



OKANOGAN VALLEY CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

August 2009

From the President's Chair

Another month is nearly gone but the hot weather continues. I can hardly wait for August to get here when it gets really hot. We have already had 104 degrees at our house several times this month. This weekend Peg and I are going up to Lambert Creek to assist Ferry Co. Chapter in their annual Steak Ride fundraiser. Hopefully it will be much cooler or Peg is going to be even more difficult to live with.

Since the last newsletter we have decided to hold two (2) SUPER RAFFLES for our Chapter fundraisers. For the first raffle, we will only be able to sell tickets to BCHW members but the second we can tickets to the general public. There will only 200 tickets available for each raffle priced at \$20 each. We have some great prizes for each raffle all valued well beyond the \$20 ticket price and expect to sell all of the tickets long before the dates of the drawings. If you wish to purchase tickets as well as sell to your friends, relatives and acquaintances, please contact either Dave Sunde or me. Don't procrastinate, these tickets will go fast. For more details on the raffles, read the article further in this newsletter.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our last work party at the Bannon Mtn. Trailhead . We will be installing hitch rails, picnic tables, fire rings, highline poles and a stock watering trough near the Trailhead. This work has to be completed prior to Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, as that is latest date that the 2009 grant money is available to us. We have expended nearly \$4000.00 on procurement of these items and cannot get reimbursed until this work is completed. I hope more of the members will be able to assist us on one or possibly two days to assure we complete this very important project. Also, the Chapter will be providing the work party lunch on Monday and Tuesday (the 3rd and 4th.)

That's all I have for now, till then, ride safe and keep the water bottle handy.

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## OVC Annual Public Raffle-2009

OVC is holding their Annual Public Raffle for 2009, with the drawing to take place in Tonasket on Friday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> during the Tonasket Christmas Festival.

This is a SUPER RAFFLE, only 200 tickets will be available at \$20.00 each, there will be 5 great prizes awarded to some lucky people, they are:

1. First Prize- ½ of a Natural Beef, Provided by Oberg Bros, in Tonasket.
2. Second Prize-RCA 32" Flat Screen TV-Provided by Ladoux's Appliance in Omak, Wa.
3. Third Prize- Gas BBQ
4. Fourth Prize- Weekend Retreat for 2 people @ Sun Mountain Resort, in Twisp, Wa.
5. Fifth Prize- Wash. State Gift Basket- Provided by Okanogan Valley Chapter of Back Country Horsemen.

## OVC ANNUAL BCH Member Raffle-2010 thru March 2010

OVC is holding their Annual BCH Member Raffle for 2010, with the drawing to take place @ the BCHW Annual Meeting @ the KVEC in Ellensburg on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM.

This is another SUPER raffle for the Back Country Horsemen members who are looking for some new Tack or great prizes. There are only 200 tickets available at \$20.00 each, there will be 5 great prizes awarded to some lucky BCH members, they are;

1. A new Custom made Western Saddle, Provided by Tom Deebach in Tonasket. Wait, there's more. If you are the lucky person to have the winning ticket and the saddle does not fit your horse / mule or you, Tom will take back the saddle and make another saddle of equal quality for you that fits @ no additional cost to you .( It will take approx. 3 months to make another saddle)
2. A getaway weekend for 2 people, with or without horses.- Provided by Eden Valley Guest Ranch in Oroville, Wa.
3. Custom Head Stall w/ Bit and Reins and matching Pulling Breast Collar. – Provided by Tom Deebach
4. 18" wide Stain Glass Window Panel of an Indian Chief. Provided by Peggy Swanberg,

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## TRAIL BOSS REPORT

### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009

August has been a busy month with work on the Johnny Bell Trail turnpikes and Snowshoe Trail as well as work on the Antoine Trail/Cabin Trail clearing and turnpikes.

We have three turnpikes on the Johnny Bell Trail that are partially completed and three turnpikes on the Antoine/Cabin Trail which are partially completed. Plans are scheduled to complete the projects on both trail systems before it snows if at all possible. We have received permission from the DNR to continue work on the Johnny Bell Trail system after 30 August. We must cease all work during the rifle deer season and may continue afterwards.

Work is scheduled on the Antoine/Cabin Trail turnpikes on 27 through 29 August. With any luck at all we should be able to complete these prior to the end of August. We plan to do some work on the Johnny Bell Turnpikes on 1 September and again on 14 September. If anyone is available and would like to participate on these dates, we could use all the help we can get.

I have been working with the snowmobile community on Hunter Meadow/Toats Coulee Trail which is an old stock driveway that hasn't been cleared out for many years. This trail will be used for snowmobiling and would also make a good route for horse riders. The trail is located in the south portion of the Loomis Forest east of 20 Mile and 30 Mile Meadows about 25 miles NW of Conconully.

On 22-25 August Two members from the Okanogan Valley Chapter and one member from Tri-Rivers Chapter made a pack trip into the Pasayten Wilderness and camped in the Horseshoe Basin. Bob Crowell, Ken Orford and Tom Windsor left the Middle Fork Trailhead at 10:30 AM on the 22d and got to the camp spot in the Horseshoe Basin at 2:30 PM. Bob took all three of his pack mules and Ken and Tom took a pack horse each. We camped near the old Forest Service Cabin on Big Horn Creek in the Basin. This cabin, which was used by the Forest Service Backcountry Ranger, burned during the Tripod Fire in 2006. Most of the route from the trailhead into the Horseshoe Basin also burned during the Tripod Fire.

While camped in the Basin we made a day ride to Goodenough Peak and returned over the top of Arnold Mt. Once we got onto Arnold, which is a huge, open mountain with no trees, we could see the Canadian Border Patrol flying the border strip in a helicopter. Once they saw us, they landed the helicopter and checked us out with binoculars and spotting scopes. Apparently, we looked like upstanding citizens and not drug smugglers or terrorists, because after watching us for awhile they loaded up and flew away.

The next day we rode to Tungsten Mine which is about a 30+ mile round trip. We arrived at the mine at about 2:30 PM and had time to take a few pictures before it started raining on us. We put on our slickers and rode back to camp in a rainstorm most of the way. After 12 hours in the saddle we made it back to camp to cold, hungry horses and mules which we left in camp on highlines. After allowing the animals to graze for three hours this night we finally got to bed about 11:30 PM just before the heavy rain started. Ken and Bob's tents both had minor leaks during the rain storm, but mine stayed warm and dry all night.

We saw one deer only on the trail to Goodenough and one old doe kept us company in camp each day. A coyote and numerous hawks entertained us while in camp. Additionally, there were numerous little birds which had no fear of us or our horses and they would land by our feet and go between our legs and the horse's legs and would often land on top of the horses. With the exception of a minor pack adjustment or two along the route we had a great time and ate better than I ever have in a wilderness camp.

In September we have the Sweat Creek Ride scheduled for Saturday 6 September. This is scheduled as a joint ride with the Ferry County Chapter. We will depart from the Sweat Creek Trailhead located on HWY 20 8 miles west of Republic. The Chiliwist ride is scheduled for Saturday 27 September. For additional information on this ride contact Nora Rappe at 422-0244 or Stan Kvistad at 422-0802. This ride was cancelled last year due to too many bees along the designated route.

The North Fork Salmon CR. Trailhead work party is scheduled for 22-25 September. Most of the work for this project will be accomplished by Forest Service contractor, but we can do some work on the Honeymoon Pass horse trail during this time. The snowmobile clubs will be doing some work on this trail in September also. A short section of the trail needs to be rerouted and the remainder of the trail logged out and widened. A bridge across N. Fork Salmon Creek on this trail was scheduled for installation this year, but due to Forest Service red tape, it is now scheduled for 2009.

Tom Windsor  
Trail Boss 826-4595



## LADY'S RODE!

### Beaver Creek

On June 18<sup>th</sup> Lynn Kennedy picked up Sandra Walters and Peggy Swanberg gave Teresa Naylor a lift so the day started out with a successful "trailer pool." Except for Lynn and Sandra overshooting the parking area, the first part of the day was easy.

Although she could not ride with us, Nancy Palagruti, Methow and Okanogan member met us at the trailhead with bagels, cream cheese and rhubarb brownies so we were off to a good start with a little visiting, one of the main reasons we all like to ride together.

This ride was hosted by Susan Lagsdin, Methow member and we are very appreciative of her being willing to guide us around through some new areas. The ride was beautiful, great scenery and many wild flowers still in bloom. Susan L. was not always in the lead but was able to keep us on the trail by sending up messages.....bear left here, bear right here, etc. It worked perfectly including the sighting of "**bear**," right. The first sighting of a real bear on the trail for many of us. Very cute, very black, very fluffy and far enough away to make the sighting enjoyable.

Thank you to Susan and Nancy for making this ride just a little different than what the lady's rides normally are. And thanks to Lynn, Sandra, Teresa and Peggy for being willing to make the trip to Beaver Creek. The trail ride was definitely worth the extra effort it took to get us all there.



## Annual Ice Cream Social

On Wednesday, July 15th the Okanogan Valley Chapter of Back Country Horseman had their annual Ice Cream Social. It was quite a success with over 20 people attending. It was a relaxing evening with members catching up on each others news. Once again our very own Cowboy Poet, Stan Kvistad, entertained us with his unique brand of humor. Dave Sunde outbid all with his final bid of \$25, and walked away with the mystery gift. He is responsible for bringing a mystery gift to the August meeting.

**August Board Meeting: At the home of the Sunde's on the 17th at 7:00pm**

**General Business Meeting on the 19th! Social hour at 6:00m Me**



# August 2009

## Calendar of Events

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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2	3 Bannon Mt Work Party	4 Bannon Mt Work Party	5	6 Omak Stam- pede Ride In	7 Barnell/ Bailey Trail Explore And Work Party	8 Barnell/ Bailey Trail Explore And Work Party
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Board Meeting @ Sunde's	18	19 General Busi- ness Meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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## **Backcountry Horsemen of Washington honors DNR Law Enforcement Officer**

### **Jason Bodine**

OLYMPIA – Jason Bodine, a first-year law enforcement officer for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), was honored today by the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington. After participating in a successful all-night search to locate two equestrians lost in Capitol State Forest on June 14-15, Bodine helped rescue one of the rider's horses which had become trapped in a ravine after falling down a steep hillside.

“There is nothing in Officer Bodine's job description that requires him to go down a mountainside and into a hole with a chainsaw to cut through brush and downed logs to get a trapped horse out, but he did, and we are all grateful,” said Darrell Wallace, vice president of the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington.

Wallace presented Bodine with a plaque expressing the appreciation of the members of the association of backcountry horse-riding enthusiasts. He also received an Award of Appreciation from DNR presented by Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark who also attended this morning's ceremony.

The DNR award reads in part: “Jason Bodine demonstrates the commitment to service this award was designed to recognize.”

Also at the presentation today was Marilyn Riechenberger and her horse, Dakota, a Tennessee Walker, which Bodine rescued.

About the Washington State Department of Natural Resources  
DNR manages about 5.6 million acres of state-owned trust forest, agricultural, aquatic and range lands, and commercial properties. DNR manages these properties to earn income to build schools, universities and other state institutions, and help fund local services in many counties. In addition to earning income, trust lands are habitat for native plant and animal species, protect clean and abundant water, and offer public recreation and education opportunities statewide.

## **OVC SUMMER BBQ**

Susan and Arnie Beck hosted the annual OVC summer BBQ on Saturday, July 18th. It was a wonderful way to spend a hot afternoon. Even though the event was sparsely attended, we'll claim success. The Beck's air conditioning worked overtime keeping us all cool in their sitting room while we watched the younger crowd going to and from the river. Thanks, Susan and Arnie

Gail Sunde



## The 4-H Needs a Few Good Volunteers!!

The Tonasket Range Rider 4-H Group is holding a Trail Challenge Competition Ride on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> for the 4-H members only . The event will be held at Rod Stucker's ranch at 1299 Hwy.7 in Oroville.

Marcie Howell is the event coordinator and is looking for some adult volunteers to judge the riders as they ride through the course. The registration will start @ 8:00AM and the rides will commence at 9:00AM. They are planning on having 6 or 7 obstacles and will need a judge at each location.

Marcie thinks the competition will take approx. 2 hours and she has asked me to see if anyone from our Chapter would be interested in being a judge at one of the stations. If you are interested in assisting their 4-H group, please give Marcie a call at 322-2477. Marcie would like to know how many she could count on from our group within the next 30 days. This could be a chance for you to do some FUN stuff volunteer hour work.

This would be a good event in which our Chapter could participate. We could get some first hand experience in what is required to put on a trail challenge ride should we decide to try to do something like this in the future.

Dave

## OVC MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN FERRY COUNTY RIDE

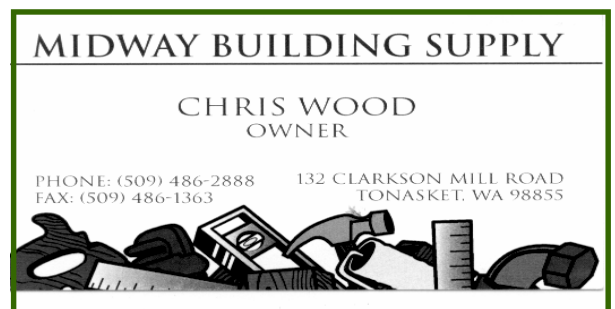
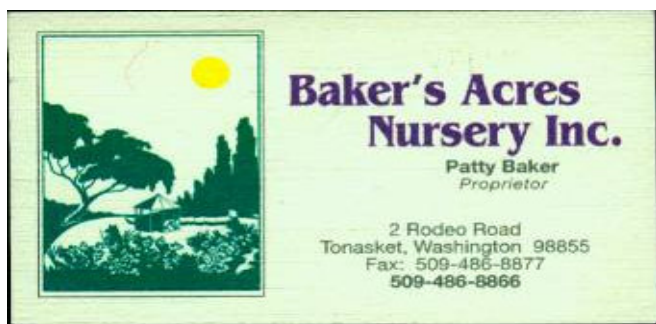
This isn't one of our official functions, but because so many of members attended a report of the weekend is in order. With Several of our members enjoying joint membership it's a little hard to get an accurate head count, but if I would guess there were at least 14 of us representing Okanogan County Chapter.

The weather was less than perfect this time, with several thunder, lightening and rain showers occurring over the weekend. A couple of the downpours were pretty heavy, and happened while most folks were riding on Saturday. There was one vicious rainstorm while we ate dinner, almost floating some steaks off the plate!. We huddled under the shelters while it rained and then spread out again when it quit, just like it never happened. But I didn't hear a single complaint!

For those of you not familiar with this ride, it is partially along the original state coach run from Seattle to Spokane. Hopefully the road was a little wider when the stage coaches traveled it!

Ferry County Chapter has been working at developing the Lambert Creek Campground and access to those trails over the past several years and it is developing into a very nice place to camp and ride. The views are pretty spectacular and if you are fortunate to attend their steak ride, they put on a really nice dinner on Saturday and a breakfast on Sunday.

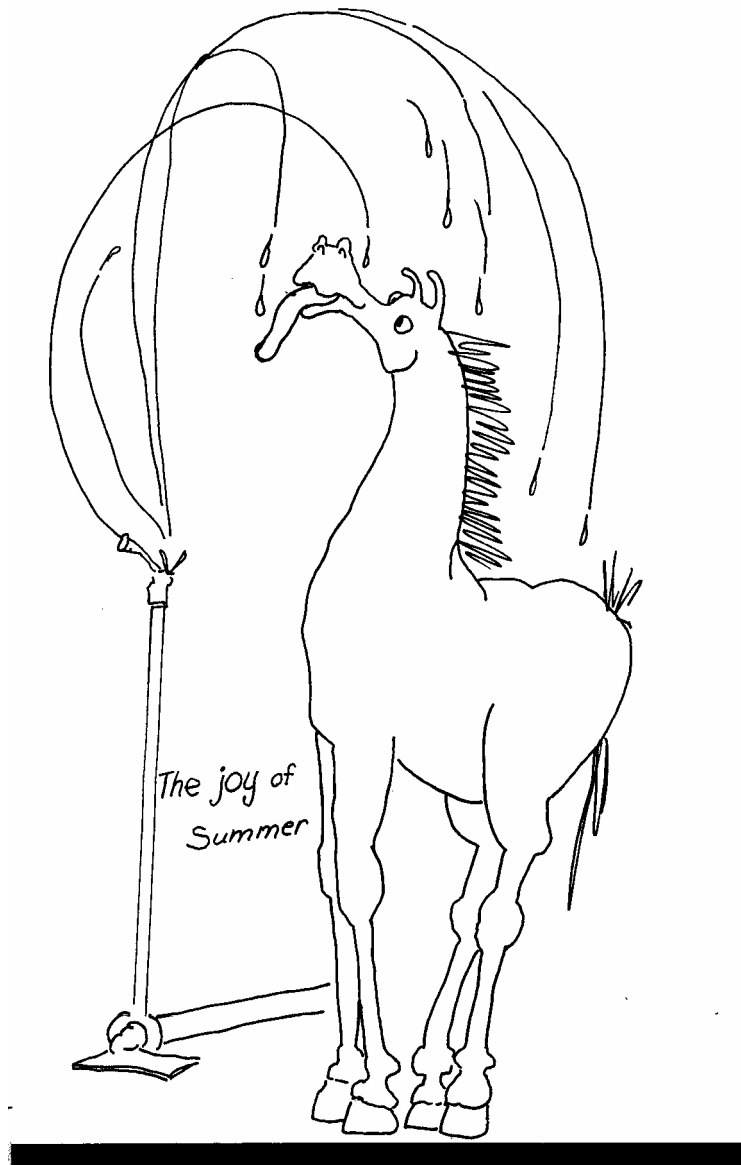
It might be a little hard to plan this far in advance, but keep in mind the last weekend in July and join the rest of us at the Ferry County Steak Ride. You'll have a good time, ask Gail Sunde, she won the poker ride pot!  
~Peggy~



## ELBOW Coulee/Sun Mountain Lady's Ride

July 10th a small group, consisting of Teresa Naylor, Peggy Swanberg, Anita Ellis and guest Marla Dent, led by Richard Erickson and Nancy Palagruti left the corrals at 10:00a.m. The good weather offered a pretty nice ride with views over the Winthrop Valley area. The trails are very much like you would find in a bridle path situation, riding doesn't come much easier!

Nancy and Richard got us started off in the right direction, but turned around mid-way through the ride leaving us to explore on our own. There are several trails in this area but after a couple of false starts we found the one that led up Thompson Ridge Road, from there we made our way back to Meadowlark, and looped onto Blue Jay and then back to the trailers.



## SOUTH LOUP-LOUP RIDE ~ JUNE 20TH

The ride was great! Frank, Linda and Sandra had done a good job marking some cut –off trails so we didn't have to spend much time around the roads. There were ten of us, Frank and Linda Osborne, Sand Walters, Peggy Swanberg, Jodi Curry and friend Steve, Karen and Helm, Janet and Betty from the Methow,

We had just barely started out on the trail when we saw Janet and Betty drive in. A rider was sent back to see if they were "with Us" or somebody out to do their own thing. They were planning on riding with us but had experienced some difficulty that made them late. They were already saddled so it really only impacted us by maybe 10 minutes. Had we left them because they were late, we would have missed a wonderful opportunity to ride with them.. Janet is blind and with Betty aiding her a little, they were wonderful, competent independent riding companions.

Janet rides better and braver than some sighted people I know. She uses a "piggin" string as an antenna and Betty would tell her when there were branches left or right. They rode in all positions in the group, even in front. All Janet ever asked of anybody she was riding with was if you stop you need to say so or else she might run into you.

I thought Janet and Betty might at least be a little concerned on the parts where we were just working our way through unofficial trails that were less than Windsor standards, but they weren't bothered. Obornes and Sandra thought some of us might be concerned about the steepness of the ride down from the lookout, but it certainly wasn't Janet or Betty and they even commented about "was that all there was" when they reached the trail below.

So, all was good and everybody except Steve and Jodi stayed for the potluck afterwards. It wasn't loaded with food, but we all had plenty of potato, macaroni salad and dessert. It was very pleasant to be able to sit around for a visit. Sometimes the smaller groups just turn out really nice.

Two of Linda's endurance riding friends joined us for the potluck with much talk about the bear living up there. Sounds like it a mamma with cubs so be careful when you ride in that area.



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Peggy

Hope to see you on the trails!

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# 2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail to: Okanogan Valley Chapter  
P.O. Box 812  
Tonasket, Wa. 98855



To renew your membership with BCHW:

- Make changes to your info below if necessary. Mark changes by hand or use colored text for electronic changes.
- Sign the liability release (all members over 18)
- Attach payment (make checks out to your chapter)
- Turn application and payment in to your Chapter Treasurer

New Member       Renewal - Membership number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Adult's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Legislative district (if known): 7 County: OKANOGAN

**Basic Membership**

- Single \$36.00
- Family \$49.00

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- Sustaining \$100.00
- Patron \$250.00
- Benefactor \$500.00

Additional State Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal A \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name (or Independent):

Okanogan Valley

Chapter Dues

As of Jan. 1, 2008, Chapter Dues are \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Chapter Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal B \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total (A+B) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL ADULT members MUST sign!**

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident where ever horse use is involved, which can cause Injuries to horses, riders and spectators and also recognizing the fact that Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Inc., including Chapters, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience levels of riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other BCHW events, I do hereby release and hold harmless the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children, or horses.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The information on this membership application will be shared with BCH of America and, if so designated by the applicant, the appropriate local chapter of BCHW. Otherwise, the information will not be divulged to any other person or organization without the express permission of the applicant.

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