



TRAIL TALK Northeast Chapter June 2008

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PRESIDENTS CORNER: By Leon Sproule

Off the Hoof

I am writing this on a beautiful morning. The sun is shining and the birds are singing. What a contrast from some of the earlier times that I sat here writing at the end of the month. We just completed our Memorial Day work party. We had just a light rain one afternoon and a little wind the next. The temperature was just right for sawing and dragging logs off of the trails. We had a total of 26 volunteers sign in but I haven't gotten the results yet from Lu on the total miles of trail cleared. I do know that Virginia and I worked with three folks from the Sandpoint area and it took us the two days to clear the Wood rat trail that goes from Hills Resort to the Outlet Bay. Virginia counted 70 trees that we cleared in a little less than six miles of trail. Some were large and some were crisscrossed in a pile of 10 or 12. I heard similar tales from the other crews. There was a real need for the work to be done and it was appreciated. We ran into hikers and mountain bikers who expressed their thanks for the work we were doing.

One of the real benefits of participating in work parties is the opportunity to meet and work with people from other chapters and organizations. There are ideas to be exchanged and information that needs to be shared among all of us who use the trails. Where better to do that than around a campfire in the mountains? Around this campfire, Jim LiMieux had some ideas that he wanted to talk about. Ideas to help BCH grow and continue to train and involve people in the trail activities. His idea is the concept of chapters adopting a section of a trail that would connect between them going east to west. He thought the idea could include work and training centers along the trail where groups could meet. Many people around the camp fire contributed to the discussion. There is a lot of concern about getting younger people interested in the trails and back country.

So it was nice to see two young people who recently joined our chapter at the work party. Jeanne and Michael Flugel were there as well as Ginger and Stu Nieman, Kathy and Steve Smith, Judy Clark, Bruce Foreman, and Virginia Carter. These people from the Northeast Chapter as well as the folks from Flathead, Priest River, Inland Empire and Selkirk Driving all get my thanks for a job well done. We had a couple of close calls but no one was hurt and a lot of difficult work was accomplished. Thanks.

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Next general meeting will be June 19
7:00pm @ Williams Valley Grange

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Special thanks go to Jim and Lu LiMieux for all they did to make this work. Jim's cooking was excellent and the food was plentiful. They are special people and it is good to be able spend time with them while doing something valuable.

Ride the West also went really well. I didn't get a complete list of all of the people who volunteered there both at the booth and at the trail course so thanks all of you but particularly to Jim Hudkins for his work. The trail course went well and I had the opportunity to watch one of the sessions up close as I worked the gate. I learned a lot watching these really quality riders work their animals. There was much to be learned in the demonstrations as well. BCH was well represented and people who visited the booths appreciated the information.

Join the fun, volunteer to help the trails, but ride when you can.

Leon

We at NEBCHW want to give a warm welcome to our newest members Michael and Jeanne Flugel!

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In Clayton

Spokane County 4-H 3rd annual Competitive trail ride.

contributed by Linda Hamilton

I also belong to Spokane County 4-H and am part of the committee for the 3rd annual Competitive trail ride. This year the event will take place on October 4th at Riverside State Park .

The past two years has seen volunteers from BCH show up and spend their precious time with judging obstacles. It is sooooo much appreciated by the kids and adults to have experienced trail riders there to help.

What it is: 23-26 mile loop and a 10 mile loop, with 10 assorted obstacles. Each obstacle has a certain amt of points. Mistakes on the obstacle are deducted from the total. Each rider starts with 100 pts, the one with the highest at the end and the best time gets the blue ribbon! Since it is 4-H there is a range for each ribbon level.

In 2006 Jim Hudkins came and judged the water crossing. BIG KUDO'S to you Jim! We also had Ken Carmichael from Inland as our drag rider.

In 2007 we had two lovely ladies volunteer their time as well. Barb Taylor judged the bridge and Coco Spurway judged the log step over. MORE BIG KUDO'S TO YOU Coco and Barb!!!

In 2008 we will need more judges to come and volunteer their time for the event. Adults may now ride and receive a score as well. One only need be a registered 4-H person. No cost, just some forms to fill out. Come and spend a couple hours judging and then take the ride yourself. I would like to have all the judges lined up by the first of September. Enjoy the day; no bikes or pedestrians on that day for the courses, as we have it all set up with the Parks dept for 4-H use only.

Thank you NEBCH of for all of your efforts to keep the trails open and fun for everyone.

Contact Linda Hamilton at Hamilton@cet.com for more registration information or to volunteer for this years event.

Sincerely
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In my opinion, a horse is the animal to have. Eleven-hundred pounds of raw muscle, power, grace, and sweat between your legs - it's something you just can't get from a pet hamster.

~Author Unknown

American Horse Council's 2008 National Issues Forum to Focus on Getting Involved in the 2008 Elections

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Horse Council (AHC) will host the 2008 National Issues Forum June 16-18 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. This is an exciting opportunity to bring together industry leaders and participants to discuss important national equine issues.

The general session on Tuesday, June 17th, will feature sessions designed to educate horse organization leaders and individuals as to how they can be actively and effectively involved in the 2008 election process. Speakers include Jeff Glassie, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, on "What's an Organization to do" – IRS/FEC Limits"; J. Scott Jennings, Senior Strategist at Peritus Public Relations discussing "Getting in on the Ground Floor – Opportunities Elections Provide"; Gregory M. Cohen, President and CEO of the American Highway Users Alliance, and Derrick Crandall, President of the American Recreation Coalition, addressing "Developing/Delivering the Message to Candidates". In addition, Congressman Ben Chandler (D-KY) and Congressman Cliff Stearns (R-FL), co-chairs of the Congressional Horse Caucus, have been invited to discuss the industry's involvement in the elections.

In the afternoon, the AHC will provide an update on national issues affecting the horse industry and urges participants to make appointments to visit with their elected officials. Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday have been set aside for these Congressional visits.

For those interested in the issue of Unwanted Horses, a USDA/AHC Unwanted Horse Forum has been scheduled at USDA from 8 am – 4 pm on Wednesday, June 18th. There is no admission fee for this forum. To register, send your name, affiliation and email address to Marsha Stephens Hurd, 800 9th St ., SW , Rm. 3150, Waterfront Center, Washington, DC, 20250-2220; telephone: 202-401-5352; fac: 202-401-6156; or email either mhurd@csrees.usda.gov or reynnells@csrees.usda.gov. More information about the 2008 National Issues Forum, including registration forms, schedules and more, can be found at the AHC web site, www.horsecouncil.org or by calling the AHC offices at 202-296-4031.

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Tips and Tricks:

contributed by Jeff & Nancy Harshman



Mosquito spray.....

I was at a deck party awhile back, and the bugs were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor with Listerine, and the little

demons disappeared. The next year I filled a 4-ounce spray bottle and used it around my seat whenever I saw mosquitoes. And voila! That worked as well. It worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the food table, the children's swing area, and the standing water nearby. During the summer, I don't leave home without it.

Bee Stings....

A couple of weeks ago, I (an acquaintance) was stung by both a bee and hornet while working in the garden.

My arm swelled up, so I went to the doctor. The clinic gave me cream and an antihistamine. The next day the swelling was getting progressively worse, so I went to my regular doctor. The arm was infected and needed an antibiotic. The doctor told me - 'The next time you get stung, put a penny on the bite for 15 minutes'.

That night, my niece was stung by two bees. I looked at the bite and it had already started to swell. So, I taped a penny to her arm for 15 minutes. The next morning, there was no sign of a bite. We decided that she just wasn't allergic to the sting. Soon, I was gardening outside. I got stung again, twice by a hornet on my left hand. I thought, here I go again to the doctor for another antibiotic.

I promptly got my money out and taped two pennies to my bites, then sat and sulked for 15 minutes. The penny took the sting out of the bite immediately.

The doctor said that the copper in the penny counteracts the bite. It definitely works!



FANTASTIC PONY:

contributed by:Kathleen Smith

Meet Molly. She's a gray speckled pony who was abandoned by her owners when Katrina hit southern Louisiana, USA . She spent weeks on her own before finally being rescued and taken to a farm where abandoned animals were stockpiled. While there, she was attacked by a pit bull terrier, and almost died. Her gnawed right front leg became infected and her vet went to LSU for help. But LSU was overwhelmed, and this pony was a welfare case. You know how that goes.

But after surgeon Rustin Moore met Molly, he changed his mind. He saw how the pony was careful to lie down on different sides so she didn't seem to get sores, and how she allowed people to

handle her. She protected her injured leg. She constantly shifted her weight, and didn't overload her good leg. She was a smart pony with a serious survival ethic.

Moore agreed to remove her leg below the knee and a temporary artificial limb was built. Molly walked out of the clinic and her story really begins there. 'This was the right horse and the right owner,' Moore insists. Molly happened to be a one-in-a-million patient. She's tough as nails, but sweet, and she was willing to cope with pain. She made it obvious she understood (that) she was in trouble. The other important factor, according to Moore, is having a truly committed and compliant owner who is dedicated to providing the daily care required over the lifetime of the horse.

Molly's story turns into a parable for life in post-Katrina Louisiana . The little pony gained weight, her mane felt a comb. A human prosthesis designer built her a leg. The prosthetic has given Molly a whole new life, Allison Barca DVM, Molly's regular vet, reports. And she asks for it! She will put her little limb out, and come to you and let you know that she wants you to put it on Sometimes she wants you to take it off too.' And sometimes, Molly gets away from Barca. 'It can be pretty bad when you can't catch a three-legged horse', she laughs.

Most important of all, Molly has a job now. Kay, the rescue farm owner, started taking Molly to shelters, hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers. Anywhere she thought that people needed hope. Wherever Molly went, she showed people her pluck. She inspired people. And she had a good time doing it.

This is Molly's most recent prosthesis. The left photo shows the ground surface that she stands on, which has a smiley face embossed in it. Wherever Molly goes, she leaves a smiley hoof print behind!



LIFE FLIGHT is now open to family and friends that are not NEBCHW members. (please include name, address and phone number) The annual cost will be \$5.50 per individual for 2008. If you wish to participate, **please do not combine your payment** with your regular NEBCHW membership. **You will need to send a separate check with the name, address, and phone number for each membership. Mail checks to:**

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Sourdough Skillet Cornbread:

contributed by Jeanne Koester

- 1 c sourdough starter (batter)
- 1.1/2 c uncooked yellow cornmeal
- 1 3/4 c diluted evaporated milk
- 2 eggs
- 3 Tbl sugar
- 1/4 melted butter
- 3/4 Tsp salt
- 3/4 Tsp soda

Combine cornmeal and milk in bowl. Add eggs, sugar, and batter. Beat well. Add butter, salt and soda, stirring until blended. Spoon into well greased 10 inch cast iron skillet. Bake in hot oven at 450 about 1/2 hour until crusty. 8 wedges.



Local Man Uses Horse For Travel, Skips Fuel Costs

(from CBS13 local news May 19, 2008)

Elverta CA.- Facing high gas prices, a local man has opted to make his horse his only mode of transportation.

J.R. Belcher truly lives and breathes like a cowboy. "This has been in my blood ever since the old days, and I won't have it any other way," he said.

Two weeks ago, he had a doctor's appointment in Sacramento, 25 miles away from his peaceful ranch in the town of Elverta. To go to the doctor, he needed at least \$15 worth of gas. "Didn't have it and wasn't gonna put it in there if I did have it," he said.

So he took his convertible, affectionately known as Mr. Nibbles, which required some explaining once he arrived at the doctor's office. "I said, 'I had to ride my horse over,'" he said. "He says, 'You're kidding.' I says, 'No, he's parked out there on the tree.'" On Monday, we found J.R. and a friend riding their horses to a local store, which drew some attention from dogs along the route.

Whether it's running errands, going to church, or visiting neighbors, J.R. says this is the only horsepower he needs now. "As gas prices continue to go up, there's gonna be more people riding all over the city," he said.

J.R. admits that he drives his truck occasionally, but only when he absolutely has to. He told us that life in California is just too fast these days, so he's planning on moving to Oklahoma later this year. But, with a smile, he wouldn't tell us where. He doesn't want everybody else moving there too.



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...you realize finding a horse shoe is truly lucky because you've saved ten bucks.

...your boyfriend complains that you love your horse more than you love him and you say: "And your point is..?"
...you show up for an appointment in your city clothes and when you get there people reach across the table to pick alfalfa out of your hair.
...no one wants to ride in your car because they'll get sweet feed and hay in their socks and on their clothes...but that's ok because you'll have to rearrange all the tack to make room for them anyway!
...you say "whoa" to the dog.
...your mother, who has no grandchildren, gets cards addressed to Grandma, signed by the horses and dogs.
...you see the vet more than your child's pediatrician.
...you groom your horse daily for hours and you haven't seen a beautician since...?
...someone asks for a screwdriver and you hand them a hoof pick.
...you are unreasonably pleased to get a horse item, ANY horse item, as a gift.
...you stop channel surfing at Budweiser Clydesdale commercials.
...books and movies are ruined for you if horsemanship references aren't correct.
...you actually get to a point where flies don't bother you that much anymore.

Cowboy Breakfast Ride Directions

Camp over, Breakfast and Ride at Scotia - June 7th. Come Friday night if you can and ride Saturday. RSVP to Gary or Christine Carroll 466-1106 or carroll@abcinet.net

Drive north on Highway 2 past SR211 about 1.5 miles Scotia Road turns right. About 7.5 miles you will see Woodman Rd. slow down, .25 mile to driveway on left, 2606 Scotia Road , Gathering Place .



NORTHEAST CHAPTER BCHW
2008 Calendar Of Events



Date	Event	Details	Contact
June 7	Cowboy Breakfast Ride @ Carrolls Scotia Road	Location	Christine Carroll
	Please see directions on page 5		
June 7	National Trails Day		
June 7	BCHW Board of Directors Meeting		Bob Gish 276-6226
June 14	PRVBCH Annual Poker Ride		Jack Lamb 208-263-4772
June 19	Chapter Meeting Williams Valley Grange		Leon Sproule 509-238-6318
July 17	Chapter Meeting Williams Valley Grange		Leon Sproule 509-238-6318
July 19-20	Pass Creek Pass Work Party	Camp at Gypsy Meadows	Log out only - Clear trail from each end. Camping at Harvey Creek / Noisy Creek Trail #s - 533, 503, 588
July 26	Ferry County BCH Steak Ride	Lambert Creek Kettle Crest	
Aug 1-3	Shoe Tree Trail 261 - finish rock approach		Bob Gish 276-6226
Aug 16	Chapter Meeting Pend Oreille Park Ride, Cook out		Leon Sproule 509-238-6318
Aug 21	Chapter Meeting Williams Valley Grange		Leon Sproule 509-238-6318
Sept 13-14	Kaniksu Cost Share - location unknown at this time-		Bob Gish 276-6226
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Sept 20-21	Kaniksu Cost Share		Bob Gish 276-6226
Oct. 18	Chapter Meeting Williams Valley Grange		Leon Sproule 509-238-6318
Oct.25	Wine Country Ride Purple Sage Riders		Vickie Gish 276-6226
Dec. 20	Christmas Party		

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