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ALRC NEWSLETTER • APRIL 2021

# BITS *of* NEWS

## the PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*from Natalie Beechler, ALRC President*

Spring has sprung on ALRC! As the rest of the world begins to get back into the swing of things, ALRC is focusing on upcoming events. In addition to our upcoming local and trailer-out rides, we have our online Pattern Challenge, our ALRC 21in21 challenge, an upcoming horse show in May, and plans for a Dutch Oven Cooking Clinic!

ALRC also launched a new and updated website in March 2021. Please visit us at [www.altalomaridingclub.org](http://www.altalomaridingclub.org) and check out our makeover. If you have any suggestions or things you would like to see, please share your ideas to [altalomaridingclub@gmail.com](mailto:altalomaridingclub@gmail.com)

This message would feel disingenuous if I didn't mention the trying decision I faced this past month. My own horse "Boney Joe" received a progressively debilitating diagnosis. Ultimately, I made the decision to say goodbye to this horse who had challenged everything I thought I knew, took me to territories I'd never seen, and helped me begin to understand what it meant to care for the mindset of a horse. Through tears, I relayed my decision, to which the Veterinarian responded, "The right decision is usually the hardest one". In our stewardship of our equine partners—it is

the very worst of days. But ultimately—worth enduring for the very best adventures we share together.

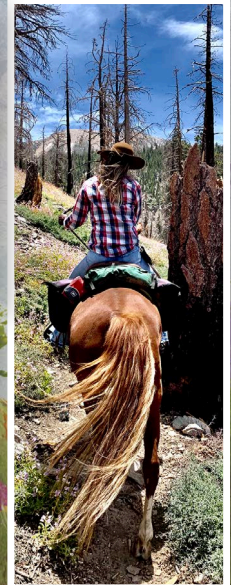
The purpose in sharing my story is to acknowledge that horse ownership is not all sunshine and rainbows—and that is ok. Sometimes it is emotionally painful—that is ok too. It is important to embrace these things in their totality—because it will always be worth it. I am humbled and grateful for the outpouring of care and support from my local network of fellow equestrian enthusiasts that were familiar with the exploits of Boney Joe. It is a blessing the people we connect with through our shared passion.

So hug your horse, cheers your pals, take the cheesy pictures, and move your creaking bones to make the early morning and moonlit rides.

I'm sure I'll cross paths with Boney Joe again; perhaps he will carry me on my journey through the veil separating this world from the next. If I am so fortunate, I look forward to that exciting ride.

*Natalie* 

*Pix of Boney Joe*



**"No heaven can heaven be, if my horse isn't there to welcome me." ~ Author Unknown**

**ALRC 21in21 CHALLENGE**



### ALRC 21in21 CHALLENGE!!

Challenge continues each month throughout 2021. All are welcome to participate, must be an ALRC member to be eligible for your name to be entered in monthly drawing to win prizes. Submit your hours to [TrailerOutofALRC@gmail.com](mailto:TrailerOutofALRC@gmail.com) or in the ALRC 21in21 FB group on the 21st of each month. Strengthen your relationship with your horse and WIN prizes! Names will be drawn and prizes awarded monthly!

### LAST MONTH WINNERS/PRIZES!



## LOCAL AREA BOARDING/TRAINING FACILITIES

Alta Loma Riding Club is made up of equestrian enthusiast volunteers. We welcome all horse and rural lifestyle supporters to join and participate in events we hold as it is a great way to network with other horse enthusiasts! We do not provide boarding/training/lesson services, but there are several large privately owned boarding facilities in and around Rancho Cucamonga that offer various equestrian related services to include horse boarding and training services to the public. Please see below for more information:

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Claudia McNeill, Newsletter Editor*

*Many may have seen Cary Westscott around the ALRC community; riding his horse Baby and grooming the arenas at Heritage Park. Now get to know him a little better! It was fun for me to interview Cary for our April Member Spotlight.*


Cary's story starts on a farm in Nebraska where he was born and spent his early years. And even though at age 4 his family moved to Southern California, and settled in the La Habra/Whittier area, Cary's roots run deep in rich Nebraska farmland. Every year he spent his summers back on his grandparents farm; doing chores, learning to ride horses and falling in to bed each night with the right kind of exhaustion from a day well spent! He grew up respecting his elders and a hard day's work. Cary also had an adventurous side that kept him seeking new horizons. But after graduating from high school, his plans of surfing down the coast of Mexico were interrupted by a golden opportunity to apply for a job with the railroad. "I was hired and just could not pass up the great money!" So he left his surfing travel plans and started what would turn out to be a 44 year career with the railroad!

Cary, got married and had a baby girl. As a young husband and father, he began to build a family life in Chino. Through a friend, he heard about a really good "free" quarter horse named Hondo. He thought it might be a great time to get in to horses. And get in to it he did!!

In 1993 they sought to buy horse property of their own in Alta Loma, on a particular street—and of course, that is where they live today! He often would be seen riding on the local trails atop Marshall, his 17 hand Tennessee Walker. They were quite recognizable! And Marshall attracted his own fan club LOL! I commented, "Marshall was famous!" To which Cary replied, "Actually, more like infamous!"

Four years ago, he noticed his own health and energy level diminishing. An appointment with a cardiologist revealed cardiovascular issues and the doctor scheduled him for an emergency procedure to receive a pacemaker. This caused him to reflect and make some important decisions which included retiring from his railroad career. But is Cary bored by retired life? Obviously, not a chance!!

Cary has been involved in a plethora of experiences. Whether on the back of a horse or at the helm of a sailboat, he has been looking to the horizon and collecting a lifetime of great stories along the way. And he is quite the animated story teller! Cary loves horse camping. He has been a stock handler for the elite riding group Los Caballeros, working rides in various locations including the annual trip/ride on Catalina Island. Cary and his horse Baby are HARMS certified and are part of the Rancho Cucamonga Unit #417 Equestrian Patrol of the San Bernardino Sheriffs Department. He also volunteers to maintain the Heritage Park arenas and you will see him on Fridays driving the tractor! In addition to horses, he is a sailor and has his skipper certification and belongs to Aventura Sailing Association in Dana Point. And, oh yeah, Cary also drives floats in the Rose Parade and has some great stories about that too—WOW!

One of his greatest joys is seeing his 7 year old granddaughter, Raven, fall in love with riding horses! She has an energy and enthusiasm that is simply delightful! And Grandpa is there all the way to encourage and foster this budding talent. Raven has a horse of her own now too, a spunky buckskin mare named Dallas. Rest assured, Grandpa and granddaughter will be going to events, riding trails and making memories together! Cary does not plan on slowing down anytime soon, but does reflect that, "It is important to find 'life balance' in order to truly be content". Cary has been a long time member of ALRC and his presence, personality and service has been a genuine gift to our equestrian community! 



# PATTERN CHALLENGE CONTINUES THRU APRIL 19TH!

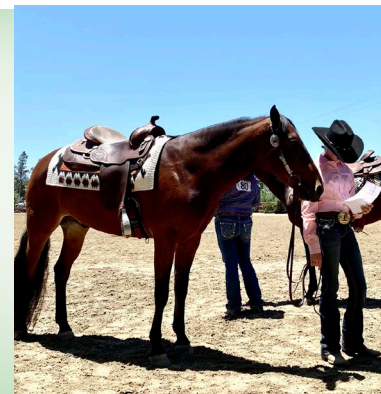
Get back into the "swing of things" with a fun pattern challenge. This is a no pressure activity for you and your trusty steed!

Participate by sending in a video entry that follows one of the patterns that will be posted on the Alta Loma Riding Club Facebook page. You will then upload your video to YouTube, and link the video under the official Pattern Challenge Post.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS!



All entries will be entered into a drawing for a cozy Alta Loma Riding Club sweatshirt (You may choose the size, and there will also be an option to customize with your horse's name).



ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB PRESENTS

# the **SPRING**

# HORSE SHOW

SATURDAY • MAY 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

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served in the Snack Bar

WATCH FOR UPCOMING  
DETAILS & SHOW PREMIUM

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# APRIL TRAILER OUT with Julie

Julie Bradley, Trailer Out Director



**Schabarum Regional County Park.** One of my favorite things to do is ride new (to me) trails. Since this ride is on my birthday, we will do exactly that! We will go ride Schabarum Regional County Park. Don't worry, we have a guide!

## DESCRIPTION OF TRAIL RIDE:

**Date:** Saturday, April 10, 2021

**Time:** 8am-2/3pm

**Staging Info:** Meet at Heritage Park at 8am.

It is about a 30 mile drive. There is a \$6 parking fee.

Plan to be in the saddle by 9:30.

Bring snacks/lunch.

**Distance:** 6-8 miles

**Time:** approximately 3 hours

**Terrain:** Rolling hills

**Technicality:** We will do several short loop trails as we explore the hills of the park. Hikers and mountain bikers share some of the trails.

We will be using the designated horse trails.

**Contact:** Julie if you have questions:

TrailerOutofALRC@gmail.com

No Stallion or Dogs on the ride.



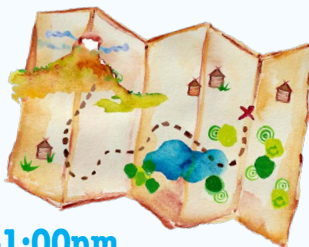
# LOCAL TRAIL RIDE with Heather

Heather McGee Decauwer,  
Local Trail Director

The sun is shining, The sky is blue,  
Let's go outside and look for some clues!

This months trail ride will be a

**SCAVENGER HUNT!**



## DESCRIPTION OF TRAIL RIDE:

**Date:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 **Time:** 10:00am-1:00pm

**Staging Info:** Meet at Heritage Park around 9am and plan to leave by 10am

**Route:** Almond Trail and trails behind the houses

**Distance:** 5ish miles

**Time:** approximately 3 hours depending on how quickly riddles are solved

**Elevation:** Relatively flat

**Terrain:** Wide trails behind houses and along the streets

**Technicality:** Crossing streets, shared trails and backyard activities of residents

## NON-RIDERS CAN PLAY TOO:

I will also be putting a walking map together for non-riders. It'll be self guided, within the vicinity of the park, and a shorter distance. Feel free to invite friends, family and neighbors to join in the fun.

**Contact:** Heather if you have questions: LocalTrailofALRC@gmail.com

No Stallion or Dogs on the ride.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS  
SAVE THE  
DATES!**

**MAY TRAILER  
OUT RIDE  
Saturday  
May 1, 2021  
Mohave Narrows  
Regional Park**

**MAY LOCAL  
TRAIL RIDE  
Saturday  
May 22, 2021  
DETAILS TBD**

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBER!**

**Shawn McClaine**

Thank You for joining the Alta Loma Riding Club!

Your membership makes a difference. We look forward to meeting you at upcoming events!

Encourage your friends and neighbors who enjoy the trails and facilities to join us too!

**Happy Trails!**

**REMEMBER**

When riding at Heritage Park Equestrian Center, tie your horse to the provided large pipe hitching rails only. Do not tie to arena railing, round pen fence or the portable paddock stalls.  
**THANK YOU.**




**Coming June 19**  
**DUTCH OVEN CLINIC!**

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## ALRC APRIL EVENTS

<b>EXTENDED UNTIL APR. 19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MARCH PATTERN CHALLENGE</b> • extended until 4/19</li> <li>• Check our Facebook page for more details</li> </ul>
<b>TUES, APRIL 13 7:00 PM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ALRC Board Meeting (via Zoom)</b></li> </ul>
<b>SAT, APRIL 10 8AM-3PM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trailer Out Ride, to Schabarum Regional County Park</b></li> <li>• <b>Stage at Hertigage Park Equestrian Center</b></li> </ul>
<b>SAT, APRIL 17 10AM-1PM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local Trail Ride SCAVENGER HUNT</b></li> <li>• <b>Stage at Hertigage Park Equestrian Center</b></li> </ul>
<b>WED., APRIL 21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Report ALRC 21in21 CHALLENGE from 3/21 - 4/20</b></li> <li>• <b>To join email Julie at: traileroutofALRC@gmail.com</b></li> </ul>
<b>SAT, MAY 1 8AM-3PM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trailer Out Ride, to Mohave Narrows Regional Park</b></li> <li>• <b>Stage at Hertigage Park Equestrian Center</b></li> </ul>



Help the Alta Loma Riding Club protect and preserve the rural equestrian community in Rancho Cucamonga. If you see any questionable or potentially dangerous activity occurring in or around the Heritage Park vicinity, please call the Rancho Cucamonga Park Ranger, at (909) 941-1488. You may also report such activity through the app: RC2GO.com



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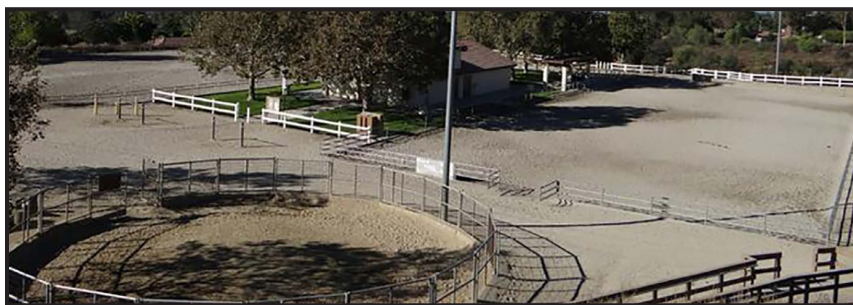
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- Show Office & Clubhouse
- Concession Stand
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- Arena Lighting
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# SUPPORT & COMMUNITY

## ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB at Heritage Park Equestrian Center

The Alta Loma Riding Club exists to promote and preserve the rural and equestrian lifestyle of Alta Loma and Rancho Cucamonga. Our membership is very important in continuing to impact our community. We maintain communication with the local city council and city planners to assure the trails and horse facilities we enjoy stay intact and maintained. We welcome you with open arms! It is not necessary to own a horse to be a member. If you use the trails and enjoy the outdoor lifestyle, ride or walk on two or four legs, by yourself or with your friends, pets and kids, then join us!

### MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- ALRC Monthly Newsletter
- Organized Local trail rides and Trailer-out rides
- Special Events • Shows • Clinics • Social Events
- Members are invited to monthly ALRC Board Member Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 7PM in the Clubhouse at Heritage Park Equestrian Center
- Quarterly ALRC General Member Meeting
- Opportunity to meet other local horse enthusiasts
- Be part of supporting and promoting the rural/equestrian lifestyle in our community!

Visit our website to join or contact  
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