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Back Country Horsemen of Washington
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November 2018



CALENDAR

November 6

Soup Social @6:00 PM

Chapter Meeting @6:30 PM

Hayford Community Church

[Bring favorite Grooming Tool]

December 4

Chapter Meeting

Hayford Community Church

December 31

Renew PBCH and BCHW
memberships

January 8, 2019

Chapter Meeting

Hayford Community Church

January 26, 2019

Leadership Training
Ellensburg, WA

March 15-17, 2019

Rendezvous
Ellensburg, WA





BCHW Wine Ride

By Ken Carmichael

On October 28th BCJW held the 17th annual Wine Ride at Zillah Washington. This is a great event and one of the largest fundraisers for BCHW.

Patti Sander, Dee Dee Denison and I went down on Friday to be volunteers. Patti and Dee Dee helped in registration and were winery hosts at one of the 13 wineries. I helped with parking and drove between three of the wineries picking up cases of wine to return to the registration area.

Here is how this event happens. BCHW volunteers are there a week ahead of time to lay out the parking. Overnight campers have a 30X60 spots. On Wednesday BCHW volunteers arrive to start setting up the registration area. On Friday about 10:00 am campers start rolling in. About 5 of us direct them to camp spots as volunteers on four wheelers direct them through camp. People register receiving a number, map, wine glass and opportunity for raffle and door prizes. There is a potato feed that night. We were parking people until 9:00 pm.

Saturday the BCHW cooks had breakfast for us and we started parking day riders about 7:30. Many riders wear Halloween costumes for the contest. Please see the next Trailhead News. At about 9:00 riders head out to visit wineries on two routes. At the wineries they sample wine and purchase what they want. By 6:00 pm we had all the wine back at registration for them to pick up. After picking up their wine, door prizes and raffle items they settle into a catered dinner and then great live music.

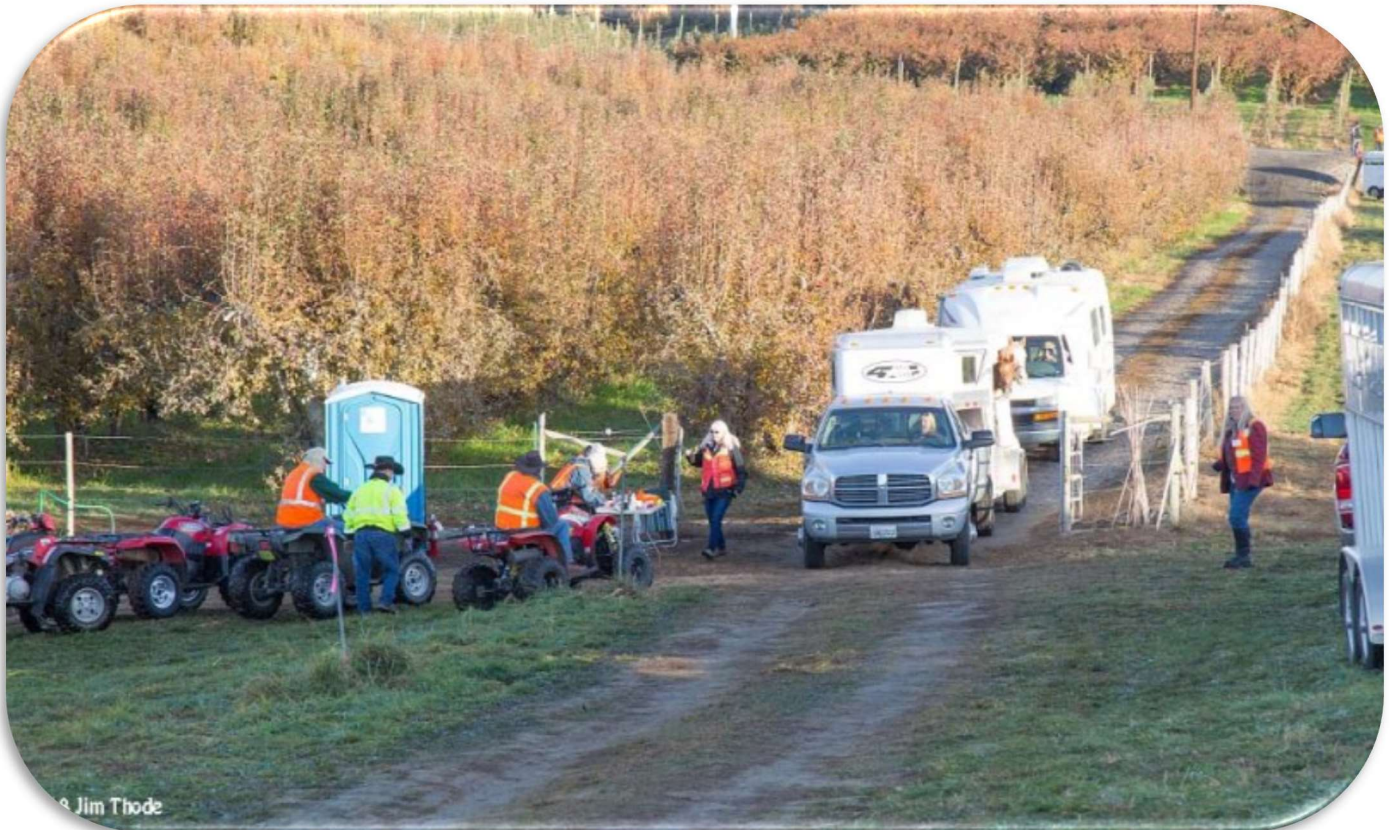
Sunday morning started with another breakfast for the volunteers then we started taking down all the portable garages, lights, sound system, tables, chairs, parking stakes and other equipment. Because of the rain during the night we gave additional help to the participants as they left. The ground was a little slick.

Some statistics: There were about 600 riders who purchased over 2600 bottles of wine from the Zillah Wine Country, plus what the volunteers purchased. Over 100 volunteers and 20 different chapters participated. Debbie has not totaled the volunteer hours yet. I saw licenses from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

While this is primarily a BCHW fundraiser, each chapter also shares in the profits based on the number of volunteer hours contributed.

This a great event, fun for the volunteers and participants. We enjoyed camping on site and visiting with BCHW members from other chapter and riders. Some told me they had been to the PBCH Scavenger Hunt. For next year mark your calendar for the last weekend in October and join us in Zillah for a fun weekend.

[Photos from BCHW.org]



DATES TO REMEMBER

November 6 Soup Social – Before the Membership Meeting

“Soup Social” 6:00 to 6:30 to warm up a cool November evening. Program is "show and tell"; bring your favorite horse grooming tools and share why they are your favorite.

December 4 Meeting Will Be a Christmas Party and Potluck

We will have a special guest and speaker Kathy Young, BCHW President. She will share photos on some of her recent horse vacation adventures.

December 31 Membership renewals due!

Just a reminder that your dues expire on December 31st at the State and Chapter level. If you have already renewed...Thank you! Consider BCHW Online renewals at bchw.org, or renew through PBCH.

January 26 BCHW Leadership Training

The annual BCHW Leadership Training will be Saturday, January 26, 2019 in Ellensburg. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. Officers and others are welcome. We will carpool to cut down on the driving.



Fall Riding

By Michelle Eames

After that late summer of smoke and wildfires crimping our riding style, the fall riding weather has been amazing. Cool yet sunny days, colorful trees, the winter weather holding off; it reminds us of why we live here.

One friend was saying she almost wished for bad weather so she could rest and catch up on inside chores. But really, no one can complain about fall rides at Fish Trap, Mount Spokane, Rustlers Gulch, and Riverside State Park. The inside house chores can wait.

But the nights are colder now, and not so great for camping. My friends and I were discussing the end of camping season, and that we will have to wait until next spring to expose our young horses to more camping experiences. But do we really have to wait? Who says we can't keep training the skills our horses will need to be good camping and trail horses for next season?

Things we can work on at home to prepare for camping season:

1. Tying. A good camping horse must tie well, whether at the trailer, on a high line, or on a hitching post. Horses learn to tie, by, well, tying them. Tie them in a safe place, and gradually increase the time you leave them there. At my house I have a hefty fence post, the trailer, and lots of pine trees to set up a high line. Even if the weather isn't great for riding, I will tie a horse while I do outside chores. [Don't tie them to a trailer that isn't hooked up to a truck, because horses can pull it; and don't tie an inexperienced horse to a tree where they can twist around it and panic. And if you have a horse that tends to panic while tied, contact a trainer.]
2. Respecting an electric corral. The first time I took a horse camping, I didn't know if my horse would stay in an electric fence corral. Luckily, he did. But wouldn't it have been great if I practiced at home first, to be sure my horse was ready? You can do that in the fall and winter. Set up your small electric corral, or small panels, and practice. Leave the horse for increasing amounts of time, or even all night. For the first overnight experience, you may wish to do it inside a larger fence.
3. When you can ride on those nicer days, practice the things you will need on the trail. Take a jacket on and off (start from the ground if you have a young horse). Purposely brush against trees to make that scary spooky noise. Drag things. Put the pack bags or saddle bags on, and clean up the garbage along your neighborhood roads and fields. Hang flags on your fence and stalls to blow in the wind.
4. Do some early Christmas shopping, and accidentally find some cool camping gear you need for next season. And then buy it, because life is short and you need presents, too!
5. If you are in a place where you can have an outdoor fire, practice your camp cooking. Enjoy the cool evenings, clear nights, stars, and dutch oven cooking. Camping season is just around the corner!





Jokes of the Month

(As Shared by Vali the Fjord; he found them while surfing the internet at www.kidspot.com)

Q. What does it mean if you find a horseshoe?

A. Some poor horse is walking around in his socks.

Q. When do vampires like horse racing?

A. When it's neck and neck.

Q. What is the difference between a horse and a duck?

A. One goes quick and the other goes quack!

Q. What do you call a pony with a sore throat?

A. A little hoarse.

Q. What's a horse's favorite sport?

A. Stable tennis.

Q. What do you give a sick horse?

A: Cough stirrup.

Q. Why do cowboys ride horses?

A. Because they're too heavy to carry!

Q. What did the horse say when it fell?

A. "I've fallen and I can't giddyup!"

Q. What do you call a horse that lives next door?

A. A neigh-bour.

Q. Where do horses go when they're sick?

A. The horsepital.

Q. Why did the horse eat with its mouth open?

A. Because it had bad stable manners

Speaking of surfing the internet, who knew horse surfing was a thing? Something to think about when the weather turns cold!

<https://cowgirlmagazine.com/horse-surfing/>



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Everyone can contribute to make the PBCH a successful group to support our mission. We can use help with legislative communications, membership, publicity, etc. Think of what you can do, and together "We will get it done!"

From the Editor:

I invite you all to send me your stories, tips, jokes, articles, photos, words of wisdom or whatever. I especially would like to encourage our officers and committee chairs to share their thoughts, visions and projects. The goal here is to make the newsletter fun, entertaining and informative.

Michelle Eames, Editor

P.S. Please send me photos of you and your equine buddy so I can highlight you in our newsletter!

Happy Thanksgiving!

