



~Tails & Trails~

JUNE

2009



Happy Father's Day



From the President's Saddlebag

Meetings are now on the third Wednesday of the month try one you might like it, also for the rest of this year the Board meetings will be on the first Tuesday night of the month.

There have been several changes to the ride calendar so take a look. We need trail bosses for several rides, take a look and let me know, hope to see you at a meeting.

~ Perry

Marie Creek Clearing – Saturday, June 6th

Gene Bruce 208-660-5460, Trail Boss

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.

DIRECTIONS: Off of I-90, take the Harrison/Wolf Lodge exit and go to the north side of the Interstate to the stop sign and take a right, heading east on the frontage road. Go left on Wolf Lodge Cr Rd, now heading north. At the next intersection go left continuing up Wolf Lodge Cr Rd to the intersection of the Marie Cr Rd. Right on Marie Cr RD and look for the PBCH sign into the trailhead. If you start climbing up hill you've gone too far....

Bernard Peak – Sunday, June 14th

Jim & Karen Kimball 208-772-2434, Trail Boss

Be at the trailhead to ride at 9:00am. Bring a lunch, we will ride to a beautiful viewpoint that looks down on Lake Pend Oreille. Sometimes you can see mountain goats on the cliffs.

Directions to get there: At Athol turn off 95 on the road to Farragut State Park. As you enter the park at the traffic circle, turn right on Good Hope road, also sign saying Farragut Village. In ½ mile the pavement ends, go by the gravel pit and take Tweet Road to the left. Stay on Tweet Road for about 2½ miles to the end. There will be a parking area. If it looks like heavy rain call us and check to see if the ride is canceled.



Regular Meeting – WEDNESDAY June, 18th

Marie Creek Trail Fun Ride– Saturday, June 20th

April Linscott 208-660-1415, Trail Boss

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. 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. Directions same as above.

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PANHANDLE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN GENERAL MEETING – MAY 16, 2009 MINUTES

Perry Saathoff, President, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. We had 12 members present and no guests. The secretary read the minutes of the April meeting. Minutes were approved as read. Sherri gave the treasurer's report in Sharon's absence. Bills presented were for \$35 to Karen Kimball for a Buck knife for the Outdoor Show, \$7.50 to Sherri for meeting treats. Bob moved and Marian seconded to pay the bills. Motion passed.

Ted Leonard was a new member at the meeting.

Perry discussed a couple of emails – The Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program is up for reauthorization. If Congress does not take action this year, it could be lost. It has provided \$677 MM for trail projects across the country since 1991. 30% of the funding must be spent on non-motorized trails. BCHA asked folks to write their congressmen and urge them to reauthorize it. We will put the info in the newsletter so folks can write to their reps.

The next email was a request to send information to the new BCHA chairman after polling members in your area to see where there are problems with trails closures, parking problems, etc. We were not aware of any in our area.

Family memberships in the club was discussed at the board meeting. Apparently for insurance issues, both spouses need to have a membership card, or both names need to be on the one card. We need to make sure if you have a family membership, contact Sharon Bruce and give her the names for the family membership.

Lifelight – memberships were due in January and our chapter bought several additional members which sold out. There were still about 40 available from the state at the time of the state board meeting. Let Sharon know and she will check with Phil Ryan.

Bernie reported on the Remount ride. There were 20 folks at the ride – rode two days and saw some new country. People did great keeping their dogs under control, especially during meals and it was a lot of fun.

Heyburn trail clearing project was today and had 5 riders. We sawed for 1.5 miles and cleared it, but then ran into a train, (Al Linscott did that literally). So that ended the day and we went back to the trailers and ate lunch. Perry will call the Park and see what is going on with the rail cars parked there and see if they still want equestrian use. He will also ask about parking at the new visitor center.

Memorial Weekend – Bernie reported that we have received several emails and conversations regarding the snow levels and conditions. There was still 1 ½ feet of snow a week ago, and they received more snow this week. It is supposedly extremely wet and boggy, and may not be accessible to trailers. Based on that, we will cancel it. If someone would like to trail boss a different ride, send a note to Debbie Samovar and get an email out.

On May 30th the cross country ski club has asked us to join them clearing trails at 4th of July. Perry will get the info to Debbie and send an email out. Glenn Truscott is the trail boss from their group. June 6 is the trail clearing at Marie Creek with Gene and Sharon as trail boss. The Bernard Peak ride will be June 14 with

Karen Kimball as trail boss. That one will likely need to have some chain saw work. June 13 is the Peewee Creek poker ride up at Priest River and June 14 they will have a trail challenge. June 27-28 is the second annual Mustang event hosted by Lea William's group.

4th of July was set up to go to Red Ives and work trails. We polled everyone that usually shows up for the work parties and folks are all doing something else. The board made a decision to change it to August 1, which is a 2 day weekend. That will cut back on what can be accomplished, so we will just be clearing trails.

In June, our meetings move to Wednesday for the summer months. July is the potluck here at Dalton. Normally the board meetings are the first Wed. of the month, but one member requested it be changed to Tuesday because of conflict. They are open if folks want to attend.

Bernie reported on the state board meeting in March. The calendar sales went well throughout the state and will be done again in 2010. We will use photographs from the contest at Lewiston as well as those submitted from chapters around the state. (Bernie did receive about 200 pictures, and he, Karen Kimball and Debbie Samovar have selected the pictures.) Our chapter will have to decide how many we want to sell this next year. We said we would take 200 again. We don't know the financial results of the outdoor show – report will be out in July.

The National Animal ID system was discussed and because of the reporting requirement, BCHA decided to not support any part of the ID system. We do have some conflict because the Idaho Horse Council supports it. The bicycle poster was well received and we are trying to get some posters so we can go to bike shops and talk about it and get these posted. National Land issues report from Steve Didier included discussion on dispersed parking issues in California adjacent to roads.

Also, the Right to Ride bill has been broadened to support access for a wider scope than just equines and hope to get it passed now. They are also trying to get permission to use chainsaws in wilderness in there has been a disaster. The FS is viewing trails designated for stock use in places – for example, trails in the St. Joe were originally designated for stock use and so we need to keep it that way.

Bernie also talked about the SPOT. It is a personal tracker that communicates with a GPS satellite. You can activate it to either send a note to a pre-set email or phone that says all is well, or a message that says you need help, or activate 911. The GPS will show where you are on Google Earth. It costs \$150 for the SPOT and the service is \$150 per year. This is a good idea when you are in the back country, and much cheaper than a satellite phone.

Marian Crumb said that her 4H group is putting on a horse show next weekend and they have lost some of their sponsors so they are selling tickets for a number of prizes if anyone wants tickets.

Bob motioned to adjourn seconded by Al.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, Sherri Lionberger



2009 EVENTS



► PBCH Events ► [Regular Meeting](#) ► [TRAIL BOSS NEEDED](#) ► [RSVP](#) ► Non-PBCH Events

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CANCELED

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"Gentlemen on Horseback" ride

Glen Gower at 509-466-4878 or ghgower@aol.com

27th & 28th – Friday & Saturday

2nd Annual Mustang Days – Valley Mission Arena
Inland Empire Mustang Horse Club 509-994-9829

JULY

15th – [WEDNESDAY](#)
[Regular Meeting ANNUAL POT LUCK](#)
6:30 in the Park

18th – Saturday

Competitive Trail Ride – Pee Wee Creek Trail Head
Judy Cagianut 509-447-3374 www.PRVBCH.com

AUGUST

1st & 2nd – Saturday & Sunday

St Joe Work Project at Red Ives

Bernie & Sherri Lionberger 208-772-2964, Trail Bosses

2ND TRAIL BOSS NEEDED

15th – Saturday

4th of July Pass Ride

Joni Lueck 208-659-9066, Trail Boss

19th – [WEDNESDAY](#)
[Regular Meeting](#)

SEPTEMBER

5th, 6th, & 7th – Saturday, Sunday & Monday
Clearwater Crossing, Montana

TRAIL BOSS NEEDED

Bacon/Bean

Bernie & Sherri Lionberger 208-772-2964, Trail Bosses

19th – Saturday
[Regular Meeting](#)

19th or 26th

Trail Challenge, **TRAIL BOSS NEEDED**

Escure Ranch Project, **TRAIL BOSS NEEDED**

OCTOBER

3rd – Saturday

Linscott Steak Ride

Al 208-682-4918 & April 208-660-1415, Trail Bosses

17th – Saturday
[Regular Meeting](#)

NOVEMBER

21st – Saturday
[Regular Meeting](#)

DECEMBER

12th – Saturday
Christmas Party

TO BE SCHEDULED

Wahoo Hitch Rails Work Project, **TRAIL BOSS NEEDED**

Saw Clinic • Trailer Inspection

RSVP INTEREST TO PERRY SAATHOFF 208-691-6452

CPR Clinic

Due to lack interest, we will not be holding a clinic this year.
Please check on classes offered at the hospitals.

NOTICE

JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

Monthly meetings will be the
3rd Wednesday of the month

Remount 2009- A Three G' s Ride!! Great People, Great Weather & Great Riding!

The Remount ride is a great place to break out for the early spring ride and enjoy some great riding in groups or off on your own. The country is vast, offers tons of diversity and the camp is full of history and charm.

The turn out was great, which made for fun camp fires and conversations on the trail. Joining the Trail Bosses, Jerry and Diane Shriner, along with Steve & Teri Horton, were the Bane Family, the Caruso Family, Bernie and Sherri Lionberger, Gene Bruce, Tom Johnston, Teri Nethercott, Paula Roukema and then Tommy and Lois Dumont joined us as that is their neck of the woods.

Each morning Jerry was camp cook, boy can he ring a heck of a dinner bell! He put on a beautiful spread each morning, which sent us down the trail ready for adventure. Jerry headed up the group and pointed us in the right direction. The first day of riding, Jerry,

Diane and Tom were able to make it to the look out, while the rest of us filtered about the hillsides enjoying the views from every vista.



On the second day of riding, we looped up and about, enjoying a group lunch at the high water hole, then descended down into the old homestead- BEAUTIFUL riding. Along the way, we

encountered elk, deer and even a momma bear with two bear cubs. WOW- is simply an understatement.



As we spread out on the second day, Zach Bane did a little shed horn hunting and was able to kick up what appeared to be a grey wolf. As we watched it travel and work its way to the top we enjoyed the moment and the awe of the scenery. The Caruso family enjoyed their maiden voyage with new horses- Chele, bopping down the trail on Rodney and Vince able to enjoy the time with little dude- CJ on his new pony Toby.



Each day the hillsides were dotted with riders and their mounts, which made me think of how it must have been when this camp was used back in the day. You can feel the history when you are there. After a great day of riding, we then filtered back down towards camp for a great evening of relaxing and camp music by Zach. He busted a move or two on the guitar and we all attempted to sing along! FUN!! It



just doesn't matter how we sounded, it just mattered that we all joined in.



riders. The term rider doesn't even describe the young ones who truly ride so well. I truly believe that- Kassidy Bane and Cicely Caruso have Velcro on their back side, because they can ride anywhere, anytime, bare back free and easy! We all could take a lesson from them- such a joy to watch!



schooling done, and Paula enjoyed moving out and about on her gaited horse. Gene and Tom joined up with us on Friday, while Tommy and Lois gathered round each night for the camp fire and fun.

As always, Steve I enjoyed everyone and it was a pleasure to co- boss with Jerry and Diane. They are amazing people and excellent riders. There were no incidents to report and it proved to be an awesome event, with memories that will be treasured. Thanks to all who came and participated. Thanks to Jerry for all the great cooking!



Happy Trails To You!
Teri Horton,
Trail Boss

On both days, several riders went to the river (Katie's favorite place) to cool off and enjoy swimming their horses- some of us took a nap... I've been told that Jerry's horse even walked on water! The river proved to be a delight for both the horses and their



It was awesome to see the diverse group of people who joined together for the weekend. Bernie and Sherri brought most of their heard, and were able to get them all out and about. Teri and Paula piled in together and they were a great addition to the weekend. Teri used the hillsides as the perfect opportunity to get some





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Heyburn Park Cleared – Sort of!

Well we cleared the trail at Heyburn Park, at least as much as we could get to. Starting from the upper parking lot we removed 5 trees in that first mile and a half. As we came to the railroad tracks we found it full of rail cars and could not get around them with the packhorse. So that was the end of the trail.

Thanks to the Linscotts and Lionbergers. ~ Perry



Sherri was prepared to shoot the next train she saw!



Trail Boss Saathoff frustrated by the train. "It's hard to start a train!"



One of the approximately 25 cars blocking the trail.

4th of July Trail Clearing

The weather was in the 80s and the tree pollen was in force but the trail was opened after several trees fell over the winter. 4 members of PBCH - Perry Saathoff, Karen Kimball, Bea Christopherson and Joni Lueck from Selkirk-Aviation, along with 4 members of the Panhandle Nordic Club - Glenn Truscott, Joe Deeds, and Geof and Donna Harvey, worked the area for about 3 hours.

While the Nordic Club worked in another area, we cleared 3½ miles of the Jeanetts Jaunt Trail, cutting out several trees and clearing lots of brush. This trail saw 5 small creek crossings or bogs on it. Karen and Joni worked as a pair with small hand tools clearing debris from the trail, while Bea and Perry cleared out the fallen trees. This trail still needs one more push to break through at the end to make a loop onto another road.

There are several trails in this system to ride and it is only 25 miles from Post Falls. The ski club is also willing to work with us to make the trails horse user friendly. Maps of the trails in the area at our next meeting.

~ Perry Saathoff and Joni Lueck

photos by Joni Lueck



Perry Saathoff and Bea Christopherson clearing the Snow Shoe Trail



Perry and Bea work on clearing the trail. In background Karen Kimball holds the horses for the group.



Perry Saathoff putting away his chainsaw as the group prepares to move up the trail.



Perry visits with Panhandle Nordic Club member Geof Harvey.



Karen Kimball carried several small hand tools and worked the trail along with Joni Lueck.



From Left: Bea Christopherson, shown with her 26-year-old horse Silver, member of PBCH and also treasurer of Panhandle Nordic Club, visits with Glenn Truscott and Joe Deeds of Panhandle Nordic Club.

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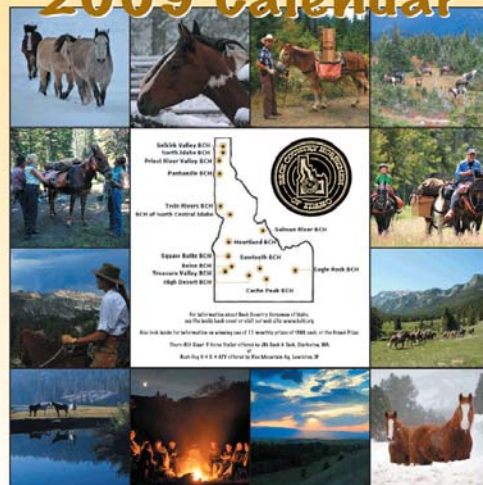


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2009 Calendar



RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM UP FOR REAUTHORIZATION

The AHC is working to preserve the Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program. If Congress does not take action this year this program could no longer be available to recreational riders.

The RTP provides funding directly to the states for recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. It was created in 1991 as part of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and was last re-authorized in 2005 as part of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, this law is about to expire. The RTP will have to be re-authorized in the next national surface transportation program bill if it is to continue.

Since its inception the RTP has provided approximately \$677 million for thousands of state and local trail projects across the country, including many that benefit equestrians. RTP projects consist of construction, maintenance and restoration of trails and trail related facilities as well as the acquisition of easements or property for trails.

Although each state manages its own program, 30% of RTP funds must be spent on non-motorized projects like equestrian trails, 30% on motorized, and 40% percent on multiuse projects.

"The RTP is one of the few sources for federal funding of trail projects that are not on federal land. The program is a great resource for equestrians to fund projects in their state and local parks," said AHC Legislative Director Ben Pendergrass.

In the coming months Congress is expected to begin work on the next 5 year highway bill. The AHC, in conjunction with a broad coalition of recreational trail users is requesting that Congress not only re-authorized the RTP, but also increase funding for the program to \$555 million to be spent over the five years of the bill.

The AHC urges recreational riders to contact their members of Congress to voice support for this program. "This is a great program and I hope equestrians will take the time to call or write their Representatives and Senators and let them know this program is important to the horse community," said AHC President Jay Hickey.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact: Bridget Harrison, 202-296-4031, bharrison@horsecouncil.org

You can go to www.congress.org and put your zip code in and contact your representatives. It took me five minutes to contact all of them. Please let them know. ~ *Ela Conner*

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21st Annual Poker Ride Pee Wee Creek June 13, 2009

Registration: 8:30 am until Noon

Time: First riders out at 9:00 am
Last riders out by Noon. (No exceptions)

Cost: Adults: \$17.50 (Lunch and 1 poker hand)
Ages 17 and under: \$7.50
(Lunch only \$7.50)
Additional poker hands - \$5 each

Trail: Panoramic views of Priest River Valley.
Trail is well groomed with some steep sections.
There are several small bridges to cross.
Some riding experience is required.
Stock water at trail head.
3.5 or 5 hour ride. Your choice.

Camping: Camping is free, no hook-ups. Highline posts available.

Prizes: \$75 Best Hand - \$25 Worst Hand

Directions: Take Hwy 57 N out of Priest River, go 3.5 miles to Peninsula Rd.
Turn right, go across bridge, proceed 4.5 miles, turn left onto gravel
Forest Road #334 (Gleason-McAbee Falls Rd), proceed 1 mile.
Trail head is on the left just past the old gravel pit.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Jack Lamb: 208-263-4772
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Competitive Trail Ride July 18, 2009
Pee Wee Creek Trail Head
Call for more information: Judy 509-447-3374
Come join us!

Gentlemen on Horseback June 21 to the 26th

For over 50 years, men from all over the Northwest and beyond have gathered to participate in the "Gentlemen on Horseback" ride. There is a rich tradition that we can be part of. The ride was started when a group of Spokane-area horsemen decided to ride their horses from Spokane to the Okanogan Valley to participate in the Washington Cattlemen's annual convention. Nowadays, we drive our rigs to a designated camping area, set up a base camp and ride out every day for 5 days to different attractions in the area (lakes, mountain vistas, etc). The rides can range from 10 to 25 miles/day. The ride is catered so all meals are included in the fee of \$220/man.

This year the ride will be staged in and from the Oak Creek Wildlife Area near Naches, WA (west of Yakima in the foothills of the Cascades) on June 21 to the 26th. Besides the great food, this is an outstanding time of riding and sharing the company of other horsemen. While this is not a BCH-sponsored ride, in 2008 there were about 16 members (out of 37 riders) of several BCH chapters represented.

For more information contact Bill Clark at 208-676-1229 (days), 208-773-8678 (eves) or bill@regalavn.com. The trail boss for the ride is Glen Gower at 509-466-4878 or ghgower@aol.com.





Panhandle Back Country Horsemen

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for June, July and August.

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and 4th.



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Meeting 7:30

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