



TRAIL TALK Northeast Chapter October 2009

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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.

**REMINDER: General Meeting is Oct. 17th at Williams Valley Grange
6:00pm Potluck 7:00pm Meeting**

Nominations are needed for elections in November.

PRESIDENTS CORNER: By Leon Sproule



Well here it is that time again. I am late getting my column to Rachael for the newsletter. If any of you wonder about it, I can tell you that it is not easy putting together a newsletter when you have uncooperative

people like me to deal with. If she gets it all done early we change the meeting or cancel the work party or move the ride. Not to say that such things wouldn't happen any way but it does make it harder on the person trying to keep up with the news. If you would like to try to put out the newsletter lets us know as Rachael is asking for some relief. Also coming up soon is elections so give it a thought and step forward and volunteer to run for office. There is room enough for more people to be active in this organization.

The rides and potluck for the summer months came to a close with the last ride at Dana Ogle's place. We had fun and good food. We were hoping for a larger turnout for these rides but we may have found out why the summer meetings were on Thursday night previously. People have things to do on the weekend in the summer. The board is looking for direction from the membership for next summer. We will continue to have potlucks associated with the meetings as we move into the fall and winter months. The potluck will be at 6:00 pm and the meeting will be at 7:00 pm.

The work party at Hughes Meadow went well with a good turnout of volunteers. The weather helped by only raining a little bit. The ride into the work location was through a beautiful stand of trees that includes some large cedar trees. I am guessing but I would bet that some of those trees were there when Columbus first sailed west. The job was not quite finished but we gave it a good effort and enjoyed the work with the good people who were there with us. I send many thanks to all who showed up. I did not get a complete list of every one so I can't list names but thank you all any way.

If you are interested in Mount Spokane State Park the draft environmental impact statement is available for their

panned facility update. There is horse camping mentioned in the plan. The time to comment on this plan is now if you wish to be heard about what has been chosen as the preferred alternative. Speaking of parks, the three students from Gonzaga have begun their challenge of designing the RV and horse camping area of Pend Oreille County Park. We met with Ron Curren, Pend Oreille County Public Works Director, at the park last week so that the students could see the location first hand. They will be busy trying to get this done while going to class full time. It is a large project but we have some very good students assigned to the project. There may be an opportunity at some time for the students to come to the meeting with a presentation of what they are doing.

Consider running for office and ride when you get the chance.

-Leon

DID YOU KNOW? Since WWII many of the world's leading show-jumping horses have been Irish bred, with a fair percentage being registered Irish Draught stallions. One of the most famous names in show-jumping breeding is King of Diamonds, an Irish Draught who sired many famous horses, including Special Envoy - who jumped with great success for Brazil, ridden first by Nelson Pessoa then by his son Rodrigo - and Mill Pearl, ridden by the United States Olympic champion Joe Fargis.



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In Clayton

Horses VS. Husbands

Good Things About Husbands:

Husbands are less expensive to shoe.
Feeding a husband doesn't require anything that even mildly compares with the hassle of putting up hay.
A lame husband can still work.
A husband with a belly-ache doesn't have to be walked.
Husbands don't try to scratch their heads on your back.
They're better able to understand puns.
If they're playing hard to catch you *may* be able to run them down on foot.
They know their name.
They pay their own bills.
They apologize when they step on your toes.
They seldom refuse to get in the vehicle.
They don't panic, yelling and running all through the house when you leave them alone. (unless you left the kids too)
For a nominal fee you can hire someone else to clip them.
Men rarely pee in the middle of the bed day in and day out.
Men don't usually trample their dinner into their beds, or eat the bedding.
You don't have to bolt the door every time you leave them for a few minutes to stop them running back to their friends.

Horse's Advantage:

If they don't work out you can sell them.
They don't come with in-laws.
You don't have to worry about your children looking like them.
You never have to iron their saddle pads.
If you get too fat for one you can shop for a bigger one.
They smell good when they sweat.
You can repair their "clothes" with duct tape.
It's possible to keep them from "jumping the fence".
You can force them to stay in good physical condition...with a whip if necessary.
They don't want their turn at the computer.
They turn white with age, but not bald.
They learn to accept restraint.
They don't care what you look like, as long as you have a carrot.
Your horse will not think a new pair of shoes every month is excessive
Your horse will be glad of the company if you go shopping for another one, and your friends will approve of you keeping more than one, as this is more natural.

Campfire Recipes:



Witches Brew:

1 qt Apple juice
1 1/2 c Canned, unsweetened pineapple
2 tb Fresh lemon juice
3 Cinnamon sticks
Mix all ingredients together in a saucepan. Heat over low heat until ready to serve. Remove cinnamon sticks.

Ladle brew into serving cups.

Deviled Egg Eyeballs



3 dozen eggs
1 cup mayonnaise
3 tablespoons yellow mustard
3 tablespoons sweet pickle relish
3 tablespoons dill relish
Salt and pepper to taste
1 15-ounce can black olives

Divide eggs between two Dutch ovens, cover with cold water and bring water to a gentle simmer over medium heat; continue to simmer (not boil) for 15 minutes. Check an egg for doneness, then drain water and allow eggs to cool. Peel off shells, slice eggs lengthwise into halves and remove yolks. Arrange whites on a serving tray. In a large mixing bowl, combine yolks with mayo, mustard, relishes, salt and pepper and mix until smooth. Using a spoon (or a pastry bag with a large plain tip), fill egg whites with yolk mixture. Garnish each egg with a slice of black olive.
Makes 72.



Calling all would-like-to-be newsletter editors!

I would like to announce my desire to step down as newsletter editor for next year. I have loved doing the newsletter so far, and am thankful to all the support I have received. If you have been thinking about a way to help out more than just attending rides and the meetings, this would be a

great opportunity to get more than your toes wet. Please let myself or the anyone on the board know of your interest. Thank you!

~Rachael

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Work Party 9/19-20 2009:

Laura (Lu) LeMieux:

"Hi Rachael,

I have the accomplishments and hours for you. 361 hours were donated; 22 volunteer participants; 24' of stepped puncheon completed, 40' turnpike 70% completed; 17' rock & log turnpike completed; 15' bridge 50% completed and 150' tread improved. It was tough work peeling cedar in the fall, hauling larger diameter stringers (thank you Bob Gish for the Handy Puller!) and challenging to keep from sinking up to your knees in mud. Good of you to put this info together; Thank you and thank you for all of your help, your a great peeler."

Annette Hepler:

Work parties are a wonderful opportunity to meet new trail enthusiast, visit with friends and ride on great back country. Hughes Meadow was no exception. My daughters Rachael, Christina and myself arrived around 8pm friday night. "If you haven't had dinner, there's plenty left from our potluck" called Bob Gish. So we parked, took the horses out, highlined and fed them. Vickie Gish had made some blueberry cobbler with ice cream that was wonderful. We shared stories over an open camp fire and then went to bed. Saturday morning was cool and dry-just right to pack and get some serious trail work done. After a shared breakfast including doughnuts and scones, we saddled and packed up the puncheon(boards for the bridges) headed out for the 4 mile ride to the first work site. It really is something to experience first hand following several riders and pack mules/horses loaded with 100+ lbs. of boards. Also boxes carrying axe, shovels, chain-saw, gas,ropes etc. We arrived at the first work site a little before noon so we all tied up to the side of the trail and had lunch. Then a group of us walked 10-15 mins further to the second site. We started cleaning debris from the stream bed, shoveling soft organic material from three areas where turnpike or bridge would be installed. My daughters picked large rocks to fill in the turnpike, a good 2 feet deep. The pile of rocks was about 5 ft. wide, 5-6 ft. long and 2ft. high.

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Famous Cowboys and Cowgirls:

Leon Adams:

Leon Adams was born in Stuart, Oklahoma, a farming and ranching community with a population of 400. He was not reared in a rodeo family, and they tried to discourage him from participating. He learned to Roman ride horses by riding his dad's workhorses to and from the field each day. He attended Sunday goat ropings, where two men from a nearby town saw him riding the two horses and hired him to entertain at their rodeo. He was 12 years old then, performing bareback and barefooted for all three performances and earning \$15. Following high school, he began to rodeo farther away from Stuart and eventually created an unusual act, the only one of its kind, Roman riding two Brahman he named Geronimo and Apache. During his



career, Adams trained 14 different Brahman, four different Roman riding teams, two different six-up tandem Roman riding teams, several trick riding horses and a dog and duck act. He also trained three-time World Champion bull fighter Mike Matt to roman ride bulls while jumping over cars.

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Everyone worked hard, around 5pm we called it a day and rode back to camp. Another potluck dinner around the fire. The rain promised for Saturday didn't start until everyone was back at camp. Stu had put up a tarp roof just in time to wait it out. Good food and good company couldn't dampen the spirits of us. Sunday morning dawned with clear skies. We had a light breakfast and rode out. This time we rode around the first unfinished work site, to the second site. Rachael, Christina and I finished the turnpike with Dana. Then Bob, Vickie, Judy, Stu, Bruce, Dave, Paddy arrived and started working. More logs were peeled, the guys did the cutting, notching and hauling with log carriers. Everyone kept busy with something. Judy and I left the crew, Lu sent us back to widen the trail where tread was too narrow/sloping off. With tools in hand off we went. The day ended close to 4pm so that we could head home before dark. Lu came back out the way she went in, on a mountain bike(peddle not motor)! Just goes to show what pluck we have in our group. Come join us on the next work party and see what you can do to help preserve our back country.

Judy Clark:
 "We really had a good turnout for this work party."

Christina Hepler:
 There was a work party over in Idaho Sept. 19th thru the 20th where we were working on trail 312. We had a pretty good turn out for the most part. Other than the weather being cold and the slight rain we got at camp it was a nice weekend. I personally haven't been to a work party with my mom (Annette) and sister (Rachael) for a couple of years. It was nice to get to go again and enjoy the company. I peeled cedar logs, packed rock and sand with my sister. I can't wait to see the finished trail and get to ride on it this next year.

REMINDER:
 Please start sending in your volunteer hours to Cyndi Johnson as soon as you can.

(famous cowboys and cowgirls cont.)

Wantha Davis:



Wantha Davis loved to race horses – and to win. From the Great Depression through the 1950s, Wantha won more than 1,000 races, mostly competing against male jockeys. At the time she was referred to by many major sports writers as one of the finest jockeys in the country. Wantha rode primarily at quarter horse meets, county fairs and small bush tracks in the West and Midwest. In those days women were not allowed to compete at major tracks, but she was the first woman to compete at a pari-mutuel track. Throughout her career Wantha applied for a jockey's license, but was turned away by most state racing commissions. It would be another 20 years before women were allowed to race on major US tracks. Yet Wantha won a historic race in 1949 at the Aqua Caliente track in Tijuana, Mexico. She competed in an exhibition match against

Racing Hall of Fame jockey Johnny Longden, the top male jockey of the time with three national championships to his name. A true pioneer of horse racing, she paved the way for female jockeys of today.

Another view



The view from the top of the mountain



**Meeting Ride & Potluck
9-26-09:**

By Rachael Hepler

The day started out nice and cool as we loaded up the horses to head over to Dana's. Traffic was light and made for easy driving. Barb, her husband Jesse, Hector, Barbara, Dana, Annette, Christina and Myself, saddled up and headed out onto the trail about 9:45 am. The day was sunny and made for perfect riding. Dana was a great trail leader stopping often to take in the views. The horses/ mules all behaved well enough throughout the trip. After a beautiful 3 hour ride we got back to the Ogle Ranch. Unsaddling and washing off the animals, we set up for our meeting. Leon, Cindy and Vickie drove in making it just enough people to officially have a general meeting. The food was excellent with everyone bringing enough to fill up and not go home hungry. All in all it was a great day to have a ride and meeting. You missed out if you were not able to attend.



Bringing up the rear



Taking a rest



Heading back to Ogle Ranch

Calendars are available to order from Cyndi Johnson. Please let her know ASAP how many you would like. They will be \$10.00 each again this year.

Nominations are needed for President, Vice President, State Director, Alternate State Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Board Members at Large (2 positions open), Trail Boss, and Education/LNT as well as Member of the Year. We will be having a board member contacting all of the members to receive your nominations for these positions this month. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up in these roles this last year. Elections will happen in November.

I am always looking for quotes or tid bits to add to the newsletter. Please send me anything you want to share. Remember this is your newsletter and any contributions are appreciated!
-Rachael Hepler Newsletter editor

DID YOU KNOW? In 1931 a brown mule called Pal saved his owner from an attack by an enraged bull in Oregon, USA, and was subsequently awarded the Latham Foundation's Gold Metal which is for animal heroes.

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To join BCHW, complete this application, sign the liability release (all members 18 and over), and enclose payment:

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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**NORTHEAST CHAPTER BCHW
2009 Calendar Of Events**



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