



ALRC NEWSLETTER • JUNE 2021



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*



In order for a show to become successful, it really takes a team of folks willing to work together, cohesively, for the goal of creating an equestrian event that the local and surrounding communities can enjoy. Many of us are new to the board, and this was our 1st event working together. I can wholeheartedly say, it is an amazing team of folks we have! I would like to send a huge shout-out of appreciation to the ALRC board, ALRC volunteers, community supporters and show sponsors for making this event come to life in such a successful way.

Coming up this month, we have our quarterly ALRC membership meeting held in conjunction with our Dutch Oven Cooking event. We are fortunate enough to have a fabulous "Cookie" on our ALRC board who is excited to share some Dutch Oven Cooking dynamics with ya'll. This event is **open to all ALRC members and potential members, so come on down, enjoy the friends and flavors while learning about outdoor Dutch Oven cooking!**

At the very end of April, we lost Pat Morris—a long time ALRC board member and well-known supporter for the equestrian way of life. Pat dedicated much of her life to educating and promoting the positive impact horses have on humans (specializing in therapeutic riding through her organization "Rising Stars"). May 22, our ALRC local riders donned flowers to honor the memory of our hometown equestrian advocate on our hosted ride. A Celebration of Life was held later the same day, highlighting the influence Pat's work had and continues to have on our community. She was a leader in introducing others to the impression horses can make on a person's life. Though we may not all be in a position to affect so many as Pat did—it is important to be champions and leaders, and share our passion for horse ownership, rural living, and the outdoor lifestyle with as many folks as possible. In honor of those before us, and to ensure sustainability into the future.



Natalie 

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader"—Chris LeDoux



JUNE IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH! FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO RENEW...

visit our website www.AлтаLomaRidingClub.org and CLICK the Membership Tab **OR** contact via email at MembershipofALRC@gmail.com

\$30.00 Annual Dues from July 1 to June 30!
Due on or before June 30 of each year.

New and renewing members will receive via email a new digital membership card!

ALRC MEMBERS IT IS TIME TO RENEW!



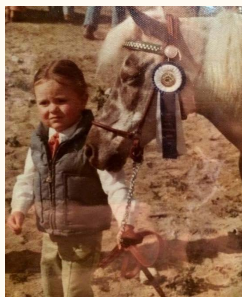


MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Claudia McNeill, Newsletter Editor

Meet Molly Jenks! Get to know this native Rancho Cucamonga horsewoman who has truly embraced her fulfilling life with horses! Molly's story is unique, and I am confident you will enjoy reading about her as much as I enjoyed interviewing Molly for our June Member Spotlight!

To say Molly has been riding as long as she can remember might be an understatement! She grew up on horse property right here in Rancho Cucamonga. Raised by a horse-loving mom, naturally at the tender age of 3, Molly got her very own pony named Buttercup (pictured here at right). She loved spending time with her pony, learning to ride, competing in shows and winning ribbons! She rode all around her home on the trails too. Molly recalls, "As long as I was in earshot of the wooden spoon hit against a coffee can that mom used to call me home." As she grew, her knowledge and skill level grew right along with her, and at 10 years old she had grown right into a larger Welsh pony. Molly rode English hunt seat, and jumped in shows. She even taught her Welsh pony to pull her in a cart.... "I had my very own transportation!" she fondly shares.



Molly's mother recognized her daughter's talent and desire to be challenged on horseback. So she signed Molly up to work with a trainer learning "Three Day Eventing". And showing on local courses including one in Temecula. "Eventing" can be described as an equestrian triathlon. It involves working with a horse both on the flat and over fences. The three phases are dressage, cross-country, and show jumping.

When Molly was fifteen and soon to get her drivers license, her mother gave her a choice...she could have a car or a horse. The choice was easy—a horse of course! And so as a young teenager she got, "Flash Dance"—Flash for short. He was a 4-year old Arabian gelding who pushed her riding ability to the limit! "I would ride all over the hillsides" she explains, Flash was full of spirit and attitude. "Sometimes Flash would come home alone 'rider-less' after he bucked me off! It wasn't unusual to have to walk home after an unscheduled dismount!" Molly rode Flash on Christmas Lights Rides, trail rides, and shows—including shows at the original Alta Loma arena. She taught her friends to ride on him too. So Flash became her first lesson horse! He was truly amazing and they learned so much from each other over their 22 years together!

While in college, Molly got an opportunity that forever changed her path. She got an offer to be a full-time riding instructor at a Norco facility. She took the position, and never looked back! Launching her training career in September of 1995, Molly grew to a large business with many people of all ages taking horseback riding lessons and competing in horse shows. She developed a style that encouraged young riders to learn about horses and first ride in Western tack, building confidence and skill before transitioning to English style riding. She focused also on training and showing Arabian horses, and showed primarily at Arabian and Half-Arabian Horse Shows.

When the economy crashed in 2009, the horse training/riding instruction business changed forever. But the same toughness and grit that kept Molly getting back on the horse after a spill, got her through those very rough years. "People couldn't afford horses, lessons or competing" she recounts, "arenas closed and shows canceled. It was a very tough time." But another opportunity presented itself and she was asked to assist in a therapeutic riding program. Before long, Molly found herself making adjustments and

improvements to the program and went from helping out to running the entire organization. "It gave my show horses a new job. I loved helping the special needs individuals develop their skill and confidence—all from their interaction with the horses."

In 2010, Molly was introduced to a whole new chapter of equine experience. She was invited to participate in an Extreme Mustang Makeover in Norco. In cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management, this program was created and is presented by the Mustang Heritage Foundation. The purpose of the Extreme Mustang Makeover competition is to showcase the beauty, versatility, and train-ability of American mustangs. Mustangs competing in these events are wild mares and geldings, typically four to seven years old, that have been living in BLM corrals. Approved trainers are paired with a mustang and spend approximately 100 days preparing for classes that will showcase the mustang's new skills. At the conclusion of the event, all mustangs are available for adoption or purchase at the live public auction. So Molly was paired with a mustang named "Yeager" and she immediately got to work "gentling" this wild horse. There were nearly 40 participants competing and Molly finished 9th!! It was so thrilling to take a completely wild horse and introduce him to domestic life and to trust human connection. "Back then everybody thought I was crazy to take on such a challenge" Molly remembers, "but now I would much rather gentle a wild horse that has a fresh start and a clean slate, than one poorly handled".



So as required, at the end of that first competition Yeager was to be auctioned. In the meantime, Molly had received a grant to put toward a mustang purchase. While the bidding was fierce for Yeager, Molly was determined and ultimately did win that final bid—Yeager was finally hers for good! Since that time, Molly has participated in many mustang competitions, and has gentled 16 wild mustangs. Today 3 of the 4 horses she owns are mustangs—including Yeager, who lives in the stall right across from her tack room and office at Canyon Creek.



Canyon Creek Ranch, with its big white barn at the top of Amethyst in Rancho Cucamonga has been home for Quantum

Training Center—Molly, her horses, and students—for the past 10 years. Focusing on family horses, Molly loves teaching students of all ages and abilities. She offers riding instruction on her school horses and trains riders who own their horses as well.

Molly notes how much the equestrian competition environment has drastically changed and declined over the years. "It makes me so sad to see showgrounds and horse facilities closing and moving." Last month she brought students to participate in the ALRC Spring Horse Show at Heritage Park. She is looking forward to more horse shows that support our local equine enthusiasts.



Molly has spent over 4 decades on horseback. I asked her what has been most rewarding. She thought a minute and answered, "Two things: First as a horse trainer—the most rewarding is gentling a wild horse. And then as a riding instructor—nothing is better than starting my 5 year old students riding and seeing them now at 12 or 16 years old showing, competing, winning...and even beating me!"

JUNE 19 • QUARTERLY ALRC MEMBERSHIP MEETING



What's Cookin'?

COOKING IN A DUTCH OVEN PASSES ALONG THE TRADITION OF THE PIONEER SPIRIT THAT HELPED MAKE THIS COUNTRY.

Experienced cooks will demonstrate cooking in a dutch oven, trade recipes and secrets, tell a few stories and share a meal at our Dutch Oven Clinic and Quarterly General Member meeting on Saturday June 19th.

For those who have never cooked in a Dutch oven and want to learn, the clinic is a great place to learn. Many dutch oven cooks are more than happy to help anyone interested in the hobby get started. Join us for a fun and memorable event.

Come learn how to incorporate this fun tradition into your camping and cooking experiences. Interested in more information? Email Heather at localtrallofalrc@gmail.com.



You are invited to attend ALRC Quarterly Membership Meeting &

DUTCH OVEN CLINIC

at Heritage Park Equestrian Center

Saturday • June 19, 2021

Cooks Set up 3:30 pm

Cooking at 4:30 pm

Serving at 5:30 pm

Bring your friends! All are welcome!

ALRC 21in21 CHALLENGE

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Challenge continues each month throughout 2021.

All are welcome to participate, must be an ALRC member to be eligible for your name to be entered in monthly drawing to win prizes. Submit your hours to TrailerOutofALRC@gmail.com or in the **ALRC 21in21 FB group** on the 21st of each month. Strengthen your relationship with your horse and WIN prizes! Names will be drawn and prizes awarded monthly!

LAST MONTH WINNERS AND PRIZES!

- LANA
- CARA
- ROBIN
- HEATHER D.
- NATALIE



A RECAP OF

the SPRING HORSE SHOW

by Alanna Quinn, Youth Director

Our first show of 2021 is on the books, and we are so thankful for the wonderful turnout, and community support! This past year has been rough for so many people for many reasons, but we hope the Spring Show could serve as a bright point in our community, and as a sign for the positives to come. It was wonderful to see both our ALRC members and those from outside Alta Loma laughing, eating, riding, and competing side by side. There will be more horse shows and activities in the future, and we hope to see you all there as we leave the strife from 2020 and 2021 behind and enter a new and better period!

Thank you for participating and supporting the ALRC Spring Horse Show!

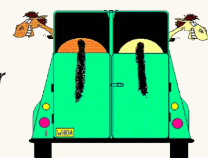


JUNE TRAILER OUT RIDE with Julie

Julie Bradley, Trailer Out Director

Wrightwood

Date: Saturday, June 26, 2021 Time: 8am-4pm



Staging Info: Meet at Heritage Park at 8am.

The drive is about 45 minutes to Inspiration Point.

Plan to be in the saddle by 9:30. Bring snacks/lunch and water.

PLEASE BE AWARE: We are staging in the Angeles National Forest, a "National Forest Adventure Pass" is to be displayed on all parked vehicles. For a list of places that carry these passes in Rancho Cucamonga check out: <https://www.fs.fed.us/portaldata/r5/ap/r5-ap-vendors.php> Or they can be purchased online.

Distance: Our intended trail is 10-12 miles*

Time: approximately 3-4 hours*

Terrain: The ride is mountainous and we will cover a good bit of elevation.

Technicality: Horses and riders need to be prepared for some challenging terrain. Several of us have done this ride numerous times and we all came back LOL. Some parts of the trail are narrow or along a hillside.

*If the weather is extra hot, we may shorten the route or switch to an alternate ride location.

Contact: Julie if you have questions:

TrailerOutofALRC@gmail.com

Please no stallions or dogs.



HORSE CAMPING IN BIG BEAR WAS A SUCCESS!

The horse camping trip was great! A group made plans to camp, relax and ride together over the long Memorial Day Weekend at Wildhorse Family Equestrian Camp in Big Bear. Several from the Alta Loma Riding Club organized the event and invited others to come up for the day to ride.

They played games, rode, relaxed, cooked, enjoyed the beautiful weather and spent quality time with their horses and others who shared in the horse camping experience!



Support the businesses who support ALRC! Did you know that you can advertise your business in the ALRC newsletter too?

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- Brad Collins
- Peyton Collins
- Kash Grimes
- Elizabeth Grimes
- Justin Grimes
- Michael Hernandez
- Esmeralda Hernandez
- Makayla Hernandez
- Ezra Hernandez
- Stephanie Schlosser
- Bill Schlosser
- Allie Schlosser
- Bradley Schlosser

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!

WELCOME NEW ADVERTISERS!

TO BECOME AN ADVERTISER...

Contact Martha Cowan at PublicityofALRC@gmail.com or Claudia McNeill at NewsletterofALRC@gmail.com
 Business card ads: \$15/month or \$120/year* *Annual advertisers will also receive a printed copy of the newsletter each month and the business focus write-up will feature an annual advertiser.



Lots is planned and going on! Stay informed and don't miss out!

EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT ALRC!

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GET SOCIAL WITH US!

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



ALRC JUNE EVENTS

TUES, JUNE 8 7:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALRC Board Meeting • Heritage Park Equestrian Center
SAT, JUNE 19 3:30-6:30PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DUTCH OVEN CLINIC at Heritage Park Equestrian Center • ALRC Quarterly Membership Meeting
MON., JUNE 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report ALRC 21in21 CHALLENGE from 5/21 - 6/20 • To join email Julie at: traileroutofALRC@gmail.com
SAT, JUNE 26 8AM-4PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trailer Out Ride, to Wrightwood • Stage at 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



HERITAGE PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER

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

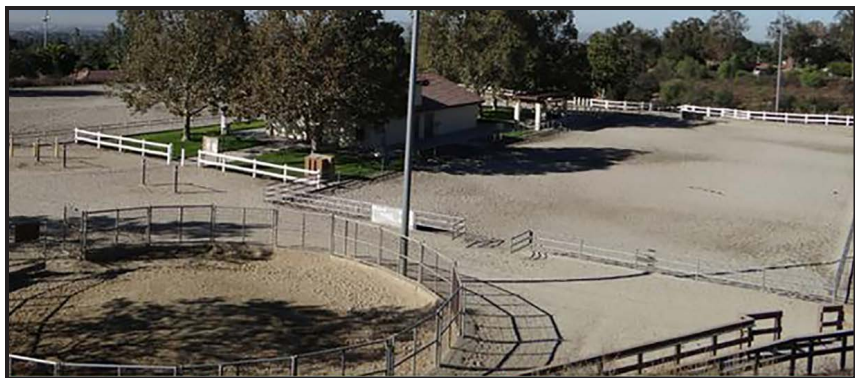
AMENITIES

- 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
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- Trailer Parking
- Trail Course & Trail Access

LOW RENTAL RATES!
BOOK YOUR EVENT FOR 2021
DATES ARE AVAILABLE!

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) 745-4906 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!

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
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for more information



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