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RIDING CLUB**

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MARCH 2020



CALENDER

- Mar 9, 7pm —
Board Meeting
- Mar 14, 9am —
Tack Sale and
Clean Up Day
- March 17 —
St. Patrick's Day
- April 4 —Trail
ride



SPRING CLEANING

TACK SALE AND PARK CLEAN-UP

Its time to clean up

**Get in your tack rooms and pull out all that tack
that you no longer use, clean it up and sell it.**

March 14, 9am

**The ALRC is hosting a clean-up day at Heritage
Park where we will be cleaning up the park
along with our tack rooms. After cleaning. We
will then pull the tables out and put the tents up
to start selling, so bring your cash and your
tack**



Board positions



The ALRC Board works very hard for the club to keep it up and running. This is an election year for the club and we are in need of new members to get up and show their support. Please consider running for a board position, any and all are open. Election are in May, so be thinking about it.

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Local Trail Rides

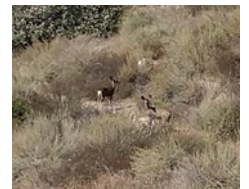
Barb De Witt and Pharaoh



Who said February is mid-winter? We were so blessed to have such a balmy day for our February 8 ride into our local mountains. The only unfortunate thing for our view was that the winds came two days after our ride instead of the day before. But that certainly did not deter us from having a great ride with gracious amounts of comradery among our 12 participants. Since “a picture paints a thousand words” I will let them describe the

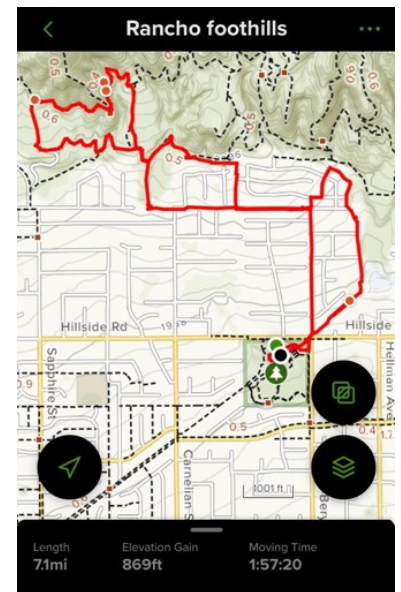


ride. (The one with the view (Catalina Island-the white line above Pharaoh’s left ear) was taken 2 weeks prior to the ride.) We were graced with the beauty of two deer who felt they needed to lead the way on the mountainside trail. When they turned to look at us it was as if they were waiting, wondering why we weren’t following them. Thank you to everyone who posted their pictures and comments on Facebook. It



meant so much to me that everyone enjoyed themselves so much.

Our next ride will be on April 4, but I haven’t come up with a plan yet. If anyone has a suggestion please text it to me at 909-238-0336. Please watch for info in the April newsletter, on Facebook, and in your e-mail.



Do you have the right license to tow your trailer?

To those of us who tow our horse trailers around town and on vacation, please be aware of the following information. This information comes from a CHP bulletin released in Feb 2019 and has been in effect for a year now. CHP is starting to check licenses and could impound your rig if conditions are not met.

“The following California Vehicle Code (CVC) sections classify DL and CDL requirements for California residents when towing horse or stock trailers in excess of 10,000 pounds GVWR or GVW.”

“**Class A CDL:** Section 12804.9(b)(1)(A) CVC allows the operation of a combination of vehicles when the vehicle being towed has a GVWR or GVW of more than 10,000 pounds. Most horse, stock, and other trailers may be operated using this class of license.”

“**Class A Restricted (noncommercial) DL:** Section 12804.12(a) CVC allows the operation of combinations of vehicles with a restricted Class A DL, also known as a noncommercial Class A DL, when towing a trailer coach exceeding 10,000 pounds GVWR, and a fifth wheel travel trailer exceeding 15,000 pounds GVWR, when the towing of the trailer is not for compensation (not for-hire or commercial use). **This DL is not applicable to horse and stock trailers.**”

“Section 12804.14(a) CVC allows the operation of combinations of vehicles with a restricted Class A DL when towing a livestock trailer exceeding 10,000 pounds, but not exceeding 15,000 pounds GVWR or GVW, if **all** of the following conditions are met:

- the vehicle is controlled and operated by a farmer;
- the vehicle is used to transport livestock to or from a farm;
- the vehicle is not used in the operations of a common or contract carrier (not for-hire or commercial use);
- the vehicle is used within 150 miles of the person’s farm.

“**This DL is not applicable for recreational use**”. (Meaning those of us who don’t work with our horses on a farm setting, earning money raising crops or livestock)

“Operators of horse or stock trailer combinations with a trailer over 10,000 pounds GVWR or GVW used in a recreational capacity do not meet the provisions of Sections 12804.9(b)(3)(G), 12804.9(b)(3)(F)(ii), or 12804.14 (a) CVC, and **will be required to hold a valid Class A CDL**. A restricted (noncommercial) Class A or Class C DL will not be sufficient.”

“A “living quarters” configuration is secondary and incidental to the primary function of a vehicle which is designed for transporting property, in this case — animals. **These “living quarters” trailers do not qualify as a travel trailer for the purpose of driver’s licensing requirements** or trailer registration.”

This information can be confusing for some and the DMV has been telling people that they only need a restricted license because they are interpreting the section 12804.14(a) incorrectly. I know of a few people who have gone to the DMV expecting to take the restricted test only to be informed that they actually need a full CDL.

To all of those with big rigs (over 10K GVWR) look into this information, talk to the CHP, and talk to the class A driving schools locally. Be careful driving out there.

FYI, there is a bill trying to get passed that would allow horse trailers a restricted A - SB 415 (old number), but it hasn’t passed yet. Let your senator/assemblyman know that you want it passed. For Rancho Cucamonga - Senator Mike Morell and Assembly Member Marc Steinorth

ALRC MEMBERSHIP!!!

Do you know someone who might like to be a member of the Club? Remember the club is not just for horse owners, it is for anyone who loves our rural living! Please remember that without the Alta Loma Riding Club we would lose a lot of our large animal rights. There are many other special interests that would love to have the facilities we have at Heritage Park. The bridle trails that traverse our city were campaigned for by the Club when our area starting developing. We are working on an on-line version of our membership application and paying through Venmo for your convenience. We'll keep you updated as to when it is available.

Good Riding and hope to see many of you on the trails and at events throughout the year.

Ali Smilgis - Membership Director

Membership Application

Membership is only \$30 /year for the whole family. Our year runs from July to June 2019-2020

Please fill out the application and send it with a check to Alta Loma Riding Club P.O. Box 8116 Alta Loma, CA 91701

If there is no change to anything for a renewal, just write NO CHANGE for address, email, phone, etc

Name: _____

Family Members (children's age)

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

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