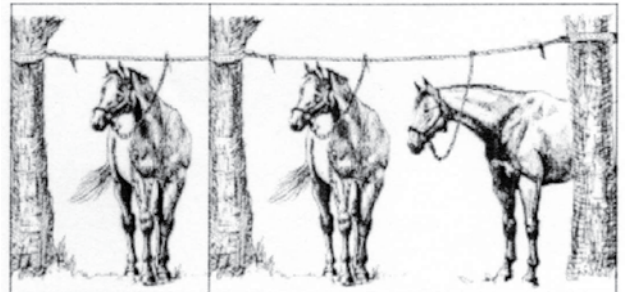


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New location!

July Membership Meeting

By Ken Carmichael

The **July 22nd membership meeting** will be a potluck at the equestrian area in the south end of Riverside State Park. We will eat at 6:00 PM so we can get home.

We are currently working on developing this area with expanded equestrian facilities. Come see what the possibilities are.

It's a potluck – see info to the right. We will have plates and silverware. ★

Directions to Riverside State Park Equestrian Area:

- Go north on Government way past Fort George Wright Dr.
- The road bears to the west past the military cemetery.
- Turn right on Aubrey L. White Parkway.
- Take the first right into the equestrian area.
- We will be by the lower parking lot and restrooms on the left.

OR

- Take Hayford Rd north and it turns east and into Trails Rd.
- Turn left on Aubrey L White Parkway.
- Take the first right into the equestrian area.
- We will be by the lower parking lot and restrooms on the left.

For more information you may contact me, Ken Carmichael at 466-2225.

BRING:

- Hot Dish, Salad or Dessert
- Drink of choice
- Chair

Summer Meeting Locations

By Ken Carmichael

ALERT!! For those of you who are accustomed to deciding at the last minute to come to the monthly membership meeting at the Wildlife Council Building are changes this summer.

In **JUNE, JULY and AUGUST** we plan to have the meetings at different outdoor locations. After all, who wants to sit inside on a nice summer evening? This will offer a pleasant environment for our meetings and an opportunity to see new locations.

The locations will be prominently displayed in the monthly newsletter so watch closely and join us for an evening gathering. I am told that pot luck dinners, and possibly some riding, are in order as well. ★

MEMBERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION

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

20215 W Four Mound Rd, see above
Social 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 PM
It's Summer!

JULY MEETING

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Work Party Riverside State Park

By Ken Carmichael

We are having a special work party in **Riverside State Park on Saturday, July 12th**. It is special because we are not doing the heavy lifting. We are putting this one on for the Sierra Club Inner City Outings (ICO).

ICO is a community based outreach program providing opportunities for urban youth and adults to explore, enjoy and protect the natural world. It was founded in 1971 as a Sierra Club community outreach program and there are nearly 50 of them around the country.

On July 12th the kids will meet at my house (10804 W. Seven Mile Rd.) about 10:00 AM. We will have a safety talk, and talk about the park, Leave No Trace, trail courtesy and horses. They will then have an opportunity to be around my horses and eat lunch here. Then we will transport them into the park for a hike and work party. No horses will be on the

work party. They will range in age from 8 to 13 so lots of lopping is in order to clear a trail.

Anyone interested is welcome to come along. ★

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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.

Riverside State Park Ride June 21

By Ken Carmichael

Sarita Pointek led us on a casual and enjoyable ride through Riverside State Park. She had arranged for us to use the group trailhead commonly referred to as the airport. High water prevented us from using some of the river trail but we did eventually get down along the river. We had lunch with a beautiful view. It was a warm day but that is to be expected and how better to spend a Saturday than on horseback with good friends. Thank you Sarita for taking the time and effort to put together the ride. ★

Down the Trail

by Michael Bryarly & Michelle LeVar

Maximize Your Fuel Dollar! With the cost of fuel at record levels there are a couple of cheap ways to get the most miles per gallon while towing your trailer and horse. Things to do are be sure your truck is tuned up, oil changed regularly, air filter is clean and tire pressure checked. Then go and have a nice ride ...



July's and August Trail Rides – A Message from the Trail Boss:

July's trail ride is at Chewelah Creek. You can ride one or many days – beautiful country, nice trails and a great chance to get to know other members better.

Please call **Mike** at 951-9226 if you want to lead a ride in August. We like to have our members lead rides – it's more fun for everybody.

Got Water? Some of our longer rides

are in the hottest part of the day this time of year. Remember to have you and your horse well hydrated before you start your ride. Drink enough water. Have your horse eat his breakfast and give him water and enough time for him to do what horses usually do – eat their hay and go have a long and a couple of short drinks of water before you saddle up. If you can bring water for your horse to drink after his ride, that's all the better. You can always hang a water bottle or canteen off the saddle for yourself.

Hay Availability: Bottom line – get your hay for the next year purchased and in the barn as soon as possible. With the increase in converting hay pastures to grain crops or houses, and the increase in exporting hay, hay availability is starting to decline. It's a horse's number one requirement – besides water.

See you down the trail... ★



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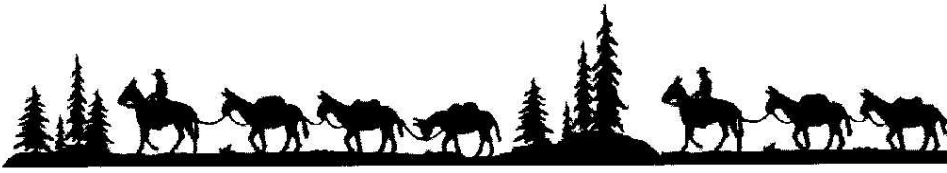
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Presidents Saddlebags

By Don Dyer

Those of you that missed the potluck at Ed Lynch and Carol Chase's missed the shortest meeting we have ever had, and the best food we have ever had. I would like to thank Ed and Carol for having us to their place. We had both of our chapter trailers there; most of you have seen our cargo trailer but have not seen our work party trailer. This is a recent acquisition thanks to our vice president Bob Spickard.

Twelve chapter members recently returned from the Gentlemen on Horseback ride and I am proud to state that over twenty five per cent of the riders present were from our chapter. Another significant amount was from other BCH chapters. There were thirty-nine riders total on the ride so over half the riders came from BCH chapters. I think this makes a statement within itself. In fact, a non-member was suggesting to everyone that they should join BCH in their local area and made the statement that he was going to join our chapter. One of the things I did notice was a lot of Leave no Trace ethics were practiced even by the non-members, mainly due to our influence.

I also had the privilege to meet a local cattleman from the area, and he very much enjoys seeing groups like ours come up to Colville and camp. The ORV'ers are taking over the area and causing problems for the cattlemen. He feels we are a kindred spirit and wishes more horse groups would come up there and camp. The area we were camped in was a beautiful area to camp and I would very much like to schedule a non catered ride there this year if we can do it before hunting season, if anyone is interested. It will have to be in the later part of September, as I will be in harvest till the middle of September I think.

Speaking of catered rides, the Chewelah Creek ride is on and it is catered. I did get enough people and we are proceeding with it. Hopefully all goes well. We are getting a pretty good turn out from other chapters which is something I had hoped for. This is a great opportunity for us to meet and spend time with members of other chapters.

We have also had some great new people join us in the last couple of months and I would like to give them a big welcome, so **Butch, Bill, Andrea and Tim** welcome to our humble chapter. If there is anything I can ever do for you just let me know.

As each one of you take to the trails do me one big favor: **BE SAFE.** ★

Being Prepared

By Ken Carmichael

Each time we leave the barn there are four objectives that we should consider for ourselves and our horse:

1. Are we prepared for a first aid emergency?
2. Are we prepared to survive the elements?
3. Are we prepared with sufficient food and water?
4. Are we prepared to get home on our own?

For each of these four objectives we must consider:

1. Do I know what to do?
2. Do I know how to do it?
3. Do I have the tools, equipment, supplies to do it?
4. Am I prepared, willing, to do it?

If we can not answer all of these questions positively with some degree of confidence, or are depending on someone else to pull our wagon off the fire maybe we are not ready to leave the barn. Things can happen any where, any time. As I ride I see many people without even saddlebags and I wonder who is going to take care of them? We may not be able to anticipate every event but we need to cut the odds in our favor.

Please be prepared and ride safe. ★

Membership Matters

by Mike Bryarly, Membership Chair

Dues: 2008 dues are \$64 family and \$47 single membership. If you are interested in optional membership dues, see www.iebch.com.

Aslin-Finch Purchases: Remember, when making horse related purchases at Aslin-Finch stores in Spokane and Coeur d'Alene, to present your 2008 IEBCH member card for your discount. You may also be asked to sign the receipt before receiving your purchases. We appreciate their support.

Big R Purchases: When shopping at Big R stores on Trent or the Newport Highway 2, present your 2008 IEBCH member card and the new Big R discount card (included with your 2008 renewal) and receive a 10% discount on horse feed and tack. Please be courteous.



New Newsletter by Mail or Email?

Call Mike at 509-951-9226 to change how you receive your monthly Highline Newsletter - by email or mail. This can also be done at our monthly meetings. Gradually more members are starting to have their newsletters emailed. We thank you for helping us keep paper and printing costs down.

Changed your email address, phone or moved? Need card replacement?

Call Mike at 509-951-9226 or email me at alkifarm@gmail.com. New and replacement laminated cards will also be available at meetings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	PLACE	DESCRIPTION	OPEN TO PUBLIC	CONTACT
July 8	Round Table Pizza	Board Meeting		Don Dyer: 283-4250
July 12	Ken Carmichael's and Riverside State Park	Spokane Intercity Outings Work Party		Ken Carmichael: 466-2225
July 22 *new location*	Riversity State Park equestrian area	Membership Meeting		Don Dyer: 283-4250
October 2-5	Spokane Convention Center	Washington State Trails Conference		Ken Carmichael: 466-2225

For the most up-to-date information on chapter events, go to the Message Board at our website: www.iebch.com.

Last minute changes and daily rides can be found on the Message Board at www.iebch.com.

Legislative News

By Michelle LeVar, Legislative Chair

What is WAC 332-52? Why is it important to us? Washington state uses laws enacted as WAC's (Washington Appellate Codes) which are basic the laws used to run our state government and more importantly to us in this instance, DNR managed lands and state managed forest lands we ride on. Since the 1970's these rules have gotten out-of-date or don't address new recreational uses on these lands.

On September 2, 2008 a new / revised and more current set of rules will be adopted as WAC 332-52. Changes or new sections will be added to these rules that will address User Capacity, Sanitation, Trail & Road Use, Campfires, Reservations, Permits for Use and Removal or Destruction of Physical Resources, Noise and more on DNR managed lands. This updated WAC is due to the increase in visitors and new types of recreational uses and to help eliminate conflicts in use of these lands.

As equestrians, there are no major changes to restrict us, but some important changes to us that we should be aware of and some are even beneficial.

Please take about 10 minutes on the internet and go to the following link to read the complete details <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/laws/wsr/2008/10/08-10-059.htm>. The comment period is now. If you have any input, as someone who has worked with the state legislature, it is genuinely being solicited by email or letter (directions are included). It is important to be at the 'table' so to speak with your comments. In government, the basic rule is if you are not at the table, you are on the menu ...

Please remember, stay tuned, stay informed, please take few minutes time to voice your support and help keep our horsemen involved in the legislative process. It's never been more important than now ... ★



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Four Rules of Horseback Riding

By Ken Carmichael

1. Keep a leg on each side
2. Keep the ear side up and the steel side down
3. You are responsible for all the limbs and bushes between the top of the horses ears and the top of your hat
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Quick Fingers

By Vern Hopkins

He had a keen eye for a fast horse. He recognized every trainer's tack and knew every horse on the grounds. He knew all the jockeys and which horses they usually rode. He was shrewd and calculating. He liked to gamble and he loved to win. He was six years old.

We were running horses at Fort Benton, Montana that summer. My youngest son Marvin, was just out of the first grade of grammar school. He helped with the horses during training hours and prowled around the barn area when I didn't have him busy. The racehorses fascinated him and he observed them closely. Soon he had it figured out which horses could run and which ones couldn't.

One of the jockeys that rode for us was Terry Motschenbacher. He had been an apprentice the year before and was a good rider. His home was in Missoula where his dad worked in a sawmill. His folks, Bud and Francis, came over every weekend to watch the races and be with Terry.

Bud liked to tease Marv and play around with him. Pretty soon they were pals and watched the races together. They liked to bet with each other. Each picked a horse and they went "head n' head for a nickel". Whichever one got beat had to pay the other one five cents.

Bud and Marv sat up in the grandstand and rooted for the horses. They teased each other and gloated when their horse came in ahead. They paid off after each race and it wasn't long before Marv got to reaching right into Bud's pocket for a nickel when his horse was ahead coming down to the wire. Bud always got a big kick out of that and even years later often teased Marv about his "quick eye for a fast horse and quick fingers for a fast nickel". ★



Department of Natural Resources Recreation Plan

By Ken Carmichael

The Department of Recreation is developing new recreation rules that will apply on land managed by DNR. The current rules were developed in the 1970's and many factors have changed in the last 30 years.

The process has involved developing a draft of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 332-52 and nine public meetings across the state in June. BCHW has been well represented at all the meetings and has provided valuable input to the rules which will influence how equestrians can access this land.

The rules will set standards for public use on lands managed by DNR. The primary objective of these rules is to promote public safety and protect DNR managed lands, property and resources. An anticipated benefit includes the standardization of such program functions as statewide recreation permits and reservation systems. Consistency related to program functions allows the public to have a degree of certainty when traveling from region to region, across the state.

With the advent of new recreational equipment and other technological advances, new and varied recreational pursuits are occurring across the state on DNR lands. These new uses, combined with such traditional recreation experiences as horseback riding, hunting, fishing and scenic driving, have created implementation obstacles that were not foreseen when the existing rules were developed.

A side benefit of the public meetings is to have an opportunity for BCHW members to talk directly with the land managers. It never hurts to get to know these people one on one. This is a benefit of being affiliated with an organized equestrian group like BCH where we have input into our equestrian future.

The 28 page proposed rule can be seen at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov:80/documents/laws/wsr/2008/10/08-10-059.htm>.

I enjoyed attending the Spokane meeting and talking with DNR. Watch this newsletter for other opportunities for BCHW members to interact with our land managers. This is one of the ways we retain our right to ride on public lands. ★

Summer Fun!



Hint: turn the page right side up to read the t-shirt!

Life Flight

By Judy Clark, Northwest BCHW

Life Flight aircraft are mini critical-care units, providing advanced medical care and rapid transport for people in life-threatening situations. The crews are some of the most highly trained medical professionals and flight personnel in the country.



The NEBCHW purchased a block of 100 in the Life Flight Membership Program's Group Membership. There are approximately 25 memberships still available and we would like to make these available to the IEBCH Chapter. Saint Alphonsus Life Flight is an air ambulance service based in Boise, Idaho. However, it has **reciprocal agreements with NW MedStar in Spokane and other locations.** This is **open to family and friends; you do not need to be a chapter member.** The annual cost will be \$5.50 per individual for calendar year 2008.

The Life Flight Membership Program exists to support the Life Flight Program at Saint Alphonsus. By joining the program, you are supporting not only Life Flight, but also the local emergency responders in our community. As a membership benefit, there is no out-of-pocket expense to any member of the program for a medically necessary flight supplied by Life Flight or any of our reciprocal partners. Our reciprocal partners are:

- Air Life of Oregon** – Bend, Oregon
- Airlift Northwest** – Seattle, Washington
- Air St. Luke's** - Boise, Idaho
- Calstar** - Northern California
- Enloe Flight Care** – Central California
- Care Flight** - Reno, Nevada area
- Life Flight Network** - Portland, Oregon
- Portneuf Life Flight** - Pocatello, Idaho
- Wyoming Life Flight** - Casper, Wyoming
- NW MedStar** - Spokane and Tri-Cities, Washington

More information about the program is on their website at http://www.saintalphonsus.org/svc_lifeflight_membership.html. Or call Judy at 238-2206. Basically the membership provides for total coverage for air ambulance service for medically approved emergencies. Considering our sport and where we ride this can be a big benefit.

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If you could include a stamp with your check, it would be appreciated, as I will be mailing you the membership card and window sticker.

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Saddle for sale

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Clatterbuck

by Vern Hopkins

He was black as the inside of your hat with one white hind foot and a little star square in the middle of his forehead. He had a long narrow head with ears that touched at the tips. He was ewe-necked and pigeon-toed and it looked like both front legs came out of the same hole. His only saving features were his long sloping hips and he was wide through the stifle. He wasn't about to win any beauty contests.

When we first moved onto the ranch at Arlee, Montana the only saddle horse that was left was a nice old palomino mare that was in her late teens and well past her prime. I asked the next-door neighbor if he knew where I could buy a good, well-broke gelding that still had several good years in him. He told me to call Ted Clatterbuck, a cow and horse trader from Ronan.

I called Ted and he said he had just the horse. He told me he wasn't too pretty but was a top-notch cowhorse. He brought him down the next day and I looked him over. At first look he was kind of homely, actually bordering on ugly. His mouth showed him to be about ten-years-old. However, the more I looked him over the more quality I could see. Those nice strong hindquarters and short cannon bones in front were swaying me. I had been around long enough to know that an ugly horse wasn't here for the beauty pageant; he must be good at something.

Ted told me I could take the horse and ride him for a few days and if I didn't like him, he would take him back. That sounded okay to me so I gave him the two hundred dollars he wanted for the horse and he left.

When I took the horse into the barn he was rolling his eyes and snorting a little at the strange surroundings. I gave him a little grain and brushed him and he settled right down. Figuring that there is "no time like the present", I saddled up and tried him out. I had some cows and new calves in a pasture behind the house. I went out there and rode around through the cows. He really kept his eyes on the cattle. He was up on his tiptoes waiting for me to aim him at one. I cut a cow and her calf out of the bunch and started pushing them away from the rest of the herd. As soon as I pointed the cow out to him, he took over. He was a superb cutting-horse. He played that cow like a trout on a fly line. Wherever the cow was, he was between her and the herd. I was pretty pleased with him.

I was also going to need him for a rope horse. I roped a couple of old cows by the heels and saw that he handled that real well. I sorted off a big calf and took in after it to see if he had any speed. Well, speed he had. He put me right on the calf in four jumps. I was really impressed now. He was a bona-fide top cowhorse. I called Ted that night and told him I was happy with the horse and he wouldn't have to come after him.

I started out calling him the Clatterbuck horse and soon it was just Clatterbuck and that became his name. I kept him all the while we were on the ranch. I had acquired a couple more colts and made good cowhorses out of them but he was my top mount for the next few years. ★



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