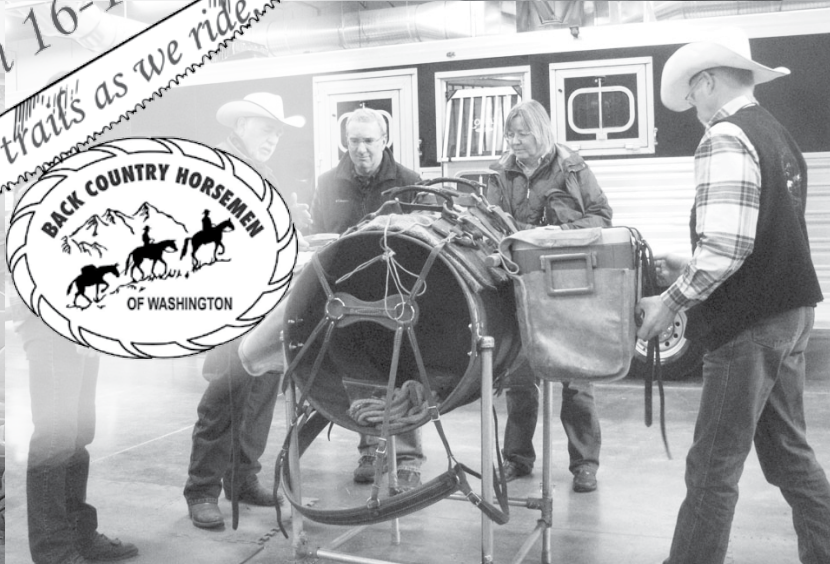


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## March = Rendezvous

By Kathy Young, BCHW President

**T**he Rendezvous schedule is shaping up with clinics, vendors, the tack sale, auctions, and lots and lots of socializing and food. I encourage you to make plans to attend. Our BCHW Rendezvous is a great place to meet, to share information, and to provide support that we need to continue our programs. Think AUCTION!! Rendezvous gives our members learning opportunities and a forum to speak to issues of public lands. Invite your non-member friends, invite anyone who cares for trails; it would be really beneficial if they could join us in Ellensburg to experience this great organization. I hope to see you there, and be sure to stop me to say Howdy!..... I'll be the one in the cowboy hat.

BCHA's National Board Meeting is coming to our town... Well, to our state. The BCHA National Board meeting will be held April 23-25 at Northern Quest Casino and Resort. BCHW will be contributing to this event by hosting a couple of social events, and we will have some of our BCHW members available to assist the National Directors who will be visiting Washington. If you are available to help, Darrell Wallace wants to hear from you.

### Leadership

I had an opportunity to do an early review of Ken Carmichael's article that appears in this issue and talks about how members can access all of the administrative and procedural information it takes to operate this organization. Ken's opening really struck me. We have 32 Chapters and 25 standing committees. If you think about those numbers and how they compare to other organizations that have a mission similar to BCHW's mission,

it is mind-boggling. Consider that we are VOLUNTEERS and, with the exception of our Executive Director, volunteers do it all at BCHW. That is not the case for WTA and PCTA. Those organizations have a number of paid staff who perform many of the same things that BCHW volunteers do every day. In the chapters alone, the number of people who are committed to and involved with running a chapter is substantial. If you add in the members who serve on the standing committees at the BCHW level, some of those volunteers are really **STRETCHED**. I am filled with gratitude for our volunteers. You bring commitment and passion to our mission, and it shows every day.

And now, considering the above statements, the reality, let's talk back-up plans. I hope each of you in officer and committee positions in your chapters are requesting help, actually creating a committee, and then encouraging committee members to learn at least the rudimentary aspects of your positions. All too often I seem to see committee chairmen who are the entire committee. In the event that they want to, or need to, step out of their position, without back-up a transition can rarely happen seamlessly. I understand that there are those of us who would rather "do it myself." That can seem easier and often more timely considering how we are spread out geographically, but leadership means development, and leadership in a volunteer organization counts on transition. The knowledge base for different jobs needs to be shared. So find some help, share what you do, share how the task

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### 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.



# BCHW Membership Development Program

By Ken Carmichael, Membership Development Chair

**A**s I write this, there is snow on the ground but, by the time you read it, we will have bare ground and shoes on the horses. Oh, spring is wonderful on the east side of the state.

During the winter we have had those indoors, educational events such as rope splicing and survival technics and held our chapter planning meeting. Also, the Leadership Training in Ellensburg will be history. Spring brings with it a time when BCHW members become more active outdoors.

You may ask what the status of the Membership Development Program is. As of this writing in January, 19 chapters have attended the Membership Development Seminar. Eight more are scheduled for February. We are also offering an abbreviated version at the Leadership Training in January.

What have you, and your chapter, been doing to develop

membership? The seminar and accompanying manual provided a laundry list of ideas for you to pick from. As we discussed, not every idea will be suited to every chapter. Now would be a good time to review some of those ideas and put selected ones in

practice. Remember, many of the forms and ideas we discussed can be found on the Ponderosa chapter website [www.pbchw.com](http://www.pbchw.com).

We will have a BCHW booth at rendezvous. Feel free to stop by and talk about how we are going to develop our membership.

Remember, a strong membership is the cornerstone of a successful Back Country Horsemen.

We can also set up more Membership Development seminars for those who have missed out. Please contact me at 509-466-2225 or [kcarmichael2225@gmail.com](mailto:kcarmichael2225@gmail.com). 🐾

*Remember, a strong membership is the cornerstone of a successful Back Country Horsemen.*

## BCHW Directors' Website

By Ken Carmichael, Membership Development Chair

**B**CHW consists of 32 chapters, about 2,200 members, 8 officers, and approximately 25 committees. This is not intended to shock anyone. It does say something about the challenges and effort necessary to make BCHW successful.

We have many tools to help us do this. BCHW maintains the documents essential for the efficient and effective operation of BCHW on the website <http://www.bchw.org/directors>.

### Who can use this website?

In accordance with Standing Rule 2016-1 BCHW Directors, Officers, and Committee Chairs and chapter officers, as defined by the individual chapters, have access to the website through a password. The above-mentioned individuals may provide documents to BCHW members as is appropriate for the effective and efficient operation of BCH. Individuals with access to the website, and those receiving documents, are reminded that some of the documents are considered privileged information and should be handled and distributed accordingly.

Website Manager Jim Thode updates the website based on BCHW board actions.

Are you a member with responsibilities that require guidance or additional information to do your volunteer work? If so, you may have a need to see some of these documents.

### What type of information do we have on the website?

The website is divided into 14 categories for easy reference.

1. Committee Reports and Documents related to recent Board of Directors' meeting
2. BCHW Documents

3. BCHW Governing Documents as Voted on by the Board of Directors
4. Chapter Guidelines
5. Forms, Letterheads, Logos, and Templates separated by administration, financial & mission
6. Government Reports, Permits and Filings separated by federal & state
7. Insurance
8. Membership & BCHW Board
9. Advocacy, Outreach, Advertising and Social Media
10. Volunteers & Awards
11. Fundraising (i.e. state & chapter; events, grants, gambling)
12. Education and Leave No Trace
13. Work Parties & Safety
14. Meeting Schedules & Minutes separated by type of meeting

We are in the process of adding a 15th category to the above list. This will provide specific information about the management and operation of our BCHW major fundraisers. Through these guidelines, we will have an even smoother transition of our leadership.

Another improvement, which may be done by the time the THN is printed, is an addition to "Item 3 - BCHW Governing Documents as Voted on by the Board of Directors." This will be a "Living Document." It will show BCHW board actions that influence future long-term decisions and actions not shown elsewhere on the Director Website.

So if you are interested in the operation of BCHW and the chapters, I suggest that you contact your chapter State Director. He/she can provide you access to the website. We want everyone putting skin in the game to accomplish our mission and to have the information to do the job. 🐾

# North Summit Horse Camp – We've Broken Ground

PHOTO BY BILL FORD



Entrance to North Summit Horse Camp before clearing.

PHOTO BY M LIU



Entrance to North Summit Horse Camp after clearing showing start of outer circular road.

By Bill and Jan Ford BCHW Methow Valley Chapter

More than five years ago, in the November/December 2012 issue of the Trailhead News, we wrote of the Methow Valley Chapter's plans for a Horse Camp at North Summit (Loup Loup). We asked for letters of support expressing opinions on the need for a horse camp, on the location, and a survey of the amenities desired, as well as whether the letter writer would make use of such a camp. These letters and results of the survey were forwarded to the Forest Service (FS).

There was positive response to the survey, and a RAC grant for the proposed horse camp was secured. The Methow Valley Chapter (MVBCH) committed substantial financial resources and promise of volunteer hours to the camp and proceeded with the communications with the FS, planning, surveys and paperwork needed prior to building the camp.

At that stage we hoped to start work on site in 2014. For a variety of reasons this did not happen. The setbacks included sequestration of grant funding by the federal government, two years of devastating wildfires in the Methow, and some difficulties with reconciling the expectations of the US Forest Service and MVBCH. The last problem was resolved when the Supervisor of the Okanogan/Wenatchee FS signed an agreement to develop the North Summit Horse Campground on September 15th 2017. To date MVBCH has paid out \$5,918 to the Forest Service (FS) for design and engineering, \$4,300 to Tackman Surveying

and \$9,752 to the contractor. A 2013 North Summit Horse Camp Title II Grant of \$5,103 went to the creation of a site plan and a 2016 North Summit Horse Camp Title II Grant of approximately \$21,000 has gone to FS salaries.

Finally, on September 23rd, 2017, we broke ground and  
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PHOTO BY BILL FORD



Clearing trees from surveyed roads at North Summit Horse Camp 9 28 Cathy Upper.

## March = Rendezvous

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needs to be done and get some help and a back-up. Plan for transition.

As you read this issue of THN today, BCHW has completed Leadership Training in Ellensburg, and we have had our Legislative Day in Olympia. My thanks to our members who made these events happen and to those of you who made attendance to these events a priority. I would appreciate hearing your feedback on those two events, and I would like you to provide that

feedback to your chapter Directors or to Kim Merrick for the Leadership Training and to Jeff Chapman for Legislative Day. The way we operate our organization evolves. Change is inevitable and implementing new ideas will always be important. We want to grow, and we want to make an impact on trails and maintain our access to public lands now and into the future. See you on the trail. 🐾

## North Summit Horse Camp

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worked to get the internal roads laid out. One preliminary for this was the removal of 76 trees; several work parties and many volunteer hours were spent by MVBCH members and the contractor bucking up the felled trees and getting them clear of the designated roads. Other members made sure that the survey pegs for campsites were still in place and put in taller (more visible) pegs beside them, so the camp would be laid out as surveyed by the Forest Service engineers. Snow fell early, and on October 23rd the contractor had to pull out his equipment. Despite the very short window of opportunity, everyone had worked hard during this time and most of the internal roads for the camp had been laid out. In spring 2018, when the snow has melted, they can be completed and Phase 1 of the campground (roads, entrance fencing and six complete camp sites) will be underway.

Reaching this stage has taken over 500 volunteer hours, \$19,970 of Chapter funds and, above all, a great deal of perseverance on the part of the determined committee of three, Bill Ford, Cathy Upper and Pete Stoothoff, who, with the support of the Methow Valley Ranger District, have overcome the setbacks faced so far.

Phase 1 will require an estimated further \$30,248 contribution from MVBCH, this will be mostly for construction and graveling of the roads and individual campsite pads. Each campsite

will have a table, fire ring and highline for four horses. Two manure bunkers will be sited within the horse campground. Phase 1 will be a dry camp with a toilet within walking distance. Total construction cost for Phase 1 is estimated at \$76,321 with \$50,218 of that coming from MVBCH.

Further grant funds and/or donations from individuals or organizations are needed before Phase 2 can be started. The last six campsites will be developed in Phase 2 along with bathrooms, more manure bunkers, horse water and a large central picnic shelter and picnic tables.

MVBCH would appreciate any help with work parties, as we received at the Twisp River Horse Camp in 2016 (the Statewide Work Party, partly financed by a Recreational Trail Program grant). We also need help with financing the North Summit Horse Campground. Our Chapter proposes single campsite sponsorship for \$2,500 and we already have a sponsor for one site. Sponsors may be individuals, chapters, or other groups of people or organizations. They will be recognized on the campground bulletin board. Smaller donations from individuals and organizations will be recognized. 🐾

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Follow on MVBCH.blogspot.com

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PHOTO BY P. STOOHOFF



*Entrance to North Summit Horse Camp after clearing.*

PHOTO BY M. LIU



*Pegged cleared road.*

## BCHW Store

**Stop in and visit the Store for all your BCHW swag at the big Rendezvous!**

*You can find us in the Manastash Room.*

For photos and info on just some of the items, go to <http://bchw.org/Int/main/BCHW%20Store.htm>.

Lori Lennox, [store@bchw.org](mailto:store@bchw.org)





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- Live Auction
- Dancing

Register at [BCHW.org](http://BCHW.org)

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- \* Chapter Displays
- \* Photo Contest
- \* Table Decorating Competition

Friday & Saturday: 9 to 5

Sunday: 9 to Noon

Kittitas Valley Event Center

512 N Poplar, Ellensburg, WA

For more information go to [BCHW.org](http://BCHW.org)

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## 2018 Rendezvous March 16-18, 2018

Kittitas Valley Event Center, Ellensburg, WA

Open to the public! Event admittance: Free! Clinician auditing fee: Free!

Friday potluck: Free! Saturday auctions & evening entertainment: Free!

**Fees & Reservations are only needed for on-site camping & Saturday night's catered dinner.**

### DINNER & CAMPING RESERVATION FORM

RESERVE EARLY — DINNER TICKETS & CAMPING SPACES ARE LIMITED!

**DINNER** Saturday Evening, March 17th:

Steak & Chicken catered by Cascade Mountain Grilling:

**EARLY BIRD** (Price includes five Bucket Raffle Tickets)

# \_\_\_\_\_ x\$30= \_\_\_\_\_

**Must be post marked/emailed with payment no later than March 6, 2018.**

**After March 6, 2018 & on-site price** (no Bucket Raffle Tickets):

# \_\_\_\_\_ x\$40= \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVED TABLES** are for groups wanting to sit together: (You do **not** need to have a reserved table to attend the dinner!) Limited number of round tables are available. Table numbers will be assigned based on receipt of reservation. If you need more than one table and want them close, they must be reserved at the same time. Since there is limited seating, if your table is not filled, others may be seated at your table.

**Reserved Tables** (seat eight) Name of Chapter or Group \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ x\$50= \_\_\_\_\_

**CAMPING** On-site camping at KVEC is available. There are separate designated areas for electrical hook-ups and dry camping (no electrical). Even if not using electricity but parking in hook-up spots, we will have to charge the hook-up fee. All campers may use the showers and the dumping.

**EARLY BIRD HOOK-UP CAMPING:** Electricity only

number of nights \_\_\_\_\_ x\$35= \_\_\_\_\_

**EARLY BIRD DRY CAMPING:** No electricity

number of nights \_\_\_\_\_ x\$25= \_\_\_\_\_

**AFTER March 6, 2018 & On-Site**

**Hook-up camping** (Electricity):

number of nights \_\_\_\_\_ x\$45= \_\_\_\_\_

**Dry Camping** (no electricity):

number of nights \_\_\_\_\_ x\$35= \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED\$** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK NIGHTS STAYING:** Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF VEHICLE:** Truck/Camper \_\_\_\_\_ Travel Trailer/Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ (length \_\_\_\_\_) LQ/Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ (length \_\_\_\_\_)

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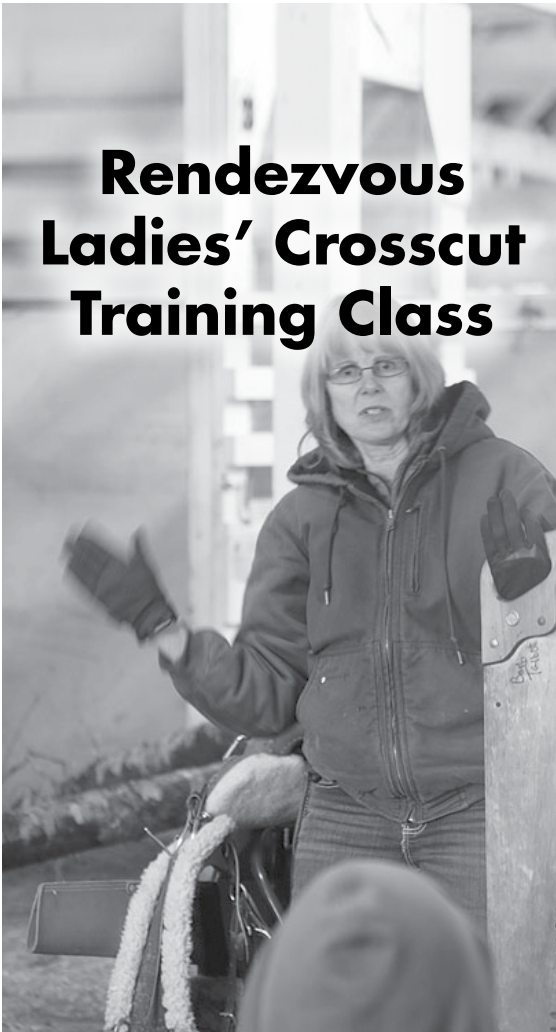


## 2018 Rendezvous Used Tack Sale

Last year's tack sale was a banner year. There's no reason this year can't be the same or better. We sold a lot of riding and pack saddles with related gear. So if you have extra tack taking up space, and want to thin out and make a few bucks doing so, bring that cleaned tack to the BCHW Rendezvous from March 15th to 18th at the Kittitas Valley Event Center, and we'll sell it for you.

**Check tack in on the 15th or any time after that.** Have your tack marked with a tag with your name, price, and contact info. We will display and sell it for you. BCHW receives 15% of all sales. For saddles, if you have a saddle stand to help display it please bring it. Have the stand marked not for sale with your name on it. Credit card sales will be available.

**For any questions please contact Jim Anderson at [muleman1951@gmail.com](mailto:muleman1951@gmail.com) or 360-835-5719.**



## Rendezvous Ladies' Crosscut Training Class

The intent of this course is to get potential BCHW Sawyers ready for upcoming Spring certification classes and out safely clearing trails, whether on organized trail projects or to just be able to continue down the trail after coming to a tree across it.

There will be a 4-hour class on Saturday, the 17th of March, to educate and train women on the fine points of safely using both one-and-two-person saws and how to carry a saw on your riding animal. Also covered will be PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), how to become a BCHW certified sawyer, and of interest to all trail users, how to provide a good Trail Inspection Report for trail crews. There will be classroom instruction and hands-on practice offered.

There is no charge for this class, but you must reserve a spot ahead of time so that the organizers can plan for the right-sized training facility and have enough classroom materials.

**RSVP by March 9th to Tony Karniss at [tkarniss@gmail.com](mailto:tkarniss@gmail.com) or 360-748-8640.**  
**For the final scheduled time and location and any other info, go to the Rendezvous page at [www.bchw.org](http://www.bchw.org).**

This class is being put on by Tom Faubion, Tom Mix, Tony Karniss, Pam Swigert, Barb Talbott & Debra Davis (USFS).

# What is a Feeder Trail?



By "Doc" Wesselius, BCHW Safety Officer

Most people respond to the words "feeder trail" with a puzzled expression, until you add, "Pacific Crest Trail." That's the common name, in PCT jargon, for an admittance route to the main trail that follows the crests of the Pacific Crest Mountains. In addition to maintaining the PCT, feeder trails also need upkeep to provide access to the 2,659-mile PCT from Mexico to Canada.

Nannie Ridge Trail #98 is a popular PCT feeder trail starting at Walupt Lake campground that leads to Sheep Lake near the PCT. The first three miles of the six-mile trail is steep and tops a 5,600-foot ridge before it splits. A half mile route ascends to the Nannie Ridge lookout and the main trail descends to meadows around the lake and meets the PCT which climbs to the summits of the Goat Rocks Wilderness. It's no wonder that this trail is so popular, but years of travel on the first two miles of the side hill trail became miserably rutted. The tread deteriorated to ankle twisting roots and rock outcrops. Trail stock, especially heavily laden pack animals, were challenged, particularly when going downhill, with one foot or higher stairs pounded into the hillside.

Bill Hawley, PCTA Regional Representative, realized that a major trail project would be required to repair the damaged trail and make it compatible for trail stock to haul cargo to future scheduled PCT maintenance projects. With funding in place for the 2017 field season, he was able to support 7 crews last year. The BCHW packers did support these wilderness crews, but this last crew of the season did not require pack stock support; trail tools could be carried to the work-sites near Walupt Lake. However, the project would require a large amount of muscle to get the trail repaired. He approached BCHW members and requested assistance; this time without their faithful equestrian partners. Tom Conner, BCHW-Lewis

County Chapter, volunteered to manage the three-day work party that would entail both PCTA (White Pass Chapter) and BCHW members to work on the project. Bill and Tom worked with USFS-Cowlitz Valley Ranger District to get authorization for installation of check-steps to fill in the potholes and ruts; making the tread gradual as it ascended the hillside. The check-steps were designed to be compatible with pack stock conformation and propulsion; small steps with 8 foot long foundations. The end result was check step structures long enough for trail stock to stop and rest on a level surface before stepping up onto the next step. The shorter step-downs for downhill traffic

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*Anchoring timbers.*


## What is a Feeder Trail?

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made the trail more comfortable for both hikers' and equestrian knees.

Bill and Tom engineered the project then requisitioned the required materials before the scheduled work party. Old growth cedar was used to build the foundation for nine check steps. The challenge each morning was to haul the eight foot long timbers to the worksite; on the shoulders of the crew. The structures were anchored in place to stay on the steep hillside with the heavy use the trail experiences. The trail crew first leveled the ground, removed large rocks, and then filled in the wooden structure when the framework was in place. Sometimes trail tread raises had to incorporate large roots, to avoid cutting them, and stable rock steps to get the required elevation gain. In some places, the trail had to be widened to make the foundations wide enough for their four-foot dimensions. In other places, the trail had to be brushed back to achieve an eight-foot-wide corridor up the mountain. For three days, the trail crew trudged up the mountain trail, sometimes carrying needed supplies, to the worksite but hurried back to the Walupt Lake encampment each night after a long day of trail work. Arrangements had been made to provide warm drinks and dinner for the crew.

Bill had learned by experience that having meals prepared for a trail crew saved valuable time when working on trails. He commandeered Mike and Karen Clemens, BCHW-Lewis County Chapter members, to set up a covered kitchen to cook hearty meals for the crew. Each morning a warm breakfast was served and the crew was provided lunch items to make their midday sack lunch before heading up the trail. Everyone congregated in a large awning that was set up to accommodate the crew for meals and to hold a safety meeting and plan the day's endeavor. The enclosure, heated with propane campfire burners, was a welcome retreat from the cool fall evenings and served as a center for socializing after the evening dinner.

Camaraderie developed quickly between the members of the two trail advocacy organizations that shared meals and worked shoulder to shoulder every day. Both groups quickly realized the dedication each had for maintaining trails and the constant commitment it takes to keep them open and safe. Work on the Nannie Ridge feeder trail to the PCT is not complete. Plans are underway to have an early 2018 summer work party, again stationed out of the Walupt Lake campground, to work on the rutted trail again. 



*Steps finished.*



*Cooks.*



# Electric Bicycles – Technological Advancements Bring a New Riding Device to Our Trails

By Jeff Chapman, Legislative Chair

**E**lectric bicycles with motors 750 watts or less and not capable of assisting a bike moving over 20 miles per hour have been defined by federal law since 2001 as not being motor vehicles. Washington State law was also changed to permit electric bicycles on many trails and bikeways suitable for bicycles accordingly. Local jurisdictions (city/county) can set standards for further limits though there hasn't been a provision that allows state agencies to do so.

So what might surprise horseback riders is that many electric bicycles, both pedal assist (you have to be pedaling for the motor to engage) and throttle assist (can be powered by a throttle and you don't need to be pedaling) are allowed on many of our non-federal trails now.

It hasn't been a major topic since e-bikes as they are called were not developed to the point of being popular. Large motors and batteries made them impractical. However technological advancements in recent years have made these much more efficient and reduced both in size and weight while boosting longevity. E-bikes are now ready for mainstream use, and they are some of the hottest sellers in bike stores.

In an effort to provide some definition to the new e-bikes, bills are proposed in Washington State to both provide categories of e-bikes as well as set some parameters where they can be restricted or allowed. The proposed Washington State changes to the law are patterned after those in recently passed bills in California and Colorado. Several other states, such as Ohio, are now moving e-bike bills through their legislatures.

Most of the bills, including our own, have a common classification system from the Bicycle Product Suppliers Association (BPSA), being this:

1) A "class 1 electric bicycle," or "low-speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle," is a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

2) A "class 2 electric bicycle," or "low-speed throttle-assisted electric bicycle," is a bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of

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# How Much Is That Parking Spot Worth To You?

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*Udell parking lot, Arlington WA, grading.*



*Udell parking lot, Arlington WA, 1st layer of gravel completed.*

By Barbara Woo, Cascade Horse Club Chapter

**T**hat question sounds obvious when you shop at the mall on Black Friday or when you are late for a doctor's appointment.

But how many of you have asked yourselves that when you travel an hour or more with your fully loaded trailer to a trail-head parking area?

For many years, the private timberlands of Pacific Denkmann, aka Pilchuck Tree Farm (PTF), northeast of Arlington had no parking lots for recreational users.

With the formation of the Pilchuck Recreation Association (PRA), an organization of recreational users of the PTF along with Tree Farm representation, developed one parking lot at the Armstrong Tract off of Bracken Road

As recreational use in the area grew, a 2nd lot was developed at the Victoria Tract off of 316th.

In late 2016, the PRA, in conjunction with local recreational groups, Cascade Horse Club, TrailDusters and the Northwest Region Chapters of Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), Cherry Valley Riders, Fish Creek Endurance Riders, the Pilchuck Mountain Bike Club (PMB), and the adjoining neighbors of the PTF, worked with the PTF on a dedicated parking area for recreational usage on the Pilchuck Tract off of the Udell Road.

A new public parking area to access to the private timberlands on the PTF.

It started with the land and goes from there.

- 1 ½ acre parcel donated by Pacific Denkmenn/PTF. Estimated value of the donated land? Priceless.

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## Electric Bicycles –

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providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

3) A “class 3 electric bicycle,” or “speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle,” is a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour, and is equipped with a speedometer.

Of course the first question for horseback riders would be “Isn’t an electric motor propelled bicycle motorized transportation?” - followed by “Isn’t a class 2 electric bicycle an electric moped?” The answer to the first is that it depends upon which trail and what the laws for that trail are. In many cases, the agency responsible may not even have a written policy in place. The answer to the second is no, an electric bicycle does not have to meet motor vehicle standards.

I’ve talked to many members about this, and the general sense is some annoyance at electric motors on what has been considered historically as non-motorized trails, but not to the point of serious objection as long as the rider is pedaling to keep it going

(primarily Class 1). Class 2 bikes on the other hand are allowed by old and newly proposed laws on many of our local and state trails. A bicycle is obviously motorized when it coasts past your horse going uphill.

The argument for e-bikes is that they provide the ability for older and slightly disabled folks to get out on trails. We can certainly relate to that. Will our horses shy more from slow moving e-bikes than regular bikes? Probably not. Is there an ethical issue with allowing e-bikes on “non-motorized” trails? That of course is a very good question, and it stems around whether a trail is actually non-motorized or is instead closed to motor vehicles (which e-bikes are not).

The federal government is also looking into where e-bikes might fit in on Forest Service and other agency trails. As the definition separating bicycles from motorcycles blurs, we will work with the agencies and user groups to find a solution that provides opportunities for all users while still preserving our safety and the quality of our trail experiences. **2**

# Mt. Olympus's 1st Christmas Party



By Dave Seibel, Mt. Olympus Chapter Director

It was a cold and crummy evening until you walked into the Upper Elwha Community Center. I had started the fire around noon to warm up the place. Jeff helped arrange the tables and fixed up the tree. Sherry brought some very nice swag table decorations, leaving no plain tables to greet our full plates. I cooked two smoked turkey breasts (bone in and skin on) and a spiral honey glazed ham. Thrown in for good measure were two pans of scratch-made stuffing. Folks started showing up around 5 with food, presents, and good cheer. I was nervous, hoping everybody would like my cooking. I was disappointed in the soggy stuffing but others commented on how good it was. The gravy was lumpy and thin but was also liked. There was a whole table set up with desserts. I can't remember now how many braved the weather to be there, but

I perfectly guessed the number of seats around the tables. No one had to sit on the floor. I took a picture as soon as everyone was seated while I was getting my plate and, except for the racket the furnace made, the place was silent with full mouths. I had asked Bill to say a prayer before we got our plates, and it was very nice. Thank you, Bill!

With dinner done and the tables cleared, it was time for some fun. I put Penny in charge of the gift exchange, otherwise known as steal-a-gift. Rules were set and numbers were drawn. There were some really nice gifts, some of which were handmade. They are the best as they show off our talents. I got a neat BCHW ball cap only to have it stolen and replaced with a nice plaid scarf. Everybody sure had fun; and we got to see our new banner, all 9 feet of it. 🐻

## Content Deadline for the May/June 2018 Newsletter is April 1st

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

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

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

**ATTENTION!**



## RTP Grants and BCHW

By Nicole Sedgwick BCHW Executive Director

Thanks to lots of work by its members, BCHW has participated in RTP (Recreational Trails Program) grants for some years now, and will continue to do so in 2018 and 2019. The way RTP works is that BCHW put together two grant requests in 2016: to do trail maintenance on Forest Service trails; and for working on certain county and state lands, and the Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park, in 2018-19. BCHW's grant requests scored 8th and 12th in the state of all trail maintenance requests. When the Legislature passed the Capital Budget in January, it became clear that both requests would be fully funded.

So, what do those grants mean? Are each of us going to get a check? Unfortunately, no. What it means is that the Trail Work Bosses who planned these projects can now plan their work knowing that the chapter can be reimbursed for certain

costs. Puncheon (small trail bridges) materials and tools are almost always reimbursable. In some cases, food for work parties can be reimbursable, and sometimes mileage for volunteer workers travelling to work parties. Notice that everything is "reimbursed" – no money is distributed up front. Everything has to be paid for first, then the grant reimburses us.

Is there a cost for this grant money? Yes – it's called "Match". For every dollar we spend from this grant, we need to document at least two dollars in match. How do we do that? Easy – first, every hour of volunteer labor is credited with at least \$15. Skilled labor, like our certified sawyers, earns us about \$28 per hour. Privately owned vehicle mileage that is not reimbursed will earn us 55 cents per mile in 2018, and pack

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## How Much Is That Parking Spot Worth To You

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- Plan the site layout, construction, and drainage. After consultation with construction contractors, heavy equipment operators, and roadbed construction experts, a plan and a layout was formed.
- Money: Cash donations by Cascade Horse Club, Trail-Dusters and the Northwest Region Chapters of BCHW, Cherry Valley Riders, Fish Creek Endurance Riders, and the Pilchuck Mountain Bike Club. Donations to date: \$3,650.
- Excavation and Heavy Equipment for clearing, drainage, and base rock. Estimated value of equipment rental donated to date: 16 days (\$7,200).
- Fabric?
- For the parking lot base, shot rock. Estimated value to date: 36 truckloads of shot rock donated to date by the PTF: \$10,800
- Volunteer Labor, skilled and basic labor, and travel time. Estimated value of labor donated to date: 375 hours (\$13,000) and 1,020 miles (\$1,000).

Spearheaded by members of the BCHW chapters, Daryn Lathem and Scott Bauer developed a plan and schedule to clear the property and lay the foundation for drainage, rock, and connector trails.

Total to date, the current cost is \$35,650... and it is not quite finished.

The parking lot is open for use while the base rock, after being compacted, settles for the winter. The icing on the cake will be a cap of gravel on top. That's next year's project. So How Much Is That Parking Spot Worth To You? 🐾



*Udell parking lot, Arlington WA, drainage ditch work, Clayton Cline.*

## RTP Grants and BCHW

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stock earn us \$100 per day for each animal. Other donations can also earn us match credit.

RTP funds are distributed by the federal Highway Administration, and administered in this state by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) – a state agency. The RCO has a set of manuals outlining the rules for spending RTP funds. Darrell Wallace manages the RTP grants for BCHW, and works with all the chapter project liaisons. He plans to transition this role to Nicole Sedgwick sometime in the next two years.

2018 is the grant planning year for RTP – any proposals needing RTP funds in 2020 and 2021 must be submitted by November 1st, 2018. Nicole Sedgwick is collecting chapter requests and will collate them into BCHW grant requests. So, if you have ideas about applying for RTP funds in 2020-21, you should contact your Trail Work Boss, or Nicole, long before October 2018. 🐾

# FREE Listing on BCHW Chapter Events Calendar

Be sure to: • Contact the ride host to check for updates on the event.

• Check to see if dogs are welcome.

Note: The BCHW Trailhead News represents as many events as possible; however, it makes no guarantees an event will be published. The calendar of events is subject to change. Please check with ride contact for most updated information. Please send calendar corrections to: [bchw@wamedia.com](mailto:bchw@wamedia.com).

## **February 17, 2018 - BCHW Membership Development Program Seminar**

All BCHW members welcome  
Port Angeles, WA  
For more Information Contact:  
Ken Carmichael • 509-466-2225  
[kcarmichael2225@gmail.com](mailto:kcarmichael2225@gmail.com)

## **February 18, 2018 - BCHW Membership Development Program Seminar**

All BCHW members welcome  
Littlerock, WA  
For more Info Contact:  
Ken Carmichael • 509-466-2225  
[kcarmichael2225@gmail.com](mailto:kcarmichael2225@gmail.com)

## **BCH Legislative Day on the Hill**

Monday, February 19 • 9:00am  
Capitol Legislative Building, Olympia  
2nd Floor Lt. Governor's Office  
Senate Rules Room  
Bring highlighter to mark up your  
handouts to Legislators and  
bring your camera  
Jeff Chapman • 360-358-6364  
[bbbranch@olympus.net](mailto:bbbranch@olympus.net)  
Joyce Willms • 360-790-9129  
[joyce@wamedia.com](mailto:joyce@wamedia.com)

## **Whatcom BCHW 21st Annual Fundraiser Auction**

Friday, February 23  
Everson Auction Barn  
contact Bill McKenna at 360-599-2526  
<http://www.whatcom-bch.com>

## **Washington State Horse Expo**

Friday-Sunday, March 2-4  
Clark County Expo Center  
17402 NE Delfel Rd  
Ridgefield, WA 98642  
Jim Anderson • 360-835-5719  
[muleman1951@gmail.com](mailto:muleman1951@gmail.com)

## **2018 Rendezvous**

Friday, March 16- Sunday, March 18  
Kittitas Valley Event Center,  
901 E 7th Ave  
Ellensburg, WA 98926  
Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick  
360-640-1495 • [bchwexec@bchw.org](mailto:bchwexec@bchw.org)

## **1st QTR BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting**

Friday, March 16 • 3:30pm-5:30pm  
Kittitas Valley Event Center  
901 E 7th Ave  
Ellensburg, WA 98926  
Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick  
360-640-1495 • [bchwexec@bchw.org](mailto:bchwexec@bchw.org)

## **13th Annual Great Gravel Pac-in**

Saturday, March 24 • 8:00am - 3:00pm  
Mima Falls Trailhead in Capitol Forest  
Near 12736 Marksman St, SW Olympia  
98512  
Phil Wolff • 360-628-2391  
[phil.wolff@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:phil.wolff@dnr.wa.gov)

## **BCHA National Board Meeting**

Monday-Wednesday, April 23-25  
Northern Quest Casino  
100 N Hayford Rd  
Airway Heights, WA 99001  
Darrell Wallace • 360-918-3016  
[bcha\\_dir1@bchw.org](mailto:bcha_dir1@bchw.org)

## **Methow Valley Spring Ride & Fundraiser**

Friday-Sunday, April 27-29  
Beaver Creek Campground, Methow Valley  
Discover Pass or WDFW fishing pass req  
Overnight Camping, no charge  
Pre-reg by Apr 20 (inc Sat night dinner):  
\$20/Adult, \$10/Child under 12. After Apr  
20: \$30/Adult, \$15/Child  
Reg includes: Dutch Oven Pot Luck (Fri),  
Sat. Trail Ride, Silent Auction (Sat), BBQ  
Dinner, Campfire Entertainment (Sat),  
Buckaroo Breakfast (Sun - \$7 each)  
Bev Phillippi • 509-668-1024  
[bev2ap@gmail.com](mailto:bev2ap@gmail.com)  
[www.MVBCH.com](http://www.MVBCH.com)

## **Lewis County Chapter Burnt Ridge Fun Ride**

Saturday, May 12  
9:00 a.m.  
Burnt Ridge Road  
Register by May 12th  
Cost \$10  
No Camping Available  
Lunch Available \$4-\$7  
Joe Chenier, President • 360-274-4069  
Jim Thode, Director • 360-978-5336  
[Chenier.jc@gmail.com](mailto:Chenier.jc@gmail.com)  
[bchw.org/LCBCHW/bch1.htm](http://bchw.org/LCBCHW/bch1.htm)

## **Ferry County Chapter Sherman Creek Ride**

Saturday, May 12  
Meet at Haig's Cove CG at 9AM  
Rob Michael • 509-738-4166

## **Joe Watt Canyon BCHW Prize Ride**

Saturday, May 19, 2018  
Ellensburg, WA  
[jhridlon@fairpoint.net](mailto:jhridlon@fairpoint.net) • 509 699-9927

## **National Trails Day Black Pine Horse Camp Black Pine Horse Camp Wenatchee River Ranger District**

Saturday, June 2nd  
[jhridlon@fairpoint.net](mailto:jhridlon@fairpoint.net) • 509 699-9927

## **2nd Quarter BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting**

Saturday, June 16  
Kittitas Valley Event Center  
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA  
Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick  
360-640-1495 • [bchwexec@bchw.org](mailto:bchwexec@bchw.org)

## **Grays Harbor Chapter Prize Ride**

Saturday, June 23  
Behind Matlock Store, 0.7 Miles Down  
Beeville Rd, Turn Right, Follow Signs  
Register by Day of Ride  
Camping Fri/Sat, Out by 3pm Sun  
No Pass Required  
Cost \$20 (inc lunch & 2 prize tickets)  
Barb Paris – 360-482-4197  
[ibriding@centurytel.net](mailto:ibriding@centurytel.net)  
[bchw.org/GraysHarborChapter](http://bchw.org/GraysHarborChapter)

## **Mount St Helens Annual Fun Ride**

Saturday, July 14  
Kalama Horse Camp/Gifford Pinchot  
National Forest  
Forest Service Pass Required  
Come for the Day or Camp for the Weekend  
Weed-Seed Free Forage Required  
[www.mountsthelens-bchw.org](http://www.mountsthelens-bchw.org)

## **Pierce Co BCHW Annual Prize Ride**

Saturday, July 21  
Sahara Creek CG/Elbe State Forest  
Come for the day or camp for the weekend.  
Discover Pass mandatory.  
Terry • [Terrywentriding@gmail.com](mailto:Terrywentriding@gmail.com)



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### BCHW State Wide Work Party

Saturday-Wednesday, July 21-25  
Wenatchee River Ranger District

### Ferry County Chapter Annual Steak Ride

Friday-Saturday, July 27-29  
Jungle Hill Campground  
Lesa Gregory • 509-690-2773

### Tahoma Chapter Prize Ride

Saturday, September 8  
<http://www.tahomabchw.org/>

### 3rd Quarter BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting

Saturday, September 15  
Kittitas Valley Event Center  
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA  
Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick  
360-640-1495 • [bchwexec@bchw.org](mailto:bchwexec@bchw.org)

### Ferry County Chapter Maple Mountain Ride and Pot Luck

Saturday, September 22  
George Young • 509-775-9998

### Ponderosa Chapter Annual Scavenger Hunt Fundraiser

Saturday, September 29  
Riverside State Park near Spokane  
Ken Carmichael • 509-466-2225  
[kcarmichael2225@gmail.com](mailto:kcarmichael2225@gmail.com)

### 17th Annual Winery Ride and Halloween Costume/Prize Ride

Saturday, October 27

### 4th Quarter BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting

Saturday, December 1  
Kittitas Valley Event Center  
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA  
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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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

### Mark your calendars for the following Forest Service fee-free days in 2018:

March 19: State Parks' 105th Birthday	June 10: Free Fishing Day
April 14: Springtime free day	Aug. 25: National Park Service Birthday
April 22: Earth Day	Sept. 29: National Public Lands Day
June 2: National Trails Day	Nov. 11: Veterans' Day
June 9: National Get Outdoors Day	Nov. 23: Autumn free day

Bring Your Camera  
to Take Photos  
and a Highlighter

## BCHW Legislative Day on the Hill 2018

All Members Are Welcome!

Monday, February 19, 2018 • 9:00 am

Capitol/Legislative Bldg, 2nd floor in the Lt. Governor's Office, Senate Rules Room

Call Your Legislators to make appointments Now! 11 am to late afternoon would be best.

Legislator contact information: 1.800.562.6000, or <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder>, or call the toll free legislative hotline to contact your legislator.

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