



Caught in Lightening

Submitted by Carol and Robin, friends of PBCH

If There's No Shelter, Where Should I Go?

In the forest: Retreat to a group of small trees surrounded by taller trees or find a dry, low area like a depression or ravine. Avoid lone trees and other tall objects as well as rocky outcrops and ledges.

In an open area: Look for a dry, low-lying area such as a valley and become the smallest target possible. Do this by crouching down with your heels touching, head between the knees, and ears covered. Minimize your contact with the ground and do not lie down flat.

Anywhere outdoors: You can take shelter in a car or other safe shelter, but not a tent. In all cases, avoid bodies of water and areas that have high flash flood potential.

Information gleaned from Google search. Be safe; pay attention.

2017 Calendars are Available

Contact Ray at 660-2907 to purchase yours for the upcoming year. These are a main fundraiser for the BCHI organization.

Information Corner

******On Loan:** The club has a Decker pack saddle and boxes it will loan out to members.

Please go to www.pbch.org and print out 2016 membership form and mail in. Please email Stan Smith, treasurer sdsmith7566@yahoo.com You can also sign up at any ride or event throughout the year!

Remember to get your PBCH membership card which is good for **10% discount** on animal feed at the North 40 Store.

Life Flight memberships. The yearly dues are \$45 for BCHI members. Diane Shriner has membership applications. Her phone number is 667-2949 or email shriner.diane@gmail.com. Important to have in case of med evac emergency during trail riding or other events.

2016 Calendars This year's prizes will be 11 - \$500 gift cards and a grand prize of a \$6000 gift card. This is a great fundraiser for the chapters in Idaho. Call Ray at 660-2907.

Classified Ads are free to members. Please send your information to newsletter editor Joni Lueck at jklhorserider@gmail.com

**** 2012 Razor for sale. Red and white. Nice 4-wheeler rig with roof and windshield available. \$8,000. Razor trailer available also. Call Joni at 659-9066.**

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Calendar of Events Subject to change. All events are members only unless otherwise stated. No dogs.

August

Saturday August 6, 4th of July Pass Rec Area fun ride. Arnie Wilkens, trail boss. 10 a.m. Bring your lunch. Easy open trails. Lots of parking. Directions: 4th of July Pass is located 13 miles East of Coeur d'Alene off of I-90. At the Summit exit #28, go South and stay right on Forest Road #614 for a quarter mile to the signed entrance for the Park N' Ski Area. Lots of trailer parking available. 755-2193. Email ajwilkens@lifeformchairs.com

September

Saturday, Sept. 10 Dalton Gardens Picnic. We need a few more volunteers to sign up for this. You need to be at the Dalton City Shop by 11:15 a.m.. Wear your red t-shirt if you have one. We do this to say "thank you" for the use of the building for our meetings. There is lots going on that day and it's fun. If you work, you get fed. Please give me a call at 772-2434 if you can help. Thanks, Karen Kimball

Sunday, Sept. 11, 4th of July Pass Rec Area fun ride. Open to members and guests. George Miller and Karen Kimball will be food trail bosses for this event. Ribs will be cooked in Dutch Ovens and salads and drinks will be available.. Please RSVP for the food by Sept. 6 to Karen Kimball at 772-2434. Ride will be 2 to 3 hours. Ride starts at 9 a.m. Easy open trails. Good family ride. Lots of parking. Contact Joni Lueck at jklhorserider@gmail.com for more information. This event was initially set for Saturday, Sept. 10 but is now Sunday, Sept. 11. Be patriotic and wear your red, white and blue. Directions: 4th of July Pass is located 13 miles East of Coeur d'Alene off of I-90. At the Summit exit #28, go South and stay right on Forest Road #614 for a quarter mile to the signed entrance for the Park N' Ski Area. Lots of trailer parking available.

Saturday, Sept. 24. Fall Fun Ride and Scavenger Hunt, Riverside State Park. Fundraiser for Back Country Horsemen of Washington, Ponderosa chapter. Contact Ken at 509-466-2225 or kcarmichael2225@gmail.com Discover Pass Free Day. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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PBCH Meeting Minutes Wednesday, July 20. 3rd Wednesday of each month for summer.

This month's meeting was our annual meeting held at Dalton City Park

Potluck dinner, the food was plentiful and the grill was hot. Thanks Jim Kimball for hauling the grill.

After dinner the meeting was called to order by Pres. Jerry Shriner at 7:55 PM.

Minutes were approved as read by the members.

Stan read the Treasurer's report.

Progressive pot was \$118.00 Tracey Anderson's name was called and she was not present.

The only outstanding bill is for \$1,950.00 for the 6 fire rings for the Line Creek project of which \$2000.00 in grants were ear marked. Although \$500.00 from BCHI will be paid at March 2017 State convention.

A motion to pay the bill was made by Alan and seconded by Bill.

Old Business:

Jerry said the Snow Peak work detail was a big success; about 45 trees were removed in 2 days.

Karen reported that the July 5th work detail at Burton Meadows went very well. They sprayed noxious weeds for the USFS. Next is a fertilizing detail that should be in the fall.

New Business:

Karen met with Dalton City on, July 20th, for the Dalton Days picnic in the Park, Sept. 10th. Need volunteers.

A sign-up sheet was sent around to get volunteer to help serve food and refreshments at about 6 serving stations.

Need about 6 more people for a total of 12. Report to the park by 11:15 AM. Serve between 11:30- 1:00. Last year we served about 300 people.

Contact Karen if you can go, it's PBCH's way of saying thanks to City of Dalton for the use of the building for our monthly meetings.

2017 calendars have arrived so let's all grab about 10 each and sell them!

Rides:

August 6th fun ride at 4th of July Pass Rec Area. Bea Christopherson originally was the trail boss but with her new horse she is not sure. Arnie will trail boss the ride. Bea will help if her steed works out. Undecided whether it will be the long or short loop.

Let's put boots in the stirrups at 10 AM. No lunch will be supplied. Arnie is riding with Kim Homdrum Sat., 7-23, to map it and check the trails.

August 13&14th, Line Creek will serve as the trailhead for a USFS pack- in of misc. items that the service needs at a remote location, light pack. Mostly fun, easy riding. Jerry and Diane are going up Friday the 12th.

NOTE: Due to the Dalton Picnic, Fourth of July club ride, open to the public, is changed from **9-10 to 9-11**, will confirm start time at August's meeting. Lunch will be served, rumor has it- Dutch Oven short ribs.

Lets wear as much Red, White, and Blue as we can to remember the infamous date.

A motion was made by Karen and seconded by Bea to move the ride date. A change cost will be incurred for insurance. Karen said in is a nominal charge.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM, motioned by Bill Clarke and seconded by Tom Knoll. Minutes by Debbie Stratton, Secretary.

Snow Peak Work Party

Submitted by Jerry Shriner, president PBCH

Trail 55, the Snow Peak trail, in the St Joe forest is one of the more popular hiking trails in the area. The hike is moderate, goats are often seen around the lookout, deer around the trailhead and bear, elk and moose roam the surrounding roadless area. Of course there is the spectacular view from the 7000 foot peak.

Over the Fourth of July weekend Linda and Bob Funke along with Diane and Jerry Shriner made the four-hour drive from Coeur d'Alene, through Avery, up Bluff Creek to the FS 201 road to the trailhead know as Bathtub. The area gets the name from a spring that bubbles up just below the trailhead and the tank that was imbedded in the small meadow below. The tub is gone but the spring still runs from the side of the hill at 6000 feet.

From Pineapple Saddle the road had been opened just enough for single vehicle travel so our first task was to cut log after log widening the road enough for our horse trailers. Once at the trailhead we were faced with the task of clearing enough down timber to get to the feed bunk and to clear a trail 200 yards to the spring.

Saturday morning it was time to get after the five miles of trail to Snow Peak. Friday a motorcyclist told us he had cleared the first mile to the Lightening Ridge Trail. That would have been good news except this is a non-motorized area so our appreciation was less than he seemed to expect.

Our plan was to clear Trail 55 first and then work on the Spotted Louie trail that forks off about four miles in on Trail 55 and goes down Spotted Louie Creek to the North Fork of the Clearwater River. However, after clearing 45 trees Saturday and Sunday on the way out to Snow Peak we had only enough time to clear some trees at the trail fork and to ride down Spotted Louie far enough to confirm that it was as clogged with down trees as Trail 55. This is a beautiful area with many nearby trails in a roadless area that includes the Mallard-Larkins. An example of what we can lose if we can't keep trails open.



Left photo: THIS WAS JUST TO BE ABLE TO USE THE FEED BUNK. Photo above: A SAMPLE OF WHAT WINTER AND WIND HAD DONE

Burton Meadows Work Party



Photo above submitted by Karen Kimball
Jim Kimball ready to go to work at Marie Creek last month.

Written by Karen Kimball

On July 5th Jim and I went up to Marie Creek trail head and met Gil Moreno, new USFS person in charge of spraying weeds. We loaded chemicals and sprayer on Smarty and headed into Burton Meadows. Did the mixing at the meadows by getting water out of the creek. Jim and Gil did the spraying, Lots of daisies and st johns warts. We met at trail head at 8:00 and got back and unloaded by 2:30. Had nice weather so was a good ride.

Fun Ride Antoine Peak July 31



Photo above submitted by Cindi Richardson
Ten riders enjoyed a breezy sunny day at Antoine Peak Conservation Area in Washington on July 31. Here the group stopped for a quick lunch break. First-time trail boss Bev Syslo did a good job.

