

BUCKHORN RANGE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

November 2009



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

<i>Trail Boss Report</i>	2
<i>Meeting Minutes</i>	3
<i>BCHA meeting pix</i>	4
<i>Advertising</i>	5
<i>Calendar</i>	6

OUR MISSION

To work toward the perpetuation of the legal and moral claim by the American people to use horses and mules for recreation on public lands.

OUR GOALS

- **To unite equestrians to achieve the goals and objectives of Backcountry Horsemen.**
- **To encourage citizen involvement in political and governmental actions affecting public lands.**
- **To maintain engagement in regulatory issues and actions regarding use of equines on public lands.**
- **To introduce interested horsemen to the use and enjoyment of trails and the backcountry.**

OUR VISION

Develop and keep trails open for responsible equine recreational use.

At Liberty

At our August meeting members of the Buckhorn Range Chapter were treated to an entertaining show complete with music! Bethel Moore of Chimacum Saddlery together with her equine partner Joe worked "at liberty" together. Joe was not wearing any tack whatsoever (neither was Bethel for that matter). It was just Joe and Bethel in the middle of the huge new and wonderful arena. I kept waiting for Joe to take off to run and buck but instead he listened attentively to what Bethel was telling him to do. The first part of the performance Joe and Bethel were standing at quite a distance from each other. As soon as Bethel signaled to Joe to come he did just that and walked on over to where Bethel was standing. After that Bethel somehow signaled to Joe that he was to trot around her and he did then halted and at Bethel's next cue he pivoted on his haunches in both directions. The audience was listening to music the whole time this show was going on. We heard the beautiful refrains from "Man from Snowy River", "The End Title" and The Chase. The music became more dramatic as Joe and Bethel picked up the pace. He side passed at the trot to the left and then to the right. Perhaps the most impressive move was the way Bethel managed to have Joe begin a slow jog and then gradually expanded the jog into an extended trot and then came back to a jog. This is a common place dressage exercise but remember this was being done from the ground with no halter, no lunge line and no lead rope! The communication between Joe and Bethel that we witnessed seemed holy. He never took his attention away from her and it was clear he only wanted to please.

When asked, Bethel said it took her all of last winter working with Joe on Sundays to bring him this far in his liberty work. Then this last Spring she followed Clinton Anderson videos. Her one training aid, aside from her voice and hands, was a "carrot stick." A "carrot stick" is like an inflexible longeing whip but used in a very different way. Bethel sells 'carrot sticks' at the store and she rents the Clinton Anderson videos. Watching Joe and Bethel work together motivated me to work with my horse from the ground. Bethel assured me that it is really fun to have your horse so in tune with you. She said that her riding improved because she and her horse can communicate so much better. She believes that this kind of ground work builds respect and confidence between horse and rider. At the end of the performance when Joe took a bow to our applause Bethel's smile lighted her whole face.

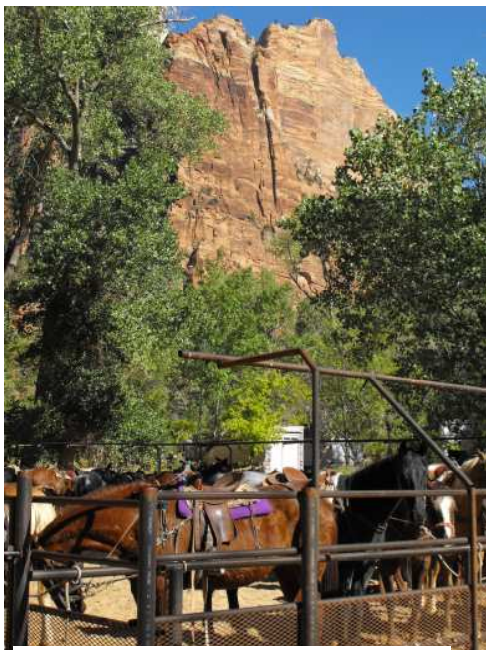
Our Annual meeting, with election of Officers, will be at Chimacum Saddlery & Tack, located at 1091 Chimacum Road, at 7 pm. On Thursday, November 12th.

Juelie Dalzell, President

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Submitted by Bob Hoyle

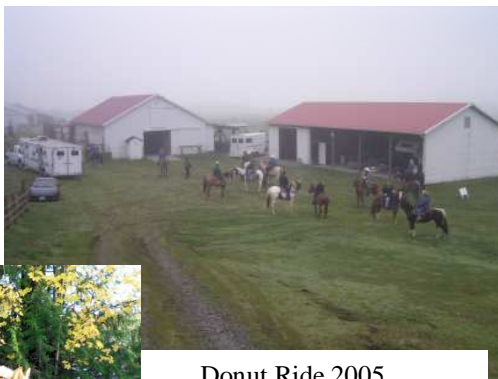
September's Chapter ride was held in SW Utah. Seven BRC members (Juelie, Jeff, Kris Lenke, Dave, Jeanne Koester, Judith & I) went on what we all agreed was the best vacation of our lives. The Red Rock Ride is 6 days of riding in some of the most incredible landscapes you will ever see.



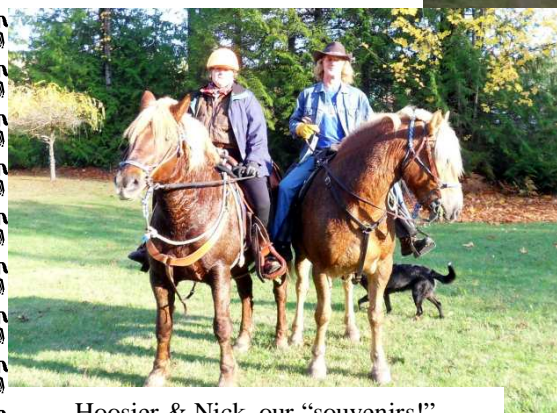
Zion N.P.

Over 130 miles total, we rode in Zion & Bryce Canyon N.P.'s, Dixie N.F. Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, & Grand Canyon. We all can't wait to go back in a couple of years. Judith was so impressed with her mount, a 9-year-old halflinger, that we brought him home (& his brother!) A slide-show of the trip will be presented at the January meeting, and we hope you will attend! (See page 4 for more photos). The October Chapter ride was cancelled due to bad weather and lack of interest. The November Chapter ride is the annual & ever-popular "Donut Ride". We will meet at Gerry & Kayla Magnuson's;

be there by 10 AM. Snacks at Kris & Dave's house, then ride back to Gerry's. It's always been a very pleasant front-country ride. Come and meet Hoosier & Nick, our "souvenirs" from Utah!



Donut Ride 2005



Hoosier & Nick, our "souvenirs!"



2009 Officers

President:

Juelie Dalzell 385-6364

Vice-President:

Gerry Magnuson 732-4325

Chapter Director:

Jeff Chapman 385-6364

Alternate Director:

Bob Hoyle 732-5042

Works Projects Co-

ordinators:

Jeff Chapman 385-6364

Bob Hoyle 732-5042

Secretary:

MaryAnn Merrill 379-1608

Treasurer:

Judith Hoyle 732-5042

Trail Bosses:

Bob Hoyle 732-5042

Juelie Dalzell 385-6364

LNT/Education:

Juelie Dalzell 385-6364

Volunteer Hours:

Juelie Dalzell 385-6364

Website:

Bob Hoyle 732-5042

Newsletter Editors:

Judith & Bob Hoyle
732-5042

For newsletter submissions, or advertising, contact either
Judith or Bob

Buckhorn Range Chapter General Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:20

Present: Dave Peterson, Bob Hoyle, Harold Elyea, Gerry Magunuson, Jon Schleiger, Judith Hoyle and Juelie Dalzell
Juelie Dalzell gave the Director's Report since Jeff was on assignment in Alaska. As a result of listening to the director's report Harold voiced concern over the liability issue for public land owners. He told us that in California that was one of the main reasons for stock was excluded from both public and private lands. Harold is willing to work on this legislative issue. Jeff should give his name and email to the public land's committee if helpful. Otherwise Juelie will put him on leg. Committee for visit to Olympia if this issue needs public comment.

Trail Boss Report: Bob suggested we ride Gibbs Lake for our October 17th Chapter ride and it was agreed to by all present. Riders should wear bright colors since hunting season opened. Bob will send an email to notify chapter members of the ride.

The ever popular Donut Ride along Chimacum Ridge occurs on November 21st. Dave Peterson will organize a work party to clear the trail from Gerry's to Dave's. The work party for clearing the ridge trail is tentatively scheduled for November 1st.

Treasurer's Report Judith reported a total of \$[**omitted, ask Treasurer for details**] in our account but there is one check outstanding.

We reviewed the DNR survey together and discussed fully all the suggestions provided by the Sustainable Recreation DNR work group. Gerry and Gale Rase from the Olympic Chapter attended the DNR meeting in Port Angeles. Gerry was disappointed at the very low citizen turn out at the meeting. He counted fourteen participants and he and Gale were the only horsemen. It would have an impact if **all Buckhorn Range Chapter members would fill out the survey on line**. Go to the DNR web site and then to the Sustainable Recreation Workgroup section and fill out the survey. All the ideas presented are excellent but input from all of us is important.

Nominations for next year's Candidates are as follows:

President-Bob Hoyle

Vice President-Dave Peterson

Secretary-MaryAnn Merrill

Treasurer-Judith Hoyle

Alternate Director-Gerry Magnuson

Trail Boss-Bob Hoyle

Volunteer hours Coordinator-Juelie Dalzell

Newsletter Editor is not an elected position and Jon Schleiger has volunteered to be appointed.

Further nominations are welcomed and can be made at the November 12th Chapter meeting just before the election.

Submitted by Juelie Dalzell



Sunrise at Red Rock Ride Camp; Tropic, Utah



Dave on Coconino Overlook, Grand Canyon N. Rim

RED ROCK RIDE 2009



Buckhorn Range Chapter General Meeting Minutes**July 9, 2009**

Location: Chimacum Saddlery and Tack 1091 Chimacum Rd, Chimacum, Wa

Meeting called to order by President Juelie Dalzell after the Dr. Jan Richards presentation on first aid for horses on the trail and at home.

Reports: (Officers/Boards/Standing Committees)

Directors Report given by Jeff Chapman:

Discussed the 501c3 (does not affect our chapter)

Change in dues resolution failed to pass.

Right to Ride Failed to pass.

Olympic National Park was given a grant for active trail work. Non-profits are urged to contribute to match the \$10,000 grant to obtain more influence and promote equine use on the trails. It was moved and seconded to donate \$500.00 toward matching funds.

Jeff submitted a request for reimbursement for \$500.00 to BCHW to cover work done on the trails.

The AQHA is submitting a grant for improvement of trails for quality of horse riding.

Juelie Dalzell and Judith Hoyle were acknowledged for their work in making the BCHW National event a great success.

Jeff and Juelie stated the LeBar Trail is in good shape.

Jeff stated BRC will be involved in a VIP ride on 8/6/09 with the Wilderness Society and Senate members. Jeff will obtain the number of VIP's involved.

Kiwanis Club will be holding their 4 Week Camp program again at Beausite Lake. Volunteers will be needed for 4 consecutive Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 AM to assist with horses and riders.

Judith Hoyle advised that the treasury was solvent.

It was moved, seconded and approved to present Bruce and Bethel Moore with a family membership to BRC for providing our Chapter with a meeting location.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by MaryAnn Merrill, Secy.

ADVERTISING

The Buckhorn Range Chapter is accepting business advertising in this newsletter. Cost is \$40 for a business card size ad for one year. Backcountry Horsemen members can also advertise (preferably horsey) sale items or want items for free. Non-members pay \$5 per ad. Contact the editor for info.



Calendar

November 12, Thursday, Annual Chapter meeting, Location: Chimacum Saddlery, 1091 Chimacum Rd., Port Hadlock. Meeting time 7:00 PM. Program: Annual election of Officers.

November 21, Saturday, Chapter ride at Chimacum Ridge . 10 AM, "Donut Ride", Refreshments @ Kris & Dave's, then ride back to Gerry's. Contact Bob Hoyle, bobhoyle@usa.net 531-2337 for more information.

Check the website in the coming weeks for information on upcoming events, at <http://www.olympus.net/community/buckhorn-bchw/> .



Buckhorn Range Chapter - BCHW

Buckhorn Range Chapter Newsletter
Backcountry Horsemen of
Washington
P. O. Box 845
Chimacum, WA 98325