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ALRC NEWSLETTER • MARCH 2021

# BITS *of* NEWS

## the PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*from Natalie Beechler,  
ALRC President*

As much of the country was clenched in subzero winter temperatures, ALRC took full advantage of our winter riding weather! Last month we rode the landscape of Yucaipa's Wildwood Canyon captivated by historic farmsteads, soaring hawks, attentive deer, and a leery bobcat. As we climbed to spectacular views, our company felt a world away from the urban jungle. Our local ride included saddle time through our lovely trails to clear the mind and energize the soul and our moonlight ride provided the opportunity to view the bustling city lights from the quiet foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains.

How is it when you start getting buried in the everyday grind, the things that bring the most joy get placed on the backburner? Well, no longer as we have a remedy—"ALRC 21 in 21" challenge is meant to ensure you get at minimum 21 hours of quality time with your equine partner per month—and be entered for monthly prizes in doing so!

Check out the ALRC 21 in 21 Facebook group and email Julie at TrailerOutofALRC@gmail.com to enter.

As the year presses on, it's looking optimistic that our ability to hold group events will emerge. Until then, use this time to warm up skills with your horse and work towards a goal. What are your goals with your horse? Winning competitions? Mastering speed? Try a new sport? Explore uncharted territory? Gain respect? Grow understanding? Each of us has different goals, and even the most experienced horseman has room to grow and learn. So take time to think of end goals and start working on the steps to get there. A village of friends, mentors, trainers, and fellow equestrians is always an asset. But, the horse is the best teacher—should we be willing to listen to the lesson.

*Natalie* 



*Above pictures from Wildwood Canyon*



**JOIN ALRC 21in21 CHALLENGE!!** As Trailer Out Director, it is my mission to get you riding! Our horses deserve our time and attention. I developed this challenge to encourage myself and others to work on our connections with our horses. 21in21 Challenge began February 21 but 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. The rules are simple:

**TO JOIN**

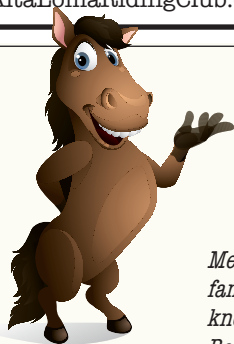
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1. Spend 21 meaningful hours with your horse per month (This month, start March 21 and continuing from the 21st to the 21st of each month). The definition of meaningful is up to you: training, petting, grooming, walking, riding... just not feeding and mucking.
2. Start by documenting the hours from 03/21/21 to 04/21/2021 (on your phone or a scrap of paper - your choice!) and continue monthly, 21st-21st, in 2021!
3. Submit your hours to TrailerOutofALRC@gmail.com or in the **ALRC 21in21 FB group** on the 21st of each month.
4. Strengthen your relationship with your horse and WIN prizes! Names will be drawn and prizes awarded monthly!

**"You are not working on the horse, you are working on yourself" -Ray Hunt**





# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Claudia McNeill, Newsletter Editor*

*Meet Bonnie Scudder! Many may have heard this familiar name within the equine community—now get to know her a little better! It was fun for me to interview Bonnie for our March Member Spotlight.*

If you are familiar with the horse properties and boarding facilities in the area, then you probably know Baker Scudder Farms on Carnelian. It is a striking property just north of Wilson with beautiful white split-rail fences, fantastic arenas and that signature red barn! Bonnie and Steve Scudder purchased the property over 10 years ago and have been busy building their dream! How were the seeds planted and the dream cultivated? It all starts, of course, in the heart of a very young girl...



Bonnie Baker grew up in Orange county California. At the age of 9 her soccer coach, sensing soccer was not going to be Bonnie's sport, encouraged her to seek out horseback riding lessons instead as possibly a better match. At a nearby stable she began riding—and in the process, quickly fell in love with horses! By the time she was 10 she had her very own horse! A registered quarter horse, Ottis Lisa Bar, became Bonnie's beloved "Lisa"! This darling mare was a great match



for her new young owner and together they did it all; arena riding and trail riding, in both western and english styles. It was on Lisa that Bonnie next learned to jump! They loved jumping on cross-country courses as well as the arena. It was a beautiful partnership! Bonnie grew in riding ability, and came to the place around 12 years old that a thoroughbred named Destiny would

take her to the next level of riding and competing in the show jumping arena. The high-spirited off the track thoroughbred was different than her trusty Lisa, and Bonnie began to learn dressage style techniques as she worked with her new horse.

When Bonnie was 15 her family moved from Orange county to Upland, purchasing a larger property zoned for horses, and Bonnie got to bring her sweet Lisa to her own backyard!! Her show horse, now T.J. another thoroughbred hunter/jumper, was boarded at a training barn in Chino and Bonnie showed extensively from the ages of 14 to 16. But as the story goes for most teen riders, Bonnie traded her ride with 4 legs to one with 4 wheels, and the busy collage-bound life of this high schooler left the show circuit and riding behind as she looked forward to other teen challenges. During this time, her original quarter horse Lisa was still there in the backyard, and for a time during college, Bonnie taught riding lessons to the neighborhood kids on Lisa as she was always a sweet, faithful and grounding reminder of her long time love for horses.

Lots of life happened, and fast forward to Bonnie, now in graduate school, living in Pasadena. She rode horses for trainer Marsha "Mousie" Williams in an arrangement that traded her riding the horses needing to be ridden in exchange for her own lessons and training. Bonnie gained alot of experience, riding a wide variety of "rouger" horses that really needed the extra work. "It seemed to be a good fit", Bonnie fondly reflects, "I was completing my education to become an occupational therapist and these horses needed a sort of occupational therapy."

More life happened and in 2001 Bonnie, while working as an occupational therapist, now married to Steve and beginning their family, moved to Rancho Cucamonga. They chose Rancho Cucamonga specifically because of the emphasis on the equestrian and family-oriented lifestyle. After the birth of their second child, it was time to start revisiting the idea of owning a horse again.

Through a series of serandipitous connections and events, Bonnie met many people along the way who poured in to her life, enhancing her equestrian experience; people like Kim Kulesa her dressage trainer and dear friend still to this day. Through Kim she met others who were planning a horse buying trip to Germany and they invited Bonnie to come along. "It was the chance of a lifetime and, with the support of my family, I went on this amazing trip!" Bonnie says with a smile, "Five days of non-stop intensity—visiting the warmblood farms all over Germany, looking at horses." At the end of this successful trip, their host Joachim asked Bonnie if there was any horse that "stood out to her in particular." Long story short—a very large striking chestnut mare with beautiful white markings caught her attention. Through a series of remarkable events, she purchased Gitana, a 5 year old Oldenburg warmblood mare, and arranged to have her shipped home. Gitana arrived in California and was delivered to her new home on Carnelian, the Shadow Ridge boarding facility, that would one day in later years become Baker Scudder Farms!



The bond between Gitana and Bonnie was unparalleled. And Gitana was the driving force behind all the passion (including the logo) that became Baker Scudder Farms. Additional experiences included breeding Gitana, raising and training her foal Samson. Unfortunately at the age of 18, Gitana's life was tragically cut short by a rare illness. It truly crushed Bonnie,

but Gitana's strong consistant spirit lives on in Bonnie and Baker Scudder Farms. She fondly reflects, "I want my boarders and their horses to get the same quality of care that I want for my own horses."

It is more than evident that all of Bonnie's past experience have poured in to preparing her for what ever came next. Bonnie recently reached out to Joachim and found Talulla, a 4 year old beautiful bay Oldenburg mare—and the two of them have embarked on yet another adventure. Who knows where the future will take them, and for that matter any of us—but one thing is for sure—if you allow a horse to change the course of your life, you will truly be changed forever! 🐾

## MARCH PATTERN CHALLENGE

In anticipation of upcoming Horse Shows, and horse events, we invite you to get back into the "swing of things" with a fun pattern challenge. This is a fun, no pressure activity for you and your trusty steed!

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). 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! 

# MARCH TRAILER OUT with Julie

Julie Bradley, Trailer Out Director



## Let's go to Perris!

Feel free to wear some green to get into the St. Patrick's Day spirit. We will go ride around Lake Perris. Since Lake Perris is a California State Park they ask that you bring a mask, but only ask that you wear it if you cannot maintain a distance of 6 feet. That distance usually isn't a problem for equestrians.

### DESCRIPTION OF TRAIL RIDE:

**Date: Saturday, March 13, 2021**

**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.**



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS • SAVE THE DATES! UPCOMING TRAILER OUT RIDES



### Saturday, April 10, 2021

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.

### Saturday, May 1, 2021

### Mohave Narrows Regional Park.

This is a relaxing ride meandering through the trees.



### Saturday,

### May 29, 2021

### Big Bear

Heather and I (and others) are going horse camping in Big Bear at the end of May. It is about 65 miles to the campground. If you would like to come up for the day on May 29th (or another day while we're there), we can go ride some trails. Contact me via FB or email me TrailerOutofALRC@gmail.com and I can give you specifics. I don't always have cell service up there (which makes it a great place to camp!), so contact me before May 23rd.





# LOCAL MARCH RIDE with Heather *Heather McGee Decauwer, Local Trail Director*

**Save the date and plan to join us for a local trail ride.**

**This month's trail ride will be over to the Deer Creek community near Chaffey College. The trails through that community are on the tree lined grass bridal paths that run in front of the houses.**

**No Stallion or Dogs on this ride.**

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

**DESCRIPTION OF TRAIL RIDE:**

**Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021**

**Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm**

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

**Route: Loop along back trails to Haven**

**Distance: 7-9 miles**

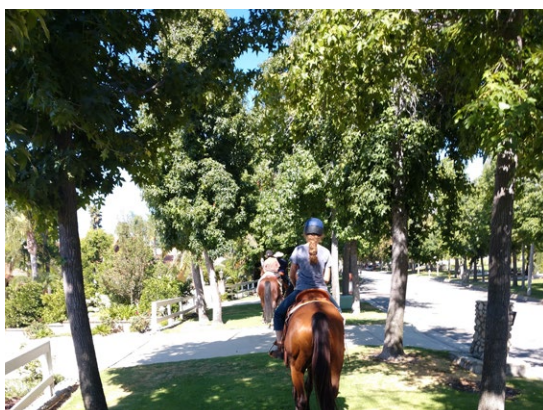
**Time: approximately 3 hours**

**Elevation: Relatively flat**

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

**Grass when we get to Deer Creek.**

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



## LOCAL RIDES RECAP

### February 20th Local Trail Ride

We had 14 members join us for a great time riding through the Eucalyptus Grove, by Rudolph the jet ski raider and around the almond trail loop. If you didn't get to join us this time we hope you can for our next local ride on March 27th! Happy trails!!



### February 27th Full Moon Ride

We had a great turnout for the full moon ride. 12 horses and their riders enjoyed the sunset and moonrise. 3 of the riders hadn't ridden at night. It makes me happy to hear we planned something that introduces members to new experiences. Thanks for coming out!





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Set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 13th. Daylight saving time will start at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 14. Yay, more daylight to ride after work!



**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.

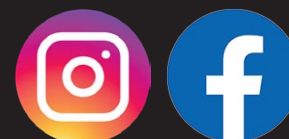
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## ALRC MARCH EVENTS

<b>ALL MONTH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MARCH PATTERN CHALLENGE</b></li> <li>• Check our Facebook page for more details</li> </ul>
<b>TUES, MARCH 9, 7:00 PM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ALRC Board Meeting (via Zoom)</b></li> </ul>
<b>SAT, MARCH 13, 8AM-4PM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trailer Out Ride, to Lake Perris</b></li> <li>• <b>Stage at Hertigage Park Equestrian Center</b></li> </ul>
<b>SAT, MARCH 27, 10AM-1PM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local trail ride, trails to Dear Creek Community</b></li> <li>• <b>Stage at Hertigage Park Equestrian Center</b></li> </ul>
<b>SUN, MARCH 21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Report ALRC 21in21 CHALLENGE from 2/21</b></li> <li>• <b>To join email Julie at: traileroutofALRC@gmail.com</b></li> </ul>



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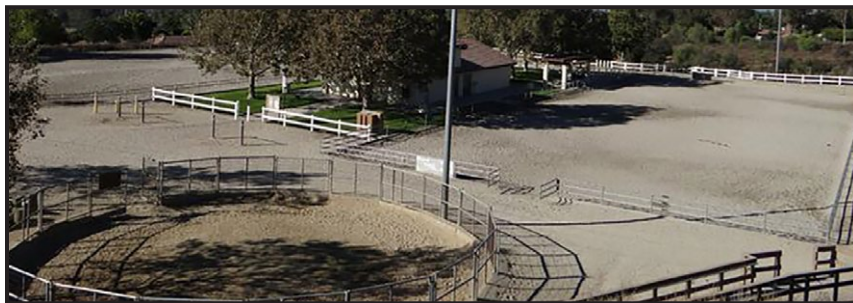
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## SUPPORT & COMMUNITY

### 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
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