



# TRAIL TALK

Northeast Chapter January 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.

## **PRESIDENTS CORNER:**

**By Leon Sproule**

Greetings for the New Year. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Leon Sproule. The last name is pronounced to rhyme with soul or roll. I am married to Virginia Carter and she was reelected as a board member at large. I have given her the special assignment of trying to keep me on track. She will also be my phone liaison at our number 238-6318. Call any time you have a question or a suggestion. We welcome all of the help we can get in making this an even better chapter of BCHW.

2008 will be a year of changes for us in the Backcountry Horsemen. I begin this year as President of the local chapter as the State organization leads the way into the transition to a 501-C-3 non profit organization. This is a very positive change and it will allow greater tax benefits for those who choose to donate their time and labor to the great cause of keeping the trails open and accessible. Let's face it folks we are a volunteer organization. We exist to perform voluntary services with the focus on horses and wilderness. If the volunteers can receive a little benefit when it is tax time then maybe we'll see more volunteers out there in the work parties.

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Another benefit that the members have chosen to receive is the ability to be rescued if necessary by helicopter from the wilderness and this is available for only \$5.50 per person. Get your money and the names of your dependents and others that you wish to include to Judy Clark. See the letter on this subject elsewhere in the newsletter for all of the details.

I would like to introduce the rest of the board members for this year and thank them for accepting this opportunity to be of service. Stu Nieman is vice president. Barb Taylor is secretary. Judy Clark is treasurer. Jeanne Koester is director. Cyndi Johnson is alternative director. Tom Mosher is a board member at large. Jimmy LeMieux will be LNT-education. Vicki Gish is trail boss. Rachel Hepler has volunteered to take over the newsletter. I have appointed Bob Gish to ways and means to continue his leadership with the cost share grants where we build trails and finance the operation of the chapter. Jim Hudkins has agreed to continue to help with the Ride the West.

I thank all of these people for their continued commitment to the mission of BCH and I know that I can count on the rest of the members to help when the opportunities arise. That is what makes this such a great organization. Plan to attend a yearly planning meeting at Jeanne Koester's on Jan. 27 and help decide what things we focus on in the coming year. You are all welcome. Call her for directions.

A special thank goes out to the retiring board members for their service to the organization. We would not be here with out your help. Cathy Johnson is retiring from the newsletter for a much deserved rest and we thank her again for all of her help.

We will not be having a general membership meeting at the Grange as scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup>. This is because most of the board will be in Cle Elum attending a training program from BCHW that will include information on the transition to the 501-C-3 and the changes necessary complete the process. So let's work together, fix some trails, and make 2008 a year that's great.

**NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO JANUARY MEETING DUE TO LEADERSHIP TRAINING  
IN CLE ELUM THE SAME DAY.**

*Next General Membership Meeting*

*February 16, 2008*

### **ADVERTISEMENTS**

Looking to share my horse with another rider. I would like to find another gal who likes to ride the trails but doesn't want to spend the large amount of money to keep a horse full time, to help me defray my costs. He is boarding in Chattaroy at Virginia and Leon Sproule's place and there are loads of trails in the area. He is a well-trained, 12-year old, tall, registered appendix with a willing, gentle personality. Must be experienced rider. Call for details and to talk. Lesa 535-2390

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Looking for advertisers for the newsletter and web page. If you would like to have your business listed please contact a Board member. The cost is \$30 per year for a business card size advertisement in the newsletter and on the web page.

### **Newsletter Submission Information**

Trail Talk is published monthly. Deadline for submission of articles is the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Non-copyrighted submissions are welcome, subject to space limitations. Opinions and views expressed in letters or personal articles are not necessarily the opinions of BCH or NEBCHW. The newsletter editor reserves the right to edit for content, space and language.

If you have a newsletter article or advertisement send it to trailheadnews@yahoo.com or call Rachael at 935-8084. No cost for an article or advertisement. If you would like to advertise your business for one year in the newsletter or on the web page contact anyone on the Board for information.

*If you're not getting your BCHW or BCHA Newsletters please contact Bob Gish at 276-6226.*

**JUST A HORSE**  
by: anonymous

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a horse," or, "That's a lot of money for just a horse". They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a horse." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a horse". Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a horse," but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a horse," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a horse" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day. If you, too, think it's "just a horse," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a horse" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a horse" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a horse" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a horse" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a horse" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day. I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a horse" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a woman" or "just a man." So the next time you hear the phrase "just a horse" just smile, because they "just" don't understand.....

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### **2007 Christmas Party**

This years Christmas party was well met with all those who attended. There was plenty of food for all those who came. Much laughter and songs filled the air. The gift exchange brought many smiles and a few shrieks of surprise at the colorful and useful items that were received. At the end the of the night all went home filled with fun, food, and wishes that we could do this more often. All in all the party was a success. Those who were not able to come missed out greatly.

### **LIFE FLIGHT**

At the November meeting, the chapter voted to purchase a 100 block in the Life Flight Membership Program's Group Membership. Saint Alphonsus Life Flight is an air ambulance service based in Boise, Idaho. This will be offered to all current chapter members until the March meeting. After that they will be made available for family and friends (please include name, address and phone number) that are not members. The annual cost will be \$5.50 per individual for 2008.

Life Flight aircraft are mini critical-care units, providing advanced medical care and rapid transport for people in life-threatening situations. The crews are some of the most highly trained medical professionals and flight personnel in the country.

The Life Flight Membership Program exists to support the Life Flight Program at Saint Alphonsus. By joining the program, you are supporting not only Life Flight, but also the local emergency responders in our community. As a membership benefit, there is no out-of-pocket expense to any member of the program for a medically necessary flight supplied by Life Flight or any of our reciprocal partners. Our reciprocal partners are;

**Air Life of Oregon** – Bend, Oregon, Airlift Northwest – Seattle, Washington, **Air St. Luke's** - Boise, Idaho, Calstar - Northern California, **Enloe Flight Care** – Central California, **Care Flight** - Reno, Nevada area, **Life Flight Network** - Portland, Oregon, **Portneuf Life Flight** - Pocatello, Idaho, **Wyoming Life Flight** - Casper, Wyoming, **NW MedStar** - Spokane and Tri-Cities, Washington.

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:**

**NEBCHW  
% Judy Clark, Treasurer  
19402 N Yale Rd  
Colbert, WA 99005**

### **Chain Saw Certification**

Check your chain saw certification. An upcoming class will be scheduled. Unless you have a current certification you will not be able to use a saw on Forest Service work parties. The class is informative and useful even to those who have been using chainsaws for years. Plan on attending and let Bob Gish know so he can get an estimate of the number to plan for.

**Bob Gish** 509-276-6226  
[robertgish@gmail.com](mailto:robertgish@gmail.com)

### **BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON** **2008 JUBILEE CELEBRATION & ANNUAL MEETING** **MARCH 22, 2008** **REGISTRATION FORM**

This is our First JUBILEE as a 501-c-3 Organization; there will never be another First JUBILEE again. Come and join the FUN, Comradely, visit old friends, make new friends and have an enjoyable weekend that you will look back in the future with fond memories.

In order to have those fond memories, you will need to reserve a place to stay, weather it is in a motel or at the KVETCH RV Park at the Fairgrounds, and reserve a seat at the table for our Banquet Dinner, Auctions and Dance to " Standing Room Only" band.

The pricing for an enjoyable weekend is as follows:

RV Camping-Full Service-Early Bird@ \$15.00 per day X\_\_\_\_\_ Days =\$\_\_\_\_\_  
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RV Camping-Dry / Tent -Early Bird@ \$11.00 per day X\_\_\_\_\_ Days=\$\_\_\_\_\_  
RV Camping-Dry /Tent-No Reservations @\$15.00 per day X\_\_\_\_\_ Days=\$\_\_\_\_\_

#### **DINNER & DANCE**

Prime Rib and Chicken Combo-Early Bird Reservation \$23.00ea X\_\_\_\_\_=\$\_\_\_\_\_  
Early Bird Reservations Includes five Raffle Tickets  
Prime Rib and Chicken Combo- Pay at the door- \$27.00ea X \_\_\_\_\_=\$\_\_\_\_\_

There are twelve (12) round tables that will circle the Dance floor that can be reserved for \$5.00 on a first come first paid basis. Each table will seat eight 8 people.

Total Cost \$\_\_\_\_\_

Return this form and remittance not later than Feb. 22, 2008 to:

Dan Birkliid  
3170 Nelson Siding Road, Cle Elum, WA 98922  
Phone 509-656-3333  
E-Mail [danandjulianna@cablespeed.com](mailto:danandjulianna@cablespeed.com)

## Famous Cowboys and Cowgirls

By Rachael Hepler

I thought that I would add some fun to the newsletter and add a little bit of info about famous cowboys and cowgirls each month. If there is a specific person that you would like to see information about please send me an email and

I will try my best to add it in. This month's it is Billy the Kid and Annie Oakley.



**Billy the Kid** was a famous 19th century American frontier outlaw and gunman who was a participant in the Lincoln County War. According to legend he killed 21 men, one for each year of his life. He was 5'8"-5'9" with blue eyes, smooth cheeks, and prominent front teeth. He was said to be friendly and personable at times, but he could also be short-tempered and determined. This made him a very dangerous outlaw, when combined with his shooting skills and cunning. He was also famous for (apparently) always wearing a sugarloaf sombrero hat with a wide green decorative band. He was little known in his own lifetime but was catapulted into legend in the year after his death when his killer, Sheriff Patrick Garrett, published a wildly sensationalistic biography of him called *The Authentic Life of Billy, the Kid*. Beginning with Garrett's account, Billy the Kid grew into a symbolic

figure of the American Old West.



**Annie Oakley-** Born in a log cabin on the Ohio frontier, Annie Oakley began shooting game at age nine to support her widowed mother and siblings. Whether it be a pistol, rifle, or shotgun, the legendary markswoman Annie Oakley was masterful with them all. Dubbed "Little Sure Shot" by Chief Sitting Bull (she was 5 feet tall), her sharp shooting in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show won her many awards and captivated audiences far and wide. Her name remains synonymous with firearms and entertainment. For seventeen years Annie Oakley was the Wild West Show's star attraction with her marvelous shooting feats. At 90 feet Annie could shoot a dime tossed in midair. In one day with a .22 rifle she shot 4,472 of 5,000 glass balls tossed in midair. Annie Oakley died of pernicious anemia on Nov. 3, 1926, in Greenville, Ohio, at the age of sixty-six. A legend in her own time, the remarkable life of Annie Oakley would be celebrated in the 1946 Herbert and Dorothy Fields musical *Annie Get Your Gun*.

To join BCHW, complete this application, sign the liability release (all members over 18), and enclose payment:

- **Chapter members**, return completed form to Northeast Chapter BCHW, PO Box 3094, Deer Park, WA 99006 or bring it to a meeting and give to the Chapter Treasurer.
- **Independent members**, make check out to "BCHW", and mail application and payment to: BCHW, ATTN: MEMBERSHIP, 110 W. 6th Ave., PMB 393, Ellensburg, WA 98926.



### Member Info

New Member  
  Renewal - Membership number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
  E-mail my newsletter \_\_\_\_\_

Adult's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 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

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

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

#### Chapter Membership

Chapter Name (or Independent): \_\_\_\_\_

Northeast

Chapter Dues (determined by chapter) \$ 10.00

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

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

**Grand Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Liability Release

ALL ADULT members MUST sign!

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident where ever 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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.



**NORTHEAST CHAPTER BCHW  
2008 Calendar Of Events**



<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Contact</b>
1/19	Leadership Training in Cle Elum		
1/27	Northeast Board Planning Session	Jeanne's house	members welcome Jeanne 238-2367
2/16	Membership Meeting 7pm	Williams Valley Grange	Leon Sproule 509-238-6318
March 21-23	BCHW Membership Convention, Auction, Dinner, Dance, Vendors		

**All dates, times and events are subject to change.  
Be sure to telephone the contact person prior to the scheduled event.**

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