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President
Frank DeWeese



In the post-World War II era, an enormous number of new homes were built all over the country. And as such, lumber for homes and rock for roads was needed, resulting in the Forest Service creating clear cuts and rock quarries to provide the materials. Later due to environmental concerns that included water and air quality changes in attitude culminated in the Environmental Protection Act being enacted. This resulted in lawsuits against the Forest Service because of their practices and environmental impact and brought alot more awareness of forests to the people, putting many of us out into the forest recreating. Subsequently, a huge build-out of recreational infrastructure occurred, including horse camps and trails.

Today, the current administration has a different emphasis. They believe that we should move back toward production because the reality is we are no longer making money from our national forests, certainly not enough to cover the cost of maintenance. They believe that rather than costing us money our forests should be profitable.

There are many official trails and trailheads, as well as trails that are not recognized. Funding for maintenance for official infrastructure is lacking, and un-recognized trails never get government funding. Volunteer efforts have been monumental, helping to maintain trails, but can that be sustained in the future?

Oregon has many horse camps and OET has been instrumental in their creation and maintenance. But unfortunately, many may only have one trail, and equestrians aren't as interested in going to a horse camp with such limited riding.

The question we must ask is, have we overbuilt the number of camps, because many are now under-utilized? And if we have built too many camps, then how are we going to decide which ones we no longer want to support? Who's going to decide? Is that us? Is it the various land managers (Forest Service, BLM and ODF)?

Who's going to maintain our horse camps and trails? How are they going to continue to be kept open? When you look at the backlog of trail maintenance in the Forest Service and the BLM and in the Oregon Department of Forestry it's alarming.

And there's another question: How are roads going to be maintained? We have all experienced atrocious roads leading to camps and trails. Maintaining roads that are used solely for recreational purposes is a low priority with the Forest Service. If the roads have multiple purposes, where they are primarily used for forest practices as well as for recreation, funds from the sale of forest products will cover the cost of maintenance. Roads used exclusively for recreation will be assigned low priority and the funds aren't there to maintain roads just for recreational purposes.

It is possible that if we don't go back to harvesting more timber and getting money from the sale of forest products, we may not be able to fix the problems that the Forest Service has today.

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VP of Public Lands
Kim McCarrel



About 15 years ago, the Deschutes National Forest came to the Central Oregon OET chapter and said, “We have some horse camps that don’t get much use. Either you adopt them, or we are going to close them.” Pretty drastic, right?

Not too surprisingly, the chapter stepped up to the plate and “adopted” these camps. To this day, Central Oregon chapter members clean up the camps in the spring, maintain the corrals, empty the fire pits, haul away the manure, and sweep out and replenish toilet paper in the toilets. About the only thing the horse groups don’t do is to pump out the toilets.

As the recent controversy over non-horse campers in horse camps shows, the situation above may become the norm at some horse camps around the state. At some point, your chapter may be faced with either assuming some of the duties associated with running the camp or losing it altogether.

In the recent case of the Oregon Department of Forestry horse camps, the controversy was caused when broadcasters misquoted an ODF press release. All four ODF horse camps have several campsites that are open to people without horses. The message their press release intended to convey was, “Hey, some of the campsites in horse camps are open to folks without horses, so if you’re looking for a campsite this Labor Day weekend, don’t overlook them.” Unfortunately, the broadcasters simply urged the public to reserve a horse camp site. ODF officials have apologized profusely for the confusion. It was not their intent to encourage non-horse campers to use horse sites.

However, ODF’s subsequent discussions with OET brought to light a very real issue for the land management agency: their horse camps do not have high enough occupancy to cover the expense of running them. While ODF’s people-only campgrounds enjoy occupancy rates of about 50% all summer long, the ODF horse camps range from 20% to only 2% occupancy! And unfortunately, horse camps cost more to operate than regular campgrounds, because the corrals must be maintained and the manure hauled away.

So ODF is looking for some help from the equestrian community. They would like us to promote the horse camps to increase occupancy, provide volunteer camp hosts, and provide more volunteer support for camp and trail maintenance. They are considering designating some of the sites with corrals as “hybrid” sites that can be reserved by people with or without horses and/or re-designating some of the current horse sites as people-only sites.

ODF is looking to the horse community for input, so the chapters near the ODF horse camps are trying to figure out what responsibilities they can shoulder.

Unfortunately, the same scenario could be coming soon to a horse camp near you. The sad fact is that trail riders are a small subset of the outdoor recreation community, and horse campers are an even smaller subset of trail riders. As our numbers dwindle, we find ourselves with more horse camps than we can fill on a regular basis. So while ODF horse camps are getting all the attention right now, it’s a very real possibility that we may soon face similar issues with horse camps managed by other agencies.

So what can you do? On your next horse camping trip, please expand your group by inviting a trail rider who has never gone horse camping to join you. Invite someone you know who only rides in the arena to go trail riding with you. Create a Facebook post with photos of you and your friends having fun on a trail ride or horse camping trip. And give some thought to how you would respond if the agency managing your favorite camp said, “Adopt it, or we’ll close it.”

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President Report

There are a lot of changes and it’s time for us to reevaluate and refocus on what we need and want. What do we spend our energy, our time, and our funds on? Please discuss all these things with our members, so we can put our energy towards where we want OET to go.

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 Marketing Outreach
Collette Hayes



Hello OET'ers!

I am really looking forward to the 4-H tack Sale coming October 18th at Clackamas County Fairgrounds in Canby. We will have a booth promoting Oregon Equestrian Trails. The sale starts at 8am and goes to 1:30pm. $1 entry plus $5 parking and it goes to 4-H!

What else is coming up? Do you have your holiday chapter plans nailed down yet? Make sure to get them into the OET Website Calendar. If you need help please reach out. I have seen a few holiday events start popping up!

I was sad to see the rain start, but as many say, the cool mornings are pretty nice!

Chapter officer nominations will be held this month and votingwill take place in November.

Help your Chapter! Join the Renewal committee. I sent out membership lists for 2022, 2023 and 2024 to all chapter chairs. I hope many of you will offer to help for a day to review the lists and ask members we lost over the last few years to rejoin.

Have a fun Halloween! Happy Riding!

VP of Field Services
Matt Dolphin

Gone Camping! See you next month!

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Tech Corner

By Marty DeVall, OET Web Master

A Friendlier Guide to Your Online Member Benefits

Hello fellow riders!

Here at Oregon Equestrian Trails, we offer some wonderful online resources just for our members—things like special documents, forms, newsletters, and event information. To make this possible, we use some helpful and free tools from Google.

The “key” to unlocking these resources is the email address you gave us when you signed up for your membership. This guide will help you make sure that "key" works smoothly.

The Main Idea, Made Simple

Think of a Google Account as a universal key. To open OET's online "doors," that key simply needs to be connected to the email address we have on file for you.

Important: Following these steps will **not** change your email service. You will still send and receive emails from your AOL, Outlook, MSN, or other account exactly as you do now. You are simply using your email address as a username to sign in to Google to access OET online resources.

Let’s find the simple solution that fits your situation.

Situation 1: Your OET email is already a @gmail.com address.

Great news! You’re all set. Because your email is already a Google account, you don’t need to do a thing. You can already access all of OET's online resources.

Situation 2: Your OET email is NOT a Gmail address (e.g., @aol.com, @msn.com, @outlook.com, etc.).

No problem at all! You have two easy options.

Option A: You do NOT have a Google account.

You can create a free Google account using your current email address. Again, this will **not** affect your existing email.

1.Go to Google’s sign-in page: **https://accounts.google.com/signin**

2. Click **Create account**.

3. Enter your first and last name.

4.On the next screen, look for a link that says **Use my current email address instead**. This is the most important step! Click it.

5.Enter your non-Gmail email address (the one OET has on file).

6.Follow the prompts. Google will send a verification code to your email to confirm you own it. Just enter that code when asked.

Option B: You already HAVE a Google account, but it’s different from your OET email.

For example, maybe OET has your @aol.com address, but you have a separate @gmail.com account for other things. You just need to link the two.

1.Go to your Google Account settings: **https://myaccount.google.com/** (You may need to sign in).

2.On the left, click on **Personal info**.

3.Scroll down to the "Contact info" section and click on **Email**.

4.Find the section called **Alternate emails** and click **Add alternate email**.

Note: It must be added under “Alternate emails” so it can be used to sign in to your account. If it’s listed under the “Recovery setting” it must first be removed to add it under Alternate.

5.Enter the email address that OET has on file for you and click **Add**.

6.Google will send a verification email to that address to make sure it's yours. Open that email and click the verification link.

You're All Set!

Once you have connected your official OET email address to a Google account using one of the methods above, you will have smooth access to all our great online member resources.

Still have questions or feeling a bit stuck? Don't hesitate to reach out. It’s what we’re here for!

Email Marty DeVall at **web@oregonequestriantrails.org**.

2025 Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Chapter	Event	Location	Information
October					
3-6 Oct		Central OR	Work Party	Corral Flat. Ochocos	Easy -- ride the trails and nail colored diamonds to the trees to mark the routes. This area is gorgeous, with green meadows (even now) and huge ponderosa pines. The camping is primitive, with no corrals (you can highline or bring a portable corral), no water, no picnic tables, and no toilets.Please RSVP Kim McCarrel.
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
January 2026					
1 Jan		Mid-Valley	Ride	McDonald Forest Peavy Arboretum	Fun Ride and lunch at Restaurant midvalley@myoet.org
21 Jan	10:00AM - 1:00PM	Mt. Hood	Ride	https://maps.app.goo.gl/YLGsQksZcXwyjw7x5	Ride the trails and fields at the Sandy River Delta/Thousand Acres. 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

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

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3rd Qtr Board Meeting Summary

Attendees: Cindy Albrecht, Bob Rice, Gloria Rice, Frank DeWeese, Pat Marquis, Rhonda Marquis, Kim McCarrel, Brett Branch, Gayla Nelson, Marty DeVall, Melissa McLaughlin, Leslye Wing, Bonnie DePriest, Donita Elbert, Tracy Stout, Julie Burns. Virtual attendance: Ahsley Lertora, Collette Hayes, Susan High, Matt Dolphin, Lynda Harding, Hope Flint, Mary Kemhus. A quorum was present.

Sandra Rosencrantz provided a delicious lunch including some "out of the world" muffins! She also donated the lunch for the Q3 2024 meeting, held at Sisters Cow Camp last year. Thank you Sandra!

President's Report - Frank DeWeese

Please see page 2.

Marketing Report - Collette Hayes

NW Expo is no longer happening. Sandwich boards are available for Chapters, let Collette know if you would like one. Collette encourages everyone to display OET banners when you're camping or even, just out riding. Banners can be placed over a truck windshield. Remember that banners should be rolled, or they'll crack if folded.

A OET Promotional newsletter is being prepared, Collette will let everyone know when it's available. Promote trail volunteering and joining OET whenever possible.

The Annual February meeting will be at Roth's in Salem.

VP Public Lands Report – Kim McCarrel

OET has lobbied hard with State Parks on blocking ebike use on the trails but have failed to stop them. State Parks has allowed ebikes on trails, except for Elijah Bristow & McIver.

So far, the selling off of public lands was removed from consideration by the federal government. The Forest Service is proposing to rescind the roadless rule, this is still to be decided; Kim has urged members to write to keep the roadless rule. Idaho & Colorado have rules that supersede the roadless rule. The Forest Service is being urged to support this rule in place of roadless rule. Per Frank, the largest roadless rule change will affect Alaska's wilderness. It was mentioned that areas may be separated, enacting the roadless rule in some areas and not others. The Forest Service is eliminating regions and region staff, resulting that all rules for all regions will be made in Wahington DC.

ODF clarified that it didn't intend to encourage non horse campers in horse sites, but they have non- horse sites in horse camps that are under-utilized.

RTP grants are now open: these can be used for trail maintenance and creation of trails; Roseburg Chapter is applying for a grant to help with control of invasive species at Mildred Kanipe Park.

OR Trails Coalition Trail Summit is November 5-7th, 2025.

VP Field Service Report - Matt Dolphin

Two dozen people showed up for the State work party at Quinn Meadows horse camp, and some for the first time. Thelogs across trails were cleared and a lot of brushing was also accomplished with the number of people that attended.

A sawyer training class for women only will be held in Gold Hill in November.

Members who have not been re-certified as Certified Sawyer can not submit their hours (when working as a sawyer) as OET volunteer hours.

Next year's State work party dates – June 24-28, 2026, Wednesday thru Sunday.

Finance Committee Report – Matt Dolphin, Melissa McLaughlin and Susan High

Our status of 501c3 charitable organization was re-in-stated with a recent submittal to Oregon Dept. Of Justice.

Updated bank account information has been received from the Chapters and 2023 Amendments has been submitted to the State by the finance committee. 2024 information is being worked on.

The mail sent to our current address is taking too long to get disbursed and dealt with. Issues of being delinquent occur because we don't get the mail timely. OET mail is directed to a mail box company, and they're to send out the OET mail monthly, however, they're not sending it as promised. Alternatives need to be discussed and resolved. Susan High offered to pick up the mail more often since she is within 2 miles of the PO box.

Checking Account Reconciliation: Checking account has not been reconciled for years. Melissa McLaughlin entered 2023 financial information into a new Quickbook 2023 file to start over with balancing the books. A new Chart of Accounts is being created. Fixed Expenses and Variable expenses will be separated, and some accounts will be consolidated to show a clearer understanding of our finances. A deeper look is needed into our savings accounts and the Flick Memorial account.

State and outside grant dollars need to be reported correctly. The grant fund will get it's own report.

The finance committee was given the authority to move ahead with ideas: reorganization of Quickbooks and Chart of Accounts, and finishing tax reports to the Oregon State.

The Finance Committee recommended increasing membership dues from $30 to $40 for single, and from $35 to $45 for family membership. A motion passed with these increases beginning November 1, 2025. Members will be notified and have some time to do the an early sign up before Nov 1st, to be able to re-new at the old fee. If Chapters have membership brochures, please modify membership $ amount.

Lynda requested the advertisement fees be looked at also.

Printed newsletter current cost is about $28.59 per year. The committee asked for a $28 per year fee for members to receive a printed copy. After November 1, when the new membership dues take effect, anyone that signs up, will be required to pay the $28 for the printed 2026 RR newsletter. Approved.

Membership

Current membership status – 561 total: agencies 48, total new members 25, total welcome back 21. Total not renewed in 2025 is 225. Paper mailings suggesting renewal into OET will be sent to any member that has not renewed in the last 3 years.

Officer Elections

Susan High accepted the nomination for Treasurer. Melissa is a nominee for President. Gloria has accepted the nomination for Secretary. Elections will be online. A mailed hard copy of the ballot will be sent to those without email. Voting will begin on November 15th, and ballots must be back by December 15th.

Board Discussion - How to fill unused sites in the horse camp

We need to increase occupancy, or take over expenses on certain ODF horse camp sites. Are more hybrid sites (horse sites open to non-horse campers) needed to fill the campgrounds?

ODF mentioned that some public comments were completely rude and threatening. OET is against any type of rudeness or disrespect.

Suggestion: An article could be written for national horse related magazines to help advertise our horse camps, encourage campers and explain issues we are facing.

Suggestion: Invite members that have never been horse camping, to come to a campout. Offer to lead riders on a trail ride.

Suggestion: Members take pictures of their rides and put them on OET and other social media FB pages.

Suggestion: Members post comments on rides on the Chapter FB Page which will allow them to also post pictures. Do this once a month.

The local Chapters need to do more to promote their local Horse Camps. Assist the agency in finding camp hosts.

Frank said he would like to see the chapters with the 4 ODF horse camps in question (Santiam, Northrup Creek, Reehers, Stagecoach) start discussions between the chapters and ODF. Work on ways to make the camps more desirable.

Other Business

Honorary Members were approved. To be announced in February 2026.

Trails update and Quinn Meadow camp request – Pat Marquis - Trail clearing of the Whispering Pines trails, where a fire had gone through. OET is on the good side of the FS because of all of the work that OET does. It is up to OET to get grant dollars to create more trails.

Discussion at the Q4 meeting: what should the dates be for the quarterly meetings. Issue is the time frame between April and September meeting dates.

February 7, 2026 Partnership Meeting with the BLM, FS, BCHO, to be held in Bend at the FS office. Board and Chapter Chairs are invited.



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.

Sisters to see first new trails in 15 years with STAR project approval

Reprinted from Central Oregon Daily News Staff Sep 22, 2025

The Deschutes National Forest has approved miles of new trails in the Sisters area.

The project will create nearly 17 miles of new trails for hiking, mountain biking and horse riding. Twelve miles of existing trails will be re-routed to protect wildlife habitat and natural resources. The Central Oregon Trail Alliance says there will be more opportunities for downhill mountain biking.

These will be the first new trails in the Sisters Ranger District in more than 15 years.

Here are the full details from the Deschutes Trails Coalition:

The Sisters Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest recently signed its approval of the Sisters Trail Additions and Realignments (STAR) Project, which includes the creation of nearly 17 miles of new trail and formalizing 30 miles of existing routes, including the realignment of 12 miles of trails to improve wildlife habitat and protect natural resources.

These trails, which will be constructed over the next several years, include hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian trails, and are the first new trails in the Sisters Ranger District in over 15 years. The STAR project includes trail actions on 19 existing and proposed trails to meet the need for unique recreational experiences, trail connectivity, restoration or abandonment of fire damaged trails, additions of existing routes to the official Forest Service trail system, and/or realignment of system trails. The project decision and more information can be found here.

Multiple local nonprofit volunteer trail organizations were involved in the planning process and/or will be doing the on-the-ground implementation work. These include Sisters Trails Alliance (STA), Oregon Equestrian Trails (OET), Save East Cascades Trails (SECT), and Central Oregon Trail Alliance (COTA).

"The STAR project will help us achieve the Sisters Country Vision goal of a livable city and region that remains welcoming even as we grow. Planning for these projects has been an exciting, collaborative process with trail users, our partner groups and the Forest Service. We look forward to working together to expand the trail system with new and improved equestrian, bicycle and hiking trails, and facilitate access for everyone to enjoy the beautiful recreational areas throughout Sisters Country" says STA Executive Director Stephanie Presley.

"We are thrilled to play a role in restoring trails and improving access for the public to enjoy the outdoors." Mark Scott (SECT)

"This is an exciting opportunity for the town and the region to increase the variety of trails and trails for mountain bikers. These new trails will offer more progressive, downhill oriented biking which, to date, has not been present in this region of Central Oregon." Cody Gardner (COTA's Sisters Chapter Representative).

All of the groups involved expressed deep gratitude to the Forest Service for making this project possible. In this era of reduced budgets and staffing for federal agencies, the groups emphasized that the work their groups do requires agency approval and direction. When the agency doesn't have capacity to coordinate volunteer efforts, projects like STAR can't happen. The groups urge everyone to support Federal funding for our land management agencies.







September 2025

Public Lands/Field Services Meeting Notes

The September PL/FS meeting fell on Labor Day weekend, so we opted to gather the chapters' reports via email instead of a video call. Here's a compilation of what's been going on around OET:

Silver Falls

The chapter is forming a ride committee, headed by Jeannie Antonucci, to organize monthly fun rides.

Willamette Mission has six sites for horses, four of which have four-horse corrals. The chapter is talking with the park about reconfiguring the corral panels to create four sites with 2-horse corrals and two sites with 4-horse corrals.

The September meeting will include a short business meeting followed by a memorial for Nancy Netwall, who tragically passed away last month. The chapter is doing a slide show and bringing potluck desserts, including several that were Nancy's favorites while camping.

Columbia County

The chapter took the month off and didn't schedule any work parties. However, Jana Swedo and Dwight Greiner continued working on the Camp Wilkerson horse trails.

Instead of an August chapter meeting, we had a BBQ at the Rice's house. Dr. Dale Rice (Bob's brother) was the guest speaker, answering the members' animal-related questions.

The chapter campout was August 29-31.

We'll schedule a work party in September to place three "horse trailer only" parking signs in the day-use parking at Camp Wilkerson and designate 2-3 spaces for cars. They'll also replace missing signposts on the Liahona Trail and add some signage to the 5-Mile loop.

Central Oregon

The chapter will have a campout/work party at Corral Flat in the Ochocos in early October and several work parties in September to mark the new trails.

Chapter members installed the final signs on the new stretch of the Metolius-Windigo Trail, which separates horses and bikes on a steep section of the trail. The new trail is open and riding great! It can be accessed from Todd Creek Horse Camp, a camp near Mt. Bachelor. You only need a Northwest Forest Pass to park or camp at Todd Creek; a Wilderness Permit is not required to ride the new trail.

North Coast

The chapter wrote a letter to Fort Stevens State Park manager Mike Simonsen, urging him to prohibit e-bike use on named trails that are maintained and used frequently by local OET members and other equestrians

In preparation for the camping season, the chapter added sand to all the stalls at Northrup Creek Horse Camp.

Over the 4th of July holiday, they had a chapter campout and their monthly meeting, which was well attended.

In August, Linda Brim hosted the monthly meeting with a potluck at her house. They had three local 4-H members give presentations on their horse day camp and emergency rescue kits.

The chapter installed "OET maintains these trails..." signs at Northrup Creek Horse Camp and Fort Stevens State Park.

In September, they'll be camping at Northrup over Labor Day and Camp Wilkerson mid-month.

Northwest

The chapter didn't have an August meeting, but will gather at Camp Wilkerson the 2nd weekend of September.

Several members rode the trails at Camp Wilkerson ahead of time and talked with the Columbia County chapter about signage.

Some chapter members have done some overhead trimming at Chehalem Ridge Nature Park in Gaston.

The chapter will start discussing next year's plans at the September meeting.

The boardwalk at Timothy Lake has some broken boards, which the chapter reported to BCHO and Rachel Drake, the contact for this repair project. Nancy Melton rode the boardwalk and felt it was okay to get across, but you have to be careful.

South Coast

The chapter is having a trail brushing on Saturday, Sept 13th, at Bullards Beach Horse Camp. They'll cut back gorse and other vegetation on the north trail that leads up by the golf course.

The Jetty Project on the North Spit is now completed. Riders now have access to areas and trails that were closed for over 2 years. Exploration is underway for assessing trail-clearing needs.

The chapter had a photo scavenger hunt at Nancy and Jim Houck's beautiful place in Myrtle Point, followed by a potluck lunch. Nancy and Jim set up corrals and picnic tables at their scenic creekside tree grove, where members were invited to camp with their horses for the weekend.

The chapter had an impromptu work party to address a couple of campsites/corrals at Wild Mare that had been left in appalling condition by campers from the previous week.

At the Wild Mare cleanup, they discovered that the concrete bases on a couple of corrals had become dangerously exposed. In the near future, they'll add gravel to the corrals to raise the base back up.

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.	EPUD Meeting Room 33733 Seavey Loop Rd. Eugene	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

Columbia Chapter

We are busy this month with a planned work party on Saturday September 20 at Wilkerson and with our annual Trick or Treat Ride at Dibblees Beach. Work we plan to tackle at Wilkerson includes installing parking signs in the horse trailer parking area, to designate places for horse trailers as well as a few spots for passenger vehicles. We want to be ahead of any possible confusion and difficulties with parking.

Our Trick or Treat Ride on Saturday October 11 is again at Dibblees Beach. This year it includes a scavenger hunt, hot dogs, prizes, and a raffle. We will have Treat stands set up on the trail to give riders and walkers candy. We look forward to seeing the wonderful costumes people come up with both for themselves and their horses. This will be our third annual Trick or Treat event and we have really honed our skills and procedures at organizing and providing a great, fun experience for all!

We had our last annual campout of the year at Camp Wilkerson in August. Several campsites held CCOET members, while horse campers from other areas filled the remaining campsites. We had members come Saturday and had a great ride on the 5-Mile trail, except for Bob's very hormonal mare. Bob and Gloria, unfortunately, had to ride off by themselves on a different trail early in the ride. Bob is researching different medical approaches to help his mare during the difficult times she experiences each month.

Campouts at Camp Wilkerson are a great opportunity for OET members from other chapters to ride the trails with CC members that know the trails well, please plan to join us next year! Our trail boss, Jana Swedo, is also available to guide riders and invites members to contact her by PM on Facebook. BTW, Bob and Gloria have greatly improved the signage along the 5-Mile trail, we anticipate this will be much appreciated.

We discussed the issues involved with horse camps being opened to non-horse campers, and look forward to OET meeting with ODF to discuss plans. We are also in favor of the modest increase in OET membership fees. We are considering how to finance replacing the last 2 wooden horse camp corrals with new metal ones. And last but not least, we are planning for our annual Holiday Dinner!

Eugene Chapter

In August we had a purely social potluck meeting, but we were back with food, fun, and WORK in September. The news that OPRD invited non- stock campers into several Oregon camps got us talking and then we discussed the proposal to rescind the "Roadless Rule". It all really got the meeting off to a rousing start. We held nominations for chapter officers. Dani Wright and Dodie Kauffman agreed to stay on as Treasurer and Recording Secretary, and Leslye has agreed to remain as Field Services. We have one nomination for Chair so far, so we are on our way!

We discussed the possible introduction of parking fees at Elijah Bristow but need to find out a firm starting date. Some members remember that OPRD holds a parking permit sale toward the end of the year which will be attractive to most. We are waiting to hear the more on the Signs Project at Bristow.

It turns out that some plumbing fittings for the Box Canyon Horse Camp water system were burned up in the McKenzie Forest Service warehouse fire. So Lana Smith requested we fund the replacement of those materials.

Leslye is planning to camp at Cow Camp on the State Meeting weekend. It should be a good time.



Registration is open!

North Valley

Our meeting was held at Jimmy O's Pizzeria, Oregon City OR. The members shared their Summer Fun.

Collette Hayes was our guest speaker. There is more advertising of OET needed at trailheads and on trails. She brought an a-frame sign with a scan code and website info for OET.

Finn Esbensen reported that the equestrian parking lot sign needs approval from the Park Manager, Sam Gibson. The sign will ask trailers to pull forward so more parking space is available, double rows, on busy days. The arena safety project is done. Panels were straightened and t-posts capped. An arena upgrade has been discussed and we need to hear from Mt. Hood Chapter on this.

Graham Corral Horse Camp needs repairs to the corrals. Members looking into this are Shonda Smith, Faith Roney, and Deb DeLorenzo

For Hardy Creek Horse Trail, a volunteer call list will be generated for work parties to clear trails. For Port Blakley, the same. Unger-Olson and Howard's Mill will also be considered.

A review of our Scheduled Rides is as follows.

October 18 – NVOET Breast Cancer Ride – Tamara Glover – McIver SP.

November 28 – Black Friday – Shonda Smith and Tamara Glover – McIver SP.

We will not be at the 4-H Tack Sale in Canby October 18. Collette Hayes will have a booth there for OET.

Brett Branch will put OET brochures at McIver State Park equestrian area. He would also like to put some at Hardy Creek Trailhead.

Our next meeting is October 7 at Jimmy O's Pizzeria in Oregon City. We will have a presentation on the Iceland Equestrian Trip adventure.





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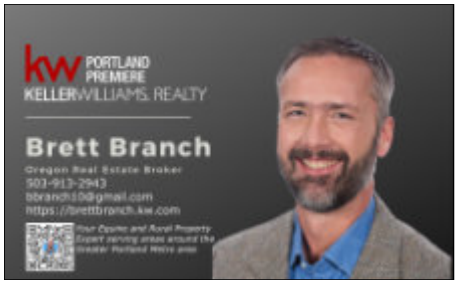

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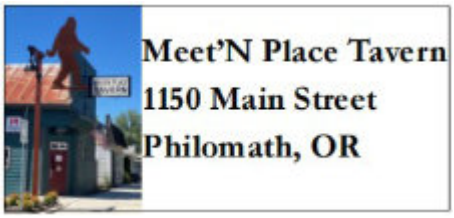

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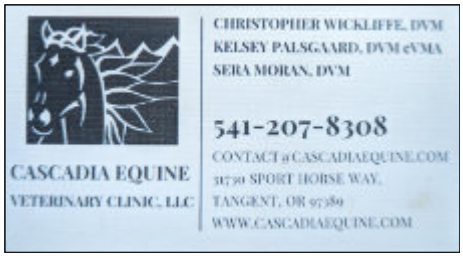

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