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RIDING CLUB**

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JULY 2020



## CALENDER

**July 4 - Independ-  
ence day**

**July 21 7pm - Board  
Meeting - Heritage  
Park**

### Presidents' Message

As you all know we are still dealing with COVID 19, and as a result, the ALRC Board has not had a meeting since March. At our upcoming meeting on July 21, we will be discussing elections. We need you! Please get involved and run for a position on the ALRC Board. Contact Martha Cowan to put your name on the ballot.

ALRC had many plans prior to COVID19; we are hoping to get back to those plans soon. There have been some requests to set up an obstacle course on a regular basis at the park for people to practice on and to have experienced horsemen and horsewomen there to help if requested. In addition there have also been many requests for more shows. We are working on them; however we need to conform to county-wide restrictions with regards to COVID19.

While I was at Heritage Park Equestrian Center on a Thursday night recently, I saw a young lady having difficulties with her horse. The horse was excited, dancing and rearing in her space (dangerous). There was clearly a communication problem with the horse. The person asked me if I knew what to do. I said that I could try to help. She handed me the lead rope and I walked the horse into the round pen. Clearly the horse had no intention of listening to me either. The lead rope was short and attached to a flat nylon halter, which I replaced with my Chris Cox rope halter and lead rope and worked with the horse for about 20 minutes. I even had another horseman give me some advice, which I appreciated. The horse became soft and responsive. The reason I bring this up is that the equestrian community is just that, a community. It seems that in this day and age we are reluctant to ask for help or even more so to offer help. I commend the young lady for two things: she realized that she needed help and had the courage to ask for help. We could all learn from this young lady. Please don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it, and if someone offers you help and you decline, please do so tactfully so as not to dissuade the person from offering help to someone else who may really need it.

So, continuing with the above theme, one of our Board members, Barb DeWitt, was involved in an incident on the I-15 Freeway late at night on Saturday June 13. As you will read her article below, the incident was a nightmare in so many ways. Barb had been injured and transported to a nearby hospital. I received a telephone call at about 9:45 that there was some kind of accident on Beryl and two people were left with the horses and trailer but were unsure what to do. The information was second hand and a little confusing. So Martha and I jumped in the truck and drove that direction. While driving, I obtained the phone number of the people with the horses and called, and spoke to Lana. I found out that the location of the trailer and horses was actually on Highway 138 and the I-15 Freeway. I told Lana, the new horse owner, that I was on the way. When I arrived, I quickly checked on the horses and

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both seemed calm with no obvious traumatic injuries. Then I checked on Lana and her mom, and they were understandably distraught. I calmed their fears, talked about the condition of the horses and went to work. We transported the horses home. I had another ALRC member meet me at the house and we made sure the horses were taken care of and comfortable for the night and confirmed there was a veterinarian appointment the following day. The Alta Loma Riding Club is part of the community that I mentioned above and we are here to help. I responded because I got the call, but make no mistake we, ALRC, have other resources and at least a dozen other members that could and would have responded and done the same thing as we did.

## Are you interested in being on the ALRC Board?

Greetings, ALRC Members!

The past few months have certainly been very strange and turbulent, and have caused much uncertainty in our lives. The last time the Alta Loma Riding Club Board had a meeting was March 10! At the time, we were talking about our upcoming Board election, and we were updating our bylaws. Due to Covid 19, neither the election, or the Board meeting, or bylaw modifications have occurred as of yet.

All Board positions are open at this time, but both the President's and First Vice President's terms are expired, so these two must be filled by different members. Several of you have expressed interest in joining the Board, and we need many more to pitch in! Your club cannot operate without the Board. As you know, we have had many great events over the last few years, and want to continue that trend. As always, one of our main goals is to preserve the equestrian lifestyle that is the heritage of Rancho Cucamonga!

Below are brief descriptions of the Board positions. Again, we are currently updating these, but this will at least give you an idea of what is available. For more complete descriptions, please refer to the bylaws on the ALRC website.

*President* - Shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors. He/she shall ensure all officer and committee positions are filled and their duties are performed.

*First Vice president* - The 1ST Vice President shall act as President if the President is unable to fulfill his/her obligations. The 1st VP's primary duties include: planning and conducting all general membership monthly meetings, all ALRC social events,

*Second Vice President* - The 2nd Vice President shall act as President when the President and 1st VP are not able to fulfill his/her obligation. The 2nd VP shall act as chairperson of the standing Show Committee

*Secretary* - Shall keep and publish the minutes of the Board of Director meetings and maintain the ALRC records.

*Treasurer* - Shall be responsible for all financial records in the ALRC.

*Membership Director* - Shall review applications for completeness and correctness, forward dues to the Treasurer, and maintain the ALRC roster.

*Local Trail Director* - Shall organize and lead local trail rides.

*Trailer-Out Director* - Shall organize and lead group trailer-out rides.

*Food Service Director* - Shall be responsible for all refreshment requirements of the ALRC.

*City Liaison* - Shall serve as a representative of the ALRC to the City of Rancho Cucamonga and other entities as required.

*Newsletter Editor* - Shall be responsible for the creation and distribution of the ALRC monthly newsletter.

*Publicity Director* - Shall have the overall responsibility for publicity in the ALRC.

*Past President* - Shall serve in an advisory capacity to the current President and Board of Directors on an as-needed basis.

Please consider giving of your time in order to keep the Club running smoothly!

Best Regards,

Martha Cowan, Secretary



## LOCAL TRAIL RIDES

Barb De Witt, Pharaoh and Charlie

I would like to give a big shout out to Joe and Martha Cowan! On June 13 I was transporting two new horses, Charlie for me and Whiskey for Lana, when I had to step on my breaks quickly due to road construction just over the rise of a hill. I could feel one of the horses moving around so I pulled over only to discover he had turned himself around backwards in my 2-horse straight load trailer. I ended up getting knocked off the fender at the escape door receiving quite a few injuries resulting in me being transported to Arrowhead Regional Trauma Center. Joe and Martha came without hesitation to help with the horses and drive my horse trailer and new horses home from the 138 and the 15 freeways. I can't thank them enough for coming to my rescue and relieving my concerns about the horses. And, of course, Lana (15) and her mom, Victoria, were invaluable in doing everything right, especially on their first day as new horse owners! Lana has been here several times a day, every day, taking care of all 4 horses here at my place. Such a huge blessing! Thank you to everyone in our wonderful Alta Loma Riding Club and extended horse community, near and far, who have sent flowers, cards, prayers and well wishes. I came home from Arrowhead ICU last Tuesday and I am moving around better and better each day! I am confident there will be no long term effects and hope to be back in the saddle by the end of August and will be allowed to start planning local rides again. Thank you again to EVERYONE!



## HORSE WANTED

Hello, My name is Donna Mae I am 58 a nurse and esthetician and have been riding on and off for the last 44 years. I cannot do the commute to Glendale any longer to ride and would love to find someone who has a nice trail horse interested in leasing, or even looking to find someone who has 2 horses and wants a trail companion; I would surely pay and bring the apples. I had to close my spa down due to Covid and returning to nursing job and, as many, horseback riding is my therapy. I ride western and really need to ride a few times a month. I will be working 2 jobs to catch up from Covid but I am making sure I am off Saturday to ride and Sunday for church and family. I am joining your club now. Please let me know if you know anyone I can even help with their horse as well. I would be more than happy as well if anyone needs help feeding their horses or putting them in arena etc. Have a very blessed day.

Thank you! Donna Mae      Belladonnaespa@gmail.com      310-430-5950

# 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 the we have at Heritage Park. The bridle trails that traverse our city were campaigned for by the Club when our area starting developing. Memberships can be paid via Pay Pal for your convenience.

Ali Smilgis - Membership Director

## Membership Application

Membership is only \$30 /year for the whole family. Our year runs from July to June 2020-2021

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## Welcome Back ALRC Members

Susan Arehart & Bill Jones

Julie Bessert

Judy & Jim Brennan

Leslie Bronikowski

Alyce Wagoner & Michael  
Carrari

Robin Chapman

Heather McGee-Decauwer

Barb & Jim DeWitt

Carrie & Dennis Dooley

Suzanne & Daniel Farris

Rick Fontana

Patricia Friedenbach

Amanda, William, & Wyatt  
Gibson

Linda Gordon

David & Debbie Grossberg

Shannon Kelly

Carrie King

Linda Kung

David Kung

Patty & Randy Ludwig

Sue Lowry & Janet Luke

Shelley & David Markie

Glenn & Cindy Mocabee

Richard & Pat Morris

Sally & Vern Morrison

Joan & Dave Patterson

Mary O'Neil

Cheryl & Dan, Amanda,  
Tony and Aubrianna Pearson

Heather & Pete Roebuck

Heather Rushton

Art & Peggy Salcido

Cassandra & John Sanchez

Debbie Roberts & Joe Santoro

Jim & Lisa, Shelby, Jessi

Schafer,

Bonnie & Steve Scudder

James & Peggy Simola

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Kristy Remick Waltman

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ton

Gail & Jim VanGordon

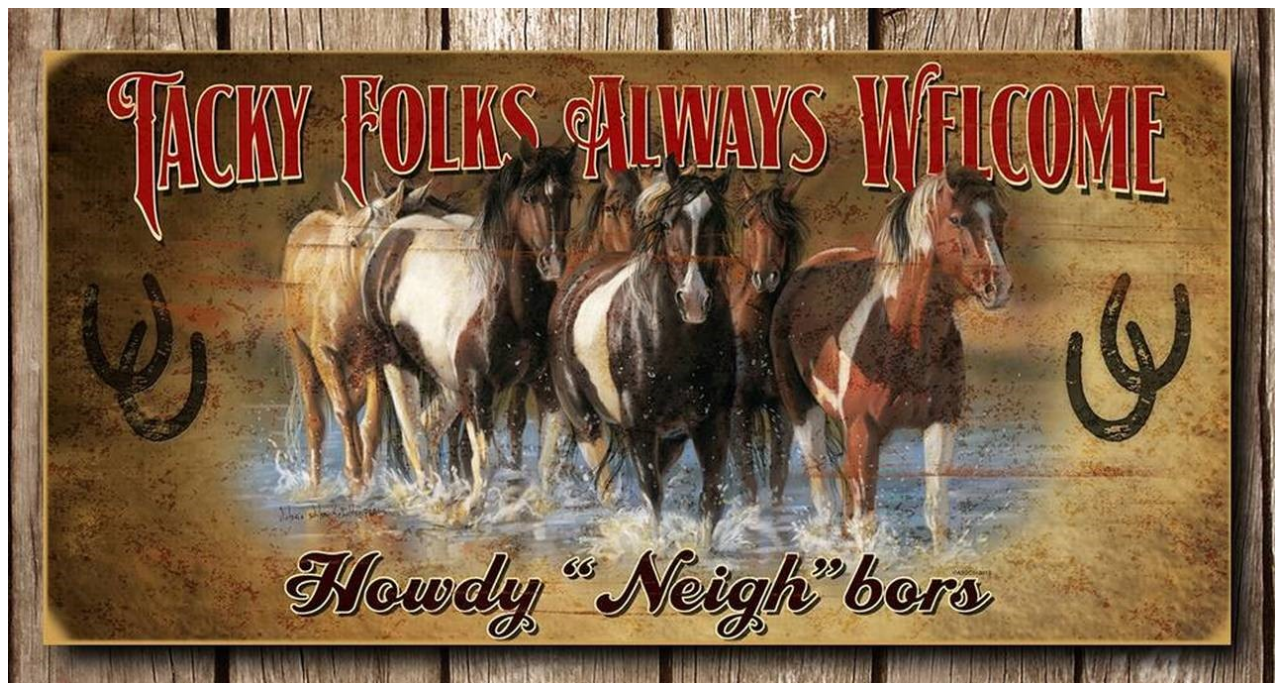
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## Welcome to our new ALRC members:


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Brian Linton

Donna Mae Taylor



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