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and preserving the rural
and equestrian lifestyle
in our community.

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the PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Cassie Sanchez, ALRC President

Another year is going by as we earnestly await a new and hopeful one next year. It has been a challenging one but fulfilling in many ways too.

We had our bi-annual elections for the ALRC Board and elected wonderfully dedicated members who love the equestrian lifestyle and are willing to share their time and efforts in preserving it for the rest of us. We enjoyed another "Hot August Nights" event, a tradition here at the Equestrian Center. And who can forget the marvelous trailer out times we sponsored and participated in, bringing the great outdoors to be admired and remembered? And the fabulous trail rides...how much fun it was to ride with friends on horses. And there were unique adventures, such as the overnight horse camping and training clinic. The traditional ALRC Candidates Forum was well attended and appreciated by our community and civic leaders. One of our highest-attended events this year was our Halloween Trunk-or-Treat afternoon last October 22. It became a wonderfully successful community event for our community neighbors to enjoy. Who can forget our annual Poker Ride? Great fun and financially advantageous to some. We mustn't overlook the contribution of Joe's Diner and the famous pull-porked sandwiches. We also enjoyed horse shows, like our Spring Horse show with Judge Cash Grimes. Our wonderful ALRC members contributed to the St. Jude Hospital Foundation by hosting their St. Jude Ride. There are too many events to

remember and list but we should acknowledge the services of veterinarian Dr. Blair, who held the vaccination and shot clinic. I have to stop before I go on for too long but will end with a crowning ALRC event, The ALRC Evening of Wine Tasting on May 14. This has become a customary event with ALRC and it was held this time at the historical Chaffey Garcia House in Etiwanda. It was such a tribute to our Club and its members for bringing such a classic affair to the community.

We have one more special equestrian event planned and that is the Annual Christmas Ride where we saunter as an equestrian group through Thoroughbred, Alta Loma's famous Christmas tree lights. We will meet first at the Equestrian Center for some refreshments and pop in for a QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING and then enjoy a seasonal journey on horseback. Don't miss it.

In the meantime, please have a Merry Christmas with your loved ones and a joyous New Year. And don't forget to give your best friend, your horse a Christmas treat.

We are looking forward to yet another exciting and rewarding year featuring our equestrian dreams. Thanks to all who help make them come true.

Happy Trails! *Cassie* 🐾



THE ALRC ANNUAL *Christmas Lights Ride*

Oh what fun it is to ride on our annual Christmas light ride! Deck out your horse with lights and bells and join us for Pre-ride refreshments, and ALRC Quarterly Meeting, and then the ANNUAL RIDE THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOODS OF ALTA LOMA.

DESCRIPTION OF TRAIL RIDE

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Time: 6:00-8:30pm

Staging Info: MEET AT HERITAGE PARK AT 5PM for staging, ALRC Quarterly meeting and refreshments then 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, vehicles, Christmas decorations, jingle bells and other festive sounds.

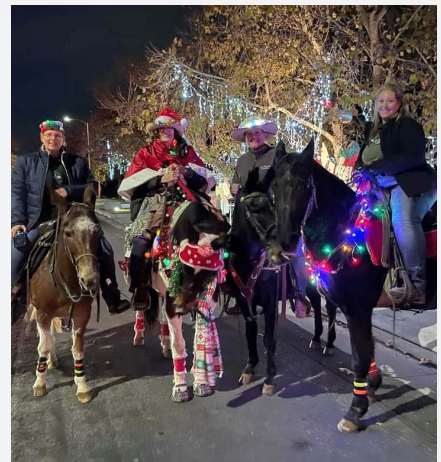
Other Info: This is generally a large ride, last year we had 27 horses and riders.

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

No carts, stallions, dogs, pedestrians. No leading or ponying horses.

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

**JOIN US FOR
PRE-RIDE
SOCIAL TIME,
REFRESHMENTS
AND RIDING CLUB
UPDATES AT THE
ALRC QUARTERLY
MEETING BEFORE
THE RIDE!**



ALL ALRC MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 • 5:30 PM at The Heritage Park Equestrian Arena

A GREAT TIME FOR ALL!

**Enjoy Social Time with Refreshments and Hear All About Riding Club Updates!
See all the horses in their Christmas "outfits" as they head out on the Christmas Ride!**



LOCAL NOVEMBER TRAIL RIDE RECAP!

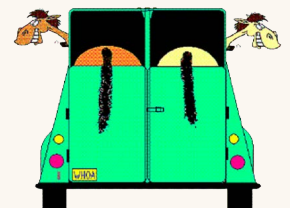
Heather McGee Decauwer, Local Trail Director

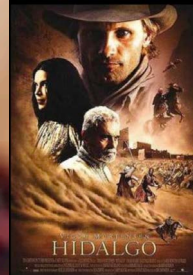
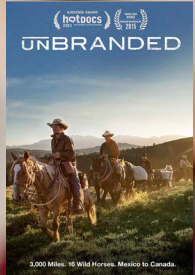
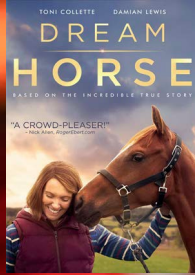
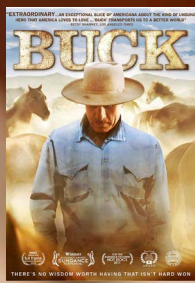
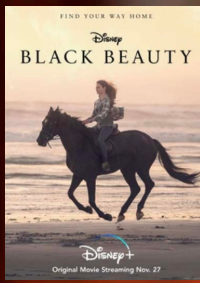
We rode together through the wash below Cucamonga Canyon on Saturday of the beautiful Thanksgiving weekend. We had 22 horses and riders join us on this "Fall Wash Ride". It was awesome to hear so many hooves and so much laughter behind me. Thank you everyone for coming out!



TRAILER OUT RIDE *Julie Bradley, Trailer Out Director*

Due to holidays and everyone's busy schedules there is no pre-planned trailer outs in December. However, watch for a pop up trailer out event on Facebook if the opportunity presents itself! We will be on the go again in the new year!





Great horse movies are thought-provoking, heart warming, and usually contain a storyline woven with a journey of building trust. Overcoming challenges displays a bit of "HORSE-ONALITY" and increased devoted loyalty. They also reveal the connection people make with these magnificent animals!

Some movies are fictional, some are based on a true story.

Maybe this holiday season you will find a moment to take time out, curl up, and watch something new or enjoy one of your old favorites...Here are a few of mine!

SOME COWBOY POETRY FOR Y'ALL

The Rank Buckskin Mare

By Natalie Beechler

Stay away from that Rank Buckskin Mare, said every strand of my standing neck hairs

She got red in her eyes; her back feet pound the skies

Steer clear of that fury and flare

"She's not bad, just complicated", her gentle owner so stated,

"She's too much at my time; got too busy a mind,

If you want her, she's yours!" – I was baited

Now her nature became quite clear, when to load the mare wouldn't adhere,

Clouds drew dark and mean, winds tore through the scene

Like Hades was calling her near

She fought, and she reared, and she struck; she twirled in the air as she bucked

But we got her ass in, and with a worn withered grin,

We headed toward home in the truck

As the days began to go by, the battle of wills took full flight

It became pretty clear, that until I came near

This mare'd, never lost her a fight

Through a slow and tedious burnin, at some point, them wheels started turnin

'Stead of coming unglued, she started seeking out cues

And so began, that process of learnin

See some horses prefer just to play—pasture puffs for long lazy days

But some need to know why, cause their born for the sky

And they'll get there in one of two ways.

Fast forward a couple of years, that damn mare—she's got infinite gears!

She's the hardest to try, once she knows how and why

And she simply gives more than her peers.

Stay away from that rank buckskin mare, the one that's all fury and flare

'Cause tomorrow we round, from sun up to sundown

And I'd take no other out there.



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Thank You for being a member of the Alta Loma Riding Club!

Your membership makes a difference! We look forward to meeting you at upcoming events!

Do you know anyone who should be a member? Encourage your friends and neighbors who enjoy the trails and facilities to join ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB TODAY!

Happy Trails!



ALTA LOMA RIDING CLUB

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

- WED, NOV 1**
- **ALRC QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
 - **Heritage Park Equestrian Center • Arena & Clubhouse**
- SAVE THE DATE**
- DEC 14**
- **ALRC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RIDE**
 - **Meet at Heritage Park Equestrian Center 6:00PM**



NOTE WORTH NEWS • MAJOR ROOF REPAIRS ON ALRC CLUBHOUSE!

The City of Rancho Cucamonga is beginning the bidding process for the project mid December!

LOOK FORWARD TO A NEW LOOK COMING IN 2023!

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

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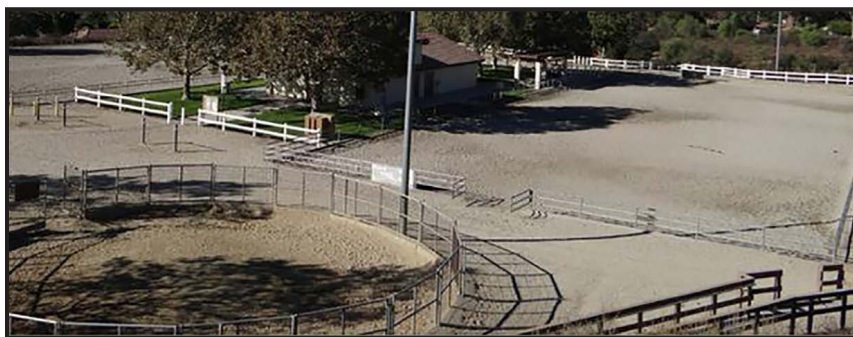
AMENITIES

- 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

LOW RENTAL RATES! BOOK YOUR EVENT FOR 2022 DATES ARE AVAILABLE!

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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) 285-4342 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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