Riders' Roundup



Mt. Hood is all smiles at Estacada 4th of July Parade



Mt. Hood's big event for July was our participation in the Estacada 4th of July Parade. Twelve members showed up to decorate, ride, drive, or march, and generally support our involvement in this fun activity. Colene Everett, with her containers full of red, white and blue streamers and stars and glitter, is our "Parade Maven". She enjoyed riding her buckskin mare, Callie, in the parade. Sue Gillilan and Suzanne Cathey hammed it up, pulling our combination manure/bottle & can collection cart. They earned big cheers from the crowd. The competition was rough, but we earned 2nd place for our efforts.

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Our Q3 quarterly board meeting will be at the Sister's Library on September 27th. All the logistics, including remote login information, will be coming in late August or early September. All members are welcome to attend board meetings. Just let your chapter chair know ASAP if you plan to attend so we can have an accurate lunch count. Some folks are planning to camp at Sister's Cow Camp, which is a no fee camp, but is first come first serve, so come early and/or stay late. The trails and riding around Cow Camp is great. Consider bringing your horse for an opportunity to ride. Other OET members are sure to be there as well.

Also, to all of you that volunteer with the FS or the BLM, their fiscal year closes at the end of September. For your volunteer hours to count for the 2025 year, your hours from October 1st 2024, through September 30th 2025, must be in the system prior to the end of September.

Sherry and I were in Nebraska again this year. My mom turned 94 in July. We also spent some time in northeastern Washington and Idaho this summer. There were several wildfires burning close to the areas we were visiting. The huge fire just east of White Salmon Washington was going full bore as we drove home. Currently, a huge fire is burning by Madras. As of July 28th, there were 3 active large fires burning in Oregon as well as several more in Washington. At that time the total number of fires year to date in Oregon was 1,164 which had burned a total of 146,589 acres. The last real rain we had in western Oregon was around the middle of June. We went from wet and above average rainfall to hot, dry and major wildfires in just a month's time. Please be prepared for a quick response to wildfires at home and while out enjoying the trails. Keep things packed and ready to go just in case you are ordered to evacuate. I want to see you at work parties and meetings for years to come.

One more important thing I will mention. As of this writing we are still looking for a volunteer as state treasurer starting in January 2026. If you believe this position is one you can do, please step up. There will be lots of help to support you as you transition into the position. If you are interested, you can let your chapter chair or any of the state officers know. Any of them can help you with job description and the next steps. OET works because of the volunteers working together. We need your support.

Stay safe and stay healthy. I hope to see you out on the trail or at a horse camp. You can contact me by sending mail to Frank DeWeese 17380 N.W. Orchard View Rd. McMinnville, OR. 97128 or email me at president@oregonequestriantrails.org

VP of Field Services
Matt Dolphin

Gone Camping! See you next month!

VP of Public Lands
Kim McCarrel



You win some and you lose some. In the past month, we equestrians won a couple of big ones, and lost one that would have been nice to have. Here's the rundown.

The Wins

Recreational Immunity: The Oregon Legislature passed a significant bill that protects landowners who open their property to the public for recreational purposes free of charge. Without this legislation, we would likely face trail closures at State and County parks, as well as private forest lands. For background, a couple of years ago, the courts struck down the law that had previously protected Oregon's landowners. In 2024, the Legislature enacted a temporary fix that expired this year. The new law protects landowners from liability for injuries that occur on their property during recreational use. This was a big win for equestrians and all other recreational trail users.

Sale of Public Lands: At the national level, the recently passed Big Beautiful Bill originally contained an amendment that would have required the sale of millions of acres of public lands, including land in Oregon. Fortunately for us, the amendment was removed on a technicality before the bill passed, as it didn't meet the requirements for an amendment to a reconciliation bill. As a result, our public lands are safe for now. However, some Senators have vowed to reintroduce legislation to facilitate or mandate the sale of public land. We'll be watching this issue closely in the coming months.

The Loss

Liability Releases: The Oregon Legislature did not pass legislation that would have made it more difficult for people to sue for injuries sustained during recreational activities. While this bill was aimed at businesses and outfitters, the fact that commercial liability releases are currently worthless casts a shadow on the liability releases used by nonprofits like OET. We are confident that our liability releases protect our organization and its officers and volunteers in the event of an injury at a work party or public event. However, it would have been nice to have the additional assurance that this legislation would have provided.

Thank You

I'd like to give a shout-out to thank the OET members who took the time to write or call our state and national elected officials about these issues. Your efforts made a difference!

VP Marketing Outreach
Collette Hayes



Hello OET'ers!

Thank you for getting your chapter happenings on the website and in the Riders Roundup! I am always promoting our website to reach out to the general public.

You all are doing so much and I can't wait to hear all the fantastic details at the Annual Membership Meeting on February 21st! We will be at Roth's again. It has been working very well; this will be the 4th year! I am hoping to have some breakout sessions, some training tables and, of course, a speaker :)) This will be an important event as we will be installing our new OET President. Don't worry, no music going forward. The music was for the Anniversary only. Yes, we will have the sale and auction because everyone has such a good time.

Happy riding everyone!!

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Nancy Netwal

Remembering our Friend and Active Community Volunteer

We said goodbye to our dear friend Nancy Netwal on July 12, 2025, who passed away at the age of 71 of complications following a heart attack on April 1. Nancy leaves behind her husband of almost 49 years, Jerry Netwal. The two of them moved to the Salem area from Illinois in the early 80s. Nancy officially retired from Salem Hospital in May 2017 following a long career in medical imaging.

Nancy was a lover of the Lippitt Morgan horse line. In Oregon she had Cover Girl, Justin, Allie (a Thoroughbred and Morgan cross), and Yul who passed in 2024. In May 2024, after waiting for the snow to clear in Idaho, Nancy hooked up her house on wheels and headed to the Teton foothills to pick up her lovely new gruella Morgan gelding, which she named Miles. In addition, Nancy had a leopard colored mini, Silas. Nancy had earlier provided for the final care of both horses in her estate and, as a result, they now reside with a friend at a lovely farm in South Salem.



Above: Nancy and Yul

Below: Nancy and Miles

Many of you know Nancy through her club memberships and volunteerism. She was a member of Oregon Equestrian Trails Silver Falls Chapter since 2001, serving as chapter chair from 2016-2020. She was a long time member of the Salem Saddle Club, serving as both president and later as treasurer. She was also a member of the Old Peoples Riding Club since 2017 and served as Secretary in 2025. Nancy was passionate about improving her knowledge of horsemanship. She was in fact an eclectic horse person and a darned good rider. In the last several years she and Yul did some jumping, Cowboy Dressage, and of course horse camping and trail riding. Besides her love of horses, Nancy was crazy about cats of all sizes. She and Jerry shared their home with a number of felines and Nancy volunteered for Wild Cat Haven in Scotts Mills.



Besides being a talented horse person, Nancy also was musical, having played the flute and was an avid reader, especially of mysteries or thrillers. In the past, Nancy and Jerry hunted and fished. She loved, and had owned property in, Hawaii. On the trail, Nancy was enthralled by wild flowers and fungi.

There will not be a formal service. Friends are working on a slide show, memorializing Nancy's rewarding life, which will be shared on Facebook to her friends and clubs.



Tech Corner

By Marty DeVall, OET Web Master

Don't Get Hooked! Simple Tips to Spot a Phishing Email

As OET members, we all love the great outdoors, but we also spend time online. Our email inbox is a wonderful way to stay connected with OET news and friends. But sometimes, a tricky email can try to fool us. These sneaky messages are a lot like a fishing lure, and they are designed to "phish" for your personal information.

Phishing (pronounced "fishing") is a type of scam where a thief sends you an email that looks like it's from a trusted company or person—like your bank, a favorite store, or even Google. The goal is to trick you into clicking a link, opening a file, or giving away your passwords, account numbers, or other sensitive information. Let's learn how to spot these digital lures so you can stay safe and protect your information.

Six Red Flags to Look For

Before you click on any link or reply to an email, take a moment to look for these signs.

1. A Generic Greeting. A real company or bank will almost always use your name in an email, such as "Dear John Smith" or "Hello, Jane." If an email starts with a generic greeting like "Dear Valued Customer," "Dear Account Holder," or "Dear User," be suspicious. The scammer doesn't know your name, so they use a general term hoping you'll fall for it.

2. A Sense of Urgency or Fear. Scammers want you to act without thinking. They often use scary, demanding, or urgent phrases like "Your account will be suspended if you don't click now!" or "Immediate Action Required!" or "Your password has been stolen!" If an email tells you to do something right away or risk losing money or access, stop and think. Legitimate companies give you time and rarely demand immediate action through email.

3. Spelling and Grammar Errors. Take a close look at the writing. If a professional company sends an email, it will almost always have perfect spelling and grammar. Simple mistakes like "Bank of Amercia," "urgent atention," or awkward sentences are huge red flags that the email is a fake from a different country or a lazy scammer.

4. A Suspicious Link. This is one of the most common tricks. The words in the link might look real, but they lead somewhere else. **Here is the most important tip:** Before you click on any link, hover your mouse cursor over it (without clicking!). A small box will pop up that shows the *real* web address. If the address doesn't match the company's name, it's a trap! For example, a link that says www.google.com might actually lead to www.scamsite123.com.

5. Unexpected Attachments. Never open an email attachment from someone you don't know, or an attachment you weren't expecting. Scammers often use attachments with file names like "Invoice.zip" or "Payment_Details.exe" that contain viruses or other harmful software that can infect your computer and steal your information.

6. Asks for Personal Information. No legitimate company, bank, or government agency will ever ask for sensitive personal information like your password, Social Security number, or credit card details in an email. If an email asks you to "verify" or "update" your information by entering it into a form, it is a scam.

What to Do with a Suspicious Email

Once you have spotted a phishing email, it's easy to protect yourself.

DO NOT CLICK on any links or open any attachments in the email.

DO NOT REPLY to the email. This just tells the scammer your email address is active, and they will send you more scams.

DO DELETE the email immediately from your inbox. If you are ever unsure, find the company's phone number or website on your own (by typing it into your browser) and contact them directly.

What If I Accidentally Clicked?

It can happen to anyone! If you accidentally clicked a link in a suspicious email, don't panic. Take these steps immediately:

1. Disconnect Your Device: If you are on a computer, unplug your internet cable or turn off your Wi-Fi. This can stop any programs from downloading.

2. Change Your Passwords: If you were sent to a website and entered a password, change it immediately for that account and for any other accounts that use the same password. (Remember our article on using different passwords!)

3. Scan for Viruses: Run a full virus and malware scan on your computer.

4. Check Your Accounts: Look for any suspicious activity on your bank accounts or email. If you see anything unusual, contact the company immediately.

Scams Beyond Email

Be aware that these scams don't just come in email form.

- Text Messages (Smishing): You may receive a text message from an unknown number with a link, saying something like "Your package is waiting for delivery" or "Click here to claim your prize." These are just like phishing emails—don't click the link!
- Phone Calls (Vishing): Scammers may call you pretending to be from a company (like "tech support") or a government agency (like the IRS). They will try to scare you or pressure you into giving them money or remote access to your computer. Just hang up!

Remember, your best tool is caution. By taking just a moment to look for these red flags, you can protect yourself and keep your OET adventures focused on the trails, not on scams.

2025 Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Chapter	Event	Location	Information
August					
2 Aug		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent, check our FB page and emails.
2 Aug		Silver Falls	Parade	Silverton	Silverton Davenport Parade
4 Aug	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
9 Aug		North Coast	Parade	Astoria	Charles Conrow, organizer northcoast@myoet.org
9 Aug		Mid-Valley	Ride	South Pyramid Horse Camp	Fun ride/Campout/Potluck Sat midvalley@myoet.org
9 Aug		Central OR	Work Party	Ochoco National Forest Supervisor's Office 3160 NE 3rd St, Prineville	Sign the 70 miles of endurance trails out of Corral Flat. The work will be done using vehicles, not horses.Meet in the parking lot of the Ochoco Ranger Station in Prineville at 7:30 a.m. and carpool from there. We will finish and head back to Prineville by 3 pm. Wear long sleeves, gloves, eye protection, boots, and a helmet or hard hat. Bring water and lunch or snacks. RSVP to Kim vppubliclands@myoet.org
20-Aug	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
23-24 Aug		North Coast	Campout	Joe Graham Horse Camp	Mt Hood Nat'l Forest northcoast@myoet.org
29-31 Aug		Columbia County	Campout	Camp Wilkerson Park, Rainier	Enjoy the new steel corrals and playground! Contact Jana Swedo: 503-548 8710 herestolife9@gmail.com
30-1 Sep		North Coast	Campout	Northrup Creek Horse Camp, Clatskanie	northcoast@myoet.org
30-31 Aug		Mid-Valley	Campout	Big Meadows Horse Camp	Fun ride/Campout/Potluck Sat. Make your own reservations

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September					
1 Sep	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
6 Sep		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent. northcoast@myoet.org
8-12 Sep		Mt. Hood	Special	Timothy Lake, https://maps.app.goo.gl/pKVxnYam2Gz7Bsqa9	*New Group Camp* PGE's Stone Creek Horse Camp Contact: Larry Wilson, +1 (541)609-0509
12-14 Sep		Northwest	Campout	Camp Wilkerson Horse Camp, Rainier	Check with our chapter chair Hope Flint if you want to get a campsite! drhopeflint@gmail.com
13-14 Sep		North Coast	Campout	Camp Wilkerson Horse Camp, Rainer	Wooded campground, wooded trails with some hills. northcoast@myoet.org
13 Sep		Mid-Valley	Ride	Perrydale Trails, Sheridan	Fun Ride and Potluck. Make your own reservations. midvalley@myoet.org
17-Sep	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
26-28 Sep		State	Campout	Sisters Cow Camp Sisters	Camp, ride and attend Board Meeting
27 Sep	10:00AM - 2:00PM	State	Meeting	Sisters City Library	Q3 2025 Board Meeting. Everyone Welcome! Meeting available virtually.
October					
4 Oct		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent. northcoast@myoet.org
6 Oct	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
11 Oct		Mid-Valley	Campout	Nehalem Bay campout	Fun Ride and Potluck Sat. midvalley@myoet.org
15-Oct	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
18 Oct	8:00AM - 1:30PM	Public	Special	694 NE 4th Ave, Canby	Clackamas County 4-H Tack Sale.New and other horse-related items. Parking $5, admission is $1 per person.
November					
1 Nov		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent. northcoast@myoet.org
3 Nov	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz

15 Nov		Mid-Valley	Ride	Elijah Bristow State Park, Pleasant Hill	Fun Ride and Potluck. midvalley@myoet.org
19-Nov	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516
22 Nov	10:00AM - 2:00PM	State	Meeting	Canby Library	Q4 2025 Board Meeting. Everyone Welcome! Meeting available virtually.
December					
1 Dec	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
6 Dec		Mid-Valley	Ride	Oregon Horse Center	Mt Trail fun ride. Ride then tea/cookies Reservations needed (541) 689-9700
13 Dec		North Coast	Party		
17-Dec	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	Sandy River Delta https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Foot in stirrup by 10:00 AM. Lunch to follow. Bring lunch and a chair. Contact Sara Faulkner, (971) 274-6516

Please visit OregonEquestrianTrails.org/calendar for more details of scheduled Events.

OET State Board Meetings - All OET Members Welcome

September 27th - 3rd Qtr Board Meeting. Sisters City Library. Campout at Sisters Cow Camp!
November 22nd - 4th Qtr Board Meeting. Canby Library
February 21st 2026 - Annual Membership Meeting & Banquet. Roth's Fresh Market, Salem
February 22nd 2026 - 1st Qtr Meeting. Comfort Suites Meeting Room, Hawthorn Street, Salem

Our Mission Statement

OET advocates for recreational access,
partners with land managers to care for trails and horse camps,
and unites equestrians through
opportunities and information related to trail riding.







July 2025

Public Lands/Field Services Meeting Notes

In Attendance: Cindy Albrecht and Bonnie DePriest (Silver Falls), Della Webb (Eugene), Bianca Chevalier (South Coast), Gloria Rice (Columbia County), Matt Dolphin (VP Field Services and West Valley), and Collette Hayes (VP Marketing/Outreach and Northwest). An additional written report was submitted by Barb Adams (Mt. Hood).

Central Oregon

The Cline Buttes trail signing project has been completed. It took over a year and more than 20 work parties to sign 133 intersections on about 50 miles of trails. About 40% of chapter members attended at least one of the work parties. Sisters Cow Camp's water system still isn't working, and since the Forest Service's priorities have changed, it's unlikely it will ever be repaired. Before the chapter could even consider replacing the over three miles of buried 60-year-old pipe, an environmental analysis is required. It's not a priority for the Forest Service to do this for a no-fee camp, so Cow Camp will remain a bring-your-own-water camp for the foreseeable future. The chapter had a great time participating in the Sisters Rodeo parade.

Columbia County

The chapter had a work party at Camp Wilkerson to cut the brush along the trails. Three wheelbarrows have been stolen from the park, but park officials recently recovered one of them from a nearby homeless camp. The wheelbarrow had been spray-painted to cover up the OET and Horse Camp markings on its side.

Eugene

At Elijah Bristow State Park, a fallen tree that was interfering with the Lost Creek crossing has been cleared. The park manager has officially declared the park trails to be off-limits for e-bikes. Also, the chapter had a potluck at the park. The Equestrian Friends of Mt. Pisgah group (of which OET is a founding member) is working on the trails. The Box Canyon horse camp is ready for campers. No repairs are needed for the corrals, and the water system is working great.

Mt. Hood

Chapter members held their annual education day at the Sandy River Delta, where hikers and dog walkers were able to interact with mini horses and carts, horses, and friendly equestrians. If you go to the Delta, be sure to visit the restroom. An artist painted a nature-themed motif on the walls and both sides of the doors. The artwork was paid for by Travel Oregon, Experience Mount Hood and the Gorge, and the Arts and Education Council for the Gorge. This is the time of year when you may encounter two very bad invasive weeds, foxtail and ripgut. These nasty little things will stick to your horse and to doggie paws and ears. The chapter's Facebook page has 1,600 followers. In the last 28 days, it has been viewed 2,451 times.

Northwest

Collette attended the virtual Metro meeting. Speakers included Steph Noll of the Oregon Trails Coalition, who reported a big win with the passage of the Recreational Immunity bill. She also noted that the sale of public lands was removed from the One Big Beautiful Bill before it was voted on. Also, the annual Oregon Trails Summit will be November 6-8 in Pendleton. Other speakers talked about several other Metro parks, and Jodi Bellefeuille from OPRD talked about upcoming grant opportunities. Jessica Horning from OPRD reported that they are now working on the 10-year master plan for State Parks. The next meeting is October 8th, and it will be a hybrid in-person and virtual meeting.

Roseburg

Della Webb reported that 16 Back Country Horsemen members from Eugene helped our Roseburg Chapter clear 220 trees on the trails out of Kelsay Valley Horse Camp. Their efforts will be augmented later this season by a veterans group and a youth crew, which were hired by the chapter under a Recreational Trails Program grant. Nearly 50 miles of trails have been made impassable by fires and winter storms, and this ambitious project aims to reopen all the trails.

Silver Falls

The chapter will be participating in the Silverton Davenport Days parade.

South Coast

The chapter has a new chair, Kim Larkin. Donna Coran, unfortunately, had to step down for health reasons. The chapter cleaned the fire pits at Wild Mare and installed new gravel in the corrals.

State Field Services

The Quinn Meadow work party was a huge success, with over 20 attendees. They cleared the Elk-Devils Trail south from the Sisters Mirror trailhead to Elk Lake, the Appaloosa, Katsuk Pond, Sink Creek, Quinn Springs, and Quinn Creek Trails, as well as the Met-Win from the Quinn Creek junction to Sparks Lake. They would have also cleared the Elk-Devils trail north to Devils Lake, but they ran into too much snow. Matt is now trying to help the Deschutes Trails Coalition trail crew find pack support for installing signs on the Horse Lake trail near the PCT.

Public Lands

The sale of public land was removed from the One Big Beautiful Bill before it passed Congress (thank heaven!). The Oregon legislature passed the Recreational Immunity Bill – a big win for outdoor recreation. The legislature did not pass the liability reform measure, so Oregon remains the only western state that doesn't give landowners protection if they open their land to the public for recreation.

OET Chapters

Chapter	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Contact
Central Oregon Chapter	First Tuesday Potluck at 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Pleasant Ridge Hall 7067 SW Canal Redmond, OR	Gayla Nelson centraloregon@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 420-1837**
Columbia County Chapter	Second Wednesday Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Warren Moose Lodge 57317 Old Portland Rd. Warren, OR	Bob Rice columbiacounty@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 366-3736**
Eugene Chapter	First Tuesday Speaker: 6PM Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	McKenzie Feed & Pet 4441 Main Street Springfield	Leslye Wing eugene@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 849-9155**
Mid-Valley Chapter	Second Wednesday Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Sizzler 2148 Santiam Hwy SE Albany	Mark Lehnert midvalley@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 730-1653**
Mt. Hood Chapter	Second Thursday Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Elmers 1590 NE Burnside Gresham	Mary Blankevoort mthood@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 703-1232**
North Coast Chapter	Second Tuesday Meeting: 5:30 p.m. .	Clatsop County Fairgrounds 4H Clubhouse - across from main complex 92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria	Ashley Lertora northcoast@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 325-2733**
North Valley Chapter	First Tuesday Dinner : 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Jimmy O's Pizzeria 1678 S Beavercreek Rd Oregon City	Brett Branch northvalley@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 908-4461**
Northwest Chapter	Third Monday Dinner/Social: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Prime Time Sports Bar & Restaurant 4450 Pacific Avenue Forest Grove	Hope Flint northwest@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 643-7840**
Roseburg Chapter	*New Day!* Fourth Thursday Meeting: 6:00 p.m.	Douglas Co. Electrical Co-op 1931 N. Stephens Street Roseburg	Lynda Harding roseburg@oregonequestriantrails.org **(559) 696-7601**
Silver Falls Chapter	Third Monday Meeting: 6:30 p.m.	Salem Saddle Club Mtg Rm 7005 Lardon Rd Salem	Bonnie DePriest silverfalls@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 951-0589**
South Coast Chapter	Third Wednesday Meeting: 6:30 p.m.	Dave's Pizza 740 Kooz Bay Blvd Coos Bay	Kimi Larkin southcoast@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 321-2092**
West Valley Chapter	First Thursday No-host dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	American Legion Post 21 126 NE Atlantic McMinnville	Melissa McLaughlin westvalley@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 560-0771**

Chapters may need to alter meetings or events.
Please contact Chapter Chairs for up-to-date meeting locations and times

Chapter Reports

Central Oregon Chapter



Our July meeting featured an informative and inspiring presentation of saddle packs by Ryan and Annie, founders of Broke Supply Company of Terrebonne here in Central Oregon.

As for trails, lots of work has been done. Cline Buttes trails have been signed, as well as finishing the Tumalo Canal trail signing, and Kim has begun work parties to sign the new official Forest Service trails for non-motorized users in the Corral Flat area of the Ochocos. At the state OET work party at Quinn Meadow, all trails were cleared except for Devils Lake. We were gratified that so many state chapters participated.

At Sisters Cow Camp, our annual Poker Ride was well-attended and contributed a good amount to our bank account. Many thanks to Brenda Coats and her crew of volunteers for their dedication to putting on this annual event. Lee Fischer continues to labor on the water line there, but the camp has no water for the moment, so be sure to bring your own.

Meanwhile, enjoy the extraordinary Three Sisters trails from all of our wonderful camps.





More from Kim...

Endurance riders at the Bandit Springs ride have long enjoyed the trails through the lovely forest and meadows near Corral Flat. But other riders have struggled to figure out where to ride, because the trails weren't signed or mapped.

Central Oregon chapter has pestered the Forest Service for many years, asking them to make the endurance trails "official" and allow us to sign them. They finally did the necessary environmental analysis and gave us the go-ahead!

With funding from Visit Central Oregon, in late July the Central Oregon chapter began installing carsonite posts at each intersection, using decals to indicate where the trails go. We'll finish signing the intersections in early August and start putting color-coded diamonds on the trees so folks will know they're still on the trail they want to be on. The entire 70 miles of trail should be signed by next spring.

Come check out the riding and primitive camping at Corral Flat. It's wonderful!

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Columbia Chapter

Happy summer fellow OET members! We are happily riding and camping. Several of our members have new horses and are enjoying the journey that brings. We had our 1st campout at Wilkerson and rode the wonderful trails. Due to a glitch in the reservation platform, there were several campers without horses that secured reservations and camped in the horse camp. The host is working to rectify this. Remember we also now offer a site that is 1st-come 1st-served! Anyone interested in riding or camping at Camp Wilkerson is encouraged to contact Jana Swedo for info by PM on Facebook. She may be available to help you explore the trails.

We have had a presence at local events, including the Kiwanis Parade and St. Helens Citizens Day in the Park. Planning for our annual Trick or Treat Ride at Dibblees Beach is gaining momentum. Dave and Fran are busy securing sponsors, trophies, and donations. We will also offer food this year, with a food stand! We hope to see you then! Date and time to be announced.

We are happy to have Susan here for the summer! It is so nice to have her with us again, and attending events.

Our August meeting will be substituted by a BBQ and discussion with Bob's brother Dale, an equine DVM. It will be at our chairperson's house (Bob Rice). Date will be Saturday August 16. Time and address to be announced.

Eugene Chapter

Our Potluck ride meeting didn't have any riders but we had a lot to talk about. It was so much that we called an impromptu meeting.

It all started with John Mullen (Park Manager) and Steve Hancock (Park Ranger) coming to give us updates on new developments at Elijah Bristow. 1) New parking fees that will make it wise to eventually buy a State Parks season pass. 2) A new sign project with actual new signs got us all revved up (we have been working/waiting on this for such a long time). 3) And some trail routing and name changes and closures (uh oh! every trail is somebody's favorite trail). Well folks, nothing ever stays exactly the same as it used to be!

After the Rangers left we called a quickie meeting ("sorry guys" to all the members who thought it was just going to be a potluck) and covered a lot of territory in about 10 minutes.

Since Mid Valley doesn't need the $2500 we earmarked for their PCT project we redirected it to the Elijah Bristow New Sign project to help the rangers circumvent the inevitable State Bidding Requirement that slows the process and just lets them make good choices. Let's get it done in this biennium! We also learned that Box Canyon Horse Camp is in GREAT shape and ready for riders! It made it through the fires and winter just fine.

Get out there and camp and check out Box Canyon !

Mt. Hood Chapter

This month we will be working at McIver to do some safety improvements on the arena gate and fencing.

Hoping the weather holds for a Timothy Lake camping trip in September.

More Estradada Parade Photos!







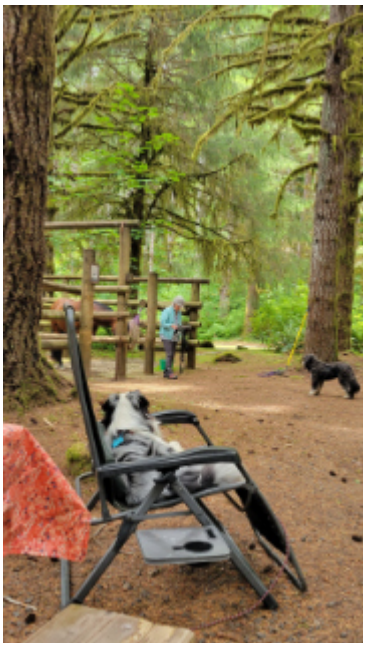




Editor Request

Has anyone gotten a tattoo related to their horse? I thought an article might be fun and I need pictures and stories. Send to newsletter@myoet.org





North Coast Chapter

No report but we have pictures of July 4th Campout at Northrup Creek Horse Camp. North Coast members Gwen Jarvela, Jennifer Bunch and Lisa Clapp about to head out at Northrup Creek Horse Camp. Everybody enjoys camping at Northrup Creek Horse Camp!!

Northwest Chapter

Our Northwest Chapter skipped the July meeting so there are no new plans. However, we did a chapter ride at Chehalem Ridge and that was fun!

A couple of members (Melissa Wolf and Collette Hayes) went out and brushed the Donkey Swing Trail at Stub Stewart State Park. Park Manager Aaron Raines truly appreciated our efforts. We reported some trees down on the Williams Creek trail and he will put that on their list to get cleared. You can get around the trees but it is probably not the best for erosion issues.

Happy Riding!

Next meeting September 13th at Camp Wilkerson in Columbia County.

North Valley

No meeting in July.

South Coast Chapter

Breaking News: The North Spit Jetty Project by the Army Corps of Engineers contractors that had trails closed for over two years is complete. South Coast Chapter members will ride with tools for reopening overgrown trails. Best parking for accessing the North Spit trails is at the BLM Boat Launch where horse trailers are welcome.

The OET banner and handouts were displayed at the Coos County Fair's Grand Marshals' trailer. Thanks goes to OET member and Coos County Posse member Bev Quackenbush!

The South Coast Chapter hosted a "Hydration Station" at Wild Mare Day Use Area during the State Posse Ride. A fun day with lots of riders. Members of the CCMSP led groups of riders on forest trails and beaches at the North Spit.

The July camp out at Horse Creek Camp, north of Florence, was well attended and nice rides by all. More fun is planned in August at member Nancy Houck's place with a photo scavenger hunt.

8/23 Photo Scavenger Hunt at Nancy Houck's begins at 11am, BBQ potluck after, contact Nancy if you would like to dry camp

Bullards Beach trails need trimming. The Gorse is getting bad. Work Party set for Sept 13 at 10am

National Night Out, August 5, 5 – 7pm at Posse Arena. OET booth will have information pamphlets. Dexters to bring their pony.



State Posse Riders at Wild Mare Horse Camp, July 19, 2025.



South Coast Chapter welcomes Kimi Larkin as their new Chair Person.

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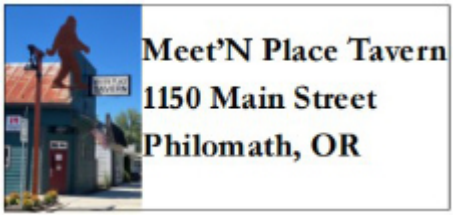











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Hate Trail Brushing?
This is a Game Changer!

By Kim McCarrel, Central Oregon Chapter

If you're like me, you hate the backbreaking work of cutting back the brush and trees along a trail. But here's a tip that's a real game changer: get an electric pruner. They weigh more than loppers and they're not cheap (a pruner, two batteries, and a charger cost between $100 and $200, depending on the brand), but they are amazing.

Because it was highly rated and I already had a DeWalt charger, I got a DeWalt pruner and two batteries. It cuts branches and saplings up to 1.25 inches in diameter with ease. At the Quinn Meadow work party, I snipped nearly continuously for 4 hours and didn't use all of my second battery. I pooped out long before my second battery did. And my shoulders and pecs weren't stiff for days afterward. (Flexing your trigger finger 2,000 times is WAY less work than lopping 2,000 times!)

Here are a couple of photos of electric pruners. Ask your chapter to invest in one. Use it once, and you'll want to buy one of your own.





More from Collette Hayes..

How fast do blackberries grow? Very, Very Fast!

This time of year it is important to have your clippers ready or you will be ducking and dodging those pesky vines!

The biggest trick is making your horse stop and stand long enough to get the vine clipped back far off the trail. It's definitely easier if your riding companions stop all at the same time. Sometimes a quarter turn is enough to get that vine.

If you are an expert, which many of you are, you can clip on the go. This definitely takes practice and good depth perception!

Clip away, folks! Let's do our best to keep the trails clear for all our riding fun.

Log your volunteer hours

Whether you do it monthly or bi-annually, it really needs to be done. Set a note on your phone and track those hours.

Even if you have to email them to your Field Services person, however you can do it, please get it done.

At the end of each year we add up the volunteer hours.

When you clip a trail while riding, that counts! Make sure and count those times that you spend clipping, clearing or trimming back branches. It doesn't have to be a work party or a planned event to log that time. If you ride 3 hours and spend 15-30 minutes clipping or moving branches, that counts and it will add up.

Let's add your volunteer hours!