



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

ALRC NEWSLETTER • MAY 2022

# BITS *of* NEWS

## the PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*from Natalie Beechler,  
ALRC President*

May is going to be an eventful month here for ALRC! Get ready for some fun at our Poker ride May 7—our Poker ride will terminate at Heritage Park to be followed by our Membership Meeting and ballot casting for the upcoming ALRC board vote. We have positions available for write in candidates, so if you, or anybody you know wants to come on board ALRC and work with an amazing group of folks—step on up!

We also have our ALRC Wine event coming up this month! This event will be held on the historic Chaffey-Garcia House grounds thanks to collaboration with the Etiwanda Historical Society. The Etiwanda Historical Society is a non-profit organization composed of volunteers dedicated to preserving the history and historically significant locations here in Rancho Cucamonga. They are kindred spirits to ALRC in this mission and hold various events throughout the year such as a fine dining Valentine's Day Dinner, a series of Summer Spook Nights, a Sleepy Hollow Event, and pictures with Santa. I've personally attended most of these, and I highly recommend the events for a fun and unique night out! Check them out on facebook and at <http://www.etiwandahistoricalsociety.org/>

Sadly, ALRC lost a longtime supporter and volunteer Roy Willard recently. For those who knew him, Roy was a longtime resident of Rancho, raising his family in the equestrian lifestyle. Roy was instrumental in maintaining and updating our ALRC Website. As an entity, ALRC is a community of volunteers who share the same love of the equestrian lifestyle—loss in our ranks never fails to weigh heavy on our hearts. Roy kept ALRC

looking fabulous through our online presence and his loss will be greatly felt.

It's been said that no time is wasted that is spent in the saddle. But I feel this is more accurately stated as—no time is wasted spent near a saddle. For many who volunteer at ALRC, love of our equestrian way of life motivates the desire to be a part of an organization that supports it. We have many folks who are an imperative part of our ALRC team—helping out at events or volunteering at Heritage Park in different capacities—who have never set a butt cheek in a saddle. We share a common passion, and through that passion, an understanding of character that is valued in equestrian culture. Help us grow and get yourself out to our May events and enjoy our community! Please consider signing up to volunteer at future events so we can continue bringing the equestrian community together in our common passion!

*Natalie* 



**“Never give up on something you can't go a day without thinking about” —Winston Churchill**

# JOIN US! MAY LOCAL TRAIL RIDE

## It's the POKER RIDE! with Heather Heather McGee Decauwer, Local Trail Director



**Everyone's favorite poker ride is back!**

**Riders and non-riders can play.** \$20 a hand.

Through-out the ride (or at the clubhouse) you'll get 5 cards with the option of trading up to 3 cards for new ones for \$5 a card.

**Winner wins half the pot.**

### DESCRIPTION OF TRAIL RIDE:

**Date: Saturday, May 7, 2022**

**Time: 9:30am-12pm**

**Staging Info:** Meet at Heritage Park around 9am and plan to leave by 9:30am

**Route:** Eucalyptus grove

**Distance:** 5ish miles

**Time:** approximately 3 hours

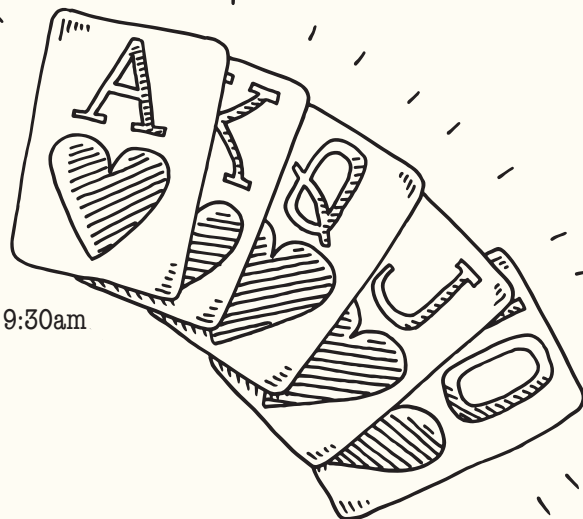
**Elevation:** Relatively flat

**Terrain:** Wide trails behind houses and along the streets

**Technicality:** Crossing streets, shared trails, barking dogs and backyard activities of residents

**Contact: Heather if you have questions: [localtrailofalrc@gmail.com](mailto:localtrailofalrc@gmail.com)**

**NOTE: No stallion, dogs or ponying on the ride.**



**SATURDAY • MAY 7, 2022 • 12:30pm**  
after the Poker Ride

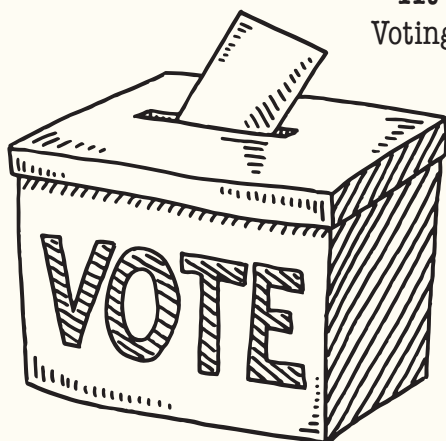
## ALRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

At the Heritage Park Equestrian Center.

Voting will be in person where ballots will be distributed.

**Pulled Pork Sandwich Lunch**  
prepared by Joe

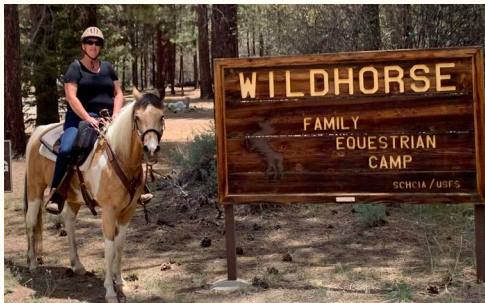
will be provided!



**Thank You very much for being a vital part of the  
Alta Loma Riding Club!**

# MAY TRAILER OUT RIDE with Julie

Julie Bradley, Trailer Out Director

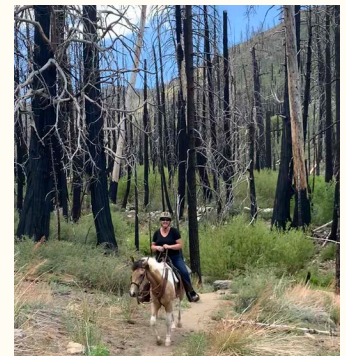


## WE'RE HORSE CAMPING IN BIG BEAR!

Several club members will be horse camping in Big Bear over Memorial weekend. It's about an hour and a half drive to the mountains. It is well worth the trip! I've done it as a day ride several times. Your horse (and yourself) do need to be in shape to handle the altitude and the trails. We welcome you to join us! I can alter the ride based on who drives up. 4 potential trails come to mind:

- The Local Meadow Loop (about 5 miles)
- Sugarloaf meadow (about 10 miles)
- Coon Creek Cabin (about 10 miles)
- Go up the switchbacks to the regrowing Aspen Grove (this is a mostly out and back so we can adjust the ride as needed).

**Please contact me,  
Julie to schedule a time to meet.  
TraileroutofALRC@gmail.com**



## HORSE TRAILER MAINTENANCE

Before the riding and camping season gets going full swing, now is a good time for your horse trailer's yearly safety checks and trailer maintenance service. If you aren't mechanically savvy, or just not inclined, to do the job yourself a qualified professional can do all the work for you. Just make sure that they know what you want to be examined as the mechanic may not be familiar enough with horse trailers unless you ask for specific tasks. Ten Easy Trailer Maintenance Inspections To Do Yourself – and two that I leave for the pros! Check the link for some great information!

**12 Trailer Safety Checks for every Trip**  
<https://www.trailmeister.com/trailer-maintenance/>

Regular trailer maintenance is critical to ensuring the longevity of your trailer, as well as ensuring you arrive at your destination safely. If you have specific questions regarding your trailer, consult your owner's manual or your dealer.

As always, for more practical information on trail riding, camping with horses, or tips on getting to the trailhead safely, visit [www.TrailMeister.com](http://www.TrailMeister.com). We're also the world's largest and most accurate guide to horse trails and camps.



*Looking forward to seeing all those attending!*



Alta Loma Riding Club cordially invites you to

### *An Evening of Wine Tasting*

Saturday • May 14, 2022 • 4:30pm

Historic Chaffey Garcia House

7150 Etiwanda Avenue • Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

Wine collector Chris Starkenburg  
will present for your enjoyment...

### *A Variety of Fine Wines*

"Dinner-tizers"

with Beer & Soft Drinks will also be served

\$75 per couple  
\$40 individual



Please return  
your response  
card by May 1st



ALERT as a subcommittee of the ALRC has functioned since 2001 assisting with large animal evacuations, rescues (trapped animals), animal abuse investigations involving seized animals, and loose horses. Two of the significant events the ALRC/ALERT assisted with are the 2003 Grand Prix and 2014 Etiwanda Fires.

**The Rancho Cucamonga Fire District has requested our assistance with the upcoming County Wildfire Preparedness Drill.** The drill is something that RCFD does annually in May to prepare for the upcoming fire season. Each county in Southern California trains in one discipline or another to help them improve their skills. This year, RCFD hosting the drill here in Rancho Cucamonga and are trying to get as many entities involved as possible, so we can all work cohesively in the event of an actual incident.

The drill will be a simulated vegetation fire that will start to the rear of Klusman off of Archibald, with it burning to the southwest towards Gooseneck. There will be a structure threat to the homes on Gooseneck and the cul-de-sacs that are off of Beryl. Firefighters working on the vegetation fire, along with firefighters protecting the homes on the mentioned streets. The helicopter will be making water drops if approved by their agency.

RCFD would like the ALRC/ALERT to coordinate with the Incident Commanders to assist in evacuating horses in the threatened area. ALRC/ALERT Members will be requested after notification to rendezvous at Heritage Park and then drive their trailers to an address/s or location where horses are loaded and moved back to the park for a safe refuge area. I am not sure how many will be able to participate, but any involvement will let all parties know where we can shore up any loose ends for future training and/or actual incident.

RCFD will be having two-drills on each day that will last between 1-2 hours with a debrief in the end.

The dates scheduled are for **Wednesday and Thursday May 18-19 from 8AM to 1 PM.** I know many of you would like to attend but are working. Please call, text, or email me if you can participate at on or both of these days. Let me know whether you are available to assist at any level.

**Thank you**

**Lawrence Henderson ALRC Liaison/ALERT Leader  
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## THE STEPS OF CHANGING A TRAILER TIRE

1. Find a safe place to pull over where it's flat – Find a flat, stable and safe place to stop your truck and trailer from rolling. If you're near a road, make sure you're as far from traffic as you can get. Turn on your hazard lights to alert other motorists. Set out safety triangles. And put on that hi-visibility vest.
2. Keep the horses in the trailer. It's safer for the critters than letting them out with cars whizzing by.
3. Check air pressure on spare.
4. Remove the spare and set near the bad tire so is easy to get when needed
5. Set Trailer Aid next to good tire on same side as bad tire
6. Loosen lug nuts on bad tire while it's still on the ground
7. Pull or push trailer so that good tire is on the raised jack stand and bad tire is elevated
8. Finish Removing lug nuts and the bad tire
9. Install spare tire and tighten nuts
10. Roll off of jack stand
11. Finish tightening lug nuts.
12. Put everything away
13. Get back on the road and to the trails!

Knowing How to Change a Tire on Your Horse Trailer is an important skill for anyone towing any type of trailer. It's a good idea to practice changing your trailer tires at home to ensure you're ready to handle the situation when it happens to you.

<https://www.trailmeister.com/how-to-change-a-tire-on-your-horse-trailer/>

## 9 TIRE CHANGING TOOLS

1. Roadside Triangles for being seen if you have to change a tire on the side of the road. Get at least 3 of the DOT approved ones. <https://amzn.to/3liqJ0r>
2. Reflective safety vest for being seen if you have to change a tire on the side of the road. <https://amzn.to/3lkVp1E>
3. Wheel chocks for keeping the vehicle from rolling when you don't want it to. <https://amzn.to/3co30m4>
4. Trailer aid for an easier way to lift a trailer for changing a tire. <https://amzn.to/3cmlWSj>
5. Lug wrench for changing a tire. <https://amzn.to/3sxosLa>
6. Can of Fix a Flat for a temporary tire fix until you can get into a repair shop. <https://amzn.to/3fmg4dA>
7. Gloves for keeping your hands in one piece while you're making repairs. <https://amzn.to/3ckd7Za>
8. Tire pressure gauge for making sure your tires are ready to roll. <https://amzn.to/2PaHw3k>
9. Portable air compressor for inflating a flat the easy way. <https://amzn.to/3rn8AJP>

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### It's that time of year... for more information and TO RENEW your annual ALRC Membership

Visit our website [www.AлтаLomaRidingClub.org](http://www.AлтаLomaRidingClub.org)  
and CLICK the Membership Tab or contact  
via email at [MembershipofALRC@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipofALRC@gmail.com)

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

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to promote and preserve the rural and  
equestrian lifestyle of Alta Loma and  
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**ALRC  
MEMBERS  
IT IS  
TIME TO  
RENEW!**



### Thank You very much for being a vital part of 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!



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

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for up to the minute information  
and happenings.

## ALRC UPCOMING EVENTS

**SAT, MAY 7**  
**9:30AM-12PM**

- **POKER RUN • LOCAL TRAIL RIDE**
- Meet at Heritage Park Equestrian Center staging 9AM
- Heritage Park Equestrian Center

**SAT, MAY 7**  
**12:30-1:30PM**

- **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & LUNCH**
- Election of 2022-2024 Board Members
- Heritage Park Equestrian Center

**TUES, MAY 10**  
**7:00PM**

- **ALRC Board Meeting**
- Heritage Park Equestrian Center • Clubhouse

**SAT, MAY 14**  
**4:30PM**

- **WINE TASTING EVENT**
- Historic Chaffey-Garcia House, Rancho Cucamonga

**WED-THURS**  
**MAY 18-19**

- **RDFD County Wildfire Preparedness Drill**
- From 8AM to 1PM

**FRI-MON**  
**MAY 27-30**

- **Trailer Out Ride • Wildhorse, Big Bear**
- **Come on up and join us for the day!**
- **Email Julie at TrailerOutofALRC@gmail.com**



### 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](http://RC2GO.com)



## HERITAGE PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER

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- Concession Stand
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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](mailto: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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