

CAPITOL RIDERS



Hoofbeats - March 2012

General meeting Apr 3rd, 7pm
Karen - Coffee, Dean - Treats

Nothing new regarding the GPS, Map and Compass reading class at this time.

I continue to request articles for the newsletter. Feel free to submit stories of your rides. Photos are also appreciated.

Work parties are in full swing for the year, especially after our 2012 ice storm. This weekend was the cleanup on Middle Waddell before the gravel haul this coming weekend. Also on tap was a cleanup on Kennedy Creek, rescheduled from the 10th due to weather. April 7th brings a joint effort by Capitol Riders, Nisqually and Scattercreek to clean up Area 23 on the Fort,

The DNR is holding a user meeting on the 29th at their property on 88th Avenue in Tumwater, south of the airport. 6 pm start time. Part of the meeting will be concerning the new Capitol Forest map DNR is preparing. The gravel haul will also be discussed.

On April 14th Olympic National Park is hosting their Barn Day at the Elwha Ranger Station up the Elwha River Road. Start time is 9 am. Come learn more about stock use in the park.

The 2012 BCHW Rendezvous in Ellensburg was a rousing success. Jeff says attendance was up from the year before, which was up from the year before that. Jeff was awarded a BCHW Lifetime Achievement Award for his years of dedicated service. Yours truly unbeknownst to myself, was awarded a Desk Jockey Award. Several chapter members were in attendance. I'm sure we'll hear more at the general meeting on the 3rd.

I continue to collect GPX track files in order to show trails on topographic maps. At this time I have all of USFS lands in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. I have Olympic, Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks. I have Capitol Forest and other DNR lands, I have other miscellaneous lo-

cations around the state. I have yet to convert California's data.

The chapter garage sale is approaching in the first part of May. May 5th is the date. Consignment items accepted as always. It will be Joyce and Don's as in years past.

Ron Hamblen has offered to be camp cook for the Chili Dog ride at Nisqually-Mashel on April 21st. If need be I can supply short tables and a three burner propane stove. This might be a treat for other day rides if someone wanted to remain behind and cook up a mess of beans or other yummys. It is good to have someone watching vehicles as well since theft is becoming more of a problem. And perhaps we'll nominate you for the BCHW Camp Cook award!

As you look over the list of rides, both day and overnight, know that trail bosses are needed. Duties and responsibilities are minimal. Yes it is beneficial to know the trails but it's not critical. If you have access to trail maps you can distribute them. You schedule any caravans. You make sure all have a good time.

Seventh Annual Great Gravel Pack-In: Come one come all. This is our biggest work party of the year! Assemble at Margaret McKenny Campground off Waddell Creek Road in Capitol Forest. A safety meeting is at 9 am. I am sure breakfast goodies will be made available for empty tummys.

Wear good boots and bring water, rain gear and gloves. Snacks will be provided throughout the day. Work will stop at 3:00 for lunch and entertainment so take advantage of the snacks. After lunch you get to hit the trail for home.

If you don't have a Discover Pass, not to worry as DNR will be more than happy to provide you with a day pass. Saturday March 31st!

Events - partial for 2012

March

29 - DNR User meeting 6 pm, 801 88th Ave Tumwater

31 - Capitol Forest Great Gravel Haul Margaret McKenny 9 am, Ed Haefliger 360-427-4297

31 - Okanogan Valley Chapter Sinlahekin Trail Clearing, Blue Lake Campground 509-486-1547 or 509-486-2061

April

2-6 - Enumclaw Chapter Burke Lake camp out, Discover Pass required

3 - General Meeting Littlerock fire hall 7 pm

4-8 - Pierce County Chapter Burke Lake camp out, Discover Pass, 253-732-7402

7 - Capitol Riders, Nisqually and Scattercreek work party at JBLM Training Area 23, 11 am, Pass Required, Carrie 360-438-1873

7 - Olympic Chapter ride Newberry Hill 10 am

14 - Olympic National Park Barn Day - Elwha Ranger Station, 9 am, Ed Haefliger 360-427-4297

14 - Ferry County Chapter Packing Clinic, 9 am 509-775-8165

14-15 - Lewis County Chapter LNT Basic Skills - Randle, Doc 360-736-6106

16 - Whatcom Chapter Easter Egg Ride, 10 am, 360-966-4082

20-22 - Olympic Chapter Burke Lake camp, Discover Pass required

21 - Pierce County Chapter Elbe work party, Discover Pass, 253-381-2868

21 - Chili Dog day ride - Nisqually-Mashel, ride out @ 11 am, Discover Pass not required

21 - Okanogan Valley Chapter Sinlahekin Trail ride, Level 1, 509-486-1547 or 509-486-2061

22 - Earth Day

22 - Nisqually Chapter ride Ft Lewis Area 23, 11 am, pass required

23 - Whatcom Chapter Confidence Builder Ride, 10 am

27-29 - Methow Valley Chapter Spring Ride Beaver Creek Camp, Discover Pass required, 509-997-4802

28 - Okanogan Valley Chapter Bannon Mt. Work Party, 509-486-1547 or 509-486-2061

May

1 - Capitol Forest opens to Horses

1 - General Meeting Littlerock fire hall 7 pm

4-6 - Olympic Chapter Wenas camp out, Discover Pass required

5 - Chapter Garage Sale, Joyce Nelson's 9 am, Joyce - 360-786-1224

5 - Olympic Chapter Green Mt ride Gold Creek TH 10 am, Discover Pass required

11-13 - Winthrop 49er Days

12 - Elbe Hills chapter day ride, Discover Pass required

12 - Ferry County Chapter work party Granite Creek, 509-775-8165

12 - Inland Empire Chapter Poker Ride Fish Trap Lake, 509-466-2225

12 - Pierce County Chapter Elbe work party, Discover Pass, 253-381-2868

17-20 - Pierce County Chapter BBQ Flats Wenas, Discover Pass, 253-732-7402

18-20 - Olympic Chapter Nile

18-20 - LNT Train the Trainer, Indian Camp Teanaway, Discover Pass, Jane 509-997-7407

19 - Alpine Lakes Chapter Fun ride - Joe Watt 9 am \$5, Jason 509-964-9260

19 - Ferry County Chapter work party Lambert Creek, 509-775-8165

24-27 - BBQ Flats Wenas chapter camp out, Discover Pass required

25-27 - Okanogan Valley Chapter Whistler/Wilcox Trail Clearing, Camp, 509-486-2061

27 - Roslyn Riders Poker Ride

28 - Okanogan Valley Chapter Wilcox TH Trail ride, Level 1, 509-486-1547 or 509-486-2061

31 - DNR User meeting 6 pm, 801 88th Ave Tumwater

BCHW Capitol Riders

Meeting minutes

Littlerock fire hall 3/6/12 7 pm

Call to Order: President Laura Kingman called the regular meeting of the Capitol Riders Chapter, BCHW to order at 7:00 PM on 3/6/2012 in Littlerock Fire Hall.

Introduction of Guests: Angelle Hickman not in attendance. President Laura introduced Guests. Sue Koch who became a member along with her husband Dave. Our 2nd guest was Diane Killingsworth, director of BCHW Oakland Bay Chapter. Laura initiated a 'around the room' introduction of each member.

Attendance Last Meeting: 16

Approval of minutes: Connie Bailey

Laura asked the membership for a motion to eliminate the reading of the minutes. The motion was approved. Laura then asked the membership if they had any corrections to the minutes and if not to vote for the approval of the February minutes. Membership voted and approved minutes..

Treasurers Report: Traci Koch not in attendance - home recovering from surgery

a) Club is solvent.

b) Petty Cash - Angelle Hickman is in charge of petty cash and not in attendance.

Newsletter-Web: Chris Enrico

Moving the Ride Database behind the Member login. Dean took pictures of the Beaver Creek campground out of Twisp and gave to Chris to put on the web site. There is room for 30 rigs to park. (linked off the campground info under the Washington State Horse Camps.)

Activity Committee: Vice President Dean Hartman.

Ride Committee: Carrie Russell, Martha Kesting and Susan Hartman

.April 7th: Multiple Chapters, e.g. Nisqually, Scattercreek, Capitol Riders, clean up at Area 22 & 23 were discussed. Area 23 is an absolute mess! Carrie will get with us with more information.

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Day Rides: Discuss at club meetings. Schedule rides for every other week.

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Hoof Prints Program: Peggy Tucker

Submit your \$5.00 to Peggy and use the Hoof Prints form to document your rides. In November, Peggy will collect your completed forms, turn them in and issue \$15.00 gift certificates from Tack Room Too. Contact Peggy to sign up!

Work Parties: Jeff LaBreck

March 25th, Waddle Loop Work Party. 10Am to 3PM. Meet at Littlerock Tavern. No stock. Drive in. Bring loppers and handsaws. Jeff and Mel will be working the area prior to this work party. Members volunteering; Barry & Carrie, Sue, Denise, Chuck & Grace and Karen.

March 10th-Diane invited us all to the Oakland Bay Chapter work party at Kennedy Creek.

March 3rd -Scattercreek Work Party- Karen reported that it was canceled because of the rain. Roads okay but trails are pretty bad.

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Ways & Means: Dean Hartman & Tom Crowson - Nothing

Advertising: Jeff LaBreck: Currently, 3 advertisements on the web site and newsletter. Note: Advertising revenue will be submitted to petty cash fund.

Garage Sale: . Garage Sale at Joyce & Don's. Date: April or 1st part of May. Dean will talk with Janet at the post office to confirm date. Dean is asking club members to start sorting out items to bring to the garage sale. This is our annual fundraiser. You may also bring items to sell on consignment. 15 percent of sale goes to the club. Our annual garage sale is also a social event and a great time for club members to hang out. Joyce and Don provide wonderful stew/chili and goodies. Feel free to bring some goodies of your own.

Raffle Tickets: Angelle Hickman not in attendance

iGive: Connie Bailey: quarterly reports - nothing.

Social Events: Anita Rustvold, Connie Bailey, Loretta Watkins

Need volunteers and ideas for social events. 1) Potluck at the Chili Dog Ride 2) Body Clipping, Wine & Cheese party at Connie's date TBD in April. Please call or send email to Connie with any ideas you may have for a social..

Membership Correspondence: Chris Enrico, Connie Bailey

Angelle Hickman oversees various personal events with our membership. She has recently sent a card and flowers to Traci wishing her a speedy recovery from surgery.

Anita & Norm Rustvold renewed their annual membership and Sue & Dave Koch joined us on March 6th as our newest members. Sue is a teacher and owns a Quarterhorse/Appaloosa.

Legislative: Judy Francis & Dean Hartman.

Current Information posted on the web site and emailed to the membership.

Discover Pass Bill revisions to add 2nd vehicle still moving through the legislative process.

Director: Karen Johnson

Announced the annual BCHW Rendezvous on March 16th-18th. The event will be held at the Ellensburg Fairgrounds. Many fun activities including event headliners: Barb Apple and Steve Rother. Auctions and Vendors. Also asking for ideas for the table decoration contest. Eight people attending from our Chapter. Capitol Riders to donate the Trail Saw for the Auction. Jeff oversees this activity.

ALT Director: Jeff LaBreck:

175 calendars sold.

Old Business:

Discussion of Robert Eversole (Trailmeister) who provides map and compass classes and possibly GPS. Chris mentioned Eversole as an alternative for him teaching classes.

New business:

GPS application for cell Phones. Dean will get the information from Susan and email to membership..

Treats & Coffee for March Meeting:

Karen (Coffee) & Dean (Treats).

Adjournment : President Laura Kingman adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM

Minutes submitted by: Connie Bailey

Minutes approval by: Membership on _____



JOIN US FOR THE

7th Annual Great Gravel Pack-In

MARCH 31, 2012

Margaret McKenny Campground
In Capitol Forest



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources



If you plan on attending here are some helpful instructions:

- Please check in at welcome booth upon arrival
- **9:00 am** there will be a **SAFETY MEETING** for all volunteers
- Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent
- Bring Water, gloves and raingear if necessary
- Work will continue until all the designated tasks are accomplished
- Observers must at all times, stay clear of the working and stock sites

PLEASE LEAVE ALL DOGS AT HOME for the safety of animals and people.
Dogs will not be allowed at the event under any circumstances

Lunch will be provided but please bring your own food if you have any special dietary considerations

Lunch time entertainment will be provided by singing cowboys, Denny Dargan and Andy Bales

Starts at 9am
Wraps up at around 4 pm

If you have any questions about the event please contact:

DNR Volunteer Coordinator Nick Cronquist
360-480-2700

Nick.Cronquist@dnr.wa.gov, or

If you would like approval to provide packers and pack stock for the event please contact:

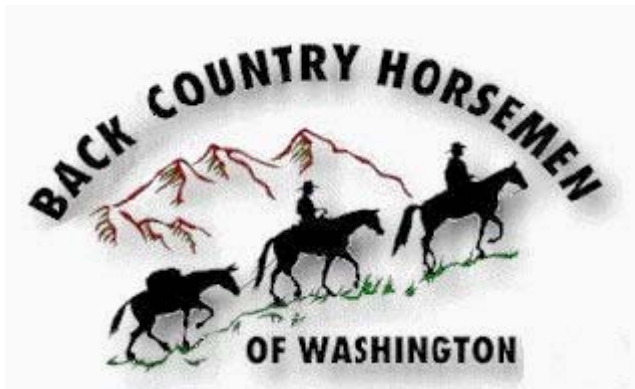
Ed Haefliger at [360-427-4297](tel:360-427-4297) edsueh@msn.com



2012 Barn Day

Olympic National Park welcomes horsemen to the Annual Barn Day on April 14, 2012, 9:00 am at the Elwha barn.

Come enjoy a day filled with information about using stock in Olympic National Park. This is your opportunity to meet experienced riders and others interested in backcountry travel in the Olympic wilderness. Throughout the day you can also attend workshops on packing, trail equipment, Leave-No-Trace and trail etiquette.



Lunch will be provided by the Peninsula Chapter of the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington. Dress warmly and bring rain gear. Do not bring any of your stock!

For more information contact Larry Lack, Olympic National Park Trail Supervisor, 360-565-3178 or larry_lack@nps.gov.

Directions from Port Angeles: Travel west on Hwy 101 about 6 miles past the city limits. Look for Elwha Valley turnoff before the highway bridge over the Elwha River. Turn left (south) onto the Olympic Hot Springs Road. Travel about 4 miles, turn left on the Whiskey Bend Road located just past the Elwha Ranger Station. You will see the corral nestled in the trees on your left. Find a parking place and enjoy the day.



NON-MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Come Join Us!

To join or renew your membership with BCHW, complete this application:

- Please **PRINT LEGIBLY**.
- Sign the **LIABILITY RELEASE** (all members over 18).
- Make checks out to **CAPITOL RIDERS**.
- Give or mail the application to Chapter Treasurer:
 Traci Koch
 61 SE Craddick Road, Shelton WA 98584-9236



Member Info

New Member Renewal – Membership number(s): _____
 Adult's name(s): _____
 Children's name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____
 Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

STATE MEMBERSHIP

Basic Membership

Single \$36.00
 Family \$49.00

Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)

Contributing \$65.00
 Sustaining \$100.00
 Patron \$250.00
 Benefactor \$500.00
 Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00

State dues paid online (attach receipt copy)
 Additional State Donation \$ _____
 Subtotal A \$ _____

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Chapter Name (or Independent): _____

Capitol Riders

Chapter Dues - Single \$10.00
 - Family \$15.00 \$ _____

Additional Chapter Donation \$ _____

Subtotal B \$ _____
 Grand Total (A+B) \$ _____

LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

All ADULT members MUST sign! Adult's signature covers minor children.

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders, and spectators, and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Washington, including Chapters, officers, directors, or members, cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience levels of riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other BCHW events, I do hereby release and hold harmless the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children, or horses.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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