

**ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB**

**Dedicated to promoting and preserving the rural and equestrian lifestyle in our community.**



ALRC NEWSLETTER • NOVEMBER 2022

# BITS *of* NEWS

## the PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*from Cassie Sanchez, ALRC President*

I want to thank all those who came out for the clean-up day at Heritage Park Equestrian Center. Thanks to Little League Baseball parents who came out and pitched in with cleaning and lawn maintenance. As you recall, we had a horrific rain storm last month which drove loads of sand onto the walkway of the meeting room. We had to rent a small tractor to scope up the sand and remove it. Thanks to Board member Joe Cowan for running the tractor and removing the sand. Thanks to our members who chipped in and cleaned out the meeting room and made it presentable for our Candidates Forum. Thanks again to all of you who came down on Saturday and gave a helping hand. As you may know, the city does not maintain the Heritage Park Equestrian Center Facility. We, the Alta Loma Riding Club members, must do all the work from cleaning out the restrooms, maintaining the lawn areas, keeping the kitchen clean and usable, providing the refrigerators and other kitchen equipment, harrowing the riding arenas, chalking the parking lot during events, maintaining trash cans, and monitoring the gate and more. The City provides water and utilities. It is a huge responsibility and it is all accomplished through our club members.

The Candidates Forum was another success. We are proud to be of service to our Rancho Cucamonga community in providing a forum for our candidates for city public office. Not only is it our patriotic duty to provide an opportunity to meet and greet these potential

public servants, but it is important to give our input as to the needs of our equestrian families. The event this year was quite large with over 11 candidates running for four offices and mayor. Thanks to all of you who participated and gave your input as well. It was a pleasure to serve our community.

Thanks to all those who helped put on our 2022 R.C. Candidates for October 11. Special thanks to Rick Fontana from Little League who did gardening work for the park and helped out with the evening from start to finish. Thanks to Ali Smilgis for serving as a timekeeper and to Board members for helping with the setup. It was a great event, well attended by City dignitaries, candidates, members, and guests. We are proud to be such an important part and serving our Rancho Cucamonga community.



Happy Trails!

Cassie 

*Cassie and a new friend attend the Halloween Trunk or Treat Bash in October!*

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

**“The horse is a gift to us, to humanity. And for that, there comes responsibility. If the horse is gonna work for you and work with you, then the best thing I can do for the horse is to make it as good a life possible.” —Buck Brannaman**

# LOCAL NOVEMBER TRAIL RIDE with Heather

Heather McGee Decauwer, Local Trail Director

Join us Thanksgiving 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:

**Date:** Saturday, November 26th

**Time:** 10:00am-2:00pm

**STAGING INFO:** Leave from Heritage Park at 10am

**ROUTE:** Loop

**DISTANCE:** 8-9 miles

**TIME:** 3-4 hours depending on breaks.

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

**TERRAIN:** Smooth on the wider portion of trail, but rocky where we cross over.

**TECHNICALITY:** Step overs, water crossings & rocks.

**SHADE:** No.

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

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Heather at [LocalTrailofALRC@gmail.com](mailto:LocalTrailofALRC@gmail.com)

Please no stallions or dogs.



## 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 14**  
**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**





## 2022 CANDIDATES FORUM RECAP

The traditional Rancho Cucamonga Candidate's Forum was sponsored and held by the Alta Loma Riding Club on January 11 at Heritage Park. The program began at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Vice-president Martha Cowan. Mayor L. Dennis Michael and Council Member Kennedy attended and gave a few remarks praising the Club's hosting of this important democratic event. Members and guests filled the meeting room to capacity. In attendance for District 2 was Kristine Scott who is the incumbent. Also running for District 2 are David VanGorden and Joanne Nursall who did not attend the Forum. For district 3, running unopposed was incumbent Ryan A. Hutchison. District 1, which is Heritage Park's district, were Floyd E. Clark, Mary Hannah, Erick Jimenez, Lawrence Henderson, Ashley Stickler, and Rose Stephens Olmsted.

Each candidate gave a 5-minute introduction and answers to suggested topics previously given to each candidate. The timekeeper for the event was member Ali Smilgis who made sure each candidate spoke within the allotted time. After the presentations, there was a 15-minute break with coffee and desserts served at which time candidates could mingle with the audience.

Returning from the break, a question was provided to all candidates: Since Measure-A proposed annual special tax did not pass in 2015, it reduced funding for the West-Side Parks and Street Lighting, which encompasses 27,000 parcels and 10 parks, including Red Hill and Heritage Parks, several impacting District 1 services. What will you do to restore services? What are your thoughts regarding open space, trails, and parks, especially Heritage Park, and its future in maintaining a healthy Rancho Cucamonga for all residents? Each candidate gave their response. Kudos went out the to ALRC for participating in and confirming our democracy and advocating for our Equestrian Community.



**HORSES** understand  
the many benefits of community!  
**THANK YOU**  
for being a part of ours!!



## 4 WAYS TO AGE A HORSE BY HIS TEETH

By Lauren Feldman | October 13, 2022

Illustration by MCKIBILLO

<https://americancowboy.com/lifestyle/age-horse-teeth-27755/>

**No papers? No problem. Use these four markers to age a horse by the condition of his teeth.**

If a horse's date of birth is unknown, take a look at his teeth for clues on how old he is. Aging a horse this way isn't 100% accurate, but it will give you an approximate age range. The younger a horse is, the more accurate the approximation will be. Here are four characteristics to look for to determine the age of a horse by its teeth.

### PERMANENT TEETH

Horses have two sets of teeth: temporary teeth called "baby" or "milk" teeth, and permanent teeth. In a 1-year-old horse, all the temporary teeth have erupted. By 3 years old, most horses will have permanent center teeth, both upper and lower. Permanent teeth are larger and darker than baby teeth. By the age of 5, all the baby teeth are replaced by permanent teeth and, at this point, the horse has a "full mouth."

### CUPS

On the grinding surface of the permanent incisors, there is an indented area with a darkish center in the center of each tooth. This is called the cup, and horses can be aged by their disappearance. At 6 years old, the cups disappear from the bottom central incisors. Then, at 7, they disappear from the intermediates and, by 8, they've disappeared from the corners. The top incisors lose their cups from the centrals, intermediates, and corners at 9, 10, and 11 years of age, respectively. By 12 years, the cups are gone, and a horse of this age is sometimes referred to as a "smooth mouthed horse."

### GALVAYNE'S GROOVE

The Galvayne's groove is a dark vertical groove that occurs on the outer surface of the upper corner incisor teeth in mature horses and extends down the length of the tooth. The groove first appears at the gum line in the center of the tooth when the horse is 10 years old. At 15 years old, the groove extends halfway down the tooth. By 20, the groove extends the entire length of the tooth. After 20, the groove begins to disappear from the top of the tooth; by 25, the groove will only be seen on the bottom half of the tooth, and by 30, the groove is entirely gone.

### ANGLE OF INCIDENCE

As a horse ages, the angle of meeting between the upper and lower incisors becomes more and more acute as the incisors slant forward and outward. In young horses, the angle is between 160 and 180 degrees, and in a very aged horse, the angle might be 90 degrees.



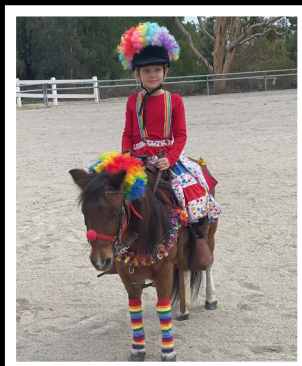
# TRUNK OR TREAT



## ALRC HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT BASH THE RECAP!

— Alanna Quinn, Youth Director

The ALRC would like to give a big thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed our Trunk or Treat Bash and Halloween Playday on October 22nd! We loved seeing everyone's costumes (both horses and people), and getting to pass out candy to members of our community. I think it's amazing that we were able to organize an event that was enjoyable for people from all different walks of Rancho Cucamonga life! We hope to see you all again next year.



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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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!

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Alta Loma Riding Club HAIRY HORSE SHOW Sunday, November 20, 2022 Heritage Park Equestrian Center



ALRC Executive Officers & Directors

- President: Cassie Sanchez
1st Vice President: Martha Cowan
2nd Vice President: Kara Haulman-Recla
Treasurer: Charleen Ariza
Secretary: John Sanchez
Membership: Kate Bowers

- Youth Director: Alanna Quinn
City Liaison/ALERT: Joe Cowan
Local Trail Director: Heather McGee Decauwer
Trailer Out Director: Julie Bradley
Food Services: Joe Cowan
Publicity: Molly Jenks
Newsletter Editor: Claudia McNeill

## ALRC NOVEMBER EVENTS

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| <b>TUES, NOV 1</b><br><b>7:00 PM</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALRC Board Meeting</li> <li>• Heritage Park Equestrian Center • Clubhouse</li> </ul>                          |
| <b>SUN, NOV 20</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heiny Horse Show</li> <li>• Heritage Park Equestrian Center</li> </ul>  |
| <b>THUR, NOV 24</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b> from ALRC</li> <li>• Enjoy the day with an <b>ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE</b></li> </ul> |
| <b>SAT, NOV 26</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Ride, Cucamonga Wash 10:00AM-2:00PM</li> <li>• Meet at Heritage Park Equestrian Center 10AM</li> </ul>  |
| <b>SAVE THE DATE</b><br><b>DEC 14</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ALRC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RIDE</b></li> <li>• Meet at Heritage Park Equestrian Center 6:00PM</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](https://www.rc2go.com)



## HERITAGE PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER

A GENERAL PURPOSE EQUESTRIAN FACILITY  
Facilities are available for Shows & Clinics.

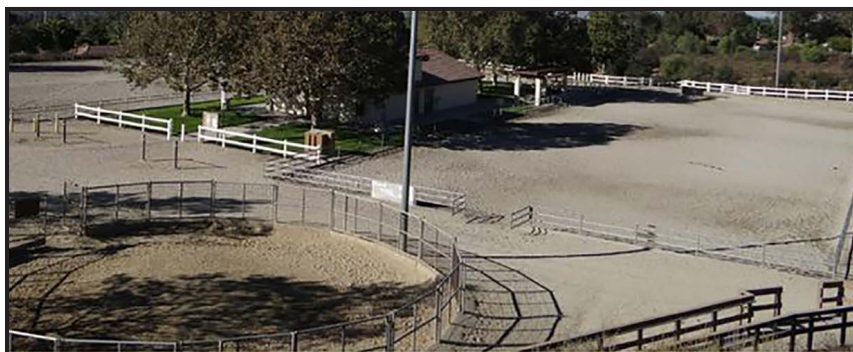
### AMENITIES

- 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

**LOW RENTAL RATES!**  
**BOOK YOUR EVENT FOR 2022**  
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### CONTACT

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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](mailto: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  
[MembershipofALRC@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipofALRC@gmail.com)  
for more information



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