



## The President's Corner

Another month is gone and the trail riding and work parties are coming to an end for 2010. Sept. turned out to be a very busy month with 3 trail rides and a major work party taking place, but then I don't know of any summer month where we aren't busy with one thing or another.

On Sept. 21st, a small group of volunteers drove up to the Wilcox Trailhead and installed 2 hitch rails, 2 sets of highline poles, a 6 foot metal gate at the cattle guard and our Okanogan Valley Chapter informational sign for the Whistler Canyon trail system. If I may say so, the signage looks pretty nice and provides some trail information. Mark Morris and his neighbor, Ken Chaplin brought up a tractor with an auger and drilled all the holes in 2 hours, which saved us many hours of digging by hand.

This past weekend, Trygve and I attended the BCHW Board meeting in Ellensburg. Quite a few issues were discussed, some were approved and others were tabled for discussion at a later date. The Board did approve the Tri River Chapter application for BCHW membership and they were welcomed back into the fold. Trygve will have more detailed report in his Director's article later in the newsletter.

Just a reminder, in the October Business meeting on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, we will ask for officer nominations for 2011. We have names for the majority of positions, but still have the VP and Alternate Directors position open. Some new attendees at the monthly board meeting would be most welcomed. New people bring new ideas.

As noted in the Sept. meeting minutes, our Halloween Party with a potluck will be held at the Tonasket Sr. Center at 6:00PM, not at the CCC Center as listed in the Yearbook. Hope to see you there.

That's all the news for now. Happy Trails,  
Dave

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## Fall Color Ride on the 9th of October,

The ride will change from Fish Lake to Loup Loup, north side of the Snow Park.

This area is simple to find, just turn to the right (toward the ski bowl area) instead of to the left.

Travel across the cattle guard and then take the first turn to the left at the top of the small hill.

There is a large area to park, plenty of room for all the big trailers is also, plus amenities.

The ride will be at least 3+ hours long with a lunch break at JR's campground. An easy for the horses and riders. Come and enjoy the fall weather and colors....for info call Frank or Linda at 826-5767.

We will ride out at 10:00AM. Don't forget your lunch, we will see you on the trail!



## Wilcox Trail Ride ~ September 22

If you stay in touch by reading the newsletters and coming to the meetings, you knew that this was shown in the Yearbook as a Whistler Canyon trail clearing but subsequently was changed to the Wilcox trailhead work party followed by a ride. If you aren't in touch, this information might have missed you and you missed a new trail that allows a ride down the 100 road to be a loop ride.

Teresa Naylor and Peggy Swanberg did a recon ride on the new loop on 9/21. By riding down the 100 road and taking a left at the Wild Horse Springs road, they were able to find the connecting trail at the end of Wild Horse that goes up the hill and connects to the logging roads/trail and thus, back to the trailhead. The route up the hill is shown on the new signage installed at the Wilcox Trailhead as well as red and white flagging marking the trail from the point of departure at Wild Horse back to the trailhead.

On Wednesday, 9/22, 5 members repeated this ride in reverse and had a success and pleasant ride from the trailhead, around the loop and back. They did not stop for a lunch break so the approximate length of this ride with no breaks is about 3 hours.

There are many deciduous and tamarack trees along the route making this a potential for a beautiful fall color ride.



*Whistler Canyon Trailhead Sign*

# October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Fall Color Ride @ Loup Loup</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 <i>Board Mtg. @ Kvistad's @ 7:00 PM</i>	19	20 <i>Bus. Mtg @ Tonasket Sr. Ctr.</i>	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Chapter Halloween Party @ 6:00pm, Potluck!</i>
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## 2010 Officers

**President:** Dave Swanberg   **Vice President:** Gail Sunde   **Director:** Tryg Culp   **Alt Director:** Frank Osborne  
**Secretary:** Cher Bower   **Treasurer:** Cathy Kvistad   **Legislative Chair:** Dave Sunde  
**Education Chair:** Janet Logan   **Trail Boss:**   **Asst Trail Boss:**  
**Volunteer Hours:** Peggy Swanberg   **Newsletter Editor:** Nora Rappe   **Historian:** Sandra Walters

## September Ride and Chili Feed in the Chiliwist

September 25th found members and their guests at Stan and Cathy Kvistad's new home in the Chiliwist valley. From there, 25 members and two guests enjoyed a 4 hour ride and Chili Potluck. Fourteen of the members and two guests led by Stan and his pack mule enjoyed a trek up one mountain, around several hills and valleys, and finally making a circle back to the ranch.

The ride was long enough to ensure everyone had plenty of appetite for the abundance of food that always appears at a BCH even.

Those present were: Marvel and Chuck Lane, Sandra Walters, John Green, Jodi Curry, Tom Tugaw, Frank and Linda Osborne, Nonni Judd, Jim and Betty Ruff, Susanne Robbins, Steve McKinney, Cher Bower, Lynn Kennedy, Mike and Mel Johanns, Stacey Allgood and son Regan (Betty Ruff's daughter and grandson). Along with neighbors, Tom and Marilyn Schiffer, Dick and Bonnie Fuller, Nora and Elmer Rappe.



*Jim and Betty Ruff*



*Cher Bower and Steve McKinney*



*Bonnie Fuller and Cathy Kvistad*



## Director's Report - September 2010

Before I get into the state level news of interest, let me take a minute for a HUGE thanks to the Chapter members who finished the Wilcox Driveway trailhead work and flagged the route from the trailhead through the Summit timber sale area to the Wild Horse Spring trail over this past month. Kudos and a tip of the Stetson to Dave and Gail Sunde, Dave and Peggy Swanberg, Teresa Naylor and Mark Morris. Not only has your work significantly enhanced the trailhead facility and resulted in a safer, more picturesque route into the upper Whistler Canyon country, it is heartening to know that a whole lot of folks - well into the future - will enjoy your work. Your actions and work epitomize, at least for me, for me what Back Country Horsemen is all about. Thank you.

I attended the quarterly BCHW Board of Directors meeting in Ellensburg this past weekend, September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. I'd like to share with you what I feel were the high points of the meeting:

The Directors heard a report from the committee studying corporate sponsorships. It was encouraging to me to hear that the Committee's pilot project, conducted in Skagit County, was successful. In a nutshell, the committee reported that 7 of 10 companies contacted by BCHW representatives were receptive to the idea of a corporate sponsorship program. As a result, BCHW will work to develop a 5-year strategic plan with a focus on getting trail projects, trailhead improvements and acquisition(s) funded around the state. This plan will be the centerpiece for development of a presentation that outlines what projects and types of projects that BCHW needs funds to accomplish. The committee will also be developing a training program for persons who are willing to approach potential sponsors.

Dave Swanberg, 2011 Rendezvous Chair, briefed the Directors on the 2011 Rendezvous. The event will be in Ellensburg at the Kittitas Valley Events Center (fairgrounds) again next year on March 18, 19 and 20, 2011. There will be an increased emphasis on member activities: vendors will be on-site for all three days; two clinicians have been retained for sessions on Friday and Saturday; there will be Dutch oven cooking and packing demonstrations as well as a map, compass and GPS orienteering demonstration throughout the event; and there will be a Cowboy Mounted Shooting demonstration. It sounds like it should be a whole lot of fun and informative to boot – plan to attend!

The "full time" contact with Jurassic and Kohls, the lobbying firm that has represented BCHW for the last 4 years was terminated. In place of contracting for lobbying service, BCHW will purchase a software legislation and rule-tracking package that will permit the Legislative Chair and committee to monitor bills (and the resultant rules) introduced in the Legislature each session. Cost for this package is \$1950 per year. However, the Board voted to retain J&K for \$100 per year on an hourly fee for service contract – if required, J&K will testify on our behalf, "sign in" on legislation that is important to us and perform other functions as required. \$5000 was earmarked for payment of fees for service. The net savings to BCHW is \$10,050 per year.

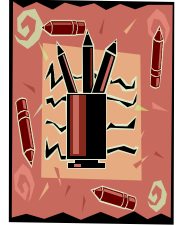
There is a lot more from the Directors meeting, but I'll save it for next month. I hope your hay is in the barn; your wood shed is full and your storm windows are up.

Until next time, Happy Trails.

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## September OVC BCH minutes



**The meeting was called to order** by our President Dave Swanberg and 7:02. There were 13 people in attendance. Trygve Culp moved that the minutes of the Aug meeting be approved as printed in our newsletter. It was seconded by Jerry Down. Motion passed. Minutes approved.

**Treasure's report:** was given by Cathy Kvistad. We are solvent.

**Directors Report:** A report was given by Trygve Culp. See the article in the next newsletter.

**Volunteer Hours:** Peggy Swanberg had nothing to report--just a reminder to get our work hours into her.

**Legislative:** There was no report.

**Whistler Canyon Trail Status:** Trygve Culp gave us an update. BLM has the money to buy the necessary land but can not do so until the trail head is complete and the trail hooks up to the #100 road. The Federal Government cannot buy directly from Okanogan County but can buy from a quasi governmental agency. BCH would act as this agency in a money and paperwork transfer and BCH would pay the closing costs. The Cultural Research Survey for the tribe has been finished and have 30 days to respond. Then a letter is sent to the State Preservation Dept and they have 30 days to respond.. November 1st is the approximate date that the trail building can begin.

**No Host Dinner-Hometown Pizza:** Dave Swanberg stated that 13 people were in attendance. The food was good and everyone had a great time.

**Honeymoon Pass Ride:** Frank Osborne reported that there were 15 riders, the weather was great and everyone had a good time.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Wilcox Trail Head Work Party:** We will meet at 8:00 am and need help to install 2 Hitching Posts, 2 Highline, a gate and sign. The club will provide lunch to the workers. It would be nice if people brought a dessert. Contact Dave Sunday. We will ride on Wed Sept 22.

**2011 Calendars:** Trygve Culp stated that tonight is the last night he will take orders for the calendars and bring them back from the Directors meeting Sat Sept. 25, thus saving shipping. Dave Swanberg had a computer set up with pictures of the 2011 calendar.

**Chiliwist Ride Sat 9-25:** We will be meeting at Stan and Cathy Kvistad's house. There will be a pot luck after the ride. Cathy will make chili.

### NEW BUSINESS

**2011 Officer Nominations:** Gail Sunde stated that Dave Swanberg would be available for nomination for President, Cher Bower for Secretary, Cathy Kvistad for Treasurer, Tom Windsor for Trail Boss and Gail is considering running for VP. We need someone for Alternate Director and possible VP. We will make the nominations in October and vote in November.

**BCH Dues:** Dave Swanberg reminded us that we could pay our new membership dues any time after Oct 1st. Dues for single membership are \$36.00 to the state and \$10.00 for the chapter, Family dues are \$49.00 for the state and \$10.00 to the chapter.

**Reminder Email:** Cathy Kvistad asked if it were possible to email a reminder of meetings, rides and special events to try and get more participation. Peggy Swanberg and Gale Sunde felt we were all adults and could look things up in the yellow book and we shouldn't have to remind people. Cathy volunteered to see if she could set up a group email on her computer and give it a try.

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1/4 pg= \$96.00  
1/2 pg= \$144.00  
Business Card \$44.00

## September 15th Minutes cont.

**COMING EVENTS:** Fall Colorless Ride-Fish Lake Sat. Oct 9th. Dave Swanberg asked Frank and Linda Osborne if they would like to plan the ride. The date and location of the ride may be changed. More later.

**Halloween Party:** Sat. Oct 30, 6:00 at the Sr. Center. Dave Swanberg reminded us that this is a pot luck and to bring "Lots of desserts!" Also to come in costume or not. Just come and have a good time.

**OVC 2011 Event Calendar-Budget Meeting:** 11-22 more information later.

### FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

**Re-establish Sheriff Posse Mtg. Thurs 10-7:** Steve McKinney volunteered to attend this meeting and report back to us. If anyone else wants to attend contact Steve.

**Dessert for the next meeting:** Cathy Kvistad volunteered to bring dessert.

**Nov 13 Malo Grange Ferry County BCH Pot Luck,** Dessert Auction and dance with live music. Lou and George Young invited all of us to come up. The Pot Luck starts at 6:00 and the Dance at 7:00.

**Mystery Gift:** Trygve Culp bought the mystery gift for \$15.00. It was horse rhythm beads

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Osborne, 2nd by Peggy Swanberg, approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Cher Bower, Secretary



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