



~Tails & Trails~

FEBRUARY

2009

Happy Valentine's Day



From the President's Saddlebag

The time has come to start thinking about what we as a club would like to accomplish this year. It has been suggested that the club set goals and objectives.

With this in mind, I'm asking all of you for your input. If you have any ideas for projects e-mail me at saathoff50@yahoo.com so we can discuss them at our February meeting.

For now, stay warm and while you're cozening up to the fire, be thinking about what you would like for us as a club to accomplish this year.

When the snow melts and the sun warms us up, I hope to see you all on the trail.

~ Perry

RIDE COMMITTEE FORMED

Bob & Lea Williams – 509-244-9447, Gene Bruce – 208-660-5460, Bernie Lionberger – 208-772-2964, Perry Saathoff – 208-691-6452 and Alan Harper – 208-687-1968, have volunteered. Perry will take the lead and set up a date and time. **Please contact any of these folks if you have ideas for fun rides or for projects.** It was suggested that we combine with another of the north Idaho groups or Twin Rivers for a fun ride together.

Bernard Peak Update

The Planning and Zoning meeting finally ended close to midnight. The room was standing room only, with 97 people in opposition. Twenty seven of those people presented well prepared testimony to voice concerns about this request for zoning change and subsequent 477 homes/ golf course development. The development is proposed to be built in the small rural community of Athol, and in close proximity of the State and National Forests on Stimson Lumber lands. Also presented for the public record were petitions signed by close to 500 individuals, and prior to the public comment deadline 10 days prior to the meeting, the Planning and Zoning department also received over 250 letters, faxed, mailed, emailed or phoned in response, against the applicant's request for a zoning change.

The outcome is uncertain, as now the Hearing Examiner will take all of the testimony and the 20 minute presentation and rebuttal remarks of the representative for the developer and will make a recommendation to the County Commissioners. There should be an answer in 2 weeks or so, as to if the zoning change request has been approved, denied or will be sent to the Commissioners for another public meeting. If the zoning request IS sent to the County Commissioners, another public meeting has to be scheduled and again, public comment is even more important at this stage than in the prior, because it represents the LAST opportunity to oppose the zoning change.

Thank you to the members of Back Country Horseman who weighed in on this issue.

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January 17, 2009 Meeting @ Dalton City Hall

President Perry Saathoff opened the meeting at 0730. We had one guest present - Jill Reineccius. There were no minutes from the December meeting. Sharon Bruce gave the treasurer's report. Bills to be paid were listed - \$9.10 for refreshments, \$20 to the website, \$43.88 for the newsletter, and \$39.58 for a new bookkeeping journal and postage. She will also write a check to BCHI for \$4000 for our calendars and \$505.50 for the LifeFlight members - 65 signed up and paid for plus the 25 approved for advance. Bob Williams made a motion to pay the bills seconded by Gene Bruce. Motion carried.

BCHI Calendars: Sharon reported that she is still collecting money from people who took the calendars. We still have 11 calendars left to distribute for sale.

New Business: Perry asked to put together a ride committee. Bob, Gene, Bernie, Perry, Lea and Alan volunteered. Perry will take the lead and set up a date and time. **Please contact any of these folks if you have ideas for fun rides or for projects.** It was suggested that we combine with another of the north Idaho groups or Twin Rivers for a fun ride together.

Outdoor Show is in Lewiston on March 27-29. Sharon is in charge of a Dutch oven contest on Sunday - she needs people to sign up for 2-man teams with a one pot cook-off and a \$10 entry fee. It will let us interact with the public and the spectators can buy a plate for a few dollars. Bob has volunteered to judge the event. Bernie is in charge of the photo contest. It will be the same as last year for categories - winter time with your horses and mules, nature, on the trail/in camp, and working the trails. There will be a people's choice and ribbons for 1-3. Winners will be used in the calendar next year if BCHI does the calendar again. Debbie and Gene will both help. Bernie will need money up front to buy the ribbons - approximately \$150. Sharon moved to allow Bernie to purchase the ribbons for the contest. Gene seconded. Motion passed. This money will be reimbursed after the trade show.

The outdoor show has a bucket raffle and a live auction. They would like to increase the quality of the items - they would like 2 items for the bucket raffle worth \$50 each (or a gift basket that would total \$50) and 1 item worth at least \$50 for the live auction. In the past the chapter has bought the item for the live auction. Perry suggested that perhaps a couple families get together to help towards an item so it wouldn't be so expensive.

Perry asked if there was someone who would like to buy door prizes for the meeting. Linda Wuest volunteered to continue doing it.

Perry noted a letter we got from Cindy Oswald regarding a trail near Farragut that is on Stimpson land and is potentially being sold for development. The developer does not want horse use on the old Boy Scout trail that goes through the property and up to Bernard Peak. She is asking our help to keep it open. Our group has helped clear this trail over the last 30 years. Perry has sent a letter to planning and zoning to support keeping the trail open. We do have a chapter member that will attend the hearing and keep us updated.

Bernie asked to update some old business regarding the St. Joe travel management plan. The final meeting for the focus group was held in December and there were actually more trails that were proposed for non-motorized due to additional wildlife concerns. The group is somewhat concerned about how many miles are non-motorized and how they will be kept open without motorcycle help.

The PBCH 2009 proposed budget was handed out and explained by Sharon. Bob asked to discuss the storage shed needed for our equipment, which would mean going into our CD for funds. It wouldn't be part of an operating budget...just a capital expense. Bob moved to accept the budget as corrected and Alan seconded. Motion carried.

Back to the storage shed located at the Bruce's. They do have a place to move in Montana and we will eventually need to replace the shed and relocate it. Suggestions were a pre-built shed like at Ziggy's or an enclosed trailer that could be moved. The trailer would be more expensive, but in the long run it would be mobile. Since it is not urgent, we should keep an eye for used trailers perhaps, or have a committee to look into things. Bob volunteered to look into it. Robert Wuest will help him.

Bob moved to adjourn, seconded by Ela.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Lionberger
Secretary



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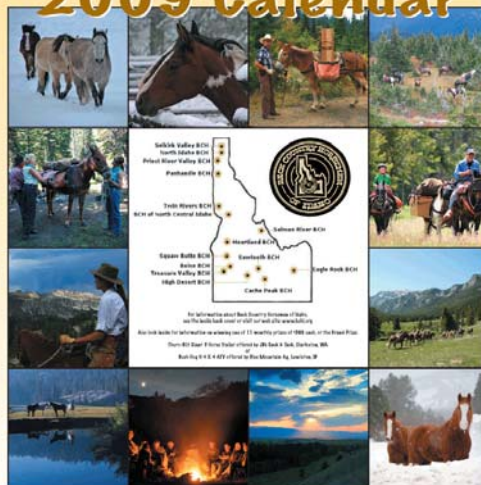
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LOOK

We are now up to \$30

Panhandle Back Country Horsemen Membership Application

Back Country Horsemen of America... is a nonprofit organization working towards the preservation of the back country. Our primary purpose is to maintain trails, trailheads and opportunities to use stock in the backcountry. We work with Federal and State agencies, other groups and individuals to support proper use and protection of our backcountry. We support education of all backcountry users to reduce impacts on meadows, trails and all resources so that our right to use horses is maintained.

If you believe in our cause, we welcome your membership. We have monthly meetings, with an education session and our members receive a monthly newsletter.

Dues paid after October 1st apply to the coming calendar year. Please complete the following and mail with your dues to:

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\$35 Family Membership _____ \$25 Individual Member _____ \$30 Associate/Supportive Member _____

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7. ____ Camp tending.

2. ____ Attend monthly meetings.

8. ____ Help put on programs at meetings.

3. ____ Receive monthly newsletter.

9. ____ Newsletter or Web Editor.

4. ____ Work on club fund raising events.

10. ____ Work to organize pleasure rides.

5. ____ Pleasure rides.

11. ____ Work on trailheads.

6. ____ Work on trail maintenance.

12. ____ Help on club cook outings.

RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS:

In consideration of my membership in, and participation in the activities of Panhandle Back Country Horsemen, Inc., I do hereby waive, release and discharge Panhandle Back Country Horsemen, Inc., its agents, employees, and officers, from all claims, demands, actions, and causes, and its successors or assigns, for all personal injuries, known and unknown, and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by, or arising out of the activities and my participation with Panhandle Back Country Horsemen, Inc., and the purpose from which such organization exists.

I do further acknowledge that the activities in which I participate are or may be hazardous, and I am fully aware of prospective injuries, and have read this release, and understand all of its terms, and voluntarily sign the same with full knowledge of its significance.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

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Thank you for joining Panhandle Back Country Horsemen

Mail Application and Check to:

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BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF IDAHO
2009 OUTDOOR SHOW
MARCH 27TH, 28TH, 29TH
NEZPERCE COUNTY FAIRGROUND - LEWISTON IDAHO
HOSTED BY TWIN RIVERS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

The event will be advertised across Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon, with expected attendance to exceed 2500. Among the various planned activities will be a Photo Contest, Bucket Raffle, Raffles, Demonstration Areas, Horse Training Competitions, Stock Dog Exhibitions, Packing Demos, Forest Service Displays, Dutch Oven Cooking Contest, Dinner and Live Auction Saturday night, Cowboy Poetry, and much, much more.

SHOW / DISPLAY HOURS

Friday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF IDAHO
DUTCH OVEN COOK OFF
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009

Dig out those Dutch ovens, because we are going to show off our great food and attitudes. Let's show the general public how we BCH'ers cook up some good grub in the back country. This is a chance to get folks enthused about what great food can be created and how well we eat on our back country trips.

RULES:

2 person teams will be made up from bch of Idaho members. There will be room for ten teams. Recipe you are planning to use is required, along with a \$10.00 team entry fee.

This will be a one pot cook off, consisting of either a dessert or bread recipe. Cooking can start at 8:00 am and the dish must be completed by 11:00 am for judging. Teams will be judged on creativity, taste, cleanliness, presentation and interaction with the public. Prizes go to the top three teams.

We will provide two 8' tables for each team. Each team must bring their own cook table to cook on, or a pan to protect the asphalt floor. Teams will need to bring briquettes, water, equipment and food necessary to complete your dish. Each team will be responsible for clean up of their area.

The public will be able to buy a plate for \$2.00 to get three samples from the Dutch oven teams. Money collected will go toward the fairgrounds barn rental.

This competition is about encouraging the skill of using the Dutch oven without the use of additional pans such as bread pan tins, tinfoil, etc. Trivets under meat and parchment paper are acceptable.

The most important thing of all is to have fun and spread the love and joy of Dutch oven cooking with everyone you come in contact with.

Because space is limited in the fairground's barn, please contact Sharon Bruce @ 208-660-5460 or email packmule52@yahoo.com to participate no later than March 20, 2009.





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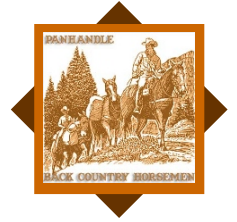
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Entries must be **film** or **digital** images, and be in black and white or color. Size - 4" X 6" through 11" X14".

How photos are mounted is the photographer's choice. All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared in the viewfinder. Nothing should be added to an image, and aside from minor dust spots, nothing should be taken away. Cropping and minor adjustments to color and contrast are acceptable.

Photographers are encouraged to enter photos that have **NOT** been previously entered In BCHI State Convention displays.

Submit entries at the REGISTRATION DESK upon arriving at the convention. **NO later than 9 AM, Saturday** for display.

Please attach the below entry form on the back of each entry, which includes the following: Your name, address, phone number, e-mail, location of where photo was taken and names of the people in the photo.

Questions: call Bernie Lionberger 208-772-2964 An independent judge will look at technical quality, composition, originality, and artistic merit.

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LOCATION OF PHOTO: _____

NAMES OF PEOPLE IN PHOTO: _____

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FEBRUARY
Saturday the 21st**

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