



ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB

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

BITS *of* NEWS

the PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Natalie Beechler, ALRC President

There's something beautiful about old horses. This came to the forefront of my mind the other day watching a video of two toddlers—one in diapers and one barely knee high to a grasshopper. This dynamic duo was struggling and crawling all over this old gelding in the middle of a horse spotted pasture. The sway in the gelding's back was deep, and he was gaunt in places consistent with many winters. I could see the grey hairs around his nose and eyes as he dozed in and out, with no never mind to the antics the kids engaged in. The whole thing went on with a mom capturing the moment, chuckling behind the camera. These ranch kids were in heaven, and so was the horse.

That got me reminiscing back on the horse that carried me through my youth. A half arab/half some kind of pony—18 year old gelding with a pin in his knee from a barrel racing injury. He had the head of a Walker, neck of a Shetland, body of a quarter pony, on Arab legs that stood a bit under 14 hands. His name was Boll Weevil. This was not the horse folks go out and purchase! He was not my first horse, but he was the smartest. He was tolerant and (mostly) forgiving of my mistakes. He was not always easy to ride,



Natalie and Boll Weevil

but he was never dangerous—and he had shown it all before I got him—gymkhana events, English, western, trail, stock horse—he gave me priceless years, and he lived to 30.

I guess what I'm getting at is that those old horses that have done it all, seen it all, and may have a slight limp, or hitch in their giddy up can carry priceless qualities—qualities that forgive the mistakes and learning curves of their humans. If they've seen it all, they often don't carry the reactive concern that young horses looking for security and direction can sometimes carry. So this year, I am thankful for the old horses—may they continue to teach generations of folks with patience, tolerance, and grace.

Happy Trails! *Natalie* 🐾

“Old roads, old dogs, old folks, and old ways still have a lot to offer in this sped-up world we live in.” Author Unknown



THE ALRC

Christmas Lights Ride

The Christmas light ride is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15th.
Deck out your horse with lights and bells and join us
for our annual ride through the neighborhoods of Alta Loma.

DESCRIPTION OF TRAIL RIDE

Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Time: 6:00-8:30pm

Staging Info: Meet at Heritage Park around 5pm
and plan to leave by 6pm.

Destination: Thoroughbred Christmas lights

Distance: Approx. 4 miles

Time: 2 1/2 hours

Elevation: Flat

Terrain: Trails around neighborhoods and streets

Technicality: Riding at night, various Christmas decorations and cars.

Other Info: No carts, stallions, dogs, pedestrians or ponying.

Last year we had 33 horses and riders.

The group will be again be escorted by the Equestrian Patrol.

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

This year the club
is collecting toys the
night of our ride for
the Spark of Love Toy
Drive. Be sure to bring
a new unwrapped toy
or sports equipment
for local children or
teens in need.



DECEMBER TRAILER-OUT RIDE with Julie



December weekends are often busy with gatherings and parties and preparation for the holidays. So let's try out a weekday! Join us as we head to Norco! After the ride, you can head home or join us at Rodeo Burger and for some last minute shopping at Thrifty Horse, Boot Barn, or any of the many feed stores. I may need to hit a boutique or two to find myself some Christmas horse pajamas!

DESCRIPTION OF TRAIL RIDE:

Date: Wednesday, December 22nd

Time: 8am-1pm

Destination: Hidden Valley Wildlife Center and Santa Ana River Trail in Norco

Parking: \$5 The drive is less than 30 miles. Traffic should be light.

Staging Info: Leave Heritage Park at 8am

Route: Trails are flat and sandy in some places. We will likely cross the river as we meander through the riverbed. We may see picnickers. Bikes are unlikely due to the deep sand. This is practically a local trail that many of us frequent.

Distance: 6-8 miles based on group preference and speed

Questions Contact: Julie at traileroutdirectorofALRC@gmail.com

Note: Please no stallions or dogs

JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING RIDE!

THE RECAP DUTCH OVEN CLINIC

by Heather McGee Decauwer

There's just something about cooking and eating together! It's what helped make this event so awesome, as 45 members and guests came and experienced our dutch oven cooking clinic. Of our 10 cooks, we had two newbies that did an awesome job. Cookies prepared meals and desserts and served our members/guests. After everyone was served, I couldn't believe my eyes... every pot was empty!

It was great to see everyone gathering and enjoying themselves. Thank you so much to our cooks, volunteers and tasters!! People were already talking about next time.



ALRC Local Ride Report

by Heather McGee Decauwer,
ALRC Local Trail Director

Due to the heat, our local trail ride for November got rerouted. Instead of the planned ride through the wash, 13 of us found shade on the Eucalyptus trail. The best part—when I suggested a different route, everyone said they didn't care where we rode, they just wanted to ride. That makes you all my kinda people! Thanks for coming out!!

November Horse Show Success!

by Alanna Quinn

Thank you to all who came out and participated and supported the ALRC at our Thanksgiving Hangover Horse Show! We know it was probably difficult to fit back into your riding jeans so close to the holidays, but we are glad you did! There were some amazing displays of horsemanship, camaraderie, and community contribution, as well as a plethora of the cutest little ponies in all of Rancho Cucamonga.

Riders and spectators alike got to enjoy food from Joe's Diner while watching an array of traditional classes and playday classes. As always, we owe a big thank you to all those who came and helped out. We never could have pulled it off without the help of our volunteers. We hope to see you all at our next show!



Save the Date! GRAND REOPENING of the OBSTACLE TRAIL COURSE

Saturday, January 15, 2022

Special Guests & Acknowledgments

Come Celebrate with Us!

The event takes place at the base of the trail leading down the hill accessing the course from the far west end of the Heritage Park Equestrian Center. Park in HPEC parking lot and come on down or ride on over!

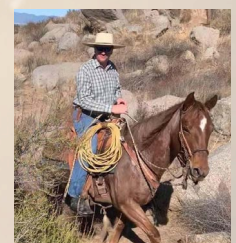
8:30 am Coffee, Juice, Pastries
9:00 am Grand ReOpening Ceremony
Ribbon Cutting
Trail Demonstration



Local Girl Scout and ALRC member Emily McGowan, has been working on earning her Gold Award to achieve Ambassador status (the Girl Scout equivalent to achieving Eagle Scout). Earlier this year she reached out to ALRC desiring to tackle a project renovating the Heritage Park Equestrian Trail Obstacle Course. After months of hard work, and donations from the club, we are ready to celebrate this very special achievement! Come see how great the course looks!

Reserve your spot NOW to participate in the

TRAIL CLINIC with BARRY BERG



SATURDAY JANUARY 15, 2022

10:00 am-3:00 pm

Attend to improve horse and rider confidence on the trail!

\$50 per rider • 15 riders maximum

ALL proceeds benefit the ALRC. Fee Includes lunch.

Your \$50 reserves your spot!

To sign up email:

altalomaridingclub@gmail.com

and mail your check to Alta Loma Riding Club

P.O. Box 6116, Alta Loma, CA 91701

or send via PayPal to Alta Loma Riding Club.

Parking and Corral space limited at Heritage Park Equestrian Center

Questions Email Cassie Sanchez at vicepres1ofalrc@gmail.com

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Sherry, Rachel & Dominic Martin
Karan, Braelynn
Paul Slobom
Christiana Betts
Karen Lee
Nanci Bearden

Thank You for joining 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!



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



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Be in the know! Make sure you follow us on Instagram and Facebook at altalomaridingclub.com for up to the minute information and happenings.



ALRC DECEMBER EVENTS

TUES, DEC 14 7:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALRC Board Meeting • Heritage Park Equestrian Center • Clubhouse
WED, DEC 15 6-8:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALRC Annual Christmas Lights Ride • Stage at Heritage Park Equestrian Center
WED, DEC 22 8AM-1PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trailer Out Trail Ride • Meet at Heritage Park Equestrian Center 8AM • Hidden Valley Wildlife Center and Santa Ana River Trail in Norco
SAVE THE DATE SAT, JAN 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Reopening Obstacle Trail Course • At trail course 8:30AM-10AM
SAVE THE DATE SAT, JAN 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail Clinic with Barry Berg Heritage Park Arena & Trail Course • 10AM-3PM Sign up now. 15 riders max.



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.

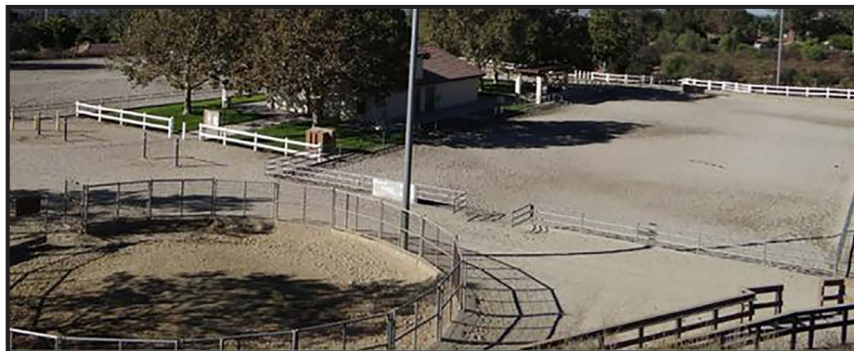
AMENITIES

- 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

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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) 226-3956 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 contact
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for more information



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