



Sept. 2011



### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As summer trail work and riding activities are winding down, we now start thinking about our scheduled fall events, getting ready for the winter months and planning our 2012 events. Even with our problems of getting our scheduled activities accomplished due to the heavy snowfall and the late spring, we were still able to get most of the planned events completed.

We have three more rides scheduled for this year, two rides in Sept. and one ride in Oct. I hope that you will try and attend at least one ride if not all three remaining rides. That will close out our rides for the 2011 but start thinking about where you would like to ride in 2012. In just a couple of months we will have our "scheduling" meeting and your input is important.

We will be selling our Super Raffle tickets at the Lee Franks booth during the Ok. Co. Fair. If you are planning on attending the Fair, we could use your help manning our table to help sell the raffle tickets. It could be a good time to get off your feet after walking the fairgrounds. Remember, this is our only Chapter fundraiser for this year and we sure could use some help in selling tickets.

That's all for now, see you on the trail  
Dave

# Leave No Trace



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011  
TRAIL BOSS REPORT  
BY TOM WINDSOR

August was a slow month with the Hangman Flat project cancelled and the N. Fork Salmon Creek ride cancelled.

We did have a good time at the no-host dinner at Home Town Pizza on Saturday the 27.

The 14 Mile Trailhead Camp/Ride scheduled for 3-4 Sept, will be history by the time the newsletter gets around to everyone. Several members have expressed interest in this activity and several people from the North East Chapter have also called to say they would like to attend.

The Maple/Sweat Creek ride through and Potluck is still on as scheduled for Saturday 17th of Sept. See Trygve Culp's article elsewhere in this newsletter for additional information.

Sept is Fair time. Hope to see you there where the Chapter will be selling raffle tickets in the Lee Franks Booth.

I did manage to get in some trail clearing in August with most of the trails out of Disappointment Trailhead and Cold Spring Trailhead now being open for horse and foot traffic. The Honeymoon Pass trail is now open from the N. Fork Salmon Trailhead all the way to Tiffany Spring Camp Ground. The Mutton Ridge Trail and Angel Pass Trails are also open for horse and foot traffic. Also did some work on the Hunters Meadow Trail and plan to get the Bottle Spring Trail cleared on the 1st of September. These two trails are used primarily by snowmobiles, but every fall there are some horse hunters who also use the trails

Tom Windsor, Trail Boss  
826-4595

AUGUST MINUTES  
BY  
SEC. CHER BOWER

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Dave Swanberg at 7:05 There were 15 people in attendance. Guest Jim (Dave and Sally Taylor's son-in-law) was introduced. Dale Olsen was



There to drop off some maps and the travel plan and will be back for the meeting of 9-23. The minutes of the July meeting stand approved as printed in the July Newsletter. Motion to approve by Dave Sunde, 2nd by Gail Sunde.

Passed

Directors Report: Nothing to report at this time.

Trail Boss: Tom Windsor gave his report, see Newsletter, Also the ride to Salmon Meadows was discussed and decided to cancel due to road conditions.

Legislative: Dave Sunde stated there was nothing new as they are out of session.

Volunteer Hours: not available

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

OVC Super raffle Ticket Sales. We need volunteers to work our table in a shared booth( to be decided) at the County Fair. The drawing date is Dec. 3rd at the CCC Center. Sell lots of tickets and sign up to help at the Fair.

2012 BCHW Raffle calendar: Dave Swanberg stated that we still have a lot They make great Christmas gifts!! We should be concentrating on the Super Raffle Ticket sales at this time. Peggy will be selling them at the Garlic Festival on Aug26 & 27.

Whistler Canyon fencing: The County will have volunteers next week to finish the fence. Bids will be open to contractors for the road entry soon.

Forest Plan Revision status & meeting: Tom Windsor said there will be a meeting with Margaret Hartzel on Aug. 30th at the Okanogan Forest Service Dist. Office at 9:00A.M. Anyone is welcome to attend and you should get a copy of the plan before you attend. You can get this at the Forest Service and it is also available on their web site. Dave Swanberg reminded us that Dale Olson Tonasket Forest Ranger will attend our September meeting.

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Minutes continued:

NEW BUSINESS:

GARLIC FESTIVAL 8 26&27: Peggy and Dave will be there to sell raffle tickets at Peggy's booth

NOHOST DINNER: Gail Sunde passed a sign up sheet for the dinner at Omak Hometown Pizza on Sat. 8-27 at 6: P.M. Give her a call if you plan to attend or if you have to cancel for some reason.

14 MILE TH CAMP/TRAIL RIDE 9-3 to 9-5 limited camping space. Steve McKinney said he would go up a day early and hold spots.

OKANOGAN CO. FAIR:Thurs to Sunday 9-8 to 9-11: Dave Swanberg stated that we need volunteers to sell raffle tickets and calendars. He passed a sign up sheet for work hours. Contact him to sign up for a turn at our table.

WILCOX TH. Purchase of Tables and Fire Rings' Dave Swanberg asked for a motion to use some of the money from Kinross Gold to purchase two fire rings and 2 picnic tables for the Wilcox TH at approximately \$3,000. A motion to approve was made by Dave Sunde and 2nd by Gail Sunde and during the discussion Stan Kvistad said he would like to see a local person get the work and he will look into finding someone who can do the job in a manner approved by the Forest Service. He will get back to us at the next meeting so the motion was tabled.

COMING EVENTS: B.O.D. meeting Sept 24, Ellensburg

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Sweat creek-Maple Mt ride with Ferry Co. Saturday 17th Sept. It is about an 11 mile ride with a potluck following. We will have to coordinate trailer moving to the end site as this is a one way ride. Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Sunde and 2nd by Sally Taylor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Respectively Submitted, Cher Bower

## **NO HOST DINNER**

The No-Host Dinner at Omak Hometown Pizza went well. We had 10 members. It was nice because everyone got a chance to visit. I had 10 members come and 15 RSVP. It's important for people to let me know when they can't come so I can give the Restaurant a heads up.

Gail Sunde- 486-1547

## **MAPLE MOUNTAIN JOINT RIDE WITH FERRY COUNTY CHAPTER TRYGVE CULP**

The joint ride and potluck picnic with the Ferry County chapter from the Maple Mountain/Granite Creek Trailhead on the Republic Ranger District to the Sweat Creek Picnic Area and Trailhead on the Tonasket Ranger Dist. Is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 17. We will meet at the Maple Mountain /Granite Creek Trailhead north of Hwy 20(Directions are on the chapter website) at 9:00 A.M And ride out at 10:00 A.. There is a very limited trailer parking at the Granite Creek Trailhead, in fact all trailer parking is along Forest Service Road 253- Participants are urged to “trailer-pool” The trail has been logged out from Sweat creek to the Okanogan /Ferry County boundary fence and will be completely logged out prior to the ride. This ride will travel through some spectacular backcountry along the old Maple Mountain and Clackamus stock driveways. At the onset, the Maple Mountain Trail between Granite Creek and the County line is fairly nice trail condition/ride level-2, a nice drop into Granite Creek, across a fairly narrow, close to the water, wood bridge without bull rails and then up a moderate grade to the County Line. At the County Line, the trail becomes Maple Mt. Trail 312; the 3 and 1/2 miles to Hunters Spring is a condition/ride level 3(+ )or 4 (-) trail with some extremely steep pitches up to 2/10 th of a mile long and several other places where the tread is narrow and/or it traverses broken shale or surface rock for up to several hundred feet. Near Hunter Spring the trail intersects Clackamus trail 302 , the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail route. The 3 and 1/2 miles of Trail 302 from Hunter Springs to Sweat Creek is a condition/ride level 3; Southwest of Hunter Spring there is a fairly long—about -1 and 1/2 fairly steep grade dropping down into Sweat Creek. For the last 1/2 mile into Sweat Creek Picnic area the trail closely parallels a barbed wire fence in 2 different places for several hundred yards. This ride is not on good trails for green horses or horses that are not in fairly good condition. I have done the trip on an unshod mule without any problems to his feet, but if your mount is not used to going barefooted I would not recommend this ride as the one to break him or her in on. As of August 28th, there was stock water at Granite Creek (tough to get to), Maple Spring and Sweat Creek, but none at Hunter Spring and there is no source of potable water along the route or at Sweat Creek. The ride is approximately 11 miles long and should take about 4 to 4 1/2 hours. Bring a lunch and lots of drinking water. We will have a lunch at one of the scenic vista overlooks south of Maple Mt. We will do a potluck picnic at the Sweat Creek Picnic Area and Trailhead at the conclusion of the ride around 5:00 P.M. (Continued on next page)

**(Maple Mt. ride continued)**

Prior to the Potluck we will shuttle drivers back to the Granite Creek Trailhead to move stock trailers to sweat Creek. If you have questions about this event please contact Dave Sunde, Trygve Culp, Terry Fralic or George (chicken) Young.

# DON'T HAVE A HORSE

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NOVEMBER 10-11-12

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Chapter Name (or Independent):  
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P.O. 812 TONASKET, WA. 98855

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