



ATRA NEWS JUNE 2010

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NEW MEMBERS

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS:

Linda Page, Colin Day, Lee Dreger, Judith Hall, Jantine & Richard Smith

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ATRA meets the 3rd Thursday of each month (with the exception of the summer months) hosting informative and entertaining speakers. Refreshments are always served - we invite you to come down and check us out.

Please join us for our next meeting on:

September 16th, 2010 at 7 pm: Guest Speaker to Be Announced

Meeting location: Kirk United Church located at 13535 - 122 Ave.

Please feel free to bring guests as there is plenty of room in the upper auditorium.

(Additional parking is available behind the church.)

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ATRA Bitless Challenge, BBQ and Fun Day



On Sunday, June 13th, ATRA will be hosting a "Season Ender" to wrap up our meetings for the summer. The day will consist of a social gathering with a riding component and family BBQ to follow. Please feel free to join us at Fultonvale arena for all or some of this event.

Bitless Challenge: Bring your horse and your usual riding gear. Try riding the obstacle course in your tack. Then have a 'Nurtural Bitless Bridle' fit to your horse and ride again – Can you feel a difference? Riding activities will start at 10:30 am.

BBQ and Social: Bring the family and enjoy ATRA hospitality at our wind up BBQ. Burgers and Smokies will be supplied by ATRA. Please bring a potluck item like a snack, salad or dessert to share, your own lawn chairs and refreshments. BBQ to start around 2:30.

Location: Fultonvale Arena/Strathcona Olympiette Centre

**YOU MUST REGISTER IF YOU WANT TO RIDE OR EAT ON THIS DAY!!!
CALL CINDY @ 962 2690 OR ANITA @ 475 3858 IF YOU ARE ATTENDING**

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Private Facility has room for 1 outdoor horse. Indoor & outdoor arenas with ample free arena time and trails. Lessons available 1 night per week. 15 minutes from Sherwood Park or S. Edmonton. Contact Colleen at @ (780) 417-6629.

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2 HORSE TRAILER for sale: Tall, straight haul, bumper pull, large walk in tack room, hay rack on roof. Good floor but needs new tires and some work on the shell. Asking \$2,750.

Call Dave Lawrence @ (780) 922-2227

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HORSES FOR SALE: a) 2 yr. old QH stallion, will be grey in color, black mane, tail & legs, leads well. b) 1 yr old QH sorrel colt, white socks & blaze. c) 3 yr old QH mare, dark bay just starting ground work. d) 2yr. old QH. Mare, dark bay, leads. e) Sweet Baron's Doc 14 yr old open brood mare.

All these horses are or can be Registered and are from good Foundation breeding. Phone (780) 878-3756 for more information.

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ATRA's 32nd "Trail Ride Against Cancer" a Great Success!

108 riders enjoyed the fine weather to ride the well marked, easy trails, and gathered pledges of \$29,468.66. Adding \$938 of profit from the silent auction to this sum, ATRA has now donated over \$1,103,449 to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Once again Welsh's Saddlery and Western Wear sponsored a delicious pancake breakfast, and following the ride a savoury barbecue (for only \$5/person) was enjoyed by the crowd.

Thank you to all of the Cancer Ride Committee as well as many other volunteers who made this ride possible. We also need to thank numerous people and businesses for their support and donations. But most of all, thank you to Bruno Neuville and Elsie Smith for investing so much time and work to share their 'Able Ranch' site with us. What a terrific weekend.

KEN SCHMULAND

Horsemanship for the good of your horse

Is head twirling like baton twirling?

Actually it is a lot safer and your horse will love you for it. Head twirling is a technique that will help to relax your horse and improve his ability to perform both simple and complex manoeuvres.

Is your horse jiggy on the trail? Are you having problems turning a barrel? Is your horse refusing jumps? What happened to that lovely passage you used to have?

Your horse's head is directly connected to his hind foot. When a horse stiffens in the jaw and the poll, he interferes with his own hind foot. Understanding this connection will go a long way to helping solve these problems and more.

2010 CLINIC DATES

June 25 - 27

August long weekend
(possibly with Dr. Deb
Bennett)

Oct 22 - 24

Other clinics can be
organized for your
needs either here or at
your facility



For more information call 780-449-0749 or check
www.rafterdiamondk.com or the Facebook group Rafter
Diamond K Livestock

Rafter Diamond K has new foals arriving this month and we are looking for volunteers to "Adopt a mommy" or "Adopt a youngster". This simply means catching, grooming, visiting with, taking for hand walks, For information please call Kerri-Lee & Ken Schmuland at 449-0749 or www.rafterdiamondk.com

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The ATRA Board is working on compiling a "Vet List" for members to have. The list would be handy for emergencies when you are away from home and are in need of a local vet. If you use a particular Vet or Clinic, please submit their contact information to Vicki Lawrence @ (780) 922-2227 of vickilawrence@interbaun.com so that we may add it to our list.

Oilers & Flames

Once the 2009 - 2010 season was over, and neither the Flames, nor the Oilers, had made the post season playoffs the management of both teams got together and decided that there should be some sort of competition between the two teams, because of their great rivalry. So, they decided on a week long ice fishing competition. The team that catches the most fish at the end of the week wins. So, on a cold northern Alberta lake they began their contest.

The first day after 8 hours of fishing the Oilers had caught 100 fish and the Flames had zip. At the end of the 2nd day the Oilers had caught 200 fish and the Flames nada. That evening the Flames coach got his team together and said, "I suspect some kind of cheating is taking place."

So the next morning he dressed one of his players in Oilers uniform and sent him over to the Oilers camp to act as a spy. At the end of the day he came back to report to the coach. The coach asked, "Well, how about it, are they cheating?" "They sure are!" the player reported. "They're cutting holes in the ice!"

The difference between men and women

A man is driving up a steep, narrow mountain road. A woman is driving down the same road. As they pass each other, the woman leans out the window and yells, "PIG!"

The man immediately leans out his window and replies, "Stupid!"

They each continue on their way and as the man rounds the next corner he slams into a pig in the middle of the road.

Summertime Skin Problems

Summertime has a tendency to bring sunshine, heat, humidity, and insects to a horse barn. These three things can be hard on a horse's skin, and can lead to the development of several common issues.

Sunburn

-Increased day length and a hotter sun can spell trouble for horses lacking pigment on their face, nose, and ears. Intense sunlight can cause redness, swelling, and increased sensitivity. It can be unsightly and is no doubt painful for the horse.

-Certain plants such as ragwort, St. John's wort, and buckwheat contain chemicals that cause horses to be unusually sensitive to the sun. Medications like tetracycline also can make horses more photosensitive.

-If your horse is showing signs of sunburn, the first and most logical step is to limit exposure to the most intense hours of sunlight by stabling during these times. Sunscreen or zinc oxide is effective for horses and can be used in the affected areas of the nose and face. Many grooming products and fly sprays might have sunscreen already added.

-Eliminating photosensitizing plants from the horse's pasture or hay, and awareness of possible side effects of medications also might solve the problem.

Insect Allergies

-Besides being responsible for the transmission of many infectious diseases, insect bites can result in serious skin problems in some horses. Many horses develop allergies to the saliva of biting gnats and flies. These often appear as itchy, raised lesions along the back or belly of the horse. It also might involve the mane and tail, with hair loss resulting from the intense itching. In more serious cases, bacterial skin infections can result because the horse is scratching and causing trauma to the skin.

-The most commonly documented culprit is the biting midge (*Culicoides* sp). Others include blackflies, horn flies, and mosquitoes. Allergies to these insects can be a frustrating occurrence, but there are several counteractive measures that can be taken. The most effective therapy is avoiding or minimizing your horse's contact with the insects. Stabling horses from dusk until after dawn is important, as dusk and dawn are prime feeding times for biting insects. The use of fans while your horse is in the stall can reduce the number of flying insects in the building. Using permethrin-based fly control products one to three times a week can also make a difference.

-In addition to these management changes, medications prescribed by your veterinarian such as glucocorticoid anti-inflammatories can be quite effective. Some studies also have shown promising results from immunotherapy or allergy shots specific to the insect causing the problem.

Dermatophilosis or Rain Scald

-Horses exposed to hot, humid, or rainy conditions are at risk for development of rain scald. Rain scald (rain rot, dermatophilosis, or streptothricosis) is a summertime skin disease caused by the organism *Dermatophilus congolensis*. It is an organism with properties of both fungi and bacteria that infects the hair follicles. Because there is damage to the hair follicle and shaft, the hair will pull out easily in small clumps leaving pink skin. The lesions also might become scabbed over or contain pus. It is most common over the back, rump, fetlock, and cannon bone.

-The organism is contagious and can be spread by tack, equipment, or insects. Keeping horses clean and dry is effective for both prevention and treatment. It is also important to disinfect all tack and equipment to prevent spreading the organism. Antibacterial shampoos and rinses containing agents like chlorhexidine are effective for both equipment and animals. The use of ointments is not advised, as they tend to hold moisture in, while the goal of treatment is to keep these lesions dry.

-Summer conditions can make for an excellent time to enjoy your horse, but they can be harmful in extreme cases. Remember that avoiding the extreme summer elements is the key to preventing skin problems.

Article courtesy of Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine, www.vet.purdue.edu/horses

CAMPING SUPPLES - submitted by Ken Komm

The Camper

- Multipurpose tool with -pliers, awl, screwdriver, wire cutter etc.
- Slicker –large enough to cover legs, saddle & saddlebags/rain hat cover
- Water bottle & snacks
- Bells &/or whistle –for alerting bears and summoning help
- Chaps, ½ chaps, gaiters or leggings
- Helmet
- Flashlight & extra batteries or lantern
- Saddle bags / cante bag / water bottle bag
- Saw – (folding / pocket chainsaw / scabbard / bow saw)
- Padded saddle cover / sheepskin
- Bear spray
- Straps –for tying & holding things & Duct tape
- Sunscreen, mosquito repellent, lip balm, sunglasses
- Binoculars & Camera
- Garbage bags –for garbage & waterproofing
- Maps, Compass & Mirror
- Matches (waterproof), magnifying glass, lighter
- Toilet paper & toiletries –toothpaste, towel etc.
- Gloves & waterproof gloves, Bandana
- Pocket knife & sewing kit
- Tent with fly, groundsheet & repair kit, bedding & pillow
- Axe & knife
- Foil rescue blanket
- First Aid Kit / Human –Adrenaline, aspirin, antibiotic cream, bandages, tick remover, topical anesthetic, gauze & band-aids.
- First Aid Kit / Equine –Bute, Ace, bandages, gauze, Telfa pads, legwraps, antibiotic & antibiotic cream, surgical scrub, Banamine, Furacin, swat, Betadine, non-steroidal eye ointment, stethoscope & thermometer, bandage scissors, syringe,

The Horse

- Hobbles, Highline (with 3 metal rings per horse), picket line
- Electric Fence / electric rope/tape, posts, solar power source/battery
- Portable panels –light weight
- Hay or cubes, oats/pellets / Horse treats, horse crunch, electrolytes
- Water bucket & feed tub, Hay bag / Hay nets
- Duct & electrical tape
- Sponge & hoof pick & fly spray, fly mask
- Easy boot & screwdriver / hoof pads
- Halter & lead rope or trail riding bridle tagged with phone number
- Saddle, saddle bags, breast collar, crupper, blankets
- Potable water or water treatment supplies

The Kitchen

- Camp stove & fuel, coffee pot & kettle, water bucket
- Cooler & water containers
- Pots, frying pan, mixing bowl, food containers, large spoons, spatula, tongs
- Plates, bowls, cups & cutlery, can opener, paper towels, foil & plastic wrap
- Shovel, Axe / saw, maul / hammer
- Salt & pepper, sugar
- Wash basin, soap, dish soap & towels
- Folding table & stools / Tarps & ropes

ATRA SUMMER MOUNTAIN RIDES 2010

June 20th thru 27th Hummingbird/Ram Falls

This week long trip is ATRA's annual "Adopt-A-Trail" trail maintenance and clean up ride. The site is about 100 km southwest of Rocky Mountain House. DIRECTIONS: Take Secondary 752 (60km, 40 paved/20 gravel), southwest of Rocky Mountain House to Forestry Trunk Road 734, turn right (west) at that T-intersection (41km to camp). After crossing the South Ram River the road turns west for a mile or so then goes north. Look for the Hummingbird sign on the west side, turn left and follow the road west to the staging area. Continue on the road past the information signs in the first parking lot. The road climbs a short hill then makes a sharp switchback over a small creek, then continues west. Look on the left side for the gravel loop camping area entrance. The loop has nice level gravel sites that should accommodate the big horse trailer/camper combos. Cell phones do not work in this area. There will be a base camp with limited amenities for camping. Highline poles are available for horses, BYO rope. You cannot tie to trees. Rides will be day rides from base camp. Clean up and maintenance will take place in the new and old camping areas as well as on the trails. There are pit toilets. There is no drinking water available, but usable water for washing can be obtained from the river. BYO firewood. Your horse **MUST** have shoes for this ride. For anyone wishing to come camping without horses and still ride some days, there is an outfitter nearby, JH Trail Rides (call ahead to book 403 722-2419). The club will cover part of the fuel costs for each member for this ride, so submit your bills to Shirley by the Sept meeting. For more information and to register for this ride, please contact Shirley McFall @ 780 662- 4747.

July 18th thru 25th Clearwater Wagon Pack Trip.

We are organizing a week at a summer camp at Clearwater. We have arranged for two wagons to carry in our food and camping gear for ~\$200 per person. We will only be able to accommodate a maximum of 12 campers who will need to ride in on their own horses and carry in some of their personal items. Horses will need to be hi-lined and be able to be hobbled for grazing. Our tentative plans are to arrive at the staging area on Sunday afternoon, July 18, and overnight there. We would then be able to be transported in on Monday morning to the camp. We will arrange a meeting of those involved to plan our supplies and menu to minimize weight and duplication. This trip already has a waiting list. Preference will be on a first come basis and a \$200 reservation fee will be required. Please contact Ken Komm @ 780 922-3004 if you are interested or need more information.

August 2nd thru 8th Ya Ha Tinda.

This trip will be a week long camping/riding trip at the Ya Ha Tinda Ranch, west of Sundre (and just east of the Banff Park boundary) in the Rocky Mountains. From Sundre, drive 10 km west on Hwy 27, turn south onto the Coal Camp Road, and follow for 50 km (25 km pavement, 25 km gravel). At the T, turn South on to Hwy 734 and don't cross the bridge at Mountain Aire Lodge. Stay straight on the north side of the river on the narrow gravel road and continue 25 km to the Eagle Creek Campground on your left. The ATRA banner will be displayed at our campsite. Camp will be at the Eagle Creek Campsite. The services at the campsite are Pit Toilets. That's it - and bring your own paper! The water source is the Red Deer River. Also bring manure tubs and forks or shovels, as they do have a manure pit so we can keep the campground clean. Cell phones do not work in this area. There is no charge for camping. Sites are first come, first serve. Your horse **MUST** have shoes for this trip. Mountain Air Lodge is approx ½ hour drive away with minimal services and Sundre is 75km away (30km pavement, 45km gravel—the last 20km of gravel is a narrow road). Horse accommodations are hitching rails and high lines within the campsite. Tying to or highlining between trees in the area is not permitted. If hitching rails are full, you must tie to your trailer or highline between trailers. Panels and pens are permitted only if they are against your trailer, (continued)

no longer than the length of your trailer and no more than 10' out from your trailer. Trails in the area range from easy flat valley rides to high steep mountainous areas.

There are many beautiful trails out here, some hard to find and not well marked, so if you haven't been here before, it's best to come with the group, who can show you the trails. This trip will be geared towards adult riders, families are permitted, but may find campfire conversation unsuitable for children. A last minute Whitewater Rafting Day Trip may be planned if the weather looks good, so let me know if you are interested. We will do a potluck Tuesday supper. For more information and to register for this ride, please call Lisa Friedenber *g* @ 780 237-7587.

August 23th thru 29th. Kananaskis – Little Elbow Equestrian Campground

This mountain trip into the Kananaskis Area will be a family friendly trip to the mountains. Hwy 66 heading west of Bragg Creek is paved to the campground. Trails are well marked and mapped, and trail difficulty ranges from easier valley rides to rugged, steep and long mountainous trails, including overnight backcountry campsites. Campground is well gravelled and has pit toilets with paper, water taps between sites and firewood for sale. There are also lots of nice hiking/mountain biking trails and it is only 15 minutes away from McClean Creek OHV Campground, where they have coin showers. Horse facilities are double gated tie stalls located just outside the camping areas. (No horses are permitted in the campsite area so if your live-in quarters are in your trailer, plan on putting your tack in your truck to get it to your horse. Other horse trailers can be parked beside the tie stalls). There is a per night camping fee of \$27 for 2 horses and 1 camping unit and \$5 per additional horse per night. You can take your chances and just show up and pick a site in Loop B (covered tie stalls) or reserve a site in Loop A (framed tie stalls, BYO tarp and bungies/twine). Reservations can be made no more than 90 days in advance so May 25 at 9am call 1-877-537-2757 or go to the website <https://reserve.albertaparks.ca> (Little Elbow Equestrian). There is also a \$10 reservation fee. Your horse MUST have shoes for this trip. For more information and to register for this ride, please call Lisa Friedenber *g* @ 780 237-7587.

July 25-31 Cadomin/Whitehorse Creek Campground- (please note the original date has been changed)

This trip will be a week long camping/riding trip at the Whitehorse Creek Campground, in Cadomin, South of Hinton. The services at the campsite are a water pump, pit toilets, firewood and tie stalls for horses. Bring your own toilet paper, and tarps and twine/bungies if you want to cover the stalls! Bring manure tubs and forks or shovels and shavings are recommended for the stalls. ATRA has booked all 6 available sites. This trip is almost full. Sites will take 2 or 3 horses. \$10.00/night plus \$2.00/horse/night with a \$6 reservation fee. We may plan an overnight ride to Miette Hotsprings or a hike (without horses) into the Cadomin Caves if anyone is interested. We can also drive to the ghost town of Mountain Park nearby one evening and go for a walk. It closed in 1950, but there are still a few foundations and mine structures and a recently restored cemetery. For more information and to register for this ride, please call Shantel Perreal @ 780 231-9155.

Sept 2-6 Drayton Valley Riverside Trails - Long Weekend Camping and Trail Ride

Come join us and ride over 80 km of trails along the Pembina River. Easy family rides with river crossings and numerous bridges on the trails; one over the river. Both long and short loops are available. No shoes are required. Camping consists of 5 sites with box stalls, tie stalls for 16 horses and some random campsites. (No tying to trees) Water well, 24' x 40' camp kitchen with wood stove, 2 sets of outhouses and manure bin available. www.draytonvalleyhorseclub.com has location and trail maps.

**** Please note for all trips organized by ATRA you are required have a current ATRA and AEF membership to ride with us and must hand in a signed waiver and medical form in a sealed envelope (only to be opened in case of emergency) to the ride organizer upon arrival. Ride organizers can e-mail you the medical form and waiver ahead of time or ask for them from the organizer when you arrive.***

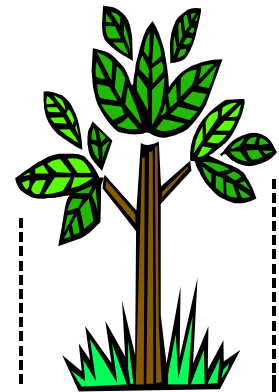
**** ATRA members are expected to adhere to the following guidelines when participating in ATRA rides. Thank you for reading them carefully and for your cooperation.**

ATRA Trail Etiquette Guidelines

- When riding with a group, be saddled and ready on time.
- Realize the capabilities of you and your horse and ride to the abilities of the least experienced horse and rider.
- Extend help to riders in trouble or with less experience. Never ride away from a dismounted rider.
- Join or be a riding "buddy" with a single rider in the group if they need to leave the ride. We do not recommend riding alone on any trail.
- Proceed at a walk in heavily congested areas and let other riders know before passing. Never pass the trail boss.
- Have control of your horse at all times and maintain a reasonable space between horses. Do not allow your horse to nuzzle, scratch, threaten or run up on other horses.
- Respect private property and the rights of other trail users. When meeting others move to the right of the trail.
- Remember to wait for the person closing gates to remount.
- Always flag your horse with a ribbon on the tail if it has a tendency to kick or threaten other horses.
- If you spot a hazard, point it out to other riders and wait until all riders have safely passed it before proceeding.
- Do not run up or down hills.
- Remove all manure / trash from the parking lot.
- Know the trail. Take a map, compass, and/or GPS and emergency supplies.
- Riders are encouraged to wear helmets. Be a good example.
- Ride on designated or established trails. Do not cut between switchbacks or take short cuts. Minimize environmental damage to the trail.
- Avoid riding after heavy rains.
- Do not bring dogs on the trail, unless everyone on the ride agrees.
- Leave no trace - carry out what you carry in. When on the trail, camping or in the staging area, keep your impact to a minimum.
- Have a **fun** and **safe** ride that EVERYONE will enjoy!

Equestrian Camping Etiquette Guidelines

- Take all garbage out with you, when garbage facilities are not available, and leave your campsite clean.
- Manure must be cleaned up from your site and taken to the designated manure collection site.
- Do not cut trees in the camping area. Bring your own firewood.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash in camp. Provide the necessary comforts to keep your dog happy and quiet while you are out riding. Please clean up after your dog.
- The use of alfalfa / grass cubes and grain / complete feed rather than hay is encouraged. This stops the introduction of noxious weeds and non-native plants to the camping area and the trails.
- Never tie a horse to a tree in the camping area; use hitching rails, highlines or tie to trailers.
- Ensure you highline your horse properly. A horse should not be able to stand under a tree (below the outside "drip line" of the tree's leaves) as this compacts soil or exposes the roots of the then dying tree. Highline to highline poles or between trailers ensuring the horse cannot stand under a tree's "drip line". (See picture)
- In bear country alleviate problems by keeping excess horse feed (grain/pellets), human food & cooking utensils out of a bear's reach.
- Do not run or race horses in the camping area.
- Read posted camp rules and abide by them. Be a good neighbour in the camping area. Most campgrounds have a quiet time between 11pm-7am.



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MANTRACKER

Terry Grant is a full-blooded cowboy living in the wrong century. This Albertan has been a full time ranch cowboy for almost 25 years. An expert horseman and wilderness professional, hunting, guiding and tracking have become second nature. Whether man or beast, he will track them down. His keen instincts, intense character, and specialized skills have made him a crucial member of the Foothills Search and Rescue Team. His reputation is always on the line and he doesn't let up for a second. A steely-eyed cowboy with a killer, never-say-die attitude, Terry Grant is **MANTRACKER** and he will be a special ATRA guest next fall. Watch for details in the 'ATRA NEWS'.

LOCAL TRAIL RIDES & UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
May 30		Fultonvale Arena	Horse Showcase. Please call Shirley @ 780 662-4747 if you can volunteer at our booth
June 5		High Rocky Riders - Able Ranch	CANCELLED - due to Opal fire
June 5		Devon, @ Gramina Hall	Poker Ride- Erin -780 987-6236
June 12	CLSC	Colchester Stable	Annual Pool Party & Potluck Barb – 780 434-2000
Jun 13	ATRA	Fultonvale Arena	Bitless Challenge, BBQ and Fun Day Cindy @ 780 962-2690 to register
Jun 25-27		Rafter Diamond K	Horsemanship Clinic Rafterdiamondk.com
Jun 30 – July 2		Trails for the Troops Trail Ride & Camp Out	Contact: Dianne at – 780 973-6503 or diannebirt@hotmail.com
July 10		Rainbow Ranch	“It Shouldn’t Hurt to be a Child” trail ride Jim Hardy– 698 3750
Aug 14 & 15	ACDC	Beaumont	Driving Event – volunteers needed Arlene – 780 941 2358
Aug 14 – Sept 4		Waterton Lakes to Sherwood Park	Wild Pink Yonder (on a trail to a cure) Rusty Hurl – 780 761-2404 www.wildpinkyonder.com
Sept 18		Still Meadows Ranch Charity benefit	Horse show, Dog Agility, Hay rides, etc www.PawsAndThinkPetCare.ca
Sept 16	ATRA	Kirk United Church	General meeting 7 pm. Speaker TBA

If you have an event we should know about, call Anita @ 780 475-3858.

For insurance purposes, each active trail riding member is required to hold a current Alberta Equestrian Federation membership.

- * All riders ride at your own risk.
- * We recommend helmet use and STRONGLY encourage it for those under 18 during ATRA events.
- * Please be responsible. Show by example: Clean up and properly dispose of manure - and educate others to do so as well.
- * Please support the Alberta Equestrian Trail Supporter Program – They in turn support our trails.
- Please be aware that the MINISTIK riding area is closed to horses from March 1 to July 15. We ask that you respect this closure and refrain from riding there during these dates.