

# TRAIL TALK

Northeast Chapter December 2007

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**Mission Statement** – The purpose of Backcountry Horsemen of Washington is to perpetuate the legal and moral claim by the American people to use horses and mules for recreation on public lands.

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

by Jim Hudkins

2007 is fast approaching the end of the year. With that it will mark the end of my Presidency and the beginning for the new officers. Since the beginning of the NEBCH chapter I have held an office and missed very few meetings. Thank you all for having the confidence in me to head such a great NEBCHW Chapter. I wish the new officers for 2008 a great year. All you have to do is look back in the previous newsletters to see what all we have accomplished. There are many but the two that stand out most in my mind are we are now getting paid for some of the trail work we do, and BCHW is now represented at Ride the West. Getting paid for some of the trail work that we do replaces a need for other fundraisers. BCHW being represented at Ride the West places the importance of the unity and collaboration of all the chapters.

January 27, 2008 marks a very important date for our Chapter. It will be the NEBCH Planning Retreat held at Jeanne Koester's. There will be directions and times and what to bring. The importance of this meeting is for those who mumble under their breath that we should have more rides more informative meetings and this and that. It is also for those who have ideas and would like to bounce them off everyone. It will be your chance to voice your opinion as to how this chapter can continue to evolve. Bring your ideas and make your voice heard and maybe be willing to step up to the plate and make them work. In my opinion if you sit at home and watch football you had your chance and you can keep your mouth shut. I don't want to hear your woes if you don't attend.

The officers, committee chairs and workers have done an excellent job these past couple years, which made my job a whole lot easier. There is one however I want to especially thank for her outstanding dedication and job well done. That is Cathy Johnson for doing such a great job as newsletter editor. THANK YOU! I guarantee you will be missed.

This Saturday will be our annual Xmas party. We will have ham, turkey and most of the fixings to include dessert. Bring your presents and play a game and bring your instruments to join in with the band.

Once again thank you for these past two years and rising above the adversity from which it began.

**Northeast Chapter  
Christmas Party  
December 15, 2007  
Williams Valley Grange  
SATURDAY - 5:30 p.m.**

**REMINDER** – it is time to renew your dues – the updated membership renewal is included – please get it sent in for 2008.

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## New Years Day Ride

Jim and Carol have offered their place for a New Years Day Ride. The ride will start at 11:00 a.m. with a potluck to follow. This is a great place to ride and you will have great company also! If you have any questions contact Jim or Carol at 276-8876.

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## Christmas Party Northeast Chapter

Saturday is the chapters annual Christmas Party. As always the chapter will provide the meat and you just need to bring a side dish. Dessert will also be provided. This year there will be a gift exchange instead of an auction. Bring a gift, wrapped, that is under \$15. We will play a game to exchange the gifts. Who knows what you may end up with – but it sure will be fun to see!

There will also be musicians for your entertainment. If you play an instrument or just want to try bring it along to jam with the band.

Set up for the party will begin at 2:30 p.m., and the actual event begins at 5:30 p.m. Hope to see you all there. This is a great time to catch up with those you have not seen throughout the year. If you have any questions about the party contact a current Board member. I am sure they could answer any questions you have!

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**BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON**

**2008 JUBILEE CELEBRATION & ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 22, 2008  
REGISTRATION FORM**

This is our First JUBILEE as a 501-c-3 Organization; there will never be another First JUBILEE again. Come and join the FUN, Comradely, visit old friends, make new friends and have an enjoyable weekend that you will look back in the future with fond memories.

In order to have those fond memories, you will need to reserve a place to stay, weather it is in a motel or at the KVETCH RV Park at the Fairgrounds, and reserve a seat at the table for our Banquet Dinner, Auctions and Dance to " Standing Room Only" band.

The pricing for an enjoyable weekend is as follows:

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There are twelve (12) round tables that will circle the Dance floor that can be reserved for \$5.00 on a first come first paid basis. Each table will seat eight 8 people.



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**BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON**  
**2008 JUBILEE**  
**MARCH 22, 2008**

**INVITATION**

To Back Country Horsemen Members: If you were able to attend the 2007 Annual Meeting in Monroe and enjoyed the event, then you will certainly want to attend the 2008 Jubilee and Annual Meeting. To commemorate our new 501-c-3 status, the theme for the 2008 gathering is Circle the Wagons and Kick Up Your Heels. There are lots of things planned for your enjoyment including interior and exterior vendors and food concessionaires. In addition, a barrel racers association will be competing in the Bloom Pavilion adjacent to our event and, if interested, you can watch their competitions.

On Friday morning the vendors and BCHW members will be setting up their displays, auction items and banquet tables for the Saturday night dinner, auction and dance. Try to come early on Friday to socialize with other chapter members during the day and then plan on attending a BCHW potluck dinner on Friday, 5:00 pm in the Teanaway Hall.

The Committee has planned an event that will be economical and enjoyable for everyone. Those that attend will leave on Sunday having had a wonderful time and looking forward to the 2009 gathering.

The costs to attend the 2008 Jubilee are as follows:

RV Camping Full Service (Early Bird Reservation)- \$15.00 per Day  
RV Camping Full Service (No Reservation)-----\$20.00 per Day  
RV Camping -Dry /Tent (Early Bird Reservation)---\$11.00 per Day  
RV Camping- Dry / Tent (No Reservation)-----\$15.00 per Day

**DINNER and DANCE**

Prime Rib and Chicken Dinner (Early Bird Reservation)\$23.00 Each\*  
Prime Rib and Chicken Dinner (Pay at the Door)-----\$27.00 Each\*\*

\* Early Bird Dinners include five (5) bucket raffle tickets  
\*\*Pay at the Door Dinners do not include bucket raffle tickets.

There are twelve (12) round tables that will circle the dance floor and they can be reserved for \$5 on a first come first paid basis when you check in at the registration desk. Each table will seat eight (8) people. The HEAD TABLE of eight (8) will be auctioned off to the highest e-mail bidder on February 20, 2008.

For your convenience, BCHW will have a credit/ debit machine to handle your transactions for dinners and auction items. The machine will accept VISA, MC, and Discover Cards. Sorry, no American Express cards.

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**Public Lands Report by Jeff Chapman. BCHW Committee Chairman:**

Equine Heritage Bill S2283

As you know, the "Preserving our Equine Heritage on Public Lands Act" S2283 is this year's rendition of the "Right to Ride Livestock on Federal Land Act of 2005" S781. While much of the language is identical, there are significant differences. Just the fact that the 2007 bill is 14 pages whereas the 2005 is 9 pages should indicate that an attempt was made to address concerns expressed with the prior bill and improve upon the language. It still keeps the pro-pack stock R2R basic language.

I think it is well worth Public Land folks reading the bills and noting the changes. Most of the changes have to deal with softening the NEPA language. Instead of insisting on full NEPA, the new bill says normal NEPA along with an enhanced public process that includes "collaboration among different recreational users". The

2005 bill was criticized for trying to legislatively promote the bureaucracy in full NEPA to try to be a deterrent to increased regulation on a specific interest group. Protectionist groups do this all the time - but they do it with public media campaigns and court action. I guess trying to do it legislatively is considered unfair. Anyway, the new bill does appear to address this concern.

It also somewhat addresses the preferential treatment for a single use group, perhaps arguably short on this – but this is an “equine” bill after all. First, as mentioned this is done in the NEPA language, and second by some few addition words in the [shall not] create a preference for 1 recreational use of an area within [one of the 4 agencies] over other uses without consideration of the stated purpose of the area.

The other big change I see is the added language that this act is not retroactive, that this bill doesn't “supersede any other authorizations and prohibitions in effect on the date of enactment.

Preserving recognition of minority recreation groups has similar aspects to recognition of minority racial, social, or religious groups – and that is what “heritage” is about – protecting minority culture from being swallowed up by a changing majority. We should all be proud of what the working horse has meant to the development of our country – and frankly – civilization. But our society is forgetting this, and that is why our efforts to keep our riding areas open are getting more difficult. A genuine Equine Heritage bill would be nice (I don't know yet what a Horse and Hiker bill looks like so that is left to be seen how the two can be woven together). My personal opinion is that this one does need some improved language. Below is an article on Latino mule packer heritage in Washington. Americans rich in horse and mule history. That is what we are looking for here. Senator Cantwell probably does realize that minorities come in all shapes, sizes, and colors – like palominos, paints, grays, chestnuts, long ears, short ears, etc.

S2283 (2007 bill)

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S781 (2005 bill)

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Thanks, Jeff

## **Latino Mule Packers**

Before statehood, Latinos contributed to the early economic development. After 1819 two economies developed in Washington state: fur trapping and mining. Latinos were not instrumental to the fur trapping business, but they created the backbone of the transportation system for the mining economy of the late nineteenth century.

The Mexican mule-pack system was in regular use in the mining economy of California during the mid-eighteenth century. The discovery of gold in British Columbia and Idaho during the late 1850s prompted many miners to go through the future Washington state and stop there to purchase provisions.

Before the 1870s, lack of commercial overland transportation hindered development of Washington Territory. Walla Walla was center of mining activity and by 1870 had a large Mexican population, which developed the region's first dependable means of commercial transportation.

Mexicans mule packers were in high demand because of their skill. And since most Anglo-Americans preferred mining to logging, most packers throughout the Pacific Northwest were Mexicans. The Mexican mule-packing systems showed its value during the Rogue River War in Oregon 1855-1856.

The Rogue River War pitted Rogue River Indians against the army volunteers in Oregon. Mexican mule packers assisted the volunteer regiment in winning the war and securing American presence in the Oregon Territory. After the war Mexican mule packers were in high demand throughout the Northwest up until the common use of the railroad in Washington State by the late 1870s.





## NORTHEAST CHAPTER BCHW 2007 - 2008 Calendar Of Events



Date	Event	Details	Contact
12/15	2007 Christmas Party	5:30 p.m. Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
1/1/08	New Years Day Ride, potluck and pool party,	ride at 11:00 a.m.	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
1/19	Leadership Training in Cle Elum		
1/27	Northeast Board Planning Session	Jeanne's house members welcome	Jeanne 238-2367
March 21-23	BCHW Membership Convention, Auction, Dinner, Dance, Vendors		

**All dates, times and events are subject to change.  
Be sure to telephone the contact person prior to the scheduled event.**

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



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**December 15, 2007 - SATURDAY  
Chapter Christmas Party  
Williams Valley Grange – 5:30 p.m.  
Bring a side dish!!**