



OKANOGAN VLLY CHAPTER NEWSLETTER
October 2009

What's Inside

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR

September is turning out to have been a pretty busy month. Members could be found selling raffle tickets at the Okanogan Co. Fair and attending the Board of Directors meeting in Ellensburg on the same weekend, the Chapter board meeting, monthly meeting and finally, the no host dinner in Oroville. And by the time you read this, the Chiliwist ride will have happened. Hope many of you were able to attend.

Our raffle ticket sales seem to be going quite well and I appreciate those members who have sold tickets and will be still selling tickets. This is our major fundraiser for the Chapter this year so everybody needs to get out there and sell a few.

We continue to work with our partners, the USFS and Okanogan Co. Commissioners to obtain the necessary funds to purchase the Whistler Canyon Trail Head property. It seems like things are moving slowly. But looking back, we have only been working on this project for less than a year and considering where we started, progress has been quite measurable. If we all keep working, maybe we will be able to utilize the new trailhead next year.

Even though it has been a busy month, my report is short. You can find further information about the September events further in the newsletter.

Dave-



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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. 4th 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 20th 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,

2009 Officers

President: Dave Swanberg **Vice President:** Gail Sunde **Director:** Tryg Culp **Alt Director:** Frank Osborne
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Volunteer Hours: Peggy Swanberg **Newsletter Editor:** Susan Beck **Historian:** Sandra Walters

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 09

We had two good pack trips into the Sawtooth Backcountry during the last part of August. Ken Breuel, Tom Windsor and Ken Orford spent four days in the Boiling Lake area from 20-23 August. The weather was great, although it froze a half inch of ice on our water bucket one night. The weather during the day was perfect while making day trips to Hoo Doo Pass and Deadman Pass.

On 25-28 August Lynn Kennedy, Sandra Walters and Tom Windsor packed into Cooney Lake from Foggy Dew Trailhead. The weather was perfect again without any freezing weather at night. We made side trips west toward Martin Lake and south toward Merchant's Basin. Lynn Kennedy caught, what I'm sure must be a world record, Cutthroat Trout out of Cooney Lake and several other nice Cutthroats. However, being the sportsman that she is, she released them all back into the lake. So much for trout for breakfast!

Both Sandra and Lynn did a great job on the trip. So much so that by the time we left camp to return to the trailhead it was just like being on a pack trip with old, experienced packers. Sandra did a great job of leading my pack horse, Zip, into the lake and back to the trailhead and we only had to make one pack adjustment the whole trip.

Ken Breuel and I spent two days on the High Hunt into the Pasayten Wilderness, but didn't see a deer. We did talk to a couple hunters who said there were a couple nice bucks taken out of the Horseshoe Basin on opening day.

I spent several days in September working on the Snowshoe Trail and the Johnny Bell Trail in the Loomis Forest. On one trip I discovered that there were three illegal aliens in the vicinity of the Disappointment Trailhead. One of them had been living in the toilet at the trailhead and one or more of them had broken into DNR trucks at the trailhead to steal food and water. One of the three has been caught by the Border Patrol and there is evidence (as of 24 September) that one or more of them may still be in the vicinity of the trailhead.

The Chiliwist ride will be history before this gets into members hands. We're looking forward to a report on this ride in next month's newsletter.

The Fall (Colorless) Ride will be on Saturday 3 October out of the 4th of July Trailhead. This ride will last approximately 3-3 ½ hours on level 1 and 2 trails with a brief stop for lunch. It is starting to get cool in the mountains and snow is forecast for Loomis Forest next week so be sure to dress appropriately.

The annual Cowboy Breakfast, campout and trial ride is scheduled for 23-24 October. The campout and breakfast will be at the North Fork Salmon Creek Trailhead which is located about one mile past Salmon Meadows. If you can't make the campout, come on up for breakfast on Saturday the 25th. There are opportunities for short/easy and longer/more difficult rides out of this trailhead. The PNTA and Forest Service have done a lot of work on the Honeymoon Pass trail this summer with three new bridges being constructed and a lot of tread work done on the re-routed trail. Some of us will be hunting and unable to make this event. Contact Tryg Culp for additional information.

Tom Windsor
Trail Boss

2010 BCHW Calendars are here

We have a limited supply of calendars so be sure to get yours early. You can pick them up from either Trygve Culp or Dave Swanberg. The cost is \$10 each.



GOOD IDEAS NEEDED!

The Board has scheduled a meeting on Monday, November 23, 2009 starting @ 1:00 PM at Dave and Gail Sunde's. We will discuss and finalize the 2010 Event Calendar (Blue Book.) All members interested in providing input are welcome to attend. In past years this meeting lasted approx. 3 to 4 hours. If you are unable to attend the meeting but have some suggestions for activities for next year, please let Tom Windsor or Bob Crowell know so your ideas can be considered.

After the Event Calendar has been decided, we will review, discuss and prepare the 2010 Chapter budget. The final budget will be submitted to the membership for their approval at the January Business Meeting. Again, all members are welcome to attend in this very important aspect of Chapter activities.

This is your Chapter and we need your input.



SEPTEMBER NO HOST DINNER

The no Host Dinner at the Hometown Pizza was a great success. Ten adults and two sweet little boys joined us for dinner. Those of us who had the Prime Rib thought it was one of the best we've ever had. As always there was great conversation.

LADY'S RIDE UPPER WHISTLER CANYON

September 2, 2009 was the last lady's ride of the year! Teresa Naylor, myself and Sandra Walters enjoyed a nice ride, good weather, great views and then a cooler ride further down the 100 Road. Sandra rode her young horse and she did very well, better at times than my more seasoned but dense brown horse! Nice job gals.

This ride was the last of the year and very well might be the last lady's ride for a few seasons. I have taken you everywhere I know to go, more than once for a few of the places. And I have imposed on friends to take us to new places. I guess what I am saying is the lady's mid-week rides have pretty much run their course, at least for the next couple of years. If anybody would like to see them continue and would host one or more at their favorite riding spots, just get in touch with a board member and get yourself on next year's schedule of events. I am still planning on doing a lady's camp-out, but only if I get the previously committed "help" with the meal planning. Watch your 2010 Year Book for the camp-out date.

Peggy



October 2009

Calendar of Events

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1		3 Fall Coloress Ride 4th of July TH
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Board Mtg at Swanbergs	20	21 General Mtg Tonasket Sr. Ctr.	22	23 Camping, Cowboy Breakfast and Trail Ride@ Salmon Mdw. TH	24 Camping, Cowboy Breakfast and Trail Ride@ Salmon Mdw.
25	26	27	28	29		31 Halloween Party & Dance @ Tonasket CCC

October Board Meeting: At the home of the Swanbergs' on the 19th at 7:00pm

General Business Meeting on the 21st! Social hour at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00

OVC 2010 Officer's Election

It's the time of the year when we nominate members to run for Chapter Officer Positions. If you are interested in placing your name on the ballot for one of the positions, please contact either Gail Sunde or myself and let us know what position you are interested in. We will make sure your name is placed on the ballot.

The Chapter can always use new ideas and new personnel to make our Chapter larger and stronger. I hope you will think about becoming an officer and ask for your name to be placed on the ballot for one of the following positions. If you are interested but don't quite know what would be required for a particular position(s), feel free to give me a call and I will be glad to provide you with a job description for that position(s).

Positions requiring nomination and election are:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Director

Trail Boss



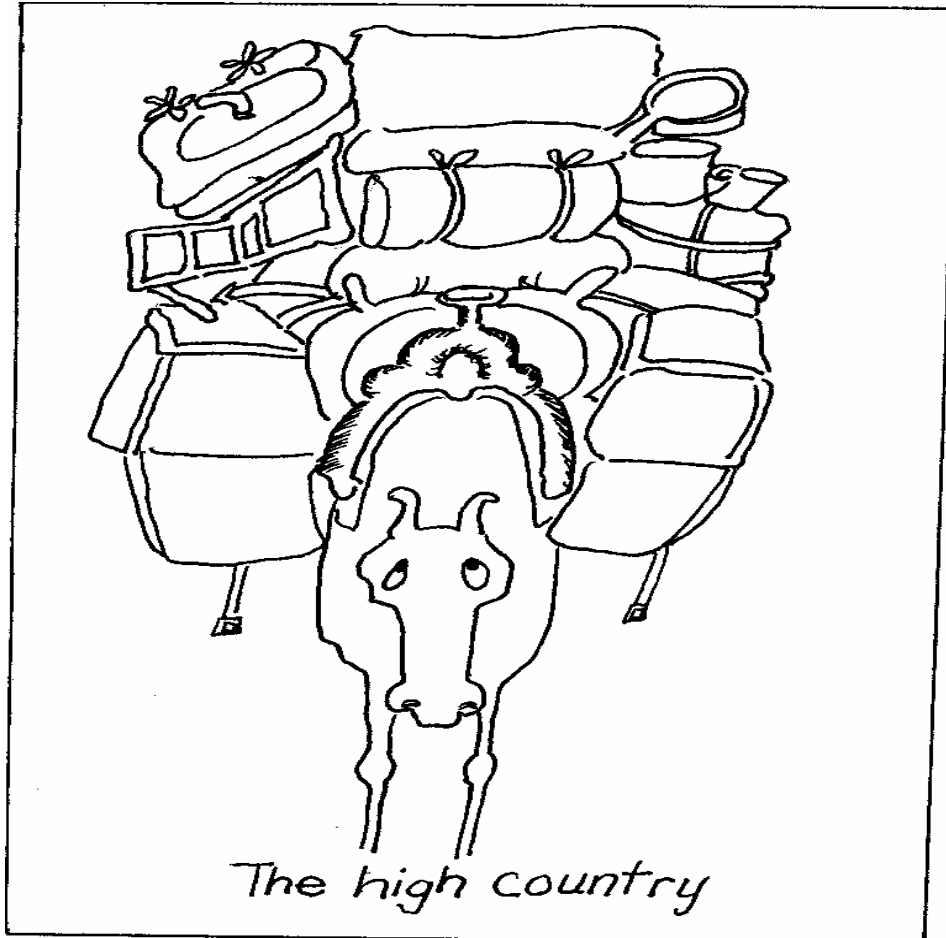
We will vote on these 2010 Officer positions at the Nov. Business meeting.

FYI


The following is a list of certified weed free hay growers for Okanogan County

- Wayne Beetchenow 422-4164 or 429-1634
 - Sand Timber Ranch 422-5615
 - Charlotte Meese 429-4667
 - Rod Weitman 322-5545
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FYI

NEWS RELEASE (09/17/2009)

For immediate release

USRider Advises Horse Owners of New Tire Tariff Impact

Lexington, KY (Sept 17, 2009) – With the U.S. President's proposed tire tariff, imported tires are going to cost more in the very near future. And while the tariff will be imposed on tires imported from China, many feel that the tariff will actually affect pricing on all tires.

On Sept. 11, President Barack Obama approved raising the tax on car and light truck tires from China by 35 percent the first year, beginning Sept. 26; 30 percent the second year; and 25 percent the third. The new tax will be in addition to the four-percent tariff currently in place.

According to CNN, from 2004 through the end of 2008, tire imports from China increased by nearly 300 percent (in terms of value) while domestic production of tires decreased by over 25 percent and about 4,400 jobs were lost in the domestic tire industry; additional shutdowns are expected to add another 2,400 losses in 2009. The domestic industry now has less than 50 percent of the U.S. tire market.

In light of the predicted price increases, USRider recommends horse owners consider buying new tires now to avoid the higher prices.

“While there is nothing inexpensive about owning horses, if horse owners anticipate purchasing new tires in the next six to 12 months, they might want to consider moving up their purchase time-frame so they can beat the price increases,” said Mark Cole, managing member of USRider. With its Equestrian Motor Plan, USRider provides nationwide roadside assistance and towing services along with other travel-related benefits to its Members in the lower 48 states as well as Canada and Alaska.

Through its ongoing study of trailer accidents – conducted in conjunction with Dr. Tomas Gimenez, a noted expert in large-animal emergency rescue – USRider has determined that tire issues are the leading cause of disablements involving horse trailers and contribute to many wrecks. As a precautionary measure, USRider recommends replacing trailer tires every three to five years – even if they have low miles – due to dry rotting.

“Purchase from high-volume dealers, so you get ‘fresh’ tires,” added Cole. “Don’t buy tires that have been on the shelf for a year or two – or longer. Each tire has a manufactured date stamped on it – a reputable dealer should have no problem providing the date for you.”

Another helpful tip when purchasing new tires is to always request new valve stems. And, if the valve stem is metal, have the valve core replaced as well.

Check to make sure you are using the right type of tires. For example, never use car tires on a horse trailer. Horse trailers require heavy-duty tires that are designed especially for trailer use. These tires will have an ST (special trailer) designation.

For additional safety tips, visit the Equine Travel Safety Area on the USRider website at www.usrider.org.

USRider provides roadside assistance and towing services along with other travel-related benefits to its members through the Equestrian Motor Plan. It includes standard features such as flat-tire repair, battery assistance and lockout services, plus towing up to 100 miles and roadside repairs for tow vehicles and trailers with horses, emergency stabling, veterinary referrals and more. For more information about the USRider Equestrian Motor Plan, visit www.usrider.org online or call (800) 844-1409.



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1/4 pg= \$96.00
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 Business Card \$44.00

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: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Legislative district (if known): 7 County: OKANOGAN

Basic Membership

- Single \$36.00
- Family \$49.00

Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)

- Contributing \$65.00
- 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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