

# ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB

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JUNE 2019



## CALENDER

- **June 16—Father's Day**
- **Jun 22—St. Jude Obstacle challenge**
- **July 4—Ontario Parade**

## President's Message

Pardon me, but I am going to step up on my high horse for a moment. The ALRC Board last year was forced to make a change to the bylaws, making each term of the board two years rather than one year. We really had no choice as we were faced with nobody interested in participating as a board member. There will be no elections this year, but there are positions available. Part of any organization's ability to succeed is succession planning. Simply put, we need people to run the organization.

Let me put this in perspective. The city is completely ignoring the equestrian rural overlay in the "Etiwanda Heights" project, formerly known as the "East Etiwanda Annexation Project." The City has already leased the Equestrian Center to the ALRC because there were insufficient funds in the budget to maintain the facility. If ALRC fails this maintenance due to lack of interest, how long will it be before the city turns that land into something that makes money - perhaps commercial shops with high density housing above. Don't say it can't happen, because it is happening in Etiwanda Heights. I know what you all are thinking: "I don't have time" or "I don't want to deal with the politics". If you have back yard horses and you enjoy any aspect of the Equestrian Center, such as the parking lot as a trailhead or meeting point, the arenas, the round pens, the buildings, even the trails themselves, you need to get involved. I board my horse at a beautiful facility with all of those amenities and have a trailer to transport my horse anywhere in the country I wish to ride. I do not live in the area of the Equestrian Center, so the closing of the park would not be devastating to me. Yet I am giving of my time and energy to keep ALRC alive and thriving, because I believe in the equestrian heritage of Alta Loma, and in preserving it for future generations. The Alta Loma Riding Club, the Equestrian Community, and the Community at large can no longer shirk our civic duty to get involved. If you live in the North West portion of Rancho Cucamonga (Alta Loma) and enjoy your current equestrian rural living space, or own horses anywhere in the inland empire utilizing the above mentioned facilities, or are merely interested in preserving the local heritage, you should be a member of the Alta Loma Riding Club and be involved, volunteering for the organization. If you just merely live in the area and are concerned with the possibility of losing the equestrian rural life style, you should join Alta Loma Riding Club.

## President's message cont.

What does ALRC need? We need all of its members to conduct a membership drive. We are asking that you go to your neighbors, with and without horses, and get them to join the organization. We have membership brochures available for you to give to your neighbors and friends. For a mere \$30 a year per family, they will be kept informed. The ALRC is in constant communication with the city to protect the rights of the residents in the equestrian rural overlay. The club maintains the Equestrian Center and ensures the trails are maintained and safe. ALRC sponsors fun events at the park open to everyone, supports the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Rancho Cucamonga Equestrian Patrol with use of the facility, and so much more. The ALRC needs to be seen as a voice of reason supported by numbers. If you aren't willing to get involved and do the work, who will?

# 4th of July Parade

Its parade time again. The ALRC will be riding in the city of Ontario's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. This is a fun parade with a big crowd who always enjoys seeing the horses. The club hasn't ridden in the parade in few years, so it's a good time to show them that the ALRC is still kickin'. We will be dressing in our best Red, White, and Blue and decking our horses out too. We will meet at Heritage Park at 6:30 to travel over to Chaffey High School. The parade leads us down southbound Euclid Blvd. and we will come back up the northbound side. Along with our horses, we will need someone to walk along behind our group and take care of any road apples that may get dropped along the way. FYI, this position gets the most applause from the crowd. If you are interested in riding with us or being the bestest most favorite person, please text or email me, so we don't leave without you.

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## Local Trail Rides with Barb De Witt and Pharaoh

It's hard to believe it's almost summertime! I know the rain will eventually stop and we'll be able to return to more consistent riding, but in the meantime I'm very thankful for this much needed replenishment of our water supply. Even with the threat of rain we held our annual Poker Ride on Saturday, May 18, although we did cut it short and improvised our 3rd and 4th card stops.

Twelve riders went on our two hour ride, picking up cards along the way, with two more members joining us in the poker game at the park. Our first stop was at Brent Dooley's Ranch where Stephanie met us with a variety of drink libations and some socialization time. We enjoyed getting to know



Sonya, her daughter, Rachel, and Kristy from Etiwanda, as well as Cindy who was on her first ride. Thank you to everyone for making them feel so welcome. The ride continued through The Woods and back to the park along the Demens Trail. As the sky darkened and the wind picked up we anticipated an early rain, so we did not continue to the

Schaefer Ranch and Larry Henderson's house. Not to mention we were all hungry for pulled pork and the pot luck dinner waiting for us back at the park. Congratulations to Judy Brennan for having the best poker hand and taking home half the "pot" as her winnings.

Please look for Charlene's article about the Obstacle Course fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital in June. As a club, we are proud to be able to donate a substantial amount to such a worthy cause. Even if you are not able to participate we hope you find it in your heart to donate to these children who face so many challenges at such a young age.

Happy trails!

Barb and Pharaoh

909-238-0336



# **SADDLE UP FOR ST. JUDE TRAIL OBSTACLE CHALLENGE**

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 22**

**ATTENTION ALL RIDERS! THE ALRC HAS BEEN PREPARING FOR THE ANNUAL SADDLE UP FOR ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER. THIS YEAR WE ARE CREATING A TRAILS OBSTACLE CHALLENGE AT HERITAGE PARK FOR BOTH YOUTH (UNDER 18 YEARS) AND ADULT (18 YEARS +) CLASSES. WINNING RIDERS WILL RECEIVE RIBBONS AND TROPHIES. AS AN ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE, I WILL BE DONATING \$50 EACH TO THE WINNING YOUTH AND ADULT CLASS RIDER.**

**THE ST. JUDE SADDLE UP TRAIL OBSTACLE CHALLENGE WILL BE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019. SIGN UPS WILL BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M. WITH THE EVENT STARTING AT 9 A.M. THE EVENT TEAM IS WORKING ON CREATING A FEW NEW TRAIL OBSTACLES FOR YOU AND YOUR HORSE. AS A REMINDER, RIDERS UNDER 18 YEARS MUST WEAR A HELMET TO PARTICIPATE. IT WILL BE A LOT OF FUN AND A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON YOUR HORSEMANSHIP SKILLS. THE COST IS \$30 PER RIDER WHICH INCLUDES LUNCH AFTER THE EVENT. LUNCH FOR NON-RIDERS IS \$10 PER PERSON. A PRACTICE RUN CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED FOR \$15 ALONG WITH YOUR RIDE.**

**IN ADDITION TO THE TRAIL OBSTACLE CHALLENGE, WE WILL ALSO HAVE OUR SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE PRIZES. SEVERAL MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY DONATED ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION. IT'S A GREAT TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING AND DONATE NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS FOR THE FUNDRAISER. WE'LL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH REGISTRATION, SET UP WITH THE OBSTACLE COURSE, AND MANAGING THE SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE. EVERYONE IS NEEDED TO HEP OUT!**

**LAST YEAR THE CLUB WROTE A CHECK FOR \$700 FROM OUR SADDLE UP EVENT. WE CAN DO BETTER THIS YEAR! EVERYONE COME ON DOWN AND HELP US RAISE MONIES TO FIGHT CHILDHOOD CANCER. THE**

**ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL IS A WORLD LEADER IN FINDING CURES FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER AND OTHER LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES THROUGH ADVANCE RESEARCH AND TREATMENT AT THEIR NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED FACILITY.**

**IF YOU WISH TO DONATE ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION OR RAFFLE, PLEASE CONTACT CHARLENE ARIZA AT 909-921-5860. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>!**





# Trail Obstacle Challenge

COME SHOW OFF WHAT YOUR HORSE CAN DO AND  
RAISE MONEY FOR KIDS AT THE SAME TIME

June 22

Sign-Up at 8am

Rides start at 9am

\$30 for a ride with  
lunch

\$15 paractice run

Proceeds to benefit St. Jude  
Children's Research Hospital



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Contact Charlene Ariza (909)921-5860 for more information

## Cajon Pass

The original Highway 15 -- Route 66 -- out of California. Cajon Pass back in the day.



Oh, all those lovely traffic jams, winds, ice, rain slick roads that drive us all crazy at one time or another, that's Cajon Pass, or Cajon Summit as it is known. But guess what? It was a lot worse for the settlers!

As you all know, the pass was created by movements of the San Andreas Fault and the Mormon Rocks are clear evidence of that. Driving on Interstate 15, it always sort of takes my breath away at the beauty of the terrain, but for the pioneers I often wonder if they could enjoy the views or if they were so overwhelmed with the ruggedness and the difficulty they just wanted to get through and finished with it. Consider the fact the for us traversing the pass takes maybe 15 to 20 minutes when traffic is good, for the wagon

trains it was an arduous task that would take an entire day. In 1871, a lawyer and San Bernardino Sheriff with a buggy pulled by two mules, started at 9:00am about 12 miles south of Glen Helen Parkway. They arrived at the Martin Ranch (located near what is now Devore), stayed 20 minutes and then continued on to the upper toll gate at 3:00pm. They stayed overnight and then continued on their way the next day.

The Mormons made their way through the pass in 1851. Although referred to as Cajon Pass, Interstate 15 actually goes to Cajon Summit, but the popular reference remains Cajon Pass. "Cajon" is a Spanish word meaning box or drawer and the name of the pass was derived from a Spanish Grant first referred to on a map in 1852.

There have been notable disasters in the pass due to winds and dry conditions that we are all pretty much aware of. The 1989 runaway train, in 1994 a westbound train lost control and crashed into a another westbound train, in 1996 a chemical train derailed, and in 2018 a train carrying hazardous materials derailed.

There is so much more to tell about the pass and it's history, but I hope this might have sparked your interest just a little bit about the pass that is so important to us and the object of so much frustration!

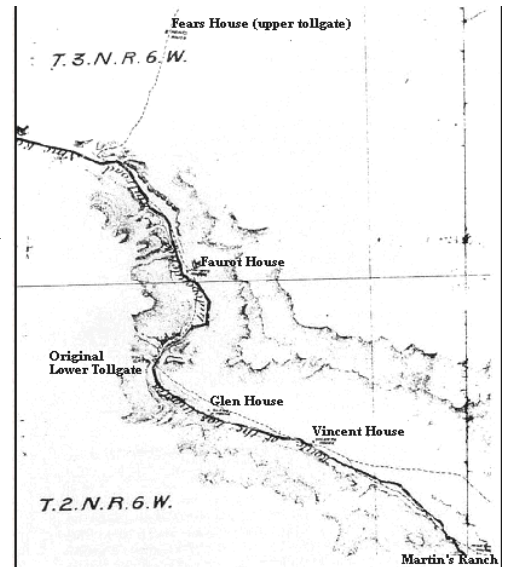


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TOLL ROAD OWNER JOHN BROWN SR. (SEATED), WITH  
PIONEER SILAS COX, ON AN OUTING IN THE MOUNTAINS

# 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 2019-2020

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

If there is no change to anything for a renewal, just write NO CHANGE for address, email, phone, etc

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

Family Members (children's age)

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

# Heritage Park Equestrian Center

## A Multiuse Equestrian Facility

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S - 295' x 150'  
N - 220' x 90'
- PA system
- Water
- Hitching posts
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- Dressage court

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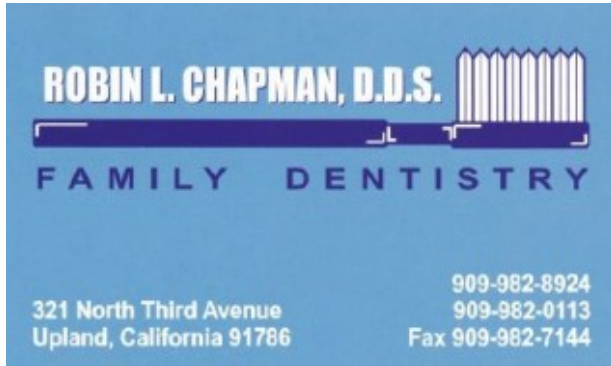
- \$150/6hr—including both arena and grounds fees
- Kitchen \$50/event
- Multipurpose room \$50/event
- Cleaning deposit \$150—refundable

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