

# NICKER NEWS

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## Letter from Our President

Tony Karniss

Now that fall is upon us with a beautiful Indian summer we had 31 members from Lewis County chapter of back country horseman of Washington, join us at Burnt Ridge for a fall ride and yearly achievement potluck BBQ. We had a great turnout of new members and members we haven't seen in a long time. This ride highlighted for all the amount work the chapter accomplished on the Burnt Ridge trail system throughout the early spring to prepare for the fun ride that was held in May as a chapter fundraiser. The chapter rented an excavator to clean up the trails after all the logging last winter on the North and the South side of the trail system. We also hauled gravel in for new 30 foot Turnpike and installed a new bridge and redecked several bridges putting on bull rails and clips to help prevent the horses from sliding on the planks. The trail system is in good shape now and everyone should be very proud of all the hard work they have done on the trail system.

Throughout the spring and summer, we had very successful work parties at Packwood Lake building a 45-foot Turnpike, redecking 15 feet of puncheon, and bucking and brushing. Chapter members also worked on Cody and Keenes Horse Camp trail systems bucking and cutting brush. We continued with a very successful regional work party out of soda springs and the jug lake area improved 10 miles of trail with tread work, brushing and bucking out trees.

The value of the chapters volunteer contributions toward trail stewardship equaled \$63,985 in just labor only. We are starting to plan our work projects for next season, in keeping trails open in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest district. Thank you everyone for your hard work and support.

# BCHW Events

NOV 3 – Chapter Meeting 7PM  
Onalaska Fire Hall

DEC 10 - CHRISTMAS PARTY  
combined with Mossyrock Riders Club



**2023 Chapter meetings (1st Thursday):**  
JAN 5, FEB 2, MAR 2, APR 6,  
MAY 4, JUN 1, JUL 6, AUG 3, SEP 7,  
OCT 5, NOV 2

## 2023 DATES being Discussed:

MAR 3-5 - WA Horse Expo, Ridgefield

MAR 17-19 - BCHW Rendezvous

MAY 20 - Chapter Sponsored Fun Ride,  
Burnt Ridge

JUN 21-25 - Green River Work Party

JUL 1-8 - Statewide Work Party  
Pasayton

JUL 17-23 - Carlton Creek Work Party

AUG 7-13 - Nanny Ridge Work Party

## FULL CALENDAR ONLINE:

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Have a story or event to share?

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## August Regional Work Party at Soda Springs

by Tony Karniss and Photos courtesy of Marsha O'Neil

On August 10th – 14th Lewis County chapter of Back country Horseman held a regional work party out of Soda Springs and Jug Lake area near Packwood, WA. We had 8 members from Gary Zink's WTA crew and 13 members of BCHW from 4 different chapters Lewis County, Grays Harbor, Mt. St Helens & Pierce County. Seems as always there is a large log across the trail, this time a 58-inch Douglas fir, right out of the get go that created some problems. But a crew of Tom Conner, Leonard and Sherri Wright along with Cassie King they succeed has always getting the trail open.

Barb Talbot and Tom Faubion worked on the Summit Creek crossing repairing a major bad spot and sawing out a few logs along with repairing a section of serious tread needing to be done.

Marsha O'Neil, Mackenzie Lindh, Eric Brown and I worked on brushing and tread work and 4 different Creek Crossing.

Al Mardock, Sherry Brown, Ann Lindh, Ken Evans, and Mario Porras took care of Pack Support getting crews into their work and camping areas, along with the days of not packing filling in on cutting out trails and tread work.

Carrie Heltemes and Carolyn Kruckenberg rode in and did lopping on the trails.

Gary Zink's WTA crew camped at Jug Lake and worked from there bucking logs and 550-foot of trail repair on the 43 trail that was a total rebuild and logged on out to the PCT trail.





## Workparty Continued...

Despite having a small crew of very hard working folks, we got 10 miles of trail bucked out, brush cut and a lot of tread work done. The 42, 44, 44A, 43, 41, & 47 trails are now open for hikers and stock.

What an tremendous amount of work this outstanding team of hard-working folks accomplished!

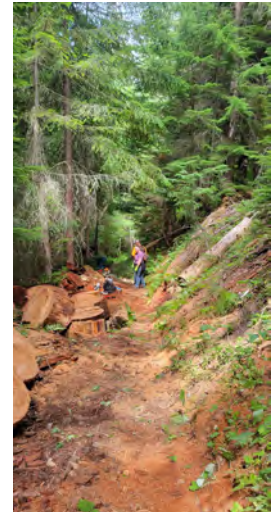
Thank You! ~ Tony Karniss ~

## 2023 Rendezvous

by Sherry Brown

2023 Rendezvous is scheduled March 17-19 2023 in Ellensburg. Planning is currently underway for this event from scheduling vendors and speakers to organizing the tack sale and auction. See Teri Starke's article in the September / October 2022 edition of the Trailhead News if you'd like to have input in what is being planned.

From our Lewis County Chapter's point of view, we are starting to plan for how many members are going so we can make sure we reserve dinner table space, as well as planning our input for the auction. Rendezvous will be a discussion item at upcoming meetings, so if you have input, please come ready with your comments.



## Sawyer Advanced Skills Training by Tony Karniss

From July 29th -- 31st The BCHW Saw Program held an Advanced Skills and Certification on Chainsaws, on the West Fork of The Humptulips Trail number 806. We had 13 folks counting pack Stock Support and crew along with A, B and C sawyers. It was a great collaboration of sawyer from BCHW, Evergreen Mountain Bike Association(EMBA) and Northwest Motorcycle Association (NWMA), Tread, and an Ocean going Tug Boat Captain. A very interesting group of folks, but all good hard working sawyers with the same thing in mind, keep all trails open to all users.

The upper end of the 3 ½ mile Portion of the trail had not been worked on for 5 or 6 years and was very over grown with brush and 60 blow downs across the trail varying in size from 16 inches to 5 feet in diameter, with the average size 32 inch diameter. The blow downs were on very steep ground with minor to very complex bind situations. The Pack Stock crew were vital in helping pack saws and tools into the different cutting sites, and when not packing they paid a very important role in cutting lots of brush and 5-foot salmon berries to find the tread.

A lot of good sawing skills were taught and learned in those 3 days. These collaborative efforts are vital for saw training and trail maintenance to continue working well into the future.



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## May 21st Burnt Ridge Fun Ride

By: Norma Wright

The May 21st Burnt Ridge fun ride was a huge success this year thanks to all the volunteers and our numerous sponsors.

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