

Beartooth Back Country Horsemen Trail Tales

President's Pen

November 2021

Fall is here. And along with it, cooler weather. It's a great time to ride. For a while there I was packing about every week. Lately I've been able to focus on a few things I didn't get around to this summer,



like planning for hunting season, fence repair and home repair. Some of those things have been sorely neglected on my part.

Even though summer is over, we still have a lot going on before the year is over. Unfortunately, the First Aid/CPR (Re) Certification training was unexpectedly cancelled at the last minute by the trainer this month, but we'll reschedule as soon as possible. We had nine members commit, but we can accommodate more when we reschedule.

Coming up should be an excellent educational program at our November general meeting. You should not miss this. Ben Daley from the A-B Wilderness Project Leader will discuss the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness – see more in the notice later in this newsletter. Ben has been great to work with the last two years.

There are still plenty of opportunities to serve or help out with the BBCH. We have elections coming up at the November meeting. We need volunteers for the board of directors and for the state director and alternate. See the notice later in this newsletter. And, last, we have Christmas Party planning to do. We'll have to make it a big one to make up for last year!

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November 15th – 6:30 P.M. Potluck

Meeting @ 7:00

Fishtail Community Center

Education Program: DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

Ben Daley, Program Director (and project leader) with the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Foundation will present our educational program in November. He will discuss the ABWF educational programs including such topics as the two ranges and their plateaus, their climatic, geological and environment differences, how the A-BW is connected to the Greater Yellowstone, as well as our collaboration with them. This should be excellent. Bring your questions and thoughts on our collaboration with the ABW Foundation.

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEARTOOTH CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Monday, November 15 General Meeting. The following positions need to be filled:

Two 2-year and One 1-year Board of Directors position (monthly meetings, first Thursday)

One State (BCHMT) Director position, 2-year term

One Alternate State Director position, 1-year term, fills (fills in for either state delegate).

If interested, please contact any current or former board member for more information.

CHRISTMAS PARTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Monday, December 20. We will coordinate this at the November meeting.

READ THE LATEST BCHMT NEWSLETTER "DECKER DISPATCH" here: [DD_OCT_WEB-FINAL10-12-21.pdf](#)
([bchmt.org](#))—

WE CAN LEARN FROM THIS

Submitted by: Robin Morris

Recently, I received the following message on our BBCHMT Facebook page: "Hello! This is kind of a strange question, my name is Whitney Edwards, my dad is David Edwards and I know he is a part of the Beartooth Back Country Horsemen. He went into hunting camp at Mystic Lake on Friday. My Sister and I were under the impression he was coming back out yesterday. He went with John Jenkins, does anyone know Johns wife's name? We don't know her and she's the one with their hunting plan."

I was able to obtain Louise's phone number (thank you Nancy) and forward it to Whitney. It was a simple misunderstanding. John and David planned for and safely returned as planned, but Whitney thought they were returning a day earlier.

What can we learn from this? Hats off to Whitney. She was worried and figured out a way to get the information she needed to calm her fears. She is obviously a very resourceful young lady.

Verbal details can be forgotten or misinterpreted, especially when we are concerned about a loved one. When we head to the Wilderness, we need to communicate in writing where we are going, who we are going with, when we plan to return home, and provide contact information of a family member for each member of the party. If you have a satellite device, instruct family members how to contact you. When I travel Frank knows that once I am settled in safely at camp, I turn my device off. I turn it back on before heading out in the morning. As he has my Garmin Share weblink, he can follow my activity once I head out again in the morning. I always have it turned on while I am riding Beau.

I was glad that everything worked out for the Edwards. We can all learn from this simple misunderstanding. To be honest, I was very touched that Whitney reached out as soon as she did. She obviously cares a lot for her father. That's a good thing.

CAMPING BREAKFAST BURRITOS

In the spring, I will make several dozen burritos and keep them in the freezer. It is handy for spur of the moment camping trips. They are also handy to have around for those, “what am I going to make for dinner” moments.

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 TABLESPOON OLIVE OIL
- 1 CUP FROZEN HASH BROWNS
- 8 OZ COOKED HAM, DICED
- 12 EGGS
- 1 TABLESPOON TACO SEASONING
- 1 (4.5 OZ) CAN GREEN CHILES
- 2 CUPS (8 OZ) SHREDDED CHEDDAR CHEESE
- 1/4 CUP CHOPPED CILANTRO
- 8 (12-INCH) FLOUR TORTILLAS

INSTRUCTIONS

HEAT THE OLIVE OIL IN A LARGE SKILLET. ADD THE HASH BROWNS AND COOK FOR 1 MINUTE, STIRRING CONTINUOUSLY. ADD IN THE HAM. CONTINUE TO COOK, STIRRING OCCASIONALLY, UNTIL THE HASH BROWNS AND HAM HAVE BOTH BROWNEED, ABOUT 8-10 MINUTES.

MEANWHILE, IN A LARGE BOWL, LIGHTLY WHISK THE EGGS. WHISK IN THE TACO SEASONING. WHEN THE HASH BROWNS AND HAM HAVE BROWNEED, POUR THE EGGS INTO THE SKILLET. COOK, STIRRING FREQUENTLY, UNTIL THE EGGS HAVE SET. STIR IN THE GREEN CHILES, CHEESE AND CILANTRO.

WARM THE TORTILLAS. PUT 1/8 OF THE EGG MIXTURE DOWN THE CENTER OF EACH TORTILLA. ROLL UP LIKE A BURRITO AND WRAP TIGHTLY IN FOIL AND FREEZE.

WHEN READY TO COOK, PLACE WRAPPED BURRITOS IN HOT COALS NEXT TO FIRE. LET THE BURRITOS SIT IN THE COALS, TURNING ONCE, UNTIL HEATED THROUGH, ABOUT 10-15 MINUTES. (THE TIME WILL DEPEND ON HOW HOT YOUR FIRE IS.)

BBCH – GENERAL MEETING 10/18/2021

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Meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Zoom presentation by Greg Schatz on “How to get youth involved with BCH.”

Marion Wilmus and Elle Eberts also attended the Zoom meeting. The main points of the presentation were to always be welcoming, no matter the age, sex, financial standing or experience of the person looking to join BCH. As a member, we should encourage participation, always be polite and recognize any effort made to help with our goals.

Meeting called to order 8:16

Introductions

ABWF sent a thank you for all the packing done this summer. Ben Daly will be speaking at the November general meeting.

Randy Thomsen reported on the responses he has received from his letters about the Lodge Pole Road. CPR/First Aid class will be held Saturday November 6, from 10am -3pm at the Fishtail Community Center. This certification is needed to get certified on chain saw and crosscut saws. Randy Thomsen moved to have the club pay for lunches from Fishtail Store at the first aid class. John Chepulis second. Motion passed. Bonnie Chepulis volunteered to oversee setting up lunches.

Jessi Erickson reported that the website is up to date, but she does need older pictures for the archive on the website. The link to the website on Facebook needs to be corrected. Would anyone be interested in being administration for Instagram page?

Discussion on the packing this summer, interest in more camp outs and clinics.

Old business- Ads in the newsletter. John Simmons proposal, from last November, for ads in the newsletter was read. Discussion on word number, pictures, members only, and amount of time run in letter. Board will discuss at next Board meeting.

Discussion on a trail spotlight on Facebook page, over the winter. Post would cover road access, parking, turn around ability, trail obstacles, popularity of trail, and landscape. Post pictures.

Nomination Committee, John Jenkins, John Chepulis, and Marilyn Simmons are looking for volunteers to serve on the board. If interested, please contact these members.

The board is looking to purchase t-shirts for the membership. Jessi Erickson presented a design for t-shirts. Members suggested the letterhead could also be a design. John Jenkins will send letterhead to Jessi Erickson to download into a design. Both designs will be presented at Board meeting.

John Chepulis has been finding out information on fixing BBCH signs at the Stillwater trailhead and putting up a sign for BBCH at the Island Lake trailhead. Allie Wood emailed that the signs could cost \$700. John Chepulis will continue to get more information on these signs.

Allie Wood has asked the club if there is interest in packing gravel into Myers Creek trail and maybe Initial Creek. The Forest Service has gravel bags for packing. John Chepulis will get more information.

Discussion on Greg Schatz presentation. Board asked members what can we do to help new members? Suggestions were pack clinics, clinics where livestock can attend, members only horse training clinic, and pack at trail clinic then ride, or short rides.

Meeting adjourned 9:12

LAUGHINGSTOCK





November 5th, 2021 – Benbow Road - Jeep Trail Loop


Fellow BBCH member, Tara Smith, and I have been scrambling to log as many miles in the mountains as possible before winter and snow settles in. On this day, both of our “weather” sources, reported 54°, sunny, and winds ranging from 8-12 mph with 18-21 mph gusts later in the day. I got to the trailhead first. Man-oh-man – the wind was wailing! I was glad to have my down vest, fiber-filled North Face jacket, and wool scotch hat. I unloaded Beau, bridled, and tightened his cinch then retreated to the cab of my truck to wait for Tara. She arrived before I warmed up. We headed up the Benbow Road – straight into the wind. Our steeds were not happy, but they pushed on. I knew once we got past the Chrome mine, the wind would be more in our favor, and it was. Chrome Lake surprisingly was not frozen solid, as it had been two weeks prior. We made the loop and were able to log just over twenty-one miles. Pretty soon Tara and I will be back to the county roads for riding throughout the winter. Thank goodness we have an abundance of great roads. I hope others are also enjoying the last of fall...from the backs of their beloved steeds. Happy Trails!

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