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BITS of NEWS

ALRC Is 100% Volunteer-Run!

by Martha Cowan, ALRC 1st President

Did you know that the Alta Loma Riding Club is a non-profit organization, run entirely by volunteers? These are dedicated people who believe in the preservation of the equestrian lifestyle in the City of Rancho Cucamonga. Did you know that the ALRC also maintains the beautiful Heritage Park Equestrian Center in Alta Loma? Many man hours are spent by volunteers to bring horse shows, play days, social events, and clinics to the community at Heritage Park.

Founded in 1963, today the ALRC continues to be a shining star in the city of Rancho Cucamonga. In order to continue this long-standing tradition, we need many volunteers. At this moment, and due to unforeseen circumstances, there are several openings on the Board, including President, Secretary, and Publicity. Other board members are filling these positions, in addition to handling their own. To know more about what each job entails, contact Martha Cowan at 909-912-2117. Please consider helping out the ALRC!

ALRC Volunteer Spotlight: John and Jordan Recla, Ali Smiligis, & Ken Beechler



by Kara Haulman-Recla
Volunteering with ALRC can be a family affair! Meet father and son volunteer duo, **JOHN AND JORDAN RECLA**. During a horse show or special event, you may have seen these two driving around in the gator, moving obstacles, manning the gate, passing out ribbons, or helping in the office. **JORDAN** has just embarked on his next journey as a United States Marine. Oohrah! We hope that Jordan will come back to visit ALRC when he is home on leave. **JOHN**, who is a Marine Corps veteran, local resident, and horse owner, will continue to assist



the Riding Club at events, as well as helping to manage our website. **THANK YOU** for your service, **JOHN AND JORDAN!**



by Heather McGee Decauwer

One of our treasured volunteers is **ALI SMILIGIS**. Ali has been a member of the ALRC for over 25 years, of which she served on the board as the Membership Director for 10 years. As a dedicated volunteer, Ali can be found helping at our shows, on clean-up days or even when she is just passing by. One day while doing

our weekly park maintenance, Ali was walking by with her dog. When she saw us, she quickly tied her dog's leash up so she could come over and help with raking leaves and asked, "did I miss a clean-up day?" So literally, even when she's just passing by she stops to lend a helping hand. Ali has a true heart for Volunteerism. In addition to ALRC, Ali's passion has included volunteering with Rising Stars and participating in the Silver Fox Follie's (benefiting the Rising Stars) and a Quintet Women's Choir. When I asked Ali why she volunteers with ALRC and others, I could tell she had a big smile on her face when she answered, because she loves making people laugh and happy. **THANK YOU ALI** from the bottom of our hearts for all the great things you do and for that great smile that lights up a room when you walk in!

Ken Beechler cont'd on page 5 →

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

NOVEMBER LOCAL TRAIL RIDE with Heather

Heather McGee
Decauwer,
Local Trail Director

Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023 • 10:00am – 2:00pm

Join us Veterans Day weekend for a local trail ride through the wash below Cucamonga Canyon and out of the forest closure areas. Be sure to watch Facebook or your email for a change in date if the weather does not look favorable.

DESCRIPTION OF TRAIL RIDE:

STAGING INFO: Heritage Park plan to leave by 10am

ROUTE: Loop

DISTANCE: 8-9 miles

TIME: approximately 3-4 hours

ELEVATION: Relatively flat

TERRAIN: Relatively flat except for a of couple short ups and downs going in and out of the wash.

TECHNICALITY: Step overs, water crossings & rocks.

SHADE: No.

PHOTO OPPS: Always when Julie is on the ride (she can't help herself).

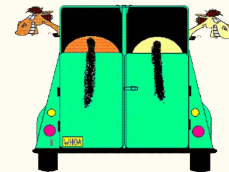
CONTACT: Heather if you have questions: localtrailofALRC@gmail.com

No stallions, dogs or ponying on the ride.



TRAILER OUT RIDE with Julie

Julie Bradley, Trailer Out Director



THIS MONTH WE WILL RIDE AROUND LAKE PERRIS.

DESCRIPTION OF TRAIL RIDE:

Date: Saturday, November 18 Time: 8am-4pm

STAGING INFO: Meet at Heritage Park at 8am. It is about a 50 mile drive to our destination at Lake Perris. There is a \$10 entrance fee. Plan to be in the saddle by 10. Bring snacks/lunch.

DISTANCE: 10 miles

TIME: approximately 4 hours

TERRAIN: Mostly flat single track dirt trails, one long dam to cross shared with pedestrians and cyclists, one optional short hill climb.

Technicality: This is an easy ride as we circle the lake. There will be boaters and fishermen on the lake and a motorcycle track on the low side of the dam, but horses usually don't care or adjust quickly.

CONTACT: Julie if you have questions: TrailerOutofALRC@gmail.com

No Stallion or Dogs on the ride.



OCTOBER TRAILER OUT RECAP

We went to Bonelli. It was a beautiful day. The trails were perfect. There were other horses out on the trails, and we all had a lovely ride. If you are thinking about joining us or have questions about our scheduled rides contact Heather at localtrailofALRC@gmail.com or Julie at TrailerOutofALRC@gmail.com

THE ANNUAL ALRC Christmas Lights Ride & Festivities

Oh what fun it is to ride! Mark your calendars - our annual Christmas light ride is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY NIGHT • DECEMBER 13** 6:00-8:30 PM

Deck out your horse with lights and bells and join us for our annual ride through the neighborhoods of Alta Loma. Staging at Heritage Park Equestrian Center

More details to come in our December newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE



Cinch Making Clinic

Saturday, February 3, 2024

**Instructor: Robert Eversole
(AKA TrailMeister)**

**Interested? Have Questions?
Contact Heather at
localtrailofALRC@gmail.com**



The Alta Loma Riding Club is hosting a Cinch Clinic taught by Robert Eversole (AKA TrailMeister)!

If you've ever thought about learning the craft of cinch making, join us to learn how to create a cinch for your own horse or create treasured hand-woven gifts for friends and loved ones.

During this intensive class we'll go over the following as you build your first woven cinch: Cinch Materials – Natural vs. synthetic - Determining Cinch Size – How conformation affects cinch width and length - Knots to Know - Cordage Length - Building the Cinch - Details & Design work - After build care for your cinch - Resources for materials to make more cinches.

You'll also take home all the tools needed to create a cinch - Loom - Instruction Booklet - 5-piece tool kit!

As this is a basic cinch class we'll be focusing on straight cinches. You'll be able to use the techniques learned to create custom straight cinches, breast collars, belts, hat bands, key chains, and more. The skill used in making a straight cinch are prerequisites for more advanced builds such as roper and english style cinches.

Space is limited to only 16 people, so you'll want to reserve your seat ASAP.

The clinic costs \$350 per person, and a \$100 deposit per person is required to reserve your seat. You'll pay the remaining \$250 on the day of the clinic.

**Please send your deposit to:
TrailMeister • PO Box 163 • Newman Lake, WA 99025**

**Questions, Comments, or concerns?
Contact Robert at robert@trailmeister.com or
Heather at localtrailofalrc@gmail.com**

VOLUNTEER AT



THE ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB manages this City Site by using Volunteers.

We have a variety activities for those seeking Community Service for the public.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **TRACTOR DRIVERS**

Requires application and training.**

Other jobs available include:

- **GENERAL CLEAN UP**

raking leaves, removing weeds,
dumping trash

- **EVENT CHALK MARKING**

the dirt parking lot. On-the-job
training is provided.

**Come join our team in keeping
the Community beautiful.**

** Tractor drivers are trained on site
at the Heritage Park Equestrian SW Corner
of Beryl and Hillside.

To apply go to volgistics.com and fill out
the Volunteer Application on the
Assignment Section check Equestrian
Center Maintenance (ALRC). Please let
Lawrence Henderson ALRC/City Liaison
Director know when it is complete and to
schedule your training session at
(909) 226-3956. Or email Larry at
CityLiaisonofALRC@gmail.com

CONSIDER MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Alta Loma Riding Club is a volunteer organization and thrives when people care and get involved in their community. We are always in need of members lending a helping hand and volunteering at an upcoming event or working on a project! We also currently have a few open positions on our Executive Board and with elections coming up next spring, this is a perfect time to help out in the interim while seeing if serving on the board is something to continue! **Please consider making a difference at ALRC. Contact Martha Gowan at VicePres1ofALRC@gmail.com**

Our Board consists of 13 members who are elected by the membership for a 2 year term. Below is a description of the current vacancies on the board. Will you consider getting involved? The Alta Loma Riding Club is vital in keeping the horse facility at Heritage Park and preserving the outdoor and equestrian lifestyle that we all love so much in Alta Loma.

SECRETARY

The Secretary's primary duties include: keeping and publishing the minutes of the monthly Board of Director meetings and maintaining the ALRC records. If the ALRC Board of Directors elects to be a member of the Rancho Cucamonga City Chamber of Commerce, the Secretary will handle all activities relating to same.

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

The Publicity Director shall have the overall responsibility for publicity in the ALRC. He/she shall coordinate with the members of the Board of Directors to ensure all activities/events receive the appropriate publicity: social media, newspaper etc. as needed. The Publicity Director shall be the primary contact for all media and publications. He/she can also be responsible for all ALRC promotional sales, e.g. shirts, jackets, etc.



Upcoming Refurbishing of the Clubhouse! *by Martha Cowan*

The ALRC Board has been discussing refurbishing of the clubhouse at Heritage Park for quite some time. We were waiting for some repairs, done by the City, to be completed, and now, it looks like we're good to go! This will take some time, with the ultimate goal of recreating the interior of the clubhouse so that it can be an inviting atmosphere for club events.

At this time, we are appealing to you, the Membership, as we search for licensed contractors in electrical and lighting, paint, and flooring, and furniture. If this is something you do, please contact the Club at 909-285-4342. Your call will be returned. We will be fundraising for this refurbishing, as we are a non-profit, and everything is expensive. **Just imagine, if everyone pitched in, this is an attainable dream!**



ALRC Volunteer Spotlight: Ken Beechler *cont'd from page 1*

by Joe Cowan



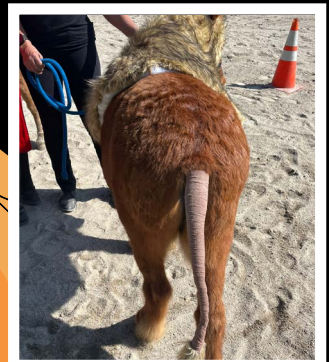
We would like to recognize **KEN BEECHLER** for all the hours he donates to the Alta Loma Riding Club. Ken is most notably seen in the kitchen cooking; however, that is only a small portion of the time he spends helping the club. He spends many hours at the facility before and

after each event, preparing food to be served, setting up and tearing down the outdoor cooking facilities, and general cleanup after every event. Ken also works tirelessly at ALRC clean-up days. He has also helped with special projects, including both the installation of the ALRC signage near the entrance to the park, and the installation of the facility's roll-up doors. Ken is also an accomplished rider and enjoys time riding his horse, Apocalypse, so the time he spends working for the club is time he is not on his horse. Ken is not interested in recognition for all that he does for the club, but your ALRC Board thinks it is important to recognize our MVVs (Most Valuable Volunteers). If you see Ken, perhaps in the kitchen, mention how much you appreciate him, for without him and many volunteers like him, ALRC would not exist. **THANK YOU, KEN BEECHLER.**



Monster Mash Play Day

a SUCCESSFUL AND FUNFILLED EVENT!!



ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB

Support the businesses who support ALRC! Did you know that you can advertise your business in the ALRC newsletter too?

TO BECOME AN ADVERTISER...

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Business card ads: \$15/month or \$120/year



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Thank You for being a member of the Alta Loma Riding Club!

Do you know anyone who should be a member? Encourage your friends and neighbors who enjoy the trails and facilities to join **ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB TODAY!**

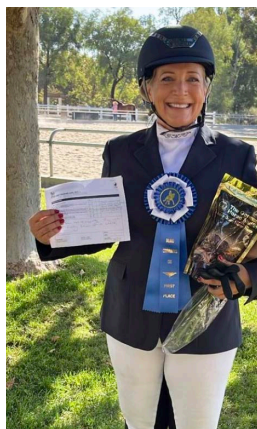
Your membership makes a difference! We look forward to meeting you at upcoming events!

Happy Trails!

My experience riding at the Fall CDS Rated Dressage Show

by Claudia McNeill,
ALRC Newsletter Editor

It has been 50 years since I have been in the show ring. And I really had no desire to ever show again! But after some encouragement from my beloved "barn sisters" at Baker Scudder Farms and the opportunity to ride Linda Gordon's fabulous horse "Nato", I entered my very first dressage show in October, held right here at our own Heritage Park arena. I have been learning dressage (thank you Anne & Maddie!) and so I practiced the pattern and prepared for a dressage test. I was very nervous but also very excited at the chance to push myself and face my inner challenges! It was such a thrilling day! I am so glad I did it! There will be more dressage shows coming to Heritage in 2024... Thank you Linda Florence and California Dressage Society for such a wonderful show!



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ALRC NOVEMBER EVENTS

SAT, NOV 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOCAL TRAIL RIDE WITH HEATHER • CUCAMONGA CANYON • Heritage Park Equestrian Center leaving at 10:00 AM
TUES, NOV 14 7:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALRC Board Meeting • Heritage Park Equestrian Center • Clubhouse
SAT, NOV 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRAILER OUT RIDE WITH JULIE • LAKE PERRIS • Heritage Park Equestrian Center • Stage to trailer out at 8:00 AM
THUR, NOV 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HAPPY THANKSGIVING! from ALRC • Enjoy the day with an ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE
SAVE THE DATE DEC 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALRC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RIDE • Meet at Heritage Park Equestrian Center 6:00PM

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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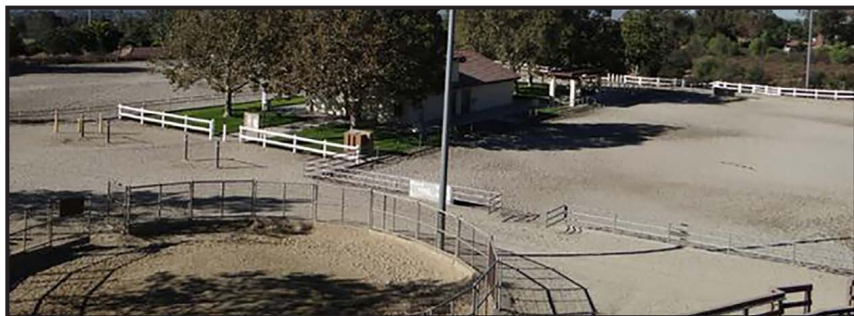
AMENITIES

- Show Office & Clubhouse
- Concession Stand
- Restrooms
- Arena Lighting
- 2 Round Pens & 7 Paddocks
- South Arena 295'X150'
- North Arena 220' X 90' (Dressage)
- PA System
- Hitching Rails & Water Trough
- Trailer Parking
- Trail Course & Trail Access

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CONTACT:

Larry Henderson (909) 745-4906
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EQUESTRIAN PARKING AREA: In an effort to ensure safety and appropriate use of Heritage Park Equestrian Parking, a lock at the entrance gate has been installed. All ALRC members have been provided an access code via the email on file. We ask that you lock the gate upon entering and exiting the equestrian parking area. Look for the gate code via email and text, for further questions please contact (909) 285-4342 or email altalomaridingclub@gmail.com



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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for more information



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