



ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB
Dedicated to promoting
and preserving the rural
and equestrian lifestyle
in our community.

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the PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all.

As we reflect back on the last year, ALRC has hosted:

- Local trail rides (5)
- Trailer out rides (3)
- Horse shows (3)
- Overnight Horsemanship Clinic
- Cowboy Dressage Clinic
- Cinch making clinic
- Obstacle course playday
- Membership meeting (2)
- Shot clinic
- Candidates forum
- Photo Booth at City Snow Day

The Alta Loma Riding Club (ALRC) was established in 1964 to promote wholesome family equestrian recreation, education, and comradery among the equestrian community in the City of Rancho Cucamonga. Sixty years later the club is still carrying on this tradition as reflected above.

Happy New Year

This January we will be hosting a membership meeting with the theme of Cowboy Poetry. If you have a favorite poem or one you wrote you want to read or just want to listen to other, come join us Saturday, January 25th at 5 pm for a great evening.

Heather

ALRC MEMBERSHIP MEETING!!

The National Cowboy Poetry Gathering is held every year in Elko, Nevada around this time. In honor of this event, the ALRC membership meeting will be hosting an evening of cowboy poetry where you are the poet!



When: Saturday, January 25th

Time: 5pm

Where: Heritage Park Clubhouse

Food: Potluck

What to Expect: Bundle up in something warm. Bring an original poem to recite or a favorite poem to read or come to listen to others.

We have lots of talented individuals in our membership, if you don't have an original poem come bring your favorite poem to share. Our newsletter includes ideas for how to write a poem. Hope to see you there!



How to Write Your Own Funny Cowboy Poem

Cowboys have always been a popular subject for poetry, often depicted as rugged, tough, and stoic figures of the Wild West. However, there is also a lighter side to cowboy culture that is often overlooked - their sense of humor! Funny poems about cowboys can provide a humorous take on the cowboy lifestyle, showcasing their playful side and bringing laughter to the reader.

Funny poems about cowboys can be a delightful departure from the traditional serious and somber cowboy poems. They offer a fresh perspective on cowboy culture, showcasing the humorous side of these iconic figures. By infusing laughter and amusement into the cowboy narrative, these poems invite readers to see cowboys in a new light and appreciate the joy and camaraderie that can be found in the Wild West.

If you feel inspired to try your hand at writing a funny cowboy poem, here are a few tips to get you started:

- 1. Embrace clichés and stereotypes:** Playfully exaggerate common cowboy tropes and stereotypes to create a humorous effect.
- 2. Use vivid imagery:** Paint a vivid picture of cowboy life with colorful language and detailed descriptions.
- 3. Employ wordplay:** Incorporate puns, wordplay, and clever rhymes to add humor to your poem.
- 4. Surprise your readers:** Keep your readers on their toes by introducing unexpected twists and turns in your poem.
- 5. Have fun:** Most importantly, have fun with your poem! Let your imagination run wild and enjoy the process of writing.

Funny poems about cowboys offer a lighthearted and entertaining perspective on cowboy culture, showcasing the playful and humorous side of these iconic figures. By infusing laughter and amusement into cowboy narratives, these poems capture the joy and camaraderie that can be found in the Wild West. So saddle up, grab your hat, and delve into the world of funny cowboy poetry for a yee-haw of a good time!

Credit goes to

<https://poemsworld.net/funny-poems-about-cowboys/>



AI Cowboy Poetry

Some people are weary of using AI, including myself. But I have used it a time or two to help me with creativity. Did you know you could as AI to write you a poem? Below is the poem written for me by typing in: "Write a cowboy poem about two horses named Jersey Lily and Breezy that live together but don't get along. When one horse leaves, the other gets upset".

**Out on the range where the wild winds blow, Lived two horses,
Jersey Lily and Breezy, you know. They shared the same pasture,
under the wide open sky, But getting along, they just couldn't try.
Jersey Lily, with her coat so fair, And Breezy, with a mane that
danced in the air. They'd nip and they'd neigh, they'd fuss and
they'd fight, From dawn's early light to the fall of the night.
But when one would wander, far from the pen, The other would
whinny, again and again. For deep down inside, though they'd
never admit, They missed each other, every little bit.
Jersey Lily would pace, Breezy would prance, Each longing for
just one more chance. To mend their ways, to find some peace, To
let their silent yearning cease.
So under the stars, in the moon's gentle glow, They'd find their
way back, nice and slow. For though they bickered, and though
they were proud, Their hearts beat together, strong and loud.**

The results are kinda fun. Give it a try! Submitted by Heather McGee Decauwer



The Alta Loma Riding Club presents
COWBOY DRESSAGE
With Jesseca Wegener
Sunday, February 2nd
at HERITAGE PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER



RESERVE YOUR SPOT:

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JANUARY LOCAL RIDE

On Saturday January 18, meet us at Heritage Park at 10 am as we explore our local trails. Exact route to be determined by the group. Estimated time 2-3 hours. Our trails consist of groomed trails through the neighborhood and more rural trails that are often rocky.

Please join us!



December Events Review:

Holiday Lights

On December 11th, 22 horses and riders dressed up to make the annual trek to the Thoroughbred Christmas lights.



While many people wait hours in their cars to see the festive lights, we were able to ride from the park along Demens Channel trail, through the lights, and back in less than 2 hours. We even had people come to the park just to see the decorated horses before we rode out. Thank you to the Rancho Cucamonga Equestrian Patrol and the officers who guided us and kept us safe. Our manure pick up team was top notch. They served cookies and hot chocolate to the riders before following the herd through the lights and doing their important duty. Thank you to all the riders who participated and the patient ponies who let us decorate them.



ALRC Holiday Obstacle Challenge:

On December 15th, we set up some fun Christmas obstacles and had about 16 people bring their horses for some exposure and activities. The bubble machine, 9 ft Clydesdales, and large backdrops were a challenge for more than a few horses. This was an opportunity to introduce horses to new things. It's not about the obstacles, It's about the relationship we have with the horses. They have to trust us to keep them safe. See the December 16, 2024 Facebook post to see all the obstacles. There is interest in doing this again.



Heritage Park Equestrian Center Bridge Replacement Project Update

The City of Rancho Cucamonga (the City) has finalized designs, plans, and has obtained permits for the Equestrian Center Bridge Replacement Project. As you all know, the bridge is dilapidated and needs to be replaced. The city, as a stop gap, added a steel plate to the bridge for safety, pending plans and permits to rebuild the bridge. The bridge traverses a county flood control channel, which requires approvals and permits from several agencies. The project has become much larger than originally thought, as the bridge cannot merely be replaced as is, all current building codes must be adhered to and engineering from several agencies have included minimum standards

The bridge, as planned, designed and approved, will be a stand-alone structure, self-supporting and arching slightly up and over the Demens channel. This contrasts with the current bridge which rests, at least partially, on the channel and does not meet current building codes. The original speculation of the parking lot being un-accessible for three months has grown to 9 to 12 months. The city anticipates starting the project in April 2025. While the city has obtained all plans and permits to start the project, they still must go out to bid for the project. This means that the City, and therefore the Alta Loma Riding Club, are still speculating the start and completion dates until a company is selected through the bid process.

The City and the ALRC are still looking for alternatives for parking trailers. The equestrian access points to the facility, other than the main bridge, will remain open, so walk in use will still be available. The City and the ALRC are in conversations regarding contingencies and will keep the membership and the general public updated through our newsletters and social media sites.





Alta Loma Riding Club

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 • send logo in high resolution in png, jpg, or vector eps file(preferred) with any pertinent info to have exhibited to:
publicityofALRC@gmail.com

All application and donations/sponsorship monies must be received prior to show

Two ways to submit your completed ALRC Show Sponsorship Application:

1. Email completed application to: AltaLomaRidingClub@gmail.com and pay via PayPal at <https://www.paypal.com/us/signin>
 (search PayPal under AltaLomaRidingClub@gmail.com, be sure to include sponsorship description as checked above)

2. Print and mail completed application with check payable to "Alta Loma Riding Club" at: Alta Loma Riding Club
 P.O. Box 8116
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 AND OUTREACH TO THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY! ☺

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**Thank You very much for
being a vital part of 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!

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ALRC UPCOMING EVENTS

SAT JANUARY 18TH
10 AM

- **LOCAL TRAIL RIDE**
- **Heritage Park Equestrian Center**

SAT JANUARY 25TH
5 PM

- **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
- **Heritage Park Equestrian Center**

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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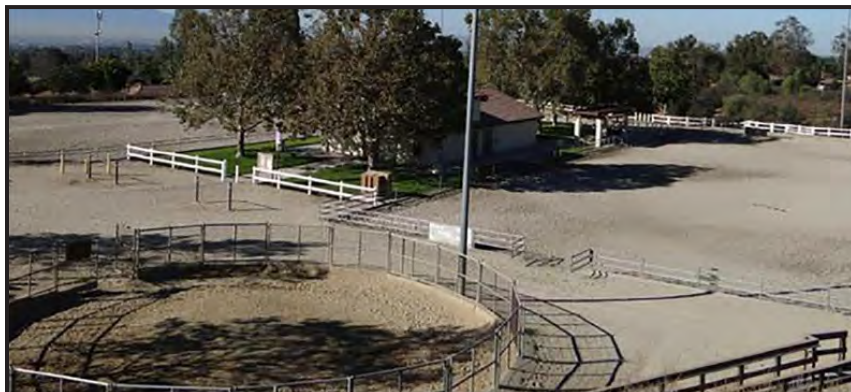
AMENITIES

- 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

ASK ABOUT OUR RATES!

BOOK YOUR EVENT FOR 2024
DATES ARE AVAILABLE!

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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!

- 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
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