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MEETING TIME

Wednesday JULY 16th

Annual Potluck 6:30 In the Park Short meeting to follow

Held in the Dalton Gardens City Hall. Ya can hitch yer



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~Tails & Trails~

JUNEVENTS



4th, 5th & 6th – Friday, Saturday & Sunday St Joe Work Project at Red Ives

Trail Boss Vanessa Edwards

208-582-0105 or longearranch@sm-email.com

It's time for our Annual 4th of July Weekend Work Project at Red Ives.

Not only is this a work party, put it is also one of the ways our chapter makes money. The St Joe work project earns us up to \$1000 from the Forest Service . Payment is based on mileage and the number of stock animals – every horse that is ridden and every pack animal. We really need club participation to get as much of the funds as possible. Additionally, the FS does breakfast on Saturday. So it is really important for us to get an accurate head count.

Please RSVP with Vanessa – by Sunday June 29th.

Camping will be at the Red Ives Ranger Station. With the amount of snow we had this year, it is highly likely that most of our work will be done on the camp side of the river. If the river is low enough, and if we have enough people, we may form work parties to go across to the other side. So we need as many people as possible to show up.

Friday is arrive and set up day, we will mostly work on Saturday and maybe some on Sunday. Saturday night is a potluck dinner, so bring your own meat to BBQ and a side dish to share.

About getting there: Red Ives is on the upper part of the St Joe River above the town of Avery. A sure fire way to get there is to go to St Maries and take the St Joe River Road to Red Ives. It is about 90 miles from St Maries to Red Ives, all on paved roads. Approximately at the 73 mile marker, the road to Red Ives swings to the right at the point where Gold Cr enters the St Joe River. The last 10 miles is paved but a bit narrow so take it slow and carefully. Look for one our red and white PBCH arrow signs at the Red Ives Historic Ranger Station, directing you across the bridge to the camping area.



Sharon Bruce holds the pack string, while Gene Bruce and Tom Johnston wrestle a cut section of tree off the trail during last years work project.

ANNUAL BBQ & POT LUCK Wednesday, JULY 16th 6:30 P.M.

The July Regular Meeting will be our Annual BBQ & Pot Luck, held at the park next to the Dalton Gardens City Hall. The grill will be fired up, so bring your own meat to BBQ and a side dish. Also bring your own beverage and cooking/eating utensils and dishes Starts at 6:30, with a short meeting between dinner and desert. Hope to see your there.



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WEB SITE-UP AND RUNNING

It's been over a half a year now that we've been with out a functional web site. Well those days are over! Thanks to the efforts of Connie Glass, our former web wrangler; Pat, technical advisor at PVON.com, our new site host; Michael and Ceara Nourse of High Desert Design, our new web designers and web wranglers; and Robert Wuest, our facilitator and coordinator. These people put in a lot of time and effort and the results were well worth it. If you have our site bookmarked, you will need to type in the full URL: www.pbch.org in the address bar to get to the site. It's up, it's running and more tweaks and info on the site are to come. Enjoy!!

Panhandle Back Country Horsemen June 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Bernie Lionberger did a slide show on "Defensive Horsemanship" prior to the meeting.

Meeting called to order by President April Linscott at 8:42 PM.

Due to the late start of the meeting there was a general consensus to dismiss the reading of the minutes.

Treasure Sharon Bruce reported we have a balance of \$3,571.26 in checking, \$2,275.62 in savings, \$6,446.86 in a CD and \$14,506.24 in another CD, for a total cash asset of \$26,799.98

Bills to be paid were: Debbie Samovar - \$25.00 for PDF Hosting of Newsletters, \$8.48 for New Member Packets – Printing and \$13.64 for refreshments for the meeting; Gene Bruce - \$8.99 for Chainsaw Gas, \$22.15 for Chainsaw Oil. Jeff Jussila submitted expenses for the Marie Creek Ride of \$83.28 and we took in \$70.00.

Bob Williams made a motion to pay the bills, Sherri Lionberger seconded, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

WEB SITE – Robert Wuest reported that he got an e-mail from Mike Nourse, which was cc'd to Debbie Samovar, who reported that the initial site has been built but not tied into our URL yet and they're hoping to go live on June 20th. Debbie sent the links for the newsletters for the rest of the year, the By-Laws, Trail Boss Check List and Membership Application. And is waiting to hear what format they would like to receive the information for the 2006 & 2007 newsletter/projects. The cost for our new site was \$200.00 for the set-up and monthly maintenance will be \$20.00. Robert told Mike we didn't wanted our calendar events in the State's calendar or in the same format. So they will pull info from our newsletter.

Karen Kimball asked if we could put the Trail Challenge Registration Form and sponsor list on the web site when she has the info. Debbie said she would pass that onto Mike.

Bernie Lionberger would be the best person to contact for general photos to populate the web site.

Debbie mentioned that her only real complaint with the site is that it's built on a template and the lettering and background colors are all green, just like the State's and Hartland's site. She didn't know if it would be much trouble to change the color. Sharon and Robert said we could just ask. Also Debbie didn't know if we wanted to us the logo of the state with the pack string in it, like we have on mailing panel of the newsletter, or to change it to the big square one that we us on our jackets. It was decided to leave the logo as is.

Robert Wuest asked Bernie Lionberger to select a photo to use as a background on the home page.

MARIE CREEK CLEARING – Bernie Lionberger reported that they had a great day. About 12 people showed up. They split into two groups, Vanessa Edwards led one and Gene Bruce led the other. They did the least sawing they've ever done on the trail, about 25 cuts and were done by 2:30. There was more problem with brush being bent over the trail than downed trees. The FS has been up there and brushed out the trail and widen sections of it. Also, we need to thank George Miller for coming out early and doing another Chainsaw Training/Certification. Sherri Lionberger reported that she had the Certificate Cards that we need to get signed. Bernie Lionberger suggested that we have Bill McCloud sign them.

MARIE CREEK TRAIL RIDES – Jeff Jussila reported that we had our Annual ride on Saturday, June 19th. The weather couldn't

have been better. 9 riders made to the ride. We got out on the trail at 9:00 AM and came back to home made chili and Lyn's corn bread muffins. The ride went well except some of the horses were scared by the Boy Scouts with back packs on the trail. A total of \$70.00 was collected for the ride, with a cost of \$83.28, and a lot of left over chili. The Boy Scouts were lost because the sign to the meadows was missing. This one kid stepped out onto the road with his map and GPS, totally unaware of us, just looking at the map, the GPS and side to side. When he finally saw us, we said trials that a way.

SPRAY TRAINING - Karen Kimball reported that 10 people showed up for the training. They need to do some adjusting to the pack and Perry said he would take care of it. They are going to fix it so you pack the horse then attach the hoses. Going to fix it to handle two hoses and change them out to be 20ft. Additionally we need to call Val to see what needs to be done, the meadow or the trail. FS said we could do whatever we wanted. Sherri Lionberger reported that the FS got beetles for the knapweed and St John's Wort.

4th **of JULY WORK PROJECT** - Sherri Lionberger reported that they should have blasted the road block today, so the road should be open for the 4th. Vanessa Edwards is the trail boss and the newsletter will go out early to get the word out on the project. Additional work will only be done on the same side of the river.

4-H PACKING CLINIC – Has been changed from July to September. Debbie Samovar has already put the change into the master for the July newsletter.

AUGUST'S 4TH OF JULY PASS RIDE – It will only be a one day ride on Saturday. There's not enough trail there to ride two days.

HEYBURN RIDE – In August is still on.

TRAIL CHALLENGE – Alan Harper report Rider Ranch will be doing the concisions and that they need volunteers for cooking, parking and judging. The committee will ride the area on July 1st to set up the course. We still need sponsors/donations. This will be open to the public and will be limited to 75 riders. We will post the registration form on the web site. There will be 3 classes: 12-14, 15-18 and 19 and up. Helmets will be required for the youth groups. Winners of the two youth classes will get a belt buckle. Winner of the adult class will get a \$50.00 breast collar that has been donated by Hickman's Saddlery. Second place prizes to be determined, but kicking around a folding chair with fold up arm table.

Karen Kimball passed out an Operations and Safety Plan (reprinted on page 8) outlining duties and areas where volunteers are need. Joni Lueck will help with advertising, Gene Bruce with parking, Judy Wiester and Sharon Bruce with registration. Sherri Lionberger with insurance. Lea Williams with judging and will get some help from some of the other groups she belongs to. April Linscott will fill in where need. But we still need lots of others to help (again see the info on page 8).

We need to make sure that the insurance is in place and that Rider Ranch is also covered and that we get a certificate of insurance

ST JOE TRAVEL PLAN – Bernie Lionberger reported that they had a vote, (which needed to have 80% to pass), that they needed to have 80% vote of consensus to motorize or not. Some attendees

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Calendar of Events



TO BE RESCHEDULED

Trailer Inspection

Trail Boss Terry Sverdsten— 208-682-2308

Escure Ranch or Fly Trap

Trail Boss Bernie Lionberger—208-772-2964

JULY

4th, 5th & 6th – Friday, Saturday & Sunday St Joe Work Project at Red Ives

Trail Boss Vanessa Edwards—208-582-0105

16th – Wednesday

Regular Meeting & ANNUAL POT LUCK

6:30 in the Park

AUGUST

2nd - Saturday 4th of July Pass Ride

Trail Boss April Linscott—208-245-0409

TBD

Heyburn Clean – up Project

Trail Boss Needed

20th - Wednesday

Regular Meeting

"Leave No Trace"

presentation by Bernie & Sherri Lionberger

30th – Saturday Labor Day Weekend

Heyburn Trail Ride

Trail Bosses Perry & Genia Saathoff—208-691-6452

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want to motorize all trails with out rationale as to why. FS asked if we wanted a least one non-motorized trail in Big Creek. We said we'd take the trail from the CC camp, up to E Fork and the Big Creek Cabin, even thought it isn't a loop as we've done work on the cabin and the outhouse. The reaction from the others was that you would have thought that we were trying to shut them out of everything. So no one got an 80% vote, 12 for it and enough, it's not Upper Joe and Mosquito Creek – would like to have a trial that I don't need to drive 300 miles to get to. Bernie Lionberger will only argue where he has a rationale. The other's just don't get it; we want to have a non-motorized experience. They want to do some field trip this summer. Bernie wants to take the motorized folks up to the top of Mosquito Creek and talk safety to them. In all likelihood the FS will have to make the decision.

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING – Will be Wednesday, July 16th. It's our Annual Pot Luck in the Park. Bring your own meat to BBQ and a side dish.

SEPTEMBER

20th – Saturday Regular Meeting

20th – Saturday Kootenai County 4-H Poker Ride

Packing Clinic

Trail Boss Alan Harper—208-687-1968 at Farragut Park

27th – Saturday

PBCH Fund Raiser - Trail Challenge

Trail Bosses Alan Harper—208-687-1968 Gene Bruce—208-687-0152 & Karen Kimball—208-772-2434 at Rider Ranch, 6219 S. Wolf Lodge Creek Road

OCTOBER

4th – Saturday

Linscott Steak Ride

Trail Bosses Al Linscott—208-682-4918 & April Linscott—208-660-1415

18th – Saturday **Regular Meeting**

NOVEMBER

15th – Saturday Regular Meeting

DECEMBER

6th – Saturday

Christmas Party
Trail Boss Needed

Avondale Country Club

Also bring your own beverage and cooking/eating utensils and dishes.

RSVP - Gene Bruce said that Jeff and Lyn put on a great ride, and has a complaint against the people who RSVP'd for this event and didn't show up. 20 RSVP, 2 called in to say they couldn't make it and only 9 showed up. Jeff cooked chili that wouldn't quit and was stuck with all this food. He said that it was just rude to RSVP and then just not to show up. There was a comment that the ride was on the same day as other rides and that we moved it to Sunday last year. Bernie Lionberger reported that there was no one from Panhandle at the Pee Wee Creek Ride. Sharon Bruce said that in her mind that when you RSVP you should expect to pay. These types of events are expected to pay for themselves, not to be bourn by the host or the club. We should but something in the newsletter about this. If someone shows up who didn't RSVP, they are the last to eat.

Sherri Lionberger made a motion to adjourn, Jeff Jussila seconded, meeting adjourned at 9:28 P.M. There were 22 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by,

Deborah Samovar, Secretary

MARIE CREEK TRAIL CLEARING

We had about 12 riders, one came late (Tom Johnston), so he just rode around the trail and checked our work!! There were amazingly few trees to cut, probably a total of 25 cuts, we started at 6 AM with George Miller putting two more folks through saw certification (Gene Bruce and Jerry Shriner), followed at 9 AM by dividing into 2 groups and going around the trail in opposite directions, we were done by about 2:30 PM. The participants: Gene Bruce, Karen and Jim Kimball, George Miller, Jerry and Diane Shriner, Gary and Vanessa Edwards, Jeff Jussila, Lyn Nale, Tom Johnston, and Bernie and Sherri Lionberger.



Lionberger's new mule "Tinker". Who'd of thunk??

Gene Bruce rides in after the project.





RSVP

It means more than just saying your coming. It means you are taking responsibility for your commitment, including any financial obligations. When your RSVP to a club function that includes food and don't show, our host is stuck with the uneaten food. It's not like a restaurant where if you don't show, they give your table and FOOD to someone else.

Do Horses Spread Non-Native Plants on Trails?

by: Stith T. Gower, PhD, Reprinted from TheHorse.com, February 11 2007, Article # 8846

Can plant and weed seeds contained in horse manure, hooves, and hay cause nonnative plant species (plants that were introduced to that ecosystem but do not grow there naturally) to spread along trails and into parks and forests? This is an ecological question that often arises. Stith T. Gower, PhD, of the Department of Forest Ecology and Management at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has determined that while there are seeds from weed and non-native plant species in horse manure and hay, the plants that result don't survive or spread on trails. Therefore, horses do not appear to be a major source for the introduction of nonnative species.

"Nonnative plant species pose a serious ecological and economic threat to managed and natural ecosystems," said Gower. "Therefore, there is a great need to identify major sources for the introduction of non-native species and implement management plans to reduce or eliminate their introduction. Horses have been suggested to be an important source for the introduction of nonnative plant species along trails, but the data are largely anecdotal."

The objectives of two studies were to determine if horse hay, manure, and hoof debris samples contained seeds from nonnative species, and if so, whether their seeds would germinate and establish on the trails.

Gower took samples of horse hay, manure, and hoof debris from 12-24 horses at each of five American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) rides held in North Carolina, Kentucky, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Subsets of these samples were sown in potting buckets and grown outdoors in ideal conditions in Madison. In addition, samples from the horses at each ride were placed back on the horse trail.

On average, nonnative plant species germinated from 5.2% of the hay samples placed in the potting buckets, indicating horse hay contains seeds from nonnative plant species. However, only three of the 288 hay, manure, and hoof debris samples placed on the horse trail contained plants after the first growing season, and no surviving plants were observed after the second season.

Gower also did vegetation surveys along 50-meter (150-foot) survey lines perpendicular to horse and hiking (horses not permitted) trails at three of the five sites to compare species composition of native and nonnative plants. He wanted to determine if newly introduced plant species were moving into ecosystems adjacent to the horse trails and trails that prohibited horses.

Species composition and percent of total nonnative plant species did not differ between horse and hiker trails, and the nonnative plant species always occurred within 2 meters (6 feet) of the trail. Other potential sources for nonnative species might be birds, he said. "Many studies have observed that trails and roads (of all uses) facilitate the establishment of nonnative species," added Gower.

"The results of this and other studies demonstrate that horse hay and manure contains seeds of nonnative plant species, but native and nonnative plant species rarely become established on horse trails because of the adverse effects of harsh environmental conditions and frequent disturbance on seedling establishment," concluded Gower.

For more information about the study, e-mail Gower at stgower@wisc.edu. The study was funded by the American Endurance Ride Conference (www.aerc.org).





WANTED: RAFFLE CHAIR PERSON

Looking for someone to organize and run a raffle table at the regular meetings. Solicit merchandise from retailers and/or take donated items from members. Keep items between meetings, set up display and sell tickets. Please call April to





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The Panhandle Back Country Horsemen are putting on a Competitive Trail Challenge September 27, 2008 to raise funds for our organization. We are looking for sponsors to donate prizes to the winners in this competition. Any sponsors will be included in our advertising for the Trail Challenge.

The Back Country Horsemen is a national organization dedicated to three main objectives:

- 1) To perpetuate the common sense, use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country.
- 2) To assist the various government and private agencies in their management of lands and resources.
- 3) To educate, encourage and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses and people commensurate with our heritage and the back country resource.

In meeting the goals of our mission statements, Back Country Horsemen in the state of Idaho have spent thousands of volunteer hours on trails, trail heads, campsite maintenance and construction. We have effectively lobbied government agencies for the continued upgrading of facilities and have successfully secured grants from both public and private sources for this purpose. We have established education chairs in each chapter in Idaho who work to bring the messages of low impact and "Leave No Trace" techniques to both members and the general public. This fund raiser will help us continue on with this mission.

The Competitive Trail Challenge will be an event open to adults and juniors (two separate categories for prizes) and include numerous obstacles for the horse and rider to negotiate, such as water crossings, logs, through gates, etc.

If you would like to consider donating to this effort, please contact Karen Kimball at 772-2964 or Gene Bruce at 687-0152. We are a non-profit organization, so donations are tax deductible.

2008 PBCH Trail Challenge June 3, 2008 Panhandle Back Country Horsemen Operations and Safety Plan

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This plan is to help provide an organized planning effort as well as execution of the <u>2008</u> Trail Challenge to be held Sept. 27th, 2008 at the Rider Ranch. This plan should also help provide the safest riding conditions by placing responsibilities with competent individuals, as well as informing them of their duties. The plan will be thoroughly reviewed with all volunteer workers prior to the event and distributed as needed.

II.Areas of Responsibility

A. Trail Boss D. Registration G. Sponsors

B. Advertising E. Stations-Judges H. Safety and Communications

C. Parking F. Food I. Outriders

III. Individuals and Duties

- A. Trail Boss <u>Alan Harper</u> will serve as trail boss for the Trail Challenge with the Trails Committee to assist him. They will assure that trail preparation is complete and safe conditions exist on the course. An attached map outlines the course. The **Committee** will also:
 - 1. Choose trail course and obstacles.
 - 2. Assure the trail is well marked prior to the event.
 - 3. Choose entry fee, time for event, ages of riders.
 - B. Advertising has primary responsibility for advertising. He/she will:
 - 1. Print and distribute flyers to retail stores.
 - 2. Ensure flyers are sent to other chapters newsletters and included in our newsletter.
 - 3. Place advertisement in local papers, i.e. Nickelsworth.
 - 4. Provide a timetable for advertising.
 - C. Parking -_____ has responsibility for parking. Parking should coordinated and under the instructions of Rob and Linda Rider. He/she will;
 - 1. Plan the parking configuration.
 - 2. Set up directional signs leading from the main road to the parking locations.
 - 3. Provide parking attendants to direct traffic flow to ensure maximum use of parking space.
 - 4. Clean the parking area after the event, (other members will assist)
 - D. Registration _____ are responsible for registration. Duties include:
 - 1. Mail a map and registration conformation to pre-registers.
 - 2. Obtain insurance certificate.
 - 3. Receive rider registrations in the mail.
 - 4. Set up and take down the registration area.
 - 5. Bring \$300 in cash for change.
 - 6. Establish a crew for horse-holding.
 - 7. Provide PBCH membership information at the registration table.
 - 8. Provide summary of # of riders.
 - 9. Draw for the door prizes after registration is complete and post the results, (optional)
 - E. Stations-Judges 1-10
 - 1. To judge obstacle in course that is assigned.
 - 2. Have assistant to alter obstacle if needed and assist in scoring.
 - 3. Report to trail boss' periodically on progress of riders. Radios will be provided.
 - F. Food Rider Ranch will handle the cooking.
 - 1. Assist if needed.
 - G. Sponsor
 - 1. Acquire donated door prizes or money (See letter on page 7. Print and take to your favorite retailer.)
 - 2. Maintain list of those donating.
 - 3. Assure those donating are recognized (letter, sign, newsletter article)
 - H. Communications and Emergency Planning
 - 1. Provides radios to judge assistant
 - 2. Assures cell phones available to contact Kootenai County Sheriff or air ambulance at (800-422-2440, Spokane).
 - 3. Assures first aid for horses and humans available at operations for the ride.
 - 4. Assures "rules of the ride" are read and acknowledged by participants as part of the registration process.
 - I. Outriders -AI Linscott + 2
 - 1. Assist judges and judges assistant.
 - 2. Provide drinks or food for judges and assistant.

2008 PBCH TRAIL CHALLENGE

DATE: September 27, 2008 PLACE: Rider Ranch, 6219 S. Wolf Lodge Creek Road

TIME: 8am-9am walk thru. Start 9am with course closing at 3:30pm.

INFORMATION: Alan Harper-687-1968, Marian Crumb-772-2763, Karen Kimball-772-2434
AGE GROUPS: 12-14, 15-18, Adults
COST: Youth \$15.00, Adults \$25

AWARDS: First Place and Reserve in each age group PRE-REGISTRATION: Is recommended, limited to first 75 riders

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We decided to contact the Backcountry Horsemen clubs of Washington and Oregon and see if there is interest in such a destination vacation. Horses can be boarded and RVers parked all within seven miles of what we consider the best trail into the Eagle cap area and Lakes basin. Jim can provide you with some free advice if someone twisted his arm as to where the best places to ride and camp are located in this region.

The riding season in the Lakes Basin is from the middle of July to the first of September because of snow. If you are interest please contact us soon to discuss arrangements and prices.

If your club is interested we can send you a folder of photos taken in the high country during our years of outfitting. It could be used as a short program.

Our emails are: jworkman@eoni.com and mozelle@eoni.com Our phone: Home 541-426-0168 Jim's cell 541-786-3248

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

For June, July and August will be held on the

THIRD WEDNESDAY

of the month Next meeting JULY 16th

Message from the Editor:

DEADLINE for the AUGUST Newsletter is JULY 23rd.

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