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President's Message

FOR THOSE OF you who have been following the recent issues on the Lower Salmon you know that there has been interest on the part of the BLM and others to designate that stretch of the river to Wild and Scenic. It is unclear to me at this time what, if any, additional restrictions that will have for motorized use. Those that are promoting designation have said there is nothing to worry about. However, I am worried.

EARLIER THIS YEAR BLM announced it intended to purchase several hundred acres of private land along the lower Salmon. It put its proposal out for public comment. The WWA opposed the BLM proposal and I submitted comments on behalf of the WWA. I don't oppose real estate transactions between a willing buyer and a willing seller per se. However, this particular transaction seemed like an attempt to advance designation of the Lower Salmon. I don't have any proof that this is the only motivation, just my gut telling me there is more to the story here than what is on the surface.

DESPITE THE WWA'S opposition to the purchase the BLM has decided to move ahead with the transaction. A discussion with the WWA's attorney revealed few legal options to successfully appeal this decision. However, there are other things that can be done. The WWA will be contacting the Congressional delegation. We have been working on building relationships with Idaho's Congressmen and we will be sure to inform them of our position on this issue.

ADDITIONALLY, THE WWA is exploring reasonable opportunities to purchase land along the Lower Salmon. Being a landowner elevates our voice on policies affecting the use of the river significantly. Here is where you as members of the WWA can help. The Board needs to hear from you on this issue. Is this how you want your money invested? We are in discussion stage only. Several issues need to be investigated, including whether the Bylaws or the non-profit status allow for this kind of purchase. Before we get too invested in this process I would appreciate hearing from you. Please send me or the board a quick note how you feel about this proposal. The Jetboater2 email account is the best way on the WWA main web site. Thank you in advance for taking a few minutes and letting us know your thoughts.

Brian Oakey
President



LABOR DAY

OBSERVED ON THE first Monday in September, Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and is celebrated with parties, parades and athletic events.

LABOR DAY, AN annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters. In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages. People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks.

AS MANUFACTURING INCREASINGLY supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay. Many of these events turned violent during this period, including the infamous Haymarket Riot of 1886, in which several Chicago policemen and workers were killed. Others gave rise to longstanding traditions: On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history. The idea of a "workingmen's holiday," celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in other industrial centers across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing it.

CONGRESS WOULD NOT legalize the holiday until 12 years later, when a watershed moment in American labor history brought workers' rights squarely into the public's view. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives. On June 26, the American Railroad Union, led by Eugene V. Debs, called for a boycott of all Pullman railway cars, crippling railroad traffic nationwide. To break the strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers. In the wake of this massive unrest and in an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

MORE THAN A century later, the true founder of Labor Day has yet to be identified. Many credit Peter J. McGuire, cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, while others have suggested that Matthew Maguire, a secretary of the Central Labor Union, first proposed the holiday.

LABOR DAY IS still celebrated in cities and towns across the United States with parades, picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays and other public gatherings. For many Americans, particularly children and young adults, it represents the end of the summer and the start of the back-to-school season. Tjjlk

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HAMMER CREEK DERBY & DUTCH OVEN FEED

Tom Roach, the event chairman informs us that this year's event will be held on the 29th of October. Sign up will be Friday night and Saturday morning until 8:00 AM Mountain Time and weigh-in will be at 4:00 PM Mountain Time. The weigh-in will be on the ramp at Hammer Creek. Following the award presentations will be the Dutch Oven dinner held again this year in Carl Norton's shop located off of old highway 30 on Bentz Lane. The dinner will be at 7:00 so bring your best Dutch Oven dish, dessert, and side dishes. The food is typically fantastic and of course the company is second to none. See you there!



Let's hear from you!

Rant is defined as "A speech or *Text* that does not Present a Calm Argument!!!!"

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Remember When?

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The following is the President's Message from the September 2004 issue of the RAPIDS

Hells Canyon here we come! The "Confluence Run" is upon us and if it runs true to form a good time will be had by all, especially those that avoid any HARD WATER, and MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. We welcome the newer members and jet boaters unfamiliar with this stretch of river. It is a wonderful time to be exposed to running whitewater, which is for most of us the reason we own these expensive toys. For our newer members and those that have not ventured into the world of "rollers, pour overs, holes, sneaks, tongues, standing waves, boulders, gravel bars, wave trains, "reading water" (this is a book you can never put down), and parking on a sand beach with 20 other boats, a few words to the wise:

- ★ You must have a working CB RADIO - CH 12
- ★ Ensure that your TRAILER IS ROAD READY (grease, re-pack those bearings). Have you checked the air pressure lately in those TIRES - don't forget the SPARE needs air too.
- ★ Carry a LOCKOUT DEVICE if you have SURGE BRAKES. It is a long way to the bottom of the hill. GO SLOW.
- ★ Check your SAFETY EQUIPMENT, ie life jackets, ropes, fire extinguisher, first aid-supplies, CB Radio, etc.
- ★ How are those BELTS, HOSE FITTINGS, FUEL LINE CONNECTIONS, BATTERIES, BLOWERS & BILGE PUMPS?
- ★ Do your WINDSHIELD WIPERS work?
- ★ Do you have your TOOLS on board?
- ★ Do you have your SAND STAKE & ANCHOR with enough ROPE?
- ★ Bible? (just kidding!)
- ★ LISTEN to your Group Leader!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Meeting September 12

Hells Canyon Run September 17

Hammer Creek Fishing Days October 29

*WWA Meetings are held at Smoky Mountain Pizzeria Grill, 980 East Fairview Ave
Meridian 884-1067*



Remember When

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- * When PARKING your boat next to or in between your fellow WWA Members, TAKE YOUR TIME, GO SLOW, AND STAY IN CONTROL.
- * Be AWARE of other boats that may be PARKED ON THE BANK FISHING and probably in the rocks. If feasible, DO NOT WAKE THEM. Slow to an idle and until you are past them.

You get the idea. Think it through. This is not a trip to the lake, so be prepared and you will have the time of your life.

One thing for sure, the meal on Saturday night is worth the price of admission. Jim McGarvin and his fellow organizers do an outstanding job of preparing a feast fit for the WWA members and incredible side dishes are provided by our members, followed by Keith and Rene Whittig's ICE CREAM EXTRAVAGANZA. It is a prime example of excess, gluttony, and all those other sinful things that make this an extraordinary event. The winners of the PHOTO/ESSAY contest will be announced. There will be drawings for prizes and gift certificates and more fun than we should be allowed to have! We have been asked to provide transportation for a Boy Scout Troop down river to Pittsburg landing on Sunday and need a few volunteers for this task. There will be approximately 20 people plus gear.

I want to thank Lynn Tuning for conducting the August general membership meeting on my behalf. Lynn has become a sponge, soaking up a lot of responsibility on behalf of the WWA, for which she should be commended.

May the river gods be exceedingly generous to you and yours.

Ron Balderston



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and take them with us as we carry on.



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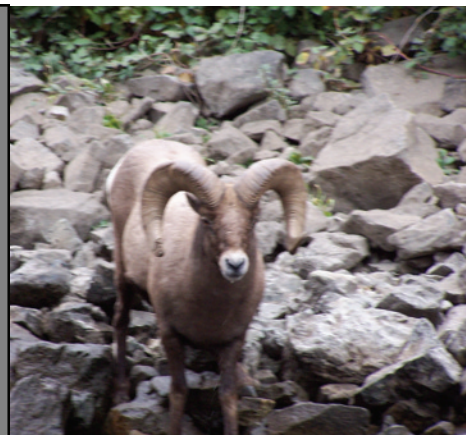
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The Happy Cooker



SON OF A GUN STEW

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| ½ lb. bacon | ¾ cup soy sauce |
| 2 lb. cubed beef | 7 to 8 drops Tabasco |
| 1 lb. carrots, sliced | 5 stalks celery, sliced |
| 3 lb. potatoes, diced | 3 medium onions, chopped |
| 2 green peppers, chopped | 1 qt. tomatoes |
| 2 T. worcestershire sauce | |

Fry bacon in oven. Add meat and onions. Brown well. Add everything else and stir well. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat and cover lid completely with coals. Stir occasionally and cook until vegetables are tender.

We received this tip from long time WWA member, Howard Vaughn:

When cooking something in your Dutch Oven that may entail a good deal of elbow grease to clean after cooking, I have found that using a liner for a Slow Cooker saves a lot of abuse to your vocal cords.



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