

# ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB

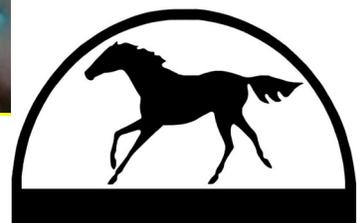
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## CALENDER

- **April 13 - Norco Horse Week Parade**
- **June 22—St. Jude Ride**

## Presidents Message

I am excited about the direction the Alta Loma Riding Club is going. We hosted four events this in March. All the events were well-attended and just plain fun. The first was the trailer out to Frank G Bonelli Regional Park, where the wild flowers were breath taking and the ride had a variety of technical trails. We even got to have a little fun watching a determined horse try to lie down in the lake. The next was Art With Martha, a full house of people at Heritage Park Equestrian Center painting their own horses. It was incredible to see the masterpieces painted by non-artists. All were able to capture their equine's (and one canine's) likeness. The terms used after the event by the participants were incredible, fun, unbelievable, and a fantastic time. The third event was the Local Trail ride, which was through the Cucamonga Wash and over to San Antonio Heights. Several attended and based on the photographs it was a beautiful ride as well. The final event was the ALRC Play Day, who knew that a 19-year old 16.2 hand, off the track Thoroughbred Race horse could pole bend or barrel race. Not that he did well, but it sure was fun. In attendance were beginning riders all the way up to trainers. I want to thank all those who organized and ran the above events that allowed us to have fun on or with our equine friends.

I encourage all equestrians to participate in future events, while there are instances where your horse may challenge your ability, you will have friends there to help you through whatever challenge arises. Friends that you don't even know you have yet. Realize that we all as equestrians have common goals, be safe, help our friends be safe and be kind to our equine partners.

I want to commend the Rancho Cucamonga Police Department and the Rancho Cucamonga Equestrian Patrol (RCEP). Early Sunday morning a loose horse was discovered in the north/west part of Rancho Cucamonga. The horse was caught and the RCEP was summoned to the scene to take custody of the horse. It was only through the training, and experience of RCEP members that the horse was able to be loaded into a trailer and transported to a safe location. Even if you don't have a trailer, your horse needs to be trained to load into a trailer. Contact ALRC if you need help. Thank you RCEP. The horse's owner was located quickly through the use ALRC mass text system. If you want to be added to the list contact me.

# Playday Fun

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## Norco Horse Week Parade

The ALRC will be participating in the Norco Horse Week Parade on April 13th. We will meet at Heritage park at 6:30 to caravan to Ingles Park. Once there, we will tack up and head to our spot along the parade route. The parade starts at 10am, but we have to be in line much earlier. This parade travels on 6th street, is nice and wide, and always a lot of fun.

Riders in the parade will get a new ALRC t-shirt to wear the day of the parade, so we all look great together. Riders under 18 must wear a helmet

If you are interested in joining us, please email me or text me at (909)702-6488 .

Amanda



## Saddle Up for St. Jude Fundraiser

Our annual Saddle Up for St. Jude fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Heritage Park. This year we will host a Trail Obstacle Competition with awards and prizes. We are looking for possible sponsors for the events – do you know of a business or company to contact? Let me know and I'll follow up with them. Also, it is a great time for spring cleaning and I need items for the silent auction. The Trail Obstacle Competition is in the planning stages but will I'll report more in the next newsletter.

Remember, the monies raised from our Saddle Up for St. Jude event goes to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to help fund lifesaving research and treatment for children with cancer. Last year we donated \$750 to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. We can make a difference in a child's life with our fundraiser.

Publicity Director—Charlene Ariza

## Local Trail Rides with Barb De Witt and Pharaoh

Although it was a gray day, Saturday, March 23 was perfect for our ride over to San Antonio Heights. Starting out from Heritage Park with nine riders and picking one up on the way gave us a total of 10



riders from Alta Loma, Upland, and Murietta. I love that the Riding Club posts about our events on Facebook. We rode southwest along the wash and doubled back going north along the wash from Confluence Circle and over to Upland. From there our Upland mule rider, Bob, showed us a new trail and way down into Cucamonga Canyon that had long ago been washed out until he forged a new path. While down in the Canyon we were able to take advantage of the pools of water which

filled up during our recent rains. We completed our loop going through the center of the Canyon below the dam and traveled back along Banyon. I am always thrilled when I can show people new places to ride and am equally excited to travel on new trails myself. Such a fun ride for everyone!



## Remembering to lock your gates

One of member's horse had a nice tour of the city at the end of March. Katie, the little grey arab, decided to take a night time stroll after she discovered that her gate had been left unlocked. While roaming Katie stopped in at a party and everyone there was feeding her carrots. Thanks to Officer Ron Peat, Katie got to spend the early hours of the morning at Heritage park after she was found wondering the streets. Katie's owner, Cheryl, discovered that her little girl was not in her back yard and was able to claim her at the park. Thank you to our members for your help in finding Katie's owner.



*It is with a sad heart that I notify everyone of the passing of long time member Monica Whitten Sievert. Monica fought a long battle with cancer and will be missed by everyone who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers go to her husband Bob Sievert.*

## That Wild Wild West

From watching movies with a western theme to the numerous TV westerns from the 50's through the 80's, one would think the wild west extended for a hundred years or more.

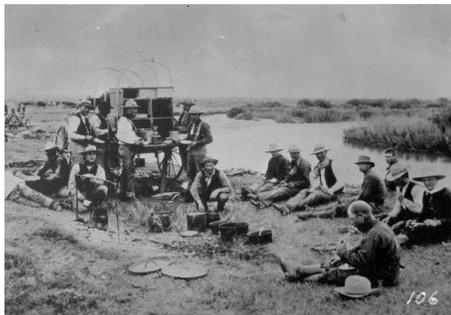
The timeline generally extends from the Louisiana Purchase of 1803 to 1912, but the popular "Old West" actually only covers about 30 years. We think of the Old West as that time when the gamblers, gunslingers, cowboys, Indians and the cattle drives were throughout the western states.



All of the famous names we are so accustomed to hearing about, Wyatt Earp, Billy the Kid, Butch Cassidy, The Sundance Kid, Wild Bill Hickok, Jesse James, (well I could go on and on) were between 1865 and 1895. But let's go back even further to that first recorded cattle drive that was actually about 1846 when Edward Piper drove 1,000 cattle from Texas to Ohio.

The term WILD WEST was coined mainly because of the lawlessness of the untamed territories west of the Mississippi River during the frontier period. The Oregon Trail was created by early trappers and explorers around 1811 to 1840 and the first recorded wagon train, that brought settlers to the west, was in 1836 and it started in Independence Missouri.

Our fabulously famous term Cowboy was actually from Ireland around 1725 and was commonly used in Britain from 1820-1850. It was simply the young boys tending to the cows owned by a family or community. So we can't even claim the term "Cowboy" as an American term! It appeared in Western America during the 1880's as a direct translation from the word Vaquero. By 1849 it was a popular term



used for the men and women tending cattle. The term actually had a negative connotation as it was used for describing men (and women) who had been implicated in various crimes such as smuggling cattle, alcohol, and tobacco across the US-Mexican border. The San Francisco Examiner wrote that "Cowboys are the most reckless class of outlaws in that wild country, infinitely worse than the ordinary robber". It actually became an insult to refer to someone as a "Cowboy".



So, when Hollywood starting making those wonderful old movies and TV westerns about the heroic cowboy, well like most of what Hollywood turns out, very little reality and lots and lots of imagination.

But, I still love all those old shows like Gunsmoke, Virginian, Bonanza, Rifleman, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers and the old "White Hat vs Black Hat" movies and shows anyway, so Long live JOHN WAYNE and the not so REAL OLD WEST!



# 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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members (children's age)

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of applicant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

# Heritage Park Equestrian Center

## A Multiuse Equestrian Facility

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5546 Beryl, Alta Loma, CA 91701



### Amenities

- Show office
- Concession stand
- Arena lighting
- Bathrooms
- 2 arenas  
S - 295' x 150'  
N - 220' x 90'
- PA system
- Water
- Hitching posts
- Trailer parking
- Trail access
- Jumps
- Dressage court

### Rental Rates

\$150/6hr—including both arena and grounds fees

Kitchen \$50/event

Multipurpose room \$50/event

Cleaning deposit \$150—refundable

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