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MEETING TIME

Wednesday JUNE 18th

Socializing: 7:00 Meeting: 7:30

Enjoy some friendly conversation, hot coffee and snacks.

Heck fire... you might even win the door prize

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

hoss at Hanley and 4th.
Sure wud like to see ya thar.

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~Tails & Trails~

JUNE 2008

JUNE EVENTS



Byron Miller doing the sawing with chief instructor, George Miller, looking

June 8th—Sunday Second Chance Chainsaw Clinic/Certification

Trail Boss George Miller — 208-661-0154

George has graciously agreed to hold another training clinic/certification just prior to the Marie Creek Clearing. So you can go straight from training into application. **Arrive at 6:00 AM at the trail head**.

Moved to June 8th Third Time is a Charm Marie Creek Cleaning

Trail Boss

Vanessa Edwards – 208-582-0105.

Once again, this project had been moved due to the long winter we had this year.

Please arrive at the trail head and be saddled up, ready to ride by 9:00 AM. This will be an all day project, please wear appropriate gear and bring plenty of food and water. Tools will be provided by the club. There is a need for an additional pack animal. If you can bring one, please let Vanessa know. If you don't have a set of bags, she can provide you one.



Sherri Lionberger and Tom Johnston "push" a big one out of the trail on the April 7, 2007 clearing project.



Sharon Bruce in front of one of the "Big Ones" that came down after the April 7, 2007 Clean-Up

14th – Saturday Marie Creek Ride

Trail Bosses

Jeff Jussila—208-772-0485 Lyn Nale—208-676-8300

This is our annual ride of the best trail in the CDA area, which our chapter developed. **Please arrive at the trail head and be saddled up, ready to ride by 9:00 AM.** We would like to have the last rider out by 10:30 a.m. Rain gear is suggested. Lunch will be served and the cost will be \$5.00 for sandwiches, sides and drinks. This is about a 3-4 hour ride of intermediate

difficulty. We'll spread people out to avoid crowding so you can appreciate the scenery. Members and perspective members only!! **Rules—NO DOGS.** We usually get a good crowd, so be there early as you may have to park up the road if you are late. Map and directions on page 4. **RSVP by Monday, June 9th** to Jeff—jeffjussila@adelphia.net or Lyn at 208-676-8300

18th – Wednesday Regular Meeting Defensive Horsemanship Presentation

Panhandle Back Country Horsemen May 17, 2008 Meeting Minutes

April Linscott, President, opened meeting to the general membership at 7:30 PM. There were no guests present.

Debbie Samovar was absent, therefore, April read the minutes from the prior meeting. Correction to the minutes is that Mitch Christensen is from Eagle Rock BCH, not Twin Rivers BCH.

Sharon Bruce gave the Treasurers report. There is \$3,703.84 in the checking account. \$250.00 of this is a donation from Parker Toyota as a sponsor in our upcoming Trail Challenge in September. We have \$2,275.62 in savings and two Certificates of Deposit for \$6,446.66 and \$14,506.24. Sharon advised that she will probably transfer \$1500.00 back into the savings account.

Bills presented were \$81.09 for the April and May newsletter printed by St. Maries Gazette Record and \$51.49 to Sharon Bruce of which \$9.49 were cookies for the meeting and a roll of stamps @ \$42.00 for mailing of newsletters. Sherri Lionberger made a motion to pay the bills. Motion was second by Bernie Lionberger and carried. April advised that she received an email from Debbie Samovar advising that the newsletter cost went up from 5 cents to 9 cents per page.

OLD BUSINESS:

EDUCATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR: April renounced that Joni of Selkirk Aviation is our Education Program Director. If anyone has ideas of what they would like to have as a program, please let her know.

MARIE CREEK TRAIL CLEAN-UP: April stated that the Marie Creek Trail Clearing project has been moved again, due to snow, to Sunday, June 8th. Also, April will contact George Miller to see if he can put on another saw clinic prior to the trail clearing at Marie Creek. We could start it at 6:00 am and do the clearing afterwards.

WEBSITE is still a mess. Sharon advised that Connie Glass tried again to salvage the site, along with the assistance of Robert Wuest and a POVN employee, with no luck. Sharon stated that Robert called her on May 15th and advised that we should go ahead and hook up with the gentleman who is handling the BCHI website. That site is now up and running and he is doing it for a \$500.00 set up fee and will manage it for about \$30.00 a month. Robert stated he was too busy with his work and would not be able to be the Web Wrangler for our Chapter. He asked Sharon to contact who is handling the BCHI site. Sharon advised everyone that she is not comfortable in taking this task on and emailed all this information from the BCHI webmaster, Michael Nourse to Robert and asked that he make the initial contact. Robert has all the information from Connie and Sharon felt he would be better doing this. We will see what happens.

Karen Kimball advised that she knows of someone too that can do a website for us and will look into it. The gal Sharon spoke to that was a referral of Selkirk Aviation, said she could do it but it would be more expensive that what Michael Nourse could do it for. Sharon will also send Robert the hard copy information about the BCHI website and follow up with him. Connie Glass tried very hard to salvage the website our chapter, to no avail.

TRAIL CHALLENGE: Karen Kimball reported that it will be held September 22nd @ the Ryder Ranch. The committee is going out to the Ryder Ranch to ride on June 7th to look over the area to see how they want to set up the course. Karen said we need sponsors. If you can get any sponsors, be sure to acquire their business card as it will be used in the entry booklet as advertisement.

WEED SPRAY TRAINING CLINIC will be at Karen Kimball's, before the Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 4th @ 6:00 PM. She will show you how to pack the equipment on your horse to spray for weeds.

CHAINSAW CERTIFICATION: Terry Sverdsten reported that they had four folks certified. George Miller did excellent job training and Dee made the best chili ever.

REMOUNT RIDE: Terry Sverdsten said they had over 15 people on this outing. The weather was good, great trail riding, and a great facility. There was only one mishap. Our member, Vince Caruso had an episode with his horse and ended up with a broken arm. He is doing just fine.

NEW BUSINESS:

THE 4-H PACK CLINIC will be September 20th @ Farragut State Park.

4TH **OF JULY OUTING** is still a go, per Bernie Lionberger. There is a large slide between Gold Creek and Red Ives that needs to be cleared and that may hold us up on having this outing, as the road is blocked. Also, the feed bunk that is at Turner Flats turns out to be rotted, so we won't be relocating it to a better spot.

JUNE MEETING will be on Wednesday the 18th. We will have a program on Defensive Horsemanship.

Perry Saathoff made a motion to adjourn. Second by Sherri Lionberger and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30. There were 12 members in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted: Sharon Bruce, for Debbie Samovar

REMINDER: A copy of the letter to get sponsors for the Trail Challenge is on page 7. Print a copy and take it to your favorite retailer.



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

JUNE

4th – Wednesday

Spraying Training

Trail Bosses Karen & Jim Kimball—208-772-2434

8th – Sunday

Saw Clinic/Certification

Trail Bosses George Miller—208-661-0154

Marie Creek Trail Clearing

Trail Boss Vanessa Edwards—208-582-0105

14th – Saturday

Marie Creek Ride

Trail Boss Jeff Jussila—208-772-0485

18th – Wednesday

Regular Meeting

Defensive Horsemanship Presentation

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

20th – Saturday

Kootenai County 4-H Poker Ride

Packing Clinic

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

AUGUST

2nd & 3rd – Saturday & Sunday

4th of July Pass Ride

Trail Boss April Linscott—208-245-0409

AUGUST

TBD

Heyburn Clean-up Project

Trail Boss Needed

20th – Wednesday

Regular Meeting

30th – Saturday

Labor Day Weekend

Heyburn Trail Ride

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

SEPTEMBER

20th - Saturday

Regular Meeting

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 Riders Ranch

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

Welcome Back Returning Members

Tom & Ann Johnston, 7351 Davenport St, Dalton Gardens, ID, 83815, 208-772-7417

MARIE CREEK TRAIL

From I-90 east of Coeur d'Alene take the Harrison exit (# 22) and turn north. Turn right at the stop sign on the frontage road. Go 1.4 miles and turn left on Wolf Lodge Road. After 4.5 miles turn right on Marie Creek Road. After approximately 2 miles turn right on the one-lane entry to the trailhead. There is no trailhead sign there (or if there was, it is buried in weeds), but where the entrance splits away there is a large sign stating that motor vehicles must stay on designated roads.

The ride is about 10 miles long and does loop back to the trail head. There are some switch backs but nothing to terribly steep. There is also a little slate rock, but nothing dangerous. On a scale of 1-10, I'd give it a 6. There is no competition for the trail by 4 wheelers or bikers as it is a Non-Wheel trail only. Horse and foot traffic is all that is allowed. One of our members stated that they had ridden the trail a



while back and ran across a couple of trees that were down and on the trail, but he also said it was easy to ride around them. There isn't a stock tank for water at the trailhead, but there is a creek which also runs along the trail.



New Furnace Uses Horse Manure for Fuel

John Kimberlin hopes to light a fire under his idea of using manure to produce heat and electricity. Kimberlin, of Waukee, lowa, believes he has perfected a small-scale furnace that can be used on farms, at racetracks, or anywhere livestock waste piles up.

Investors have worked to turn manure and biomass into energy, and scientists say it could make lowa a major producer of power. The state produces enough manure to power 325,000 homes, according to estimates from the lowa Department of Natural Resources.

There also are tax incentives that encourage the development of methane digesters to create electricity and control odor. Kimberlin said he came up with the idea of building a manure furnace from the tons of horse manure he had on his farm west of Des Moines. He needed to find some way to get rid of it. He said he couldn't spread it on his land without contaminating the water and hauling it away would be too expensive. Kimberlin did some small experiments and spent time at the lowa State University library researching his idea. He eventually received a patent and found some investors.

They formed a company called Nature's Furnace Inc., and are planning to make and sell several different kinds of furnaces. Kimberlin said the company wants to keep the size of the furnaces small so they can be portable. He also said the furnace, which will be marketed across the country and overseas, would be produced locally.



Vince, Get Well Soon!

Terry Sverdsten reported that at the Remount Ride there was only one mishap. Our member, Vince Caruso had an episode with his horse and ended up with a broken arm. He is doing just fine.



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WANTED: RAFFLE CHAIR DERSON

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

volunteer.







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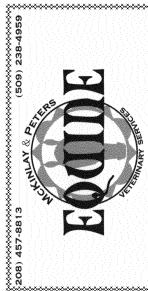
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The Panhandle Back Country Horsemen are putting on a Competitive Trail Challenge September 27, 2008 to raise funds for our organization. We are looking for sponsors to donate prizes to the winners in this competition. Any sponsors will be included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

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

For June, July and August will be held on the

THIRD WEDNESDAY

of the month Next meeting JUNE 18th

Message from the Editor:

DEADLINE for the JULY Newsletter is JUNE 23rd.

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Thanks to all of our members for supporting Panhandle Back Country Horsemen. We couldn't do it without **YOU!**