect (med-low) heat, turning once, for about 3 minutes, until they start to show grill marks and the chocolate chips are melted.

Remove from heat and brush with remaining butter. Sprinkle with stored sugar and cinnamon mixture. Serve warm.



**NORTHEAST CHAPTER BCHW
2008 Calendar Of Events**



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Contact</u>
April 12	Escure Ranch Ride with Purple Sage Riders& Pot Luck Overnight Camping if you like		Bob Gish 509-276-6226
April 19	Chapter Meeting Williams Valley Grange		Leon Sproule 509-238-6318
April 26	Dutch Oven Potluck Jack Lamb & Julie Lloyd Hughes camping if you like	Snowmobile Trailhead Bob & Vicki Gish 509-276-6226	Overnight
May 10	Chainsaw Certification	Priest Lake Ranger Station	Bob Gish 276-6226
May 15	Ride the West - set up trail class. Chapter meeting then dinner afterwards.		Jim Hudkins 509-276-8876
May 16-18	Ride the West		Jim Hudkins 509-276-8876
May 18	Wenas Valley Ride Wildflower are a bloomin'		Jeanne Koester 238-3267
May 24-26	Memorial Weekend Reynolds Creek Work Party		Bob Gish 276-6226
June 7	Cowboy Breakfast Ride @ Carrolls Scotia Road Location		Christine Carroll
June 7	National Trails Day		
June 7	BCHW Board of Directors Meeting		Bob Gish 276-6226
June 14	PRVBCH Annual Poker Ride		Jack Lamb 208-263-4772
June 19	Chapter Meeting		Leon Sproule 509-238-6318
July 17	Chapter Meeting		Leon Sproule 509-238-6318
July 19-20	Pass Creek Pass Work Party Camp at Gypsy Meadows Log out only - Clear trail from each end. Camping at Harvey Creek / Noisy Creek Trail #s - 533, 503, 588		Bob Gish 276-6226

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