

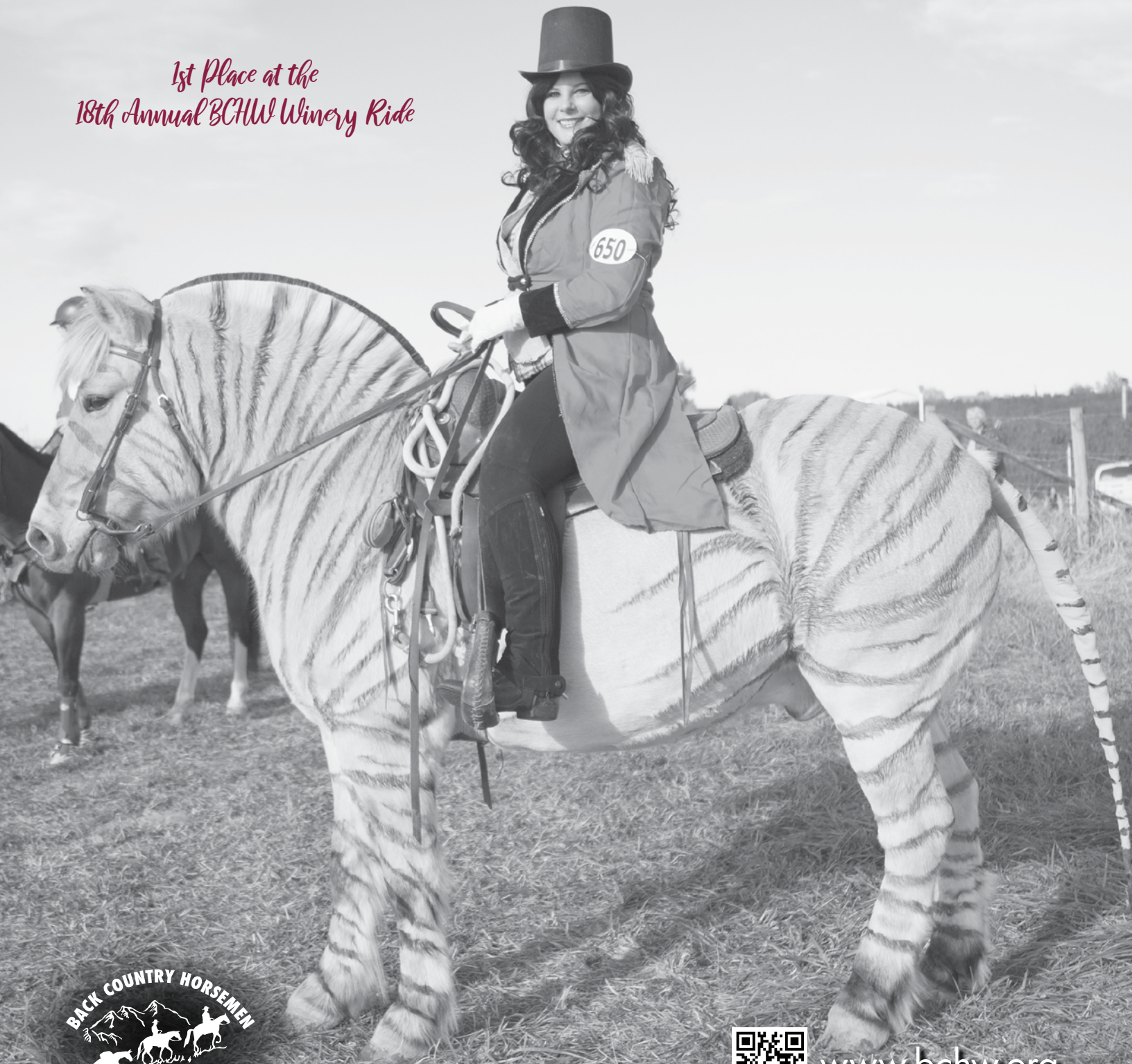
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Your volunteer mileage is also deductible. Make copies of your volunteer hours logs with mileage for your taxes.

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In the Words of Bugs Bunny, That's All Folks...

By Kathy Young, BCHW President

Well, not really. But this is my last Prez Sez column, and I am looking forward. My forward will be to continue to support you, the members, and our new President and officers in any way that I can. It's been an honor and a pleasure; I hope that I have served you well as your President for the past 4 years. Ride on.... Kathy

In Remembrance: James Edward Murphy, Jr., passed away on Sept. 3, 2019. Jim was a lifelong resident of Washington who had a passion for horses and keeping access open for riders in the backcountry of the state of Washington. Working alongside Ken and Carol Wilcox, he was instrumental in the formation of Back Country Horsemen of Washington. Jim served this organization in many of its capacities; as BCHW President, and as the founder and President of BCHW's Olympic Chapter and BCHW Executive Director. He held packing classes at his home in Port Orchard and taught back-

country skills to BCHW members, which included building pack saddles. Jim led rides and work parties and was a tireless advocate for BCHW.

Jim Murphy, along with Ken Wilcox, was very involved in the organization of the first 4 states, [Montana, Idaho, Washington, and California] that in 1985 became the current national organization, Back Country Horsemen of America. In 1986 Jim Murphy was elected Vice-Chairman of Back Country Horsemen of America. In 1987 Jim was elected BCHW Chairman at the convention in Lynnwood, Washington.

"It is the spirit of giving back to the organization and being an outstanding example to others to do the same that Jim exemplifies," quote-Susie Drougas, 2011 BCHW BOD Lifetime Achievement Award to Jim Murphy. 🐾

BCHW Mission Statement

BCHW is affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America (hereinafter "BCHA") and therefore adopts the BCHA mission statement as follows: The mission of this organization shall be:

- To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
- To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- To assist the various governmental and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.



Officer Nominee Bios

By Jan Ford, BCHW Methow Valley Chapter

BCHW currently has the following nominees ready to serve in these open leadership positions for 2020. Please consider the potential for your own participation next year. Nominees will be accepted up to and including the day of the next BCHW Board Meeting on 12/7/2019, when Chapter Directors will be voting. Contact Lori Lennox at llennox82@gmail.com or Mary Kane at ranchomariamv@gmail.com.

BCHW PRESIDENT

Jason Ridlon

Ijoined BCHW in May of 2008 after using Google to find an organization that represented stock users who supported our national trail system. My passion and interest in the BCHW Mission Statement got me very involved in my then chapter, serving as President, Director, Trail Boss, and Joe Watt Canyon Prize Ride chairman. My interest continued to be fueled by my involvement serving on the BCHW board of directors; this took me to become a BCHA Director, two years as vendor chair at the BCHW Rendezvous followed by three years as Rendezvous Co-Chair. In 2013, my interests in hands-on involvement and the importance of trail work took me to organize the first State-Wide Work Party [SWWP] that continues today. In 2016, my passion for deep back country Wilderness areas lead me to organize the first HotShot crew that finished a very successful event again this year. I have chaired the Joe Watt Canyon Ride as a BCHW State Event for the past four years. This successful event has generated funds to help meet RTP match funds and complete chapter projects. I am currently serving as BCHA Director, BCHW Vice President, and Special Projects Coordinator. I own three mules and three horses and spend countless hours in the saddle every year. Now married for 26 years to my high school sweetheart, Heather Ridlon, we have two children: Darrell and Rebecca. I look forward to taking my passion for public lands and our national trail system to a new level serving in the position of BCHW President if elected.

BCHW VICE PRESIDENT

Tom Conner

Tom Conner has been an active member of Back Country Horsemen of Washington since 2005. Positions held in the Lewis County Chapter include Vice President for two years, Trail Boss for four years, and Packing Coordinator for multiple years. Other volunteer work includes manning the BCHW booth at the Clark County Horse Expo for many years, supporting the BCHA National Board Meeting in 2018, and providing pack support and other work as needed for many State-Wide Work Parties. Tom has the experience, time, and interest to be more active in the leadership of BCHW next year. He is well-spoken, thoughtful, and brings a perspective to BCHW that is both fresh and knowledgeable. Vote for Tom Conner for 2020 BCHW Vice President.

BCHW VICE PRESIDENT

Rob Deboer

Rob DeBoer is currently a director from the Skagit chapter and lives in the foothills of the North Cascades with his wife, Deana. He is passionate about the outdoors and in keeping the trails open for all user groups. As a member of the BCHW, Rob has worked with multiple land agencies both public and private. He has experience as a director, a trail boss, on grant committees, and on State-Wide Work Parties, as well as leadership roles in other organizations. He has the ability to work with diverse groups towards a common goal while remaining open-minded. Rob's understanding of technology and curiosity assist him in searching out innovative and feasible solutions when problem-solving. Rob looks forward to meeting new people and working together to support the mission of the Back Country Horsemen.

BCHA Director Position 1

William Mckenna

After serving as the Alternate Director for BCHA, I have decided to run for Director Position 1. As the Alternate Director, I participated in two BCHA annual meetings in Spokane & North Carolina. In Spokane, I served as coordinator for the BCHW volunteers to help make the event run smoothly. I did. I was also appointed to the BCHA Education committee and took part in several conference calls over the past year. In North Carolina, I sat on the Advocacy committee where the Legacy Fund was established. After the conference, I took part in the North Carolina state-wide work party with some of the other BCHW delegates. While I am still relatively new to BCHA, I have enjoyed the experience and feel that I can contribute. "Team Washington" seems to be well received by BCHA and I'm glad I stepped up. I'm ready & willing to continue to represent BCHW in a new capacity

BCHA ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

Doug Stewart

Doug Stewart is Director for the Northeast Chapter in eastern Washington. Doug has been a BCHW member since 2014, shortly after moving to Washington State. He is a water engineer for the Portland Water Bureau and commutes to Portland on a weekly basis. He and his wife, Traci, head the horsemanship development committee for the Northeast Chapter, working with youth and adults on improving horsemanship and backcountry skills. They live on 20 acres in Deer Park, WA with too many dogs and horses to count. Doug, and his chainsaw, can be seen on Facebook. 🐾

DON'T PUT IT OFF!

Nominate & give back to a deserving BCHW member with an award.

By Mary Jo Krutak, BCHW Awards Committee Chair

Act now. Nominate a member who is making a difference by contributing to the BCHW mission statement. Start the process of gathering information for the nomination packet now. February isn't far away and can sneak up quickly. Doing


a little at a time makes it come together easily.

Award categories, descriptions, list of past recipients and the nomination form are at www.bchw.org. Award categories are given out only once to a volunteer BCHW Member.

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Award Nomination Form

(one form per nominee)

Lifetime Achievement _____	Desk Jockey _____
Lopper Award _____	Junior BCHW _____
Camp Cook _____	Backbone Award _____
Trail Warrior _____	

 Nominees Name _____
 Chapter(s) _____
 Submitted by _____
 Chapter(s) _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Please keep in mind, all the award judges must see your presentation to do their evaluation.
The judges probably will not know the nominee personally.

Information to include in your nomination presentation:

- In 75 words or less, give an opening statement telling why this person is deserving of special, statewide recognition for this specific award.
- Then separately, on as many pages as you need, create a presentation detailing WHY this person should receive this award.
- Chapters this person has belonged to and for how long
- Positions or job titles this person has held
- An estimate of his or her volunteer hours (Chapter Vol Hour Chairs can help with this)
- Awards this person has received (Outside of BCHW can be included)
- Trails or camps this person has worked on
- A little family history
- Include anything which will make your nominee stand out! (Letters of recommendation from land managers, news clippings, photos, etcetera.)

The presentation you submit will be given to the recipient at the awards ceremony.

Mail nomination forms with your presentation via the US Post Office to:
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Must be received before Feb. 8, 2020. Awards will be presented at the BCHW General Meeting in March.

Liability Release

By Ken Carmichael, BCHW Governance & Bylaws Committee

At the September BCHW board meeting, the board approved a new Liability Release which was amended in October as the official form for use at all BCH events where a Liability Release is needed. It is also included with the 2020 Membership Application.

The new Liability Release replaces two Liability Releases that had been used in Washington. It corrects some concerns about the older forms and brings everyone onto the same form. Since it is included with the membership application, it is not necessary for members to sign the Liability Release at events during the year. However, some chapters may continue to have members sign at events just so that there is no distinction between members and nonmembers at the event. For some events, it also provides a record of who was there.

The new Liability Release replaces two Liability Releases that had been used in Washington.

The Liability Release does not stop someone from taking action against BCH in the event of an accident.

However, it does:

- Have the participant acknowledge the risk
- Authorizes BCHW to act
- Have participant agree to pay costs
- Have participant understand the nature of the activity
- Have participants take full responsibility of loss or death
- Have participant release BCHW, members and landowners

The Liability Release is available on the Director's website. Please review the new Liability Release and understand the implications and responsibilities it presents. Then, begin using the new Liability Release where one is needed. ➤

Please see form on page 7

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Legislative Day 2020

By Jeff Chapman, Legislative Chair

Our annual Legislative Day in Olympia will be Monday, February 17th, 2020. While this is Presidents' Day, a holiday to some, it is a working day for the Legislature. Our thoughts are more members may be able to attend if they have the day off work.

This is the mid-biennium legislative session, typically the "short" session, which typically focusses on supplemental funding and policy issues. That said, there are a number of issues shaping up this session, such as additional funding requests for the public lands agencies. There will be at least one proposal for Discover Pass fee and policy changes coming from the agencies, which we will be engaged in. We can expect some policy proposed changes to land management issues dealing with wildlife and recreation.

We intend to meet again in the Washington Room in the Prichard Bldg., the same as last time. This turned out to be a popular place for our meeting since we could spread out, and, in spite

of there being no windows with it being a basement room, we had horse and crosscut wallpaper to look at. Unfortunately, we can't guarantee the location until after the session starts since it is a legislative general meeting room and is subject to their scheduling first. However, the price is right (free) as well as the location.

We try to start by 9 am, kicking off with speakers and some briefing on what our topics are. You will be provided with some handouts to take to meetings with your legislators that you will need to schedule ahead of time. Most important, though, is to have a good time and good dialog with your state representatives from both houses. From past experiences, our organization is well appreciated by legislators for the volunteer work we perform, and these visits are virtually always neighborly, if not sometimes rushed due to committee hearing schedules. The fast pace can be exciting and confusing though always interesting. Come and join us! 🐾



A Note from BCHA

By Darrell Wallace, BCHA Chairman

Some of you may have heard that I am no longer a BCHW National Director – because I was elected BCHA Chairman last April! According to BCHA's Constitution, our Alternate Director Bill McKenna automatically replaced me at that time.

So, what does that mean? First, I follow in the footsteps of Jim Murphy, Randy Darling, and Mike McGlenn as I try to influence BCHA toward being the coalition of states that it should be. Second, I can't be as active here at home as I would like to be – there just isn't enough time. I was able to join the Statewide Work Party in the Umatilla, and the Hotshots in the Pasayten, and just two chapter work parties this summer. And I packed into the Eagle Caps with BCH Oregon leaders to meet with Region 6 Forest Service managers in September. But otherwise, I spend a lot of time on the phone and the computer!

BCHA is moving in some good directions: The Public Lands Committee now meets monthly by conference call with its regional

leaders, and those regions have their own calls every month or two. Washington and its west coast partners have been meeting by conference calls for over two years now, and the rest of BCHA is now on board.

You have probably seen the recent e-blast that BCHA sent out about e-bikes: while there is certainly a place for them, and we can safely enjoy some trails with them, making a blanket decision that they are "not motorized" (!) and can go on any trail not in Wilderness violated a long-standing process, and we cannot let that go unprotested.

I am proud to have represented BCHW on the BCHA Board. Washington has set a very high standard for BCH states and is highly respected by the other states. In recent years, Bob Gish, Trygve Culp, Lori Lennox, and Jason Ridlon have been proactive directors: they have consistently given sage advice to BCHA and have steered BCHA on a productive course. We should all appreciate them and thank them. 🐾

Ponderosa RTP Grant

PHOTO BY KEN CARMICHEAL



By Ken Carmichael, Chair, Membership Development Committee

The Ponderosa Chapter recently completed our RTP grant. This was our first experience with this grant through Back Country Horsemen of Washington and are very appreciative of the resources the grant provided.

Our grant was broken into two parts, both of which involved work on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) properties. Both projects were a long time in the planning.

The first project involved constructing 14 corrals at the Lakeview Ranch Recreation Area north of Odessa, WA. This is an established trailhead for great trails over approximately 12,000 acres. An old corral system in very poor condition had been used to hold mustangs but was not suitable for recreational stock. Before we could start the new corrals, we needed to tear down the interior fence and gates. We decided that we could salvage the 78X882 foot exterior fence.

In the fall of 2018, the interior fencing was torn down, a design was developed, and materials list created that would accommodate the area. With the help of a generous supplier, materials were purchased and hauled to a storage area for the winter.

In the spring of 2019, 13 members and guests set to work constructing the new corrals. Work went extremely well, and we finished in one long weekend. We now have 14 corrals that are 16X12 plus an open area within the old fence that is 46X88 feet.

We want to further improve this area with a CXT (Concrete toilet), group meeting area, and trail markers. There is horse water on site.

The second half of our RTP grant was to mark a new trail at Fish Trap Lake Recreation Area. Washington Trails Association (WTA), in conjunction with other groups, had a long-term project to build just over 10 miles of new trail covering a portion of this 8000-acre property about 30 miles west of

Spokane. Planning started in 2013. BCH was involved in the initial planning stages to ensure that the trail was suitable for horses. We also took part in some tread work. A portion of the trail has a great view of 190-acre Fish Trap Lake.

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PHOTO BY PATTI CARMICHEAL



Ken Carmichael and Chuck Rice putting in the trail sign.

18th Annual BCHW Winery Ride

By Barbara Thomas, Mt. St. Helens BCHW Chapter

The 18th Annual BCHW Winery Ride was a huge success, with close to 700 or more riders converging on Zillah, Washington.

The number of BCHW volunteers as a whole was astonishing. Over 100 came through to support this important fundraiser for BCHW.

While we are waiting for the financial impact, we do know that, at a minimum, around 2,500 bottles of wine were purchased and the BCHW store was very busy. We expect to report a banner year for earnings.

A special acknowledgment to the original people who put this on for about 14 years before turning it over to BCHW. Amazingly, this smaller core group can accomplish so much and put their hearts and souls into ensuring that this event is a continual success. It isn't possible to name all the talented folks who plan, flag, and map the trails and design and organize camping spaces on 20 acres of hay fields. The people

parking our guests, the amazing cooks who provide the best breakfast, lunches, and dinners for the volunteers, recording volunteer hours, working with wineries, keeping over 700 registrations straight, our photographer, people who are building shelters, making sure we have places to put garbage, outhouses, tables, and chairs...the list goes on and on. At its core is Base Camp Manager Dave Jackson who holds all the pieces together.

Many thanks to the wineries who welcome us onto their properties, making this event possible. A special shout out to Severino Cellars, for without their partnership this event would never have happened. They are true believers in this event that supports the local wineries each year. We hope to continue having a partnership with the businesses in Zillah for years to come.

The BCHW Winery Ride committee would like to thank Riding Warehouse for their sponsorship of this event

The idea, the event, the people all rock... and we can drink to that! 🍷



#650 – Gretchin Payne for the Circus Ringmaster and her "Tiger", the Norwegian Fjord painted like a tiger.



#316 – Crystal Petersen as Hooters



#85 – Erin Boyes as the Headless Horsewoman

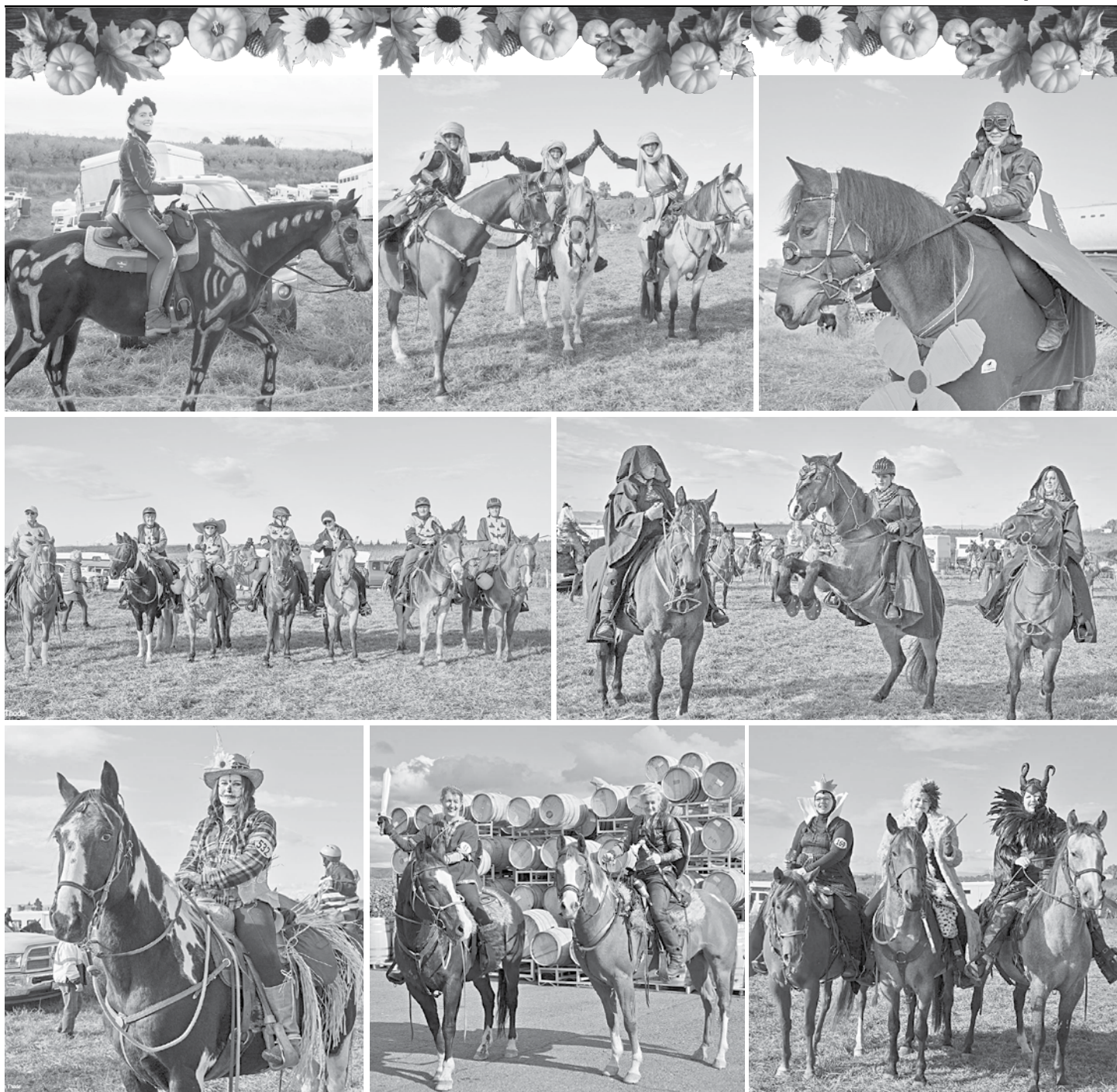


#277 Michelle Taylor, #185 Marlise Dorsey & #305 Debbi Cribbs – for the "Wizard of Oz" group—Tin Man, Cowardly Lion and the Scarecrow

Thank You to the Participating Wineries:

- Severino Cellars (in camp)
- Bonair Winery
- Maison de Padgett
- Paradisos del Sol
- Silver Lake Winery
- Simcoe Creek Winery (new)
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- Two Mountain
- Sheridan Vineyard (new)
- Hyatt Vineyards
- Van Arnham Vineyards
- Knight Hill Winery
- Tanjuli
- J. Bell Cellars
- Velen Winery

(unable to participate, but donated a gift)



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Thank You to the Food Volunteers

Robin Faulk, Sarah Faye, Sherrie Janie and Paula and Donna



PHOTOS BY LLORENE BEZANSON

Leadership Training Schedule – tentative



TENTATIVE

Leadership Training Schedule

January 25, 2020

Kittitas Valley Event Center

“2020 Vision: Trails”

Hosted by the BCHW Education Committee
901 East 7th Ave. in Ellensburg, WA

8:45—9:15	9:15	Hit The Trail: Opening Remarks—in the Armory Main Room	ROOM	9:30—10:20	10:30—11:20	11:30—12:20	12:20—1:20	Trail Mix in the Armory Main Room \$10 catered or bring your own	1:30—2:20	2:30—2:40	2:40-3:30	
			Armory: Main “Trailhead”	<u>Presidents & Vice-President</u>	<u>Presidents & Directors</u>	<u>“Trygve” Speaks: Leadership</u>			<u>Legislative & Land Manager Relationships</u>	<u>For All Pre-Legislative Day Briefing</u>	<u>2020 Vision for All</u>	
				BCHW President	BCHW President	Darrell Wallace			Jeff Chapman	Jeff Chapman	BCHW Pres.	
			Armory: Room A “Connecting Trail”	<u>Directors & Alternates</u>	<u>Membership Development</u>	<u>Membership Chairs</u>			<u>Mindful Meetings</u>	<u>Social Media Management</u>		
				Kim Merrick	Ken Carmichael	Dana Chambers						
			Armory: Room B “Money Trail”	<u>Ways & Means</u>	<u>Treasurers Training</u> continues in the afternoon				<u>Treasurers Training</u> —continuation			
				Teri Starke	Teri Starke				Teri Starke			
Armory: Room C “Paper Trail”	<u>Secretaries & Legal Documents</u>	<u>Trail Bosses</u>	<u>Volunteer Hours</u>	<u>Volunteer Hours</u> - continuation								
	Janelle Wilson	Pete Erben & Jason Ridlon	continues in the afternoon Peggy / Deb	Peggy Swanberg / Deb Wesselius								
	Coliseum Room “Blaze A Trail”	<u>Devices of Communication</u>	<u>Grant Applications</u>	<u>Leave No Trace</u>	<u>Art of Fundraising</u>	<u>Grant Liaison</u>						
		Darrell Wallace	Nicole Sedgwick	Jane Byram & Louise Caywood	Ken Carmichael	Nicole Sedgwick						

“We rarely think to mark the trail for others to follow. ‘Live and learn’, we say, acknowledging the value of experience. We usually forget about ‘Live and teach.’” - Marilyn Ferguson

BCHW Membership Announcement

BCHW Memberships expire on Dec. 31, 2019. Please go to BCHW.org and join or renew today so you don't miss out on the Trailhead News. If you have any questions, issues or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me, Dana Chambers at membership.bchw@gmail.com or call 206-498-6952, I'm here for you!!

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Extra Tool Cache

By Susan Heiser, Tahoma Chapter (Darrel Wallace, Jason Ridlon, Nicole Sedgwick)

Great ideas, conversations and results occur when friends get together and share common concerns with solutions. At this year's Rendezvous, one such concern was explored.

Jason Ridlon, BCHW Trail Work Coordinator, says that it's important that every chapter examine and inventory our tool caches to limit surplus tools, make necessary repairs, as well as determine needs. "Why should we keep buying shovels and gravel bags when some chapters have some (items) that are gathering rust?" he asks, although he compliments the chapters that have made gravel bags and assorted items available to other chapters. Keep your own chapter tools in the way your chapter has been doing, surplus items are what is being looked at for the purpose of this article.

Darrell Wallace commented that many tools were originally purchased with an RTP grant back around 2005. Did you know that BCHW has three saddle mounted sprayers, which haven't seen much use? "We all need to remind land managers trying to manage noxious weeds that we can support them in the back country with these devices if they supply the chemicals and a licensed applicator." Darrell likes the idea of reminding chapters where tools came from in a lot of cases, and that we should be trying to support members/chapters with making good use of tools already purchased to perform trail work. "Often chapters run into road blocks because of a missing tool or a piece of needed equipment. My point would be, do not run a sale of baked goods at a local store front to raise money for tools. Just ask and I am sure someone has already purchased them, and that you could use another chapters tool to complete your project." Utilize the

funds from RTP Grants for trail supplies, limit new tool purchases.

Executive Director, Nicole Sedgwick shares, "My understanding is the only thing we need to worry about keeping track of where it is, if it was bought with RTP money, is things that cost more than \$500. So shovels and such should not matter. That is a great idea to have a central cache for others to "shop" at for their chapters." An accurate, current inventory of all tools is desired.

At the 2019 Rendezvous, the motion for obtaining a storage unit did pass; this is a centralized location for surplus tools, paperwork (IRS required retention documents etc.), equipment, and other

BCHW items needing to be kept together to alleviate the storage of BCHW property scattered among private homes.

What are some of your ideas for sharing tools, maintaining inventories and equipment? See you on the trails. Susan Heiser, Tahoma Chapter 🐾



Ponderosa RTP Grant

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Our RTP project included marking the trail with carsonite signposts. We worked with WTA to identify the exact location of the trail and post locations. After laying the posts out along the trail, we used a mule to carry the post pounder to install the posts. We also put identifying stickers on the posts to show direction and identify the trail as the north or south loop. Inland Empire Chapter (IEBCH) helped with this portion of the work.

Fish Trap is a very popular multi-purpose area with several trailheads accessing the new trail. The cooperating organizations and BLM have created an ideal recreational area. A large article in the Spokesman Review features the new trail and Back Country Horsemen is mentioned as a contributor. Steve Smith, BLM's Spokane-based recreation manager, said now the trails need visits and wear from hooves, fat tires, and feet to keep them tramped out and visible.

BLM has several large properties in eastern Washington. They have been a great partner on many projects, and we look forward to expanding equestrian opportunities. 🐾

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Trail Work Parties

By Chrissie Tomlin, Yakima Valley Chapter

Excuses


- I'm not certified for chainsaw or crosscut work.
- I don't feel safe using equipment that I don't normally use.
- My horse doesn't do well with lots of other horses around or my horse doesn't go through water, mud, or like mosquitos (who does?)
- I'm not strong enough or skilled and would feel like I don't belong.

Possibilities

- If you can't operate a chainsaw, you can always make a cross-cut saw sing – best sound ever.
- If you aren't qualified on crosscut, you can crosscut with someone who is a certified sawyer.
- If you can't crosscut, you can use a shovel and get dirt and rocks for a burrito bridge.
- If you can't use a shovel, you can use loppers to clear branches.
- If you can't use loppers, you can rake the trail of debris.
- If you can't use a rake, you can be the safety lookout for the sawyers or stop other trail users from proceeding until it is clear to do so at either end.

- If you can't be a lookout person, you can walk (or ride) further up the trail and come back and tell the crew how much farther the next work site is. This will determine if everyone mounts up or just walks up.
- If you can't scout up the trail, you can pass out water and make sure everyone stays hydrated & give encouragement.
- If you can't haul water, you can hold horses for others (if tying up isn't a possibility, such as in a burn out area).
- If you can't hold horses, you can stay at camp and prepare food for the crew. I still remember a certain Forest Service hero who manually cranked an ice cream maker for over 30 minutes as a special surprise. Yup, ice cream in the wilderness!
- If you can't cook, you can be the "Leave No Trace" person and make sure camp is better than when everyone got there.

Still think you're not valuable? I have never been on a work party where I didn't want more people. The more people, the easier it is on everyone. Did you know that you can bring your family and friends too? They don't have to be a member to volunteer and the best part is their hours still count. All you have to do is get a release form signed.

But I think the best reason to volunteer for work parties on trails (besides our Mission Statement) is it is the most rewarding and instant gratification to realize that what you first walked up on and thought, "we can't get this done," to the overwhelming pride of "WE DID IT!" 

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Building a Corral at Jungle Hill

PHOTO BY LU YOUNG



The finished corral. Members George Young, Lori Robinson and Lesa Gregory.

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The finished corral.

By Lu Young, Ferry County Chapter

Our Ferry County Chapter has a goal in our Colville Forest that is to assist the Forest by improving trails and trailheads. We can travel many miles with our pack stock and saws to keep the Colville Forest trails open, and we are always ready when we are needed to pack or assist in clearing trails in our forest. This year we were asked if we would like to help build corrals at one of our favorite places, Jungle Hill.

Jungle Hill campground has been our “headquarters” for our annual “Ride the High Country” the last weekend in July. At our ride, we enjoy showing riders from all over the state the spectacular backcountry of the Colville Forest. When we were asked if we would like to build some corrals at this site, we couldn’t wait to get started.

While setting up for our work party at the campground on Saturday, September 7th, we met some folks at the camp area traveling with their horses from Minnesota to California. Later that day, we met a couple from Idaho riding their mules on the

forest trails. This area, we found, is used not only by us but by riders from all over. The trail riders we met were happy to see us building a corral in that campground.

Our turnout of volunteers was amazing. Ten people showed up to work on this project. Trail Boss, Lesa Gregory, organized our group of volunteers, and we were underway. Chapter Director, George Young, dug the holes with his tractor’s auger and members hoisted the posts and began tampering them down. With a good turnout of volunteers and a perfect day, we installed the rails and gates to finish our project in just one day!

Plans for the future for our chapter will be to help upgrade our camp areas in the Colville Forest. We are proud to say we now have a new project that we will be working on in the future on the West side of the Forest. We will be working on a parking area for our Maple Mountain Trail. We met this week with the superintendents of the Colville Forest Service at our Maple Mountain trail to plan a pull-through parking area for our trail-ers. We’re getting things done here in Ferry County! 🐾

Content Deadline for the January/ February 2020 Newsletter is December 1st

Cover Photos can be sent anytime, 8x10 Vertical orientation is best (300 dpi).

You can send articles, photos and calendar of events early!

ATTENTION!

Please email your articles (700 word maximum) and 3 or 4 photos with caption and photo byline to thn@bchw.org as soon as possible.

Ride Our Part of the State

PHOTOS BY MARILYN PINEDA



Rich Ruhl cooking Dutch oven breakfast



Jerry Pearson explaining woodland points of interest



Rob and Deana DeBoer preparing gourmet Dutch oven dinner

By Marilyn Pineda, BCHW Skagit Chapter

Skagit Chapter's year has been filled with monthly work parties; supporting the Statewide Work Party in the Blue Mountains; hosting yet another Prize Ride and Tack Sale at the Les Hilde Trailhead; helping the Hot Shot Work Party in the Pasayten Wilderness; hosting a community outreach camp out at Les Hilde Trailhead; building a stock ford to cross Rocky Creek above Schrieber's Meadow; and providing pack string services for Washington Trails Association on trails in the Mount Baker Recreation Area.

Rounding out the list of events for 2019, Skagit Chapter hosted a special series of meals and trail rides for Jason and Jennifer Allen, winners of the "Ride Our Part of the State" donated to BCHW for the 2019 Rendezvous back in March!

Riding Our Part of the State started with a fantastic Dutch oven dinner on Sunday night, provided by Rob and Deana DeBoer. The gourmet menu for the evening's meal was extensive: Brisket to dream of later; smoked chicken; beans that were out of this world; a potato dish that was beyond description; salad and beer batter bread with dill added to make your eyes roll in pleased delight. I sure hope I didn't forget anything! Several choices of wine to go with dinner were also available, and it was all topped off with dark chocolate pudding cake for dessert! Jerry Pearson had a nice fire going in the pit just outside the shelter and everyone enjoyed a relaxing evening with their favorite beverage

while getting to know each other and discussing the trails that the next day would bring.

Monday morning was greeted by Rich Ruhl and everything he had brought for breakfast. Jason and Jennifer were delighted by the development of a hearty Dutch oven production featuring Mountain Man breakfast casserole and biscuits, topped with homemade raspberry jam; a couple of different loaves of banana bread and a great fruit tray; accompanied with orange juice and coffee. Hyden McKown from the local DNR office joined us, and part of the morning's conversation couldn't help but fall into work-related topics as Rich and Hyden discussed trail projects being planned for the monthly work party scheduled for the following Saturday.

Monday's weather cooperated by offering charming windows of time for riding between rain showers. Jason and Jennifer hailed from Ellensburg and other dryer environments before that, so they thoroughly enjoyed the lush green wooded trails and the bountiful patches of moss hanging from so many trees here in Our Part of the State! Colors of fall were starting to show, glistening in wetness from earlier showers and illuminated by intermittent rays of sunshine through the trees. Jerry Pearson provided all sorts of conversation and trivia on the Harry Osborne forest lands throughout the ride.

Lunch was provided by yours truly upon the perfect timing of our return to camp after several hours of riding. The black clouds above our hill opened up and rained just as we were gathering in the shelter for a nice big sandwich bar of deli meats and cheeses with all the trimmings. Coming back to the campfire after lunch gave a perfect conclusion to the Our Part of the State event, as the rest of the time was spent with more relaxing and socializing, winding down before camping one more night and heading home on Tuesday morning.

Based on how things went for Skagit Chapter at this year's "Ride Our Part of the State," I would HIGHLY recommend keeping an eye out for it at the BCHW 2020 Rendezvous! In fact, I will confess the ultimate objective of rendering such a detailed description of how well things came together for all of this is to entice you to look for Skagit Chapter's event donation at the BCHW 2020 Rendezvous and consider bidding on what we have to offer. Perhaps YOUR chapter will be inspired and will consider donating and hosting one of these events if it isn't already doing so. It's a great way to share our spaces! 🐾



Justin and Jennifer Allen enjoying Dutch oven dinner

Traveling With Horses

PHOTO BY LEAH SMITH



Riding in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming

View of Hebgen Lake, Montana

By Leah Smith, Member of Multiple BCHW Chapters

As a forty-year resident of Washington, I never traveled beyond Oregon for horse camping. That limitation ended last year when I took my first four-week adventure to South Dakota. After dipping my toes into the deep ocean, of multi-state travel with my horse, I have since been on other trips, ranging from three to five weeks. Traveling with my horse has been a dream come true, and an accomplishment I never thought possible, especially since I travel alone.

Photography is my hobby. Posting pictures on Facebook is a way to share my “incurable wanderlust” set free with retirement! Judging from friends’ Facebook comments, it’s become apparent the desire to travel with horses is a dream of many equine enthusiasts! People have expressed the same reluctance I initially had to attempt such a huge endeavor and some feel it’s unattainable. Admittedly, cross-state travel with a horse is not for everyone. However, with tips for getting started, some would venture out!

It’s daunting to aim your rig down the interstate to unfamiliar places, hauling the precious cargo of your trusty steed, while feeling apprehensive about the unknown. So how does one turn the anticipated trip from intimidating to inviting? I’m no expert but, through my experience, I’ve found certain preparations have enabled me to move beyond my comfort zone and embrace the adventure! Spontaneous personalities may find it restrictive to pre-plan but, for people like me, advanced planning is the key to an exhilarating, carefree vacation! Below are suggestions and steps I take that allow me to relax and travel to breathtaking destinations!!

First, decide where you want to go. Once determined, contact your vet about required health certificate(s) and coggin’s. Some vets also do brand inspections. Or you can call the Department of Agriculture for certified brand inspectors.

Plan your route using tools like Google Maps. How many miles you drive each day is a personal preference or dictated by other commitments. As a solo driver, I reduce fatigue by limiting my days to approximately 300 miles. Stress can compromise the immune system. Shorter drives may reduce stress. Your horse may get exposed to unknown illnesses, so maintaining a strong

immune system, with adequate rest, is important. It’s also advisable to stay up to date on your horse’s vaccinations.

Next, research locations of feed stores, and locate overnight stops along your route. Focus on finding overnight places that are spaced as closely as possible to the number of daily miles you want to drive. There are internet directories for horse hotels and motels, which list facilities and private residences that allow overnight stays for travelers with stock. Other options are county fairgrounds and horse camps. If time permits, consider adding to your adventure by camping a few days at horse camps along your route.

After identifying overnight options, contact each facility. Inquire if there will be room for your stock on the date(s) you’re passing through. Depending on your circumstances, ask rig size, and the number of rigs they can accommodate. Are there hook-ups or only dry camping? Are reservations or advance notice needed, at what cost? Are there bathrooms and showers? If the facility matches your needs, then ask for detailed directions. GPS systems and Google maps can sometimes be misleading!

To finalize plans, create an itinerary to include dates, destinations, addresses, mileage, contact phone numbers, and pertinent information. I also print a copy for my husband, so he knows my daily routes and destinations. That’s especially helpful when there’s no cell service. Then I prepare a three-ring binder with my itinerary, horse’s travel papers, and other useful information, inserted into sheet protectors.

Travel is not without risk. As a precaution, have your truck and trailer thoroughly checked over before leaving. Carry roadside assistance insurance like USRider and/or AAA. Cellular service isn’t everywhere, so for emergencies, I have a satellite phone, or you might consider a satellite messaging device.

Unexpected problems are never fun and there’s a learning curve. However, you can reduce the opportunity for unwanted surprises by researching, pre-planning, preparing, and arming yourself with an itinerary, reservations, and emergency resources. Is traveling with your horse, to incredible places, on your bucket list? Then go for it!!

Respecting the Wilderness

Enchanted Valley Chalet Caught Between Man and Nature

By Christi Baron, Peninsula Daily News

The Enchanted Valley Chalet is the last structure of its type within the Olympic National Park. The chalet was constructed by Quinault Valley residents in the early 1930s, prior to establishment of Olympic National Park (ONP). Located on the East Fork Quinault River Trail, Enchanted Valley is 13 miles from the nearest road. According to the Washington Trails Association, hundreds of hikers visit the valley each year, making it one of the most popular trails in the southeast portion of ONP.

The Enchanted Valley Chalet served several decades as a back country lodge and, more recently, as a wilderness ranger station and emergency shelter.

It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2007 for its association with the “recreational development of the wild and remote interior of the Olympic Mountains,” according to the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation.

Unfortunately, the valley is an active flood plain, with loose soil that lends itself to sometimes drastic shifts in the river’s course during seasonal flooding.

By January 2014, the riverbank had migrated from 10 feet away the previous year, to within 18 inches of the chalet.

Shortly afterward, the chalet was cantilevered precariously over the riverbank.

Although the chalet is a solid historic structure, built of cedar logs with tongue-and-groove construction and eight bedrooms, the decision to move the building was made only to protect the Quinault River and its related resources and river processes.

Officials responsible for respecting the park’s ecology were concerned that dangerous chemicals could leach into the water, harming the fish, if the building were allowed to fall into the river.

To provide ONP time to consider whether there was a long-term solution, an emergency action environmental assessment (EA) determined to temporarily move the chalet approximately 100 feet from the bank of the river, in an effort to protect the river from environmental harm.

Jeff Monroe, of Monroe House Mover in Carlsborg, offered to move the chalet and was hired by the National Park Service (NPS) in September 2014.

The chalet would be picked up and slid along steel rods, then placed on temporary footings. Normally, doing this would require large equipment, but because the chalet is in the park, Monroe would have to adhere to the Wilderness Act of 1964.

The Wilderness Act states that agencies must use the minimum and least disturbing method of tools to carry out work in the wilderness.

With very few exceptions, this means no motorized equipment, roads or other structures.



Crew member receiving a load of supplies from the helicopter.

By the regulations of the Wilderness Act, mules still are considered an acceptable “tool” for wilderness shelter maintenance.

To carry out regular maintenance, ONP has approximately 20 mules in Sweets Field in the Elwha Valley.

Three seasonal mule packers work all summer, packing tools and equipment for the park’s seasonal trail crews, who keep trails open and maintained all summer.

But the chalet’s Historic Places listing didn’t exempt its workers from following the Wilderness Act.

Knowing most of the work would need to be done with pack animals and manual labor, Monroe contacted Sherry and Larry Baysinger, a married couple who works as licensed and insured independent contractors packing mules. They offer guided pack trips and horseback rides into ONP.

“Some people wonder why we pack mules instead of horses,” Sherry Baysinger said. “Generally speaking, mules are tougher than horses. They rarely have soundness issues when working on steep mountain trails.”

Talks began on how the project would play out. Monroe and the Baysingers anticipated at least 14 days with a crew of eight to 15 people would be necessary to move the building. That meant a lot of food and shelter gear would be needed, in addition to the hand tools and other equipment.

The Baysingers contacted Sara Woodward, of Joyce, and asked her to come along as a cook and packer. Prior to starting the project, Woodward accompanied Larry Baysinger and Monroe on an initial pack trip to survey the technicalities of moving the chalet. Monroe put together a list of equipment needed.

The biggest problem was the set of steel beams (called “skids”), which weighed upward of 1,200 pounds, required for sliding the chalet to its new location.

As the beams were too heavy to pack in via mule, Monroe had to petition the park for permission to use a helicopter. In 2004, the Olympic Park Associates, Wilderness Watch and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility filed and won a lawsuit against Olympic National Park for its plans to use helicopters to fly in two replacement shelters, because of the disturbance helicopters cause for birds and other wildlife.

Still, the park decided that the weight of the beams qualified use of a helicopter as a “minimum requirement for the administration of the area,” per the Wilderness Act.

It agreed to provide Monroe helicopter support for two days to fly in the beams and other materials that could be loaded with the beams, including nuts, bolts, shims, cribbing, hammers, nails and screws, plus cases of Ivory and Fels-Naptha bar soap to “grease” the skids.

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The helicopter size and time of flight was restricted because of the endangered marbled murrelet, which flies to the ocean to get food for its chicks during early and late hours of the day during breeding season.

Trials On The Trail

Keeping food cold and livestock contained were the two biggest obstacles. A small chest freezer in a horse trailer, powered by a generator, took care of the food and a temporary containment area for the mules was set up.

Also along to help the Baysingers were Mike McCracken and their friend Al Chapman, who arrived with three mules that would be used for the initial pack in. Right away, one of the mules escaped.

"On the morning that we are all set to start loading mules, Al's 'free mule,' a mule recently given to him, managed to slip her halter and took off down the road," Sherry Baysinger wrote in her diary. While Larry Baysinger and Woodward stayed focused on weighing loads for seven mules, McCracken, Chapman and Sherry Baysinger set out to retrieve the escaped mule.

"Mules hate being alone, and they really love their feed, so it was only a matter of time before a bucket of feed led her back to the corral," Sherry Baysinger wrote.

In addition to animals being less easy to control than machinery, trail riding has its hazards — hikers and bees often are to blame. "Many of the people we meet on the trail have no clue about livestock,"

Sherry Baysinger wrote. "It's extremely difficult for a packer leading a long string of mules to back up or turn around." The rules of trail etiquette are clear: Stock has the right of way.

Some hikers think they can out-walk the mules and try to stay ahead instead of just finding a good spot to get out of the way. Between the hikers who wouldn't yield and the usual challenges of working with a large group of people and animals, progress was slow.

The first day, it was nearly dark by the time they arrived with the first muleload of gear.

Although the group's transportation methods were primitive, their work camp was less so. "Our camp set up at Enchanted Valley was deluxe in comparison to most of our backcountry camps," Sherry Baysinger wrote. "There was an outhouse with a great view of the valley between the boards." There was also a water spigot fed by a nearby creek. Once the crews really started working, Larry Baysinger made trips to the Amanda Park store, using the mules to pack in cases of Red Bull, Pepsi and other drinks that were kept cold for the crew.

Further Challenges

With a good night's rest from their long hike in, Monroe and his house-moving crew wasted no time getting started on the chalet.

Shortly after work began, however, word came via radio from Monroe's crew members at the landing zone that the helicopter pilot had started to fly the 1,200-pound steel beams and was not comfortable with the weight.

In response to this news, there was a huge scramble to find a contractor in the Hoquiam/Aberdeen area to cut the steel.

This also meant more helicopter flights would be needed,

which would add considerable cost to the project.

The additional funding was approved, and then a small miracle happened.

There was a contractor driving piling to make logjams for a salmon-enhancing program on the Quinault River.

He agreed to cut the steel beams for the crew with his cutting torches. "It's hard to describe the frantic work that continued from daylight until dark as the house-moving crew continued to prepare the chalet for the move, stopping only to eat or to get another load of supplies being flow in by the helicopter,"

Sherry Baysinger wrote. "Inside walls were braced with 2- by 4- by 10-foot studs, and on Saturday they 'picked' the house." "Picked" is a house movers' term for lifting the house in preparation for moving it.

When the chalet was picked, several large chunks of the riverbank caved in, and large pieces of the concrete foundation that had been hanging over the edge fell over the bank.

It's not often people are required to work together like this, with hand tools and hard labor.

Sherry Baysinger reflected in her diary on the camaraderie they developed while moving the chalet.

"Most of us had never worked together or even really known each other before this project," Sherry Baysinger wrote.

"We have become a team of friends, working toward one goal: To move the chalet to safe ground away from the Quinault River. It's what we all would like to see in our country." By the time the crew finished, the chalet was sitting 100 feet from the bank.

To see the September 2014 Chalet move in fast motion, check out the ONP's time-lapse photos of the chalet move at bit.ly/ChaletMove.

Final Fate Of The Chalet


In a phone call with Christina Miller, the planning and compliance program manager for ONP, she explained that the chalet has remained on its steel beam supports, unmoved, while ONP waits for regional director approval to release the Final Disposition of the Enchanted Valley Chalet Environmental Assessment.

"The site flood hazards survey was completed by our regional fluvial geomorphologist [someone who studies rivers and how they change the landscape] in September 2017," Miller wrote in follow-up correspondence. "We received the final report in April 2018."

The report noted that the average rate of erosion here (the area surrounding the chalet) is 5.1 meters per year and the entire terrace is anticipated to be gone in 10-20 years.

"Since the chalet was moved 100 feet in 2014, the Quinault River has continued to eat away at the bank and continues to move nearer the chalet again," Miller wrote. "At the end of May 2019, the river bank was 5 feet from the nearest corner of the structure and 10 feet from the nearest support beam." At the current rate of erosion in the valley, there is no location for the chalet to be preserved in perpetuity.

The complete results of the environmental assessment and companion hazards report are anticipated to be available this summer. No determination as to the fate of the chalet has yet been published.

If NPS decides to dismantle or relocate the chalet, a mule team could be called on once again to complete the work in accordance with the Wilderness Act. 

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BCHW 3rd Quarter 2018 Board of Directors' Meeting, Business Meeting – September 14, 2019

Ellensburg, WA at the KVEC – Armory Building

By Janelle Wilson, BCHW Secretary

The Meeting was called to order by President Kathy Young at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call attendance was taken. Independents and Wenatchee Valley were excused and Inland Empire and Mt Adams were absent. A quorum was established and the agenda was adopted as amended.

Meeting Minutes from the 2nd Quarter Board of Directors' Meeting were adopted as published and Danny Chappel was thanked for taking the minutes at the meeting on June 15th.

Kathy Young noted the passing of several well-known BCHW members since the last board meeting: Teunis Wyers, Mt Adams Chapter; Jim Murphy, BCHA National Chair and BCHW; Bernice Kloewer, Lewis County Chapter; and Dick Bailey, Scatter Creek Riders Chapter.

Officer and Committee Reports followed. Officers and Committee chairs post their reports for Directors to read prior to the meeting and then Directors have the opportunity to ask any unanswered questions during the report time at the meeting. During the Executive Committee report, Kathy Young noted that she met with Joel Sisolak, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife; Lands, Planning, Recreation and Outreach Section re: WDFW's objective to make WDFW properties more user friendly. Quincy Lakes planning begins December 2019 – a BCHW representative needs to be on the advisory committee; since this area is important. Kathy will attend the initial field trip/meeting on September 20th.

During the Treasurer/Budget report, Teri Starke responded to questions and explained new donation forms. She also outlined the importance of attendance by Chapters at training for fundraiser committees and Treasurers. Teri asked that chapters bill quarterly (at a minimum) for grant reimbursements to prevent cash flow problems. Under Ways & Means & Calendars, Teri reminded Directors that pictures are needed for the calendar and should be sent to Terry Crawford by February 1st.

Winery Ride update was given by Barb Thomas. Prizes, advertising, volunteer needs, and attendance were outlined.

Grants report was explained by Nicole Sedgwick. There were no questions from Directors.

BCHA involvements since the last BCHA meeting were outlined by Jason Ridlon. There was interest in BCHA developing an app

for reporting volunteer hours. The Department of Interiors e-bike decision is being monitored closely. The revised NEPA position was explained by Jeff Chapman, Buckhorn Range.

Special Projects, Jason Ridlon, reported that the Statewide Work Party 2019 was completed and updated Directors on statewide collaborative projects completed this summer throughout the state. Danny Chappel thanked everyone for the Statewide Work Party on behalf of Rattlesnake Ridge Riders.

Membership Development, Ken Carmichael, wrote an article for THN to encourage members to renew in October.

Governance & Bylaws, Ken Carmichael, wrote an article for the THN to explain bylaws. Ken can review chapter bylaws if requested.

Legislative, Jeff Chapman, told Directors about the VIP ride on the peninsula. Grizzly Bear lawsuit was explained. E-bike policy was explained: status of each government agency policy and "throttles". Kathy Young explained that trails were opened to e-bikes without public comment in Tahoe National Forest in California.

Executive Director, Nicole Sedgwick, report was posted and there were no questions.

Rendezvous, Nicole Sedgwick, explained this year's theme is "Working Together We Get More Done". Registration for Rendezvous will be open to the public through YM. She asked chapters to sign up for a 15, 30, or 60 minute session to talk about collaboration with other organizations. Lu Young, Ferry County Chapter explained that chapter displays will be judged by WTA.

BCHW Store was open by Lori Lennox.

Volunteer Hours, Louise Caywood, reminded Directors to have Volunteer Hours Coordinators turn in hours as the Volunteer Hours year approaches an end in September. Nicole Sedgwick announced that a single field sheet that works for both grants and BCHW volunteer hours is now available. There was discussion about the combo sheet. Directors were asked to direct questions about a combo sheet to Deb Wesselius and Nicole.

Awards, Mary Jo Krutak, report was posted and Kathy Young reminded everyone to nominate volunteers for awards.

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Safety, Chuck Regimbal, reported on 3 incidents reports this year and reminded Directors to have individuals complete reports (available on-line) if someone gets hurt in a significant way. He also gave Directors a homework assignment – how is medical and contact information shared (or not) on chapter rides, etc? Chuck was wearing a straw cowboy hat (cowboy hat riding helmet).

Membership, Dana Chambers, report was posted. There was an 11.14% increase in memberships since last year. October 1st begins sign up for 2020 – with membership forms and renewal letters available, Directors were asked to encourage signing up on-line through YM.

Sawyer Program - Lori Lennox mentioned that 501c3 Determination Letter should get Chapters the Stihl or Huskavarna bid assist price of 20-25% off for their tool cache purchases.

LNT, Louise Caywood, reminded everyone to turn volunteer hours and announced that four Regional LNT display kits are being developed from the Education Grant.

Publicity/THN - brochures were available.

Website/Social Media - Kathy Young asked that when spam emails come requesting money on her behalf, notify Jim Thode, webmaster, so that he can block them. Lori Lennox passed the Webmaster list for Directors to update and asked that chapters "share" events with BCHW.

Education, Kim Merrick, provided a tentative 2020 schedule for Leadership Training, which is for EVERYONE – not just leaders. A First Aid & CPR class for \$15 on the Friday before or the Sunday after is being explored.

Unfinished Business followed the committee reports.

Regarding the Liability Release Form, Directors voted to adopt one as the official form to be used at BCHW chapter and state events. Under new business, they voted to modify the language on the form. This form replaces the current two.

Mary Kane reported for the Nominating Committee. The following nominations were made: President – Jason Ridlon, Independents; Vice President – Rob DeBoer, Skagit, and Tom Conner, Lewis County; BCHA Director 1 – Bill McKenna, Whatcom; and Alternate BCHA – Doug Stewart, Northeast. Additional nominations were requested and there weren't any.

Donation Envelopes and Donation Business Cards were available for Directors. Directors were asked to report results to Teri Starke for these pilot programs.

New Business followed.

Directors voted to accept the Northwest Horse Source contract for one-year (2020).

Directors approved hiring Adept Accounting to do the bookwork for BCHW. They also voted to move ahead with the credit card proposal.

Directors voted to approve a modified cooperative agreement with Washington State Parks.

Directors elected to re-register the BCHW trademark with the State of Washington with 3 classifications for a 5-year period (2019-2024) and also to register the BCHW logo.

Good of the Order and Announcements followed.

Insurance, Patti Carmichael, announced that the renewal will be October 1st with no changes.

North Summit Horse Camp, Mary Pat Bauman, distributed an update. October 5th is ribbon cutting for first 6 sites.

Teaway Survey, Kathy Young, urged everyone who rides this area to complete the usage survey for recreation in the Teaway and share www.cwu.edu/geog/upper-yakima-basin

Camp Cook Chair Presentation, Jason Ridlon, presented Kim Merrick with a reclining pink camo camp chair after explaining that hers is usually missing when she needs it.

Olympic BCHW Western Dream Ride – may be given up. See Olympic Chapter if interested in taking this over in later part of July.

Lifetime Membership, Dave Siebel, announced that he and his wife are moving to Ohio in the Spring. He presented a check for a Lifetime Membership to BCHW.

Joe Watt Canyon Ride, Kathy Young, reported that the project proposals are due for the next Board meeting and a chair to help run the event is needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. 🐾



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• Check to see if dogs are welcome.

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4th QTR BCHW Board of Directors' meeting

Saturday, December 7, 2019
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
360-640-1495 • bchwexec@bchw.org

Annual Leadership Training

Saturday, January 25, 2020 – Zillah
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
See page 12 for more information

BCHW Legislative Day

Monday, February 17, 2020
Olympia, WA

Rattlesnake Ridge Riders

Chili Feed Ride/Fundraiser

Sunday, March 8, 2020
First Ride Out: 10:00 am SHARP
Horn Rapids Park
115803 SR 225, Benton City
Starts at 7:00 am
Lunch: Provided
Camping: Very Limited
Cost: \$15.00 per person • \$50.00 family of 4
Paul Mellick: 509-528-3600
rrrbchw.info@yahoo.com

2020 Rendezvous

Friday-Sunday, March 20-22, 2020
Kittitas Valley Event Center
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1st QTR BCHW Board of Directors' meeting

Saturday, March 21, 2020
Kittitas Valley Event Center
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Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
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Joe Watt Ride

Saturday, May 16, 2020
Ellensburg
360-640-1495 • bchwexec@bchw.org

2nd QTR BCHW Board of Directors' meeting

Saturday, June 20, 2020
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
360-640-1495 • bchwexec@bchw.org

State Wide Work Party

Friday-Thursday, July 3-8, 2020

3rd QTR BCHW Board of Directors' meeting

Saturday, September 19, 2020
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
360-640-1495 • bchwexec@bchw.org

19th Annual Winery Ride

Saturday, October 31, 2020 – Zillah
for more information email:
bchwwinerywineryride@gmail.com

4th QTR BCHW Board of Directors' meeting

Saturday, December 5, 2020
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
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Example

Your Chapter Ride or Event Must Be Open To All BCHW Members To Have A FREE Listing

Lines in the listing have a maximum character count of 32, including spaces. Please keep this in mind.

Please submit the following information with your event listing to bchw@wamedia.com.

Chapter Name _____

Name of Ride _____

Date _____

First Rider Out _____

Location _____

Register _____

Lunch _____

Name of Pass Required (if needed) _____

Weed-Seed-Free Feed Required _____

Camping (if available) _____

Cost to Member _____

Cost to Non-member _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Website _____