Mt. Hood Chapter OET 2010 report

A hard-riding chapter:
One of the fun things that really took off in 2010 were the day rides. Thanks to Harold Kenny and Lot and Pam Scholz, members went on dozens of day rides both here and in Washington.
Deniece Tucker led us on our annual Deschutes River Ride. Members explored new trails at Gibson Prairie and familiar trails (with runners added on the PCT) out of Clackamas Corrals. Finding stray cow and calf pairs at Corncob Ranch took us through several gorges. Play Day clipped right along with the audience having as much fun as the riders.

OET State Roundup:
Our chapter voted to spend $200 to buy a display board so we could take a display to the OET 40th Anniversery Round-up. It was our good fortune that Alex Maux attended that meeting and donated a commercial grade display booth 90" high and nine feet wide. Nancy Miller, Nancy Carpenter, and Lauri Skoien put their creative and scrapbook skills to work. Linda Lesowske, Jeff Miller, and Barb Adams pitched in as well and the display looked great. It won the "Best Display" prize winning "by a landslide."
Debbie Stice and her www.trailpals.com company again helped us saddle up auction items with matching cantle and saddle bags made right in John Day by Garden Horse. Our chapter, with Debbie's help, donated a mini-hay bag and an accessories bag to the raffle. Fourteen members of our chapter attended.

Clackamas Lake Campground Corrals, Mt. Hood National Forest, Zigzag Ranger District:
The project to build 30 stalls in 11 campsites at Clackamas Lake Campground started in 2007. Six sites were completed in 2008/2009. The remaining five sites were finished in 2010.
In addition to the volunteer labor, Mt. Hood and North Valley Chapter members supplied and operated a trackhoe and dump truck (Jeff Miller), tractor (Dave Adams), generators, chainsaws and tools.
North Valley and Mt. Hood joined together for a campout and dedication ceremony July 23-25. Thirty members from Mt. Hood attended the dedication July 24. Rose Mahoney, OET President, and Kathleen Walker, Zigzag Ranger District, were our guest speakers at the dedication. OET MH supplied the ribs and the Dedication Cake with photos from work parties.

Parades: Deniece Tucker led riders and horses dressed in red-white and blue for the Corbett Fourth of July Parade.
Linda Lesowske had both riders and mini-horse carts for her annual Teddy Bear OET unit.

Camp-outs:
Corncob Ranch May 28-31. Sixteen members made the scenic four-hour drive to Corncob Ranch near Spray, Oregon. With thousands of acres to ride, the Spray Rodeo, evenings around the fire and helping with the ranch spring roundup, it's no wonder Corncob is one of our favorite places. The owners, Rockey and Rahlie Goodell, needed some help with the cattle round-up as Rockey was recovering from a stroke that almost took his life. We were happy to help out.
Gibson Prairie Horse Camp, July 9-11: With BCH members to show us around ten riders enjoyed the no fee camp and a chance to ride some new scenery. This was the beginning of our efforts working with BCHGC to keep this horse camp open and no fee. Comments on concessionaires were submitted by members to the Mt. Hood National Forest HQ.

Trail Skills College: Our chair, Barb Adams, served on the committee and volunteered at the event for the second Trail Skills College Cascade Locks (southern Washington and Northern Oregon). More than 160 volunteers took part in the Friday through Sunday classes ranging from trail work to first aid.

Trail work 2010 Mt. Hood National Forest:
1. Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness, Zigzag Ranger District:
Lower Douglas Trail, four miles; Eagle Creek Trail, six miles. Our annual clean up of Douglas Trailhead was snowed out. However, our partner at that trailhead, Dump-stoppers, cleaned up the major items.
2. Badger Creek Wilderness, Barlow Ranger District: Logged out Three Mile Trail and Badger Cut-off Trail. Chapter members volunteered with BCH on Badger Creek National Scenic Trail.
3. Sandy River Delta Park, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area:
Two chapter members are on the board of "Friends of the Sandy River Delta", Pammy Hirigaray and Barb Adams. Melissa Robinson and Harold Kenny also attend meetings and volunteer at the SRD on a regular basis. . Mt. Hood volunteers take part in regularly scheduled work parties. Specific work party accomplishments: Dug water bars and put in stone on muddy section of Meadow Trail; backed up briars and put bump-outs in a narrow stretch of Meadow Trail to make passing easier for horses meeting hikers and dogs; gathered debris including old barbed wire. Dave Adams mows six miles of trail twice yearly at the SRD. These trails were overgrown by scotch broom and briars when we got permission to clear them several years ago. Our chapter restored a third trail in 2010 that had been overgrown by blackberries and shrubs. Later in 2010 we restored this trail again as it was plowed under during habitat restoration work. Our chapter paid for and installed, "Horse Trailer Parking Only" signs. Our volunteers helped put up trail signs at trailheads and junctions, and "no parking" signs on the entry road. Gretchyn Duval designed and produced a very attractive and "fork in hoof" sign for use at the SRD parking area. Chapter members do regular clean-up of horse manure and hay in the parking lot.

Road Decommissioning Proposals:
In 2009 Barb Adams toured the road decommissioning sites in **Zigzag Ranger District** that are of interest to equestrians. She and other members submitted comments on the Road Decommissioning Proposal.
In 2010 we submitted comments on the plan proposed by the Forest Service. We then worked with the Zigzag Ranger District to work out the solutions to remaining issues.
Two proposed closures of particular interest to equestrians:

1. Proposed closure of Douglas Trailhead by the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness. This trailhead provides access to Douglas, Eagle, McTyre Ridge and Plaza Trails.
   2010: Douglas Trailhead will be kept open until a replacement trailhead is complete.
   An additional trailhead will be constructed on Lower Douglas Trail in order to ride Eagle Creek Trail since the entrance through George is extremely rough and parking is only available on the road.
   Mt. Hood Chapter will work with Zigzag Ranger District on specifications for the two new parking areas to make sure that they are suitable for horse trailers.
   Even more good news: An informal trailhead used by hikers to access McIntyre Trail will be enlarged in order to accommodate horse trailers.
2. Proposed closure of road 380 by Riley Horse Camp. This road provides loop opportunities, especially for winter riding. The road can be combined with the Cast Creek/Horseshoe Ridge Loop, or for a separate ride using Lower Horseshoe. Comments were submitted regarding these closures.
   2010: Road 380 will be converted into a trail. Work on these proposed actions will continue in 2011.

In 2010 chapter members and BCHCG members attended a meeting at **Barlow Ranger District** regarding road decommissioning in Barlow and Hood River Ranger Districts. After the meeting Dave and Barb Adams OET, and BCH volunteers went on a tour of roads of interest to equestrians. Joining us on the tour were Todd Parker, hydrologist, Michelle Lombardo, project manager, and Chris, fisheries biologist. Comments were submitted concerning roads that equestrians use as connectors and road to trail proposals. This work will continue in 2011.

Speakers:
Russell Hawkins, *Chaffee Hay*; Karen Bragg, *Sisters Trip and Leave No Trace*; McKenzie Jensen *Awards Presentation*, Zigzag Ranger District; Mark Kersey, *Navigation Skills* September 9 and at the *Delta September 11*; Julie Deleone, *Pasture Management*.

Volunteers:
Pam Hirigaray and Bunny Peschke were awarded 2009 Certificates of Appreciation for many years of volunteering and support.
In 2010 chapter members worked 394 field services hours. The hours were earned logging out trails in the Mt. Hood National Forest, building corrals at Clackamas Lake and working at the Sandy River Delta.
A total of 40 members volunteered in marketing, events, or field services. Our secretary for the past nine years decided to "retire". Pammy did an excellent job and we all appreciate the many ways she supports our chapter. Thanks to treasurer Julie Burns our chapter adopted a formal budget in 2010. This is a big help managing our finances.

Officers 2010

Chair…Barb Adams	Vice-Chair…Linda Lesowske	Secretary…Pam Hirigary
Treasurer…Julie Burns	Quartermaster…Barb Vandershelden	Sandy River Delta…Pammy Hirigaray

Hard Corp Riders…Harold Kenny, Lot & Pam Scholz

Volunteers 2010
Julie Burns, Melissa Robertson, Linda Lesowske, Pam and Lot Scholz, Harold Kenny, Deniece Tucker, Pammy Hirigaray, Dave Adams, Barb Adams, Harold Kenny, Lauri Malone, Doris Schnelle, Letty and Harold Moyer, Garrett Hale, Jeff and Nancy Miller, Brian and Heather Nelson, Nancy Carpenter, Lauri Skoien, Debbie Stice, Diane Treat, Pam Masson, Marge Reed, Linda Finch, Mary Blankevoort, Bunny Peschke, Jim Schembs, Barb VanDershelden, Ray & Bonnie Whiteman, Kris Spencer, Lori Underwood, Gretchyn Duval, Colene Everett, Lynn Larsen and Lynne Lenz.

Volunteers Field Services:
Receiving Trail Park Passes this year from the Forest Service:
Harold Kenny, Dave Adams, Barb Adams, Nancy Carpenter, Pam & Lot Scholz.

OET State Recognition in 2011 for work performed in 2010: Mt. Hood Chapter…
More than 30 hours….Harold Kenny, Dave Adams, Barb Adams.
Volunteers of the month December 2010 Riders' Roundup Dave and Barb Adams.

Volunteer hours:

2010… 394 hours	**2009… 812 hours**	**2008… 1,329 hours**
2007….1,131 hours	**2006…1,167 hours**	**2005…1,009 hours**
2004… 441 hours	**2003… 201 hours**	**2002…167 hours (no travel counted)**