

The President's Saddlebag

By Karen Kimball, president



We had another great Convention in Boise. The meetings are always inspiring with all the speakers and visiting with people from other Chapters. A lot of different ideas go around the tables. The banquet was nice with good entertainment and action. Next years Convention will be in Bonners Ferry, hosted by the Selkirk Chapter.

Nice to see we have two new members, Chris Barghesi and Diane Selby, and we welcome you into the Chapter.

Several events are coming up in April.

Be sure to contact Angie if you are interested in being at the Tune-Up Clinic.

On April 14 we will be clearing Marie Creek. Meet at the trail head and be ready to ride by 9:00. We may need lots of help so some will have to bring pack horses for chainsaws. We will have Chapter saws and nippers. This is a work party and members only event. If you need directions go on www.PBCH.org website and it is listed under "MAPS".

April 21st we will have a ride at Fish Trap in Washington. It is located on I-90 just past Cheney. There is an exit sign stating "Fish Trap" that you will take and then we will have our PBCH signs out. Follow them to parking area. Be in the saddle by 9:30, pack a lunch and ride with us for about 3 hours. It is an easy ride, mostly flat land with some rocks on trail. This is also a members only event. If you have questions or if the weather is questionable call me.

Karen [208-772-2434](tel:208-772-2434) or cell [208-699-5268](tel:208-699-5268)

Then don't forget about the Escure Ranch ride. Come spend the weekend or ride for the day.

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Be sure and check out our website. It has some historical information on the trails we ride and clear along with map directions, events and many other items and pictures to look at. Thank you Debbie for all the work you've done on it.

Also I want to thank Joni, for the newsletters. If you have an article for her or are a trail boss, send her some information for it.

Thank you to Ginger for lining up the Search and Rescue person that spoke at the meeting. I am sorry I had to miss it.

The other place to look up on your computer is BCHI. Rod Parks out of Twin Rivers in the Lewiston/Clarkston area does this website and has lots of information about State Issues, other Chapters and several pictures of the Convention. I really want to encourage everyone to visit these websites often. They put new information in them monthly. And then if you do "Facebook" Cindy Richardson has been working on it and thank you for setting it up.

If you would like to lead a trail ride this summer let me know. We need volunteer.

Come ride with us and Happy Trails,
Karen

Calendar

April 6 Tune Up Clinic. Angie Parsons trail boss. 640-3105. Location Red Top Stables.

April 13 Marie Creek trail clearing, 9 a.m. members only. Karen Kimball trail boss.

April 20 PBCH chapter meeting Dalton Gardens City Hall, 6:30 social and 7 p.m. meeting starts.

April 21 Fish Trap Ride, 9:30 a.m. in saddle, members only. Karen Kimball trail boss.

April 26-27 The Escure Ranch Ride. Below is a link to the BLM web site giving information about the site with directions to the site and trails. There are two corrals and no trees for highlines. Shriners will trailboss the ride and will arrive the afternoon of 4/25. Ride at 9 a.m. on the 26th the loop around Wall Lake and back to camp. The 27th we will play it by ear. On your own for meals but will have the club stove. Potluck at least Saturday. Dogs are welcome and kids encouraged. This is a members ride so if you want to bring a guest they will have to join PBCH. Contact Jerry or Diane Shriner. 208-667-2949.

Link:

http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/site_info.php?site_id=271

May 25-27 Jim and Karen Kimball are planning an outing on Memorial Day weekend, May 25-27, at Fordyce Trailhead up Asotin Creek out of Asotin Washington. It is a nice trail head with fire pit and several trails out of parking lot. Horses will have to be tied to trailers or high-lined between two. Trails will climb to a ridge top, good trails and gradual climb, but horses should be in shape and shoes are recommended. We will be riding 4+ hours Saturday and Sunday. A Discover Pass (parking pass) will have to be purchased from Fish and Game in Washington for \$35, good for a year, or you can get a one-day pass for \$11. They can also be purchased online or at the Jiffy Stop in Asotin. The store is one block south from Asotin Creek Rd., which is where you'll be turning. The store is open 24 hrs a day.

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Minutes from March Meeting

PBCH Minutes of 3/16/13 - Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Jerry Shriner filling in for President Karen Kimball who is at convention. Guest speakers gave presentation from Search and Rescue.

Minutes were read and stand approved as read.

Treasurers report - bills were paid in the amount of \$97.59 misc. and \$3,000. for calendars. Income \$30.00 sponsors fee, \$120. calendar sales and \$240.00 for dues. One outstanding bill for \$20.00 for Ormus March website. Motion made by Andrea Anderson 2nd by Cindi Richardson. Passed
Two new members welcomed. Chris Barghesi and Diane Selby

OLD BUSINESS - Jamie Smith discussed the Scholarship program to bring in younger people. Board was in favor of two \$500 and requirements which would need to be met. Robert Wuest suggested we contact NIC regarding their programs. Motion was made to table information regarding Scholarship until next meeting. Motion by Jerry Shriner and 2nd by Andrea Anderson - Passed

Tune Up Clinic signup sheet was passed out - Scheduled for 4/6/13 - Contact Angie Parsons for any questions.

Escure Ride - Jerry Shriner will give further details and maps.

Farragut Packing Clinic is set up for June 8th with overnight camping. Trail ride is scheduled for June 9th. Julie Volpi had to pay \$100 + \$100. for deposit (which is returnable if everything is clean). Board approved and a motion was made to reimburse Julie Volpi the \$100.00. Motion by Andrea Anderson and 2nd by Diane Shriner - Passed.

Red Ives - Traci Gravelle will have \$500 for us to come up and clean trails. We will clear on Friday and Saturday and have an all-day trail ride on Sunday up to Needle Peak. - Should be mid-July - Details to follow.

NEW BUSINESS - Big R has agreed to give the club a 10% discount if we have a PBCH chapter Card. Karen Kimball will be working on issuing cards for the next meeting.

Panhandle Back Country Horsemen Volunteer Hours have been calculated. Jerry Shriner passed out sheets showing the hours that were logged. Sheets for the State of Idaho were also passed out. This demonstrates the importance of volunteer hours

TRAIL RIDES

A tentative ride is scheduled for March 24th at Fish Trap. Karen Kimball will e-mail details and maps on Monday.

Marie Creek Trail Clearing will be April 14th. More information to follow in the newsletter. This is a work party and we need volunteers.

Paid up members only. Asotin Ride details to follow.

Meeting adjourned 9:07 p.m. Submitted by secretary Andrea Anderson.

Other Rides and Events

****Inland Empire Back Country Horsemen Poker Ride at Fishtrap Lake May 11th** - This is the 19th year for this popular ride on beautiful BLM land west of Spokane. Enjoy riding with friends, door prizes and playing poker hands. Attached information concerning the poker ride includes an information sheet and registration form. For more information see www.iebch.com.

****Gentlemen on Horseback ride June 9th to 14th** - This ride started in 1948 and is open to all "gentlemen" of any age for all or a part of the week. This year the ride will be SW of Nyssa, OR on Succor Creek. For more information see www.gentlemenonhorseback.com.

****July 13 BCH Montana ride at Gold Creek, MT.**

All the information is available at www.bchmt.org/clarkfork.

Click on the wording "FUN RIDE" July 13 at the bottom of the page and all the details about the ride will come up. For our members who want to get away for an overnight trip and a nice ride, this is a good one.

It appears it may conflict with the Red Ives planned work party, but it is an alternative. We'll be going as will our daughter and granddaughter and several others. It's worth the drive (Exit 166 --

Gold Creek off of I-90 about 50 miles from Butte. Contact Joyce and Angelo Bissell at 208-689-3356 or email horsedapples@frontier.com

New officers and board members for 2013: Bob Funke, board member; Bill Clarke, board member; Angela Parsons, vice-president and board member; Karen Kimball, president and board member; Andrea Anderson, secretary; Stan Smith, treasurer; and board members Jerry Shriner and Jill Reineccius.

State Convention March 16, 2013 Boise, ID

Reporting on the recent State Convention by Bill and Kay Clarke. It was held in Boise, the Kimball's and Clarke's had a very enjoyable trip down and back together. It was nice to have 60+ degree days although it was a real mixed bag of weather on the return trip to colder [N.ID!](#)

Friday 8:30am started an all day business meeting. The agenda consisted of reports from delegates representing 20 Idaho chapters. Proposals, budgets, and issues were discussed and officers were elected. Karen Kimball: State Chairman & Merle Olsen: State Vice Chairman. All other officers remain the same.

Saturday convention started with 8:30 a.m. registration and socializing. After introductions, reports and "Memorable Partnership" Chapter Tales, the guest speakers were welcomed including; Dan Safford, USDA - Noxious Weeds Program; Rob Mason, Selway Bitterroot/Frank Church Foundation; Leo Hennessey, ID Parks & Rec. - Non-Motorized Trails; John Caywood, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership; and Mike McGlenn, Chairman of BCHA

Along with numerous vendors to visit there were door prizes, a photo contest, the chapter displays and a very successful silent auction. A wonderful dinner and entertainment ended a very enlightening and busy weekend.

March Meeting Speakers Report by Jamie Smith Deputy Burns from Kootenai County Sheriff's Department, and members of the Kootenai County Search and Rescue came to our March chapter meeting and gave a presentation on what their agencies do in the back country, including the use of horses and dogs in the search. They also talked about surviving in the back country in case you get lost or are out for longer than you expected. They showed a survival pack and advised that you should wear the pack rather than have it on your horse. They discussed carrying something to start a fire, a survival blanket, first aid kit, source of light, food water purifier and water, and the importance of knowing first aid and CPR.

Membership dues for year 2013

Please go to the web site www.pbch.org and fill out membership form for 2013. You must fill out a new form each year, so please send in form with money.

Send to PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835.

News from the Editor, Joni Lueck

As many of you may know, I have spent most of the winter as a snowbird down around Phoenix, AZ. area with my husband Dave. I have met many new horsemen and women from around the United States around here. I brought my horse Dusty down in mid-October and he's been a trooper this winter moving around to four different boarding facilities in Salome, Yuma, Tucson and Apache Junction.

On the trip down, we followed I-90 to Butte and then dropped south on I-15. We stayed in fairgrounds along the route and all were well organized and staffed. Many had fresh bedding ready when we arrived. On the way home we retraced our steps stopping in Logandale, NV, then Spanish Fork, UT, onto Dillon, MT and home to Coeur d'Alene.

I met folks with all types of horse breeds including Tennessee Walkers, Missouri Fox Trotters, Quarter Horses, Thoroughbreds, Arabians, but haven't seen another Morgan so far. Dusty's running walk gait has developed this winter along with his cow penning skills we honed at the P and M arena in Apache Junction on Friday nights. In addition, Dusty scrambled over large rocks and developed hard hooves which are good for the sandy desert. The deep sand in the washes here helped slow him down at times and made his muscles shape up.

Now we are watching for snakes as the weather has warmed up and we hope to be on the road north by April 1. Dusty and I did see a rattler a few weeks ago and again today on our ride - everything went ok. Have to keep an eye and ear out. We will be glad to be home in the north once again.

I heard from members Joyce and Angelo Bissell that they were making a trip to Apache Junction, AZ in early March for some riding and sunshine. Also I met Tom Mosher, a past president of PRVBCH and state officer in Desert Center last weekend. He and his wife have retired from owning horses and now just enjoy the sun and golf. Lastly we ran into Kent and Charlene in Apache Junction. They live in the Silver Valley and write stories for a horse magazine.

It's a small world, especially among horse people.

~Joni~

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Memorial Weekend Ride

Directions to trail head: After going down the Lewiston grade, drive through Lewiston City Center and cross bridge into Clarkston. On the bridge stay in left lane. After crossing bridge take diagonal street to Clarkston City Center and Asotin. At next stop light turn left following same signs. It will take you approximately 2 to 2 1/2 hrs from CDA to get to Clarkston.

From Clarkston continue on same road Hwy 129 going , South through town and then along Snake River 5 miles to Asotin. As you come into Asotin, turn before bridge, first road in Asotin, on (Beaumaster Drive) Asotin Creek Rd #110. When you come to a "Y" Keep right and stay at creek level. Road will go back and forth from paved to gravel. After the third time it changes to paved and gravel go right at the next "Y" intersection. A few miles you will go past a couple barns on the right and a cattle guard. After the second barn, look for a sign along the left side of road (Fordyce Trail Head), hitch rail, and large grassy area with a parking lot. You are there. It is about 45 minutes from Asotin and road is always in good condition.

Saturday and Sunday nights will be potluck. We'll have the Chapter BBQ and a couple of stoves to cook on for your meat or breakfast. We can all bring food to share. We are inviting Twin Rivers BCH to join us. This is a BCH MEMBERS ONLY outing.

Jim and I will be going up on Friday morning and will put up signs. Please RSVP, we'd like to know how many will be going.

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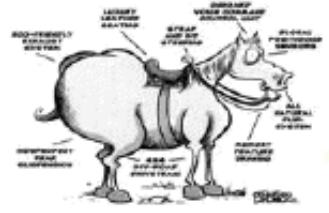
June 8-9 Farragut Packing Clinic, camp out & trail ride. Julie Volpi, trail ride boss. Members only. Packing clinic trail bosses needed.

June 22-23 Fun ride at Heyburn State Park. Members w/guests. Bob and Linda Funke, trail bosses.

July 12-14 Red Ives trail clearing and camp out. Members only.

July 27 4th of July ride Ginger Swisher & Bea Christopherson, trail bosses. 5-mile and 10- mile loops plus lunch. Food trail boss needed.

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State Convention Photos



Left photo: Speaker BCHA chairman Mike McGlenn from Washington.

Middle photo: Auction Item.

Right photo: Incoming BCHI chairman Karen Kimball presents outgoing BCHI chairman Mark Bogar with a BCHI pin.

Lower photo: PBCH display board.
All photos submitted by Karen Kimball.

Classifieds

Horse boarding 2 blocks from Dalton Garden Arena and Canfield Mt. trails. Stall, run, feed and turn out exercise \$275/mo. Call Jamie Smith 208-755-4490. Available March 11, 2013.

***Calendars: \$20.** A great deal for you and the club. Beautiful outdoor photos and your chance to win a monthly \$500 drawing. See any member to purchase yours today.
March Winner of \$500 Diana Smith, Blackfoot, ID.



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