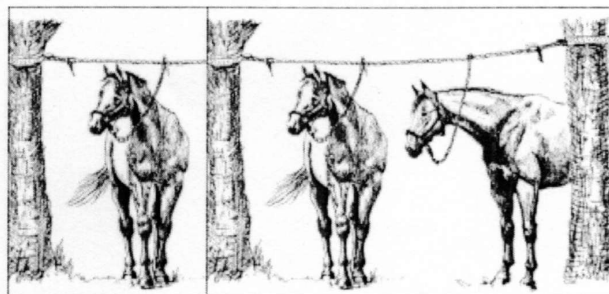


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MEMBERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION

Membership Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council Building.

SUMMER SCHEDULE and POTLUCK!

See you there!

Potluck 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 PM

AUGUST MEETING Tuesday, August 23rd 2011

August Membership Meeting

By Judy Holbert

The August membership meeting will be a **potluck** at my house. I will provide the BBQ Brats Chili Dogs and Kraut for everyone.

Please bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert.

The program will be knot tying where **Ken Elliott** and **Ken Carmichael** will help you learn some of the basis knots that we use around horses. It should be fun. For a real good knot tying site visit <http://www.animatedknots.com/index.php?LogoImage=LogoGrog.jpg&Website=www.animatedknots.com>

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Rustler's Gulch Ride

By Scott Wiggins

"Ride report" From Scott and Karen. On Saturday July 2nd, we went on a ride at Horseshoe Lake (Rustlers Gulch). A couple of days before the ride we decided to see if anyone wanted to tag along. I had **Ken Carmichael** send an "email to all" to invite any trail buddies. I was surprised to find that I received about 12 calls and we had Sandi, Diana, John and Michelle join us. They all got a tour of a new area and we had a real nice ride for 3-4 hours, crossed the river a couple of times and checked out some future trails. When you go out on a ride, I encourage you to do the same and have Ken forward your invite to ride with you. He has the BCH list, try to give him and your ride buddies some time. The people got to see a new area and we enjoyed the time with them. I was real surprised at how many folks are ready to ride on short notice. Anyway, give it a try and keep an eye on the email, who knows what might pop up. Great Ride! ★

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Membership Meetings**

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the *Inland Empire Chapter of the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington* is to preserve and enhance the right to use horses and mules for recreation on public lands.

VISION STATEMENT

Develop and keep trails open for responsible recreational use.

Objectives to Achieve Our Goals

- ★ To unite equestrians to achieve the mission and goals of Backcountry Horsemen.
- ★ To encourage citizen involvement in political and governmental laws affecting public lands.
- ★ To be proactive in interpretation and implementation by local land managers of regulatory policies regarding equine use on public lands.
- ★ To educate and inform land users and managers about the etiquette, impact and historical use of recreational lands.
- ★ To recruit, introduce and educate interested horsemen to the use, safety and enjoyment of trails and the backcountry.
- ★ To be a proactive volunteer in building and maintaining trails.
- ★ To provide social activities for equestrians.
- ★ To support BCHW and BCHA.

Mt. Spokane Ride

By Greg Hannabs

On **August 13th** my wife and I are going to ride **Mt. Spokane**. This is going to be a warm up ride for us and our horses for our trip into the William O. Douglas wilderness outside of Yakima the following week. Our thought was to meet at the large upper parking lot, take the trail out towards Mt. Kit Carson, have lunch at Mt. Kit Carson, and loop back to the parking lot. Not sure what exact trails we are going to take, but we can discuss that among ourselves and come up with a plan.

So here are the details: The ride is Saturday August 13th with feet in the stirrups, ready to ride at **9:30am**. I am not sure how long the ride will be, but I am guessing 3 – 4 hours depending on the route we take. We will have a **lunch break on Mt. Kit Carson, so bring a lunch and something to drink**. I am not sure if there is water on the trail for the horses, **so bring water for your stock**.

Please **RSVP** me at ghan461@gmail.com or **call me in the evenings at 509-238-9459** if you have any questions. Hope to see you all there!

*Mt. Spokane Ride
August 13, 2011
Directions*

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- Take a right on Highway 206 and drive about 18 miles to the parking lot
- You will drive past Bear Creek Lodge on your left just before you enter the park
- Continue up the mountain to the parking lot on top that is on the right side of the road (snowmobile parking lot)
- The parking lot is just over 3 ¼ miles beyond the park entrance
- The road is paved all the way

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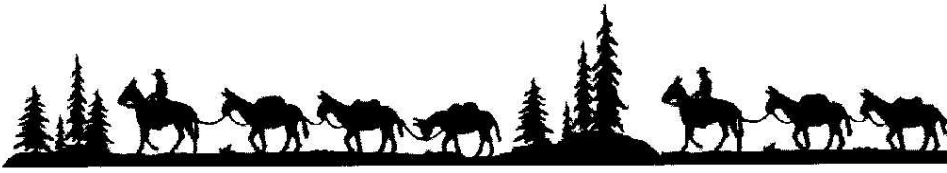
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President's Saddlebags

By *Aline Cook*

IEBCH needs your commitment. The “raise your hand and join the action” type of commitment.

Our last Officer's Board meeting finished on the topic of the 2012 planning meeting, which will occur no later than early October and at which we apply the IEBCH vision as we complete work for the officer candidate election slate, create engaging meeting programs, continue a strong community and regional voice for trail development, as well as sponsoring riding and packing seminars. This provides a bare bones outline that needs fleshing out – who is going to add their muscle, blood, sweat and tears to make it happen?

Who is going to serve as your officer board? See the side panel list of officers and vacant positions. Whose muscle is missing?

Y

Who presents a constant, consistent voice from IEBCH to local city, county, state and federal lands groups making sure we clearly understand public lands needs, and keep trails clean and developed for hoofed stock use? Whose blood (vitality) will be passionately volunteered?

O

Whose voice is bursting to join IEBCH leadership to make certain our membership is served juicy, meaty informative and engaging programs? Whose sweat and tears is IEBCH going to be supported by?

U

YOU ARE THE ANSWER. YOU, YOU, YOU.

There's a team building exercise that boils down to this. A person is going to fall backwards – they cannot see how many team members are going to catch them, to keep them from crashing, they have to trust that they will be supported. IEBCH is the “person” we are supporting, let's all 120 of us stand in there to support and carry IEBCH into 2012. Call us, contribute to the 2012 planning and activities.

Your hours, heart, and commitment to IEBCH are needed. ★

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| DATE | PLACE | DESCRIPTION | OPEN TO... | CONTACT |
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| August 12-14 *CANCELLED* | Lolo Pass, ID | PRE-Ride | <i>Guests welcome RSVP</i> | Joel Crosby: 991-2312 |
| August 13 | Mt. Spokane | Ride | <i>Guests Welcome RSVP</i> | Greg Hannahs: 238-9459 |
| August 16 | Longhorn Barbeque 7611 W Sunset Highway | Board Meeting | <i>Members Only</i> | Aline Cook: 939-8162 |
| August 23 | **SUMMER SCHEDULE** Judy Holbert's | Membership Meeting | <i>Guests welcome</i> | Aline Cook: 939-8162 |
| September 2-4 | Lolo Pass, ID (Gateway Wilderness) | Ride | <i>Guests welcome RSVP</i> | Joel Crosby: 991-2312 |
| October 8 | Liberty Lake | Ride | <i>Guests welcome RSVP</i> | Jon & Michelle Irwin: 599-9605 |
| December 10 | Cascade Mobile Home Community | Christmas Party | <i>Guests welcome</i> | TBD |

Trail Rides

By Don Dyer

We just concluded another Ride the West, the show was much smaller this year but for our chapter I think much more successful. Our booth received quite a bit of attention and was busy most hours of the day. We handed out a lot of information to a lot potential new members.

Overall I had eighteen volunteers assisting with the booth, that is a lot of people to list here but I do have to mention a few of them, especially **Vern Hopkins** who was there from beginning to end, he helped set up and was there until tear down. I would also like to thank **Jim Rinehart and George Davidson** (both new members), **Bob Watkins** and his wife and **Lew Sutton** all who were present at set up and tear down and worked the booth. I wish to thank the rest of you who worked the booth and helped and if I missed you I apologize. I think Susan is planning to do this again and I hope some of you enter the extreme trail challenge; those that did enter had a lot of fun.

Keep you eyes open for some rides this month, as there are some new ones coming up. Have a safe rest of the summer, there is not much left. ★

July Membership Meeting Program

By Barbee Scheibner

At the July Membership meeting **Ken Elliott** discussed the essentials of saddle fitting. He had 3 different saddle trees plus several different saddles which he demonstrated with on Bill's horse.

- Check length of bars – need to fit horse but the longer they can be they will distribute the weight better
- Front of bars need to roll up a bit (the swale of the bars) so won't dig into shoulders
- Rear end of bars also need to not dig into the back
- The bars need to fit snugly but not hard along the horse's back with no gaps – don't want dry spots on the back
- Gaited horses have a different saddle type for the action of the horse's shoulders
- Different types of saddles can be rigged differently
- There are several types of trees – slick fork, Association, etc.
- Also measure the saddle seat to fit you – from saddle horn to cantle
- Check latigos to make sure they are not cracked or worn
- If using a back cinch BE SURE IT IS SNUG – IF TOO LOOSE IT CAN CATCH BRANCHES, ETC. AND A 'RODEO' CAN ENSUE.
- Breast collar should follow the line of the shoulder. A crupper is good in steep country – be sure to allow time to teach the horse about ropes under the tail.
- 3 layers of wool (or a blend) blankets is good to allow sweating and cooling. Not too thick a pad, and no foam - it doesn't breathe. ★

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IEBCH Updates

By Ken Carmichael

State Parks: The **Riverside State Park Foundation** has funded a park aide to help maintain trails and coordinate the use of volunteers. We have also actively pursued adding grant writers to our group. Laurie Jackson has joined the foundation and is now managing our grant writing program. She, along with three other volunteers, are seeking grants on a variety of projects to enhance the park. The **Friends of Mt. Spokane State Park** is still drafting a Guide Book for the park. I am currently reviewing what Cris has written and it will be a great asset for the park.

Steve Sprecher from the **Natural Resource Conservation Service** called me about the **Slavin Ranch**. He is doing initial research into repairing the berm that separates the two lakes. We had a good discussion and I told him that we would be interested in helping with the repair. This is land that we ride n, is close to Spokane for short rides and the berm is essential as it is now the only way we can travel between the two parts of the land. It is always a positive factor when other groups recognize BCH as an asset and request our participation in such projects.

IEBCH has **purchased 20 vests** to use at events where we meet the public, such as Ride the West, 4-H Tack Sale and the poker ride. This helps the public recognize who in the booth, or at the event, are BCH members and are available with information. At the September meeting we will also make the vests available for members to purchase.

Thank you to all that helped IEBCH at **Ride the West** in July. Through our participation we were able to spread the word about BCH and the good work we do. We had 9 fliers to pass out on Leave No Trace, trails in the area, state park regulations and BCH membership plus demonstrations on knot tying, packing and equestrian first aide. ★



Check out this ride!

Wilderness Gateway Ride

By Aline Cook

The above photo represents the long anticipated trip to Wilderness Gateway near Clearwater, ID.

What: Back country camping and horseback riding (mules also).

Special: As this is the historical area of the Nez Perce Indians and the Lewis and Clark Trail, on Saturday evening the USFS Ranger will address our group enlivening our understanding of this historical region.

Why: For IEBCH to back country trek as a group in an historical, exciting and well-developed national campground location

Who: Trail Boss - Joel Crosby is available to answer questions by calling 509-991-2312

Where: Gateway Wilderness (Clearwater, ID), about 4 to 5 hours drive from Spokane. Site D at the campground is reserved for us already and is \$8.00 per day, payable to Joel Crosby

(other costs may apply such as the annual pass for national parks. Site D is set up specifically for horses with a hay manger and water trough at each site. Each site is set up to accommodate one truck and one towed vehicle. (more see details at http://www.recreation.gov/camping/Wilderness_Gateway_Id/r/campgroundDetails.)

When: Sep 3 – 5, Sat through Mon. If you want to drive down on Friday, that can be done, too.

How: Head ‘em up, move ‘em out dept. By truck and trailer. Good opportunity to connect with others in the club to share transportation. Some folks will be able to go (only) if they can share gas expenses. Call Aline (509.939.8162) for arrangements.

The map, answers to questions, and thrilling updates will be available at the next general membership meeting Aug 23rd.



Winter Seminars

By Ken Carmichael

I know it is the 80's outside today but it is time to think about our winter activities. When the horses are surviving under their long winter coats and the snow is deep on the ground we can still benefit from our BCH membership.

There are many interesting topics that concern BCH members and not all of them are suitable for the time limits we have at the monthly membership meetings. During the winter, when we typically do not ride, is a good time for us to meet for a half day on Saturday and discuss such topics.

Therefore, I encourage any member who has a topic of interest to suggest a winter seminar. Some of these topics are led by BCH members and for some we have guest speakers from outside the chapter. Sometimes a long lead time is necessary for the monthly newsletter cycle, finding a place for the meeting, arranging a speaker and to promote the event.

Please use your imagination and let's hear some topics. ★

Thank you Bill and Andrea Clark

By Ken Carmichael

Bill and Andrea shared their beautiful yard and fantastic view as they hosted the July membership meeting. Of course the good weather helped. Bill cooked hamburgers and chicken as fast as people could eat them along with all the rest of the great potluck food.

Bill's horse Tank also stood patiently as **Ken Elliott** used him to present the program on saddle fitting. Ken had saddle trees and finished saddles there for us to see up close how saddles should and should not fit on a horse.

Also, Bill led the ride at Marie Creek on July 30th.

Active members are what make BCH function. Thank you to Bill, Andrea and Ken for your contributions to our success. ★

BLM Resource Management Plan Meeting

By Ken Carmichael

On August 3rd Barbee Scheibner and I attended a meeting in Davenport concerning the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Management Plan.

The process started in 2010 and we have been attending the meetings. Now alternatives are being developed and we were asked for input on the alternatives. Next a draft Resource Management Plan will be developed.

The Plan will cover many areas such as grazing rights, wildlife and how the land is used for recreation. What does that mean to BCH and horsemen? We want to ensure that horsemen are able to ride on BLM land. The current Resource Management Plan does not address equestrian use but it is anticipated that a future plan will.

This means that we must continue to follow the Plan and be prepared to participate in further planning. If we are to protect our right to ride we must continue to be at the table. ★

Marie Creek ride

By Bill Clark

On Saturday, July 30, the chapter sponsored a trail ride on the Marie Creek trail at the east end of Coeur d'Alene Lake. 12 intrepid riders signed up for the ride which was led by Bill Clark and Scott Wiggins (aided in no small part by Scott's loveable sidekick, Karen). The Marie Creek trail, which is 11 miles long, was created and built by the Panhandle chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of Idaho. It is on USFS land and can easily be accessed off Wolf Lodge Rd near exit 22 (Hwy 97-Harrison) off I-90.

Though the afternoon temperatures were in the high 80s, most of the ride was in the shade of pine, fir and cedar trees. The trail climbs up about 1000 feet and then comes down in a loop that climaxes in an amble through a cedar grove along the creek itself (though there still is about an hour before the trail ends in the parking lot). After about 4 hours of climbing up and then descending back to the trailhead, the group was treated to a lunch hosted by the IEBCH chapter.

The Marie Creek trailhead is restricted to horse and hikers only and has a relatively small parking area, though we were able to fit 10 truck and trailers in plus several cars parked there by a hiker group we met on the trail.

The one disappointing element of the ride was the very few IEBCH members who came on the ride. Besides the trail bosses, only 4 chapter members rode with us. The rest were guests. It seems like the Idaho-Washington border is a barrier to east-west ride activities, because the Panhandle chapter seldom plans rides east of the border either. Perhaps we can discuss the whys and wherefores of this reluctance on the part of chapter members to ride in adjacent States.

But, all in all, the ride was a success and I urge others in the chapter to consider leading rides in your favorite areas. ★

IEBCH Website Update

By Ken Carmichael

Earlier this year we decided to update the IEBHC website. Corey Bippes volunteered 10 hours of work in memory of Bob Spickard and to charge for an additional 10 hours. Amy Connor, who has since moved out of state, was to manage the project with assistance from Christine Bennett, my daughter.

Progress is being made. Without getting into the technical details, which I do not understand anyway, Corey has done about 15 hours of work building an infrastructure. Christine has put many hours into putting together the second layer and talking to Corey so that she can manage the new site after Corey leaves the scene. In the mean time I have been providing Christine with the content for each section of the site.

One new feature of the site will be lots of opportunities to include pictures. This will include from our events, such as meetings, Christmas party and poker ride, as well as the rides and work parties. We encourage everyone to take pictures and submit them for the website. Remember a picture is worth a 1,000 words when we want to describe what we are doing and how beautiful the country is where we ride and work.

Thank you Corey and Christine for the many hours of work on the website. While it is a long project it will be of great benefit to IEBCH when completed. ★

Volunteers Wanted:

Board positions (see list pg. 3)
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