



ATRA ON THE TRAIL

December 2019 Newsletter

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ATRA was established in 1973 for people interested in recreational riding & driving.

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ATRA is a non-profit family oriented organization that encompasses a variety of equestrian activities that promote safe horsemanship, ongoing education and responsible use, maintenance and development of trails.



MERRY CHRISTMAS ATRA AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!

THERE ARE STILL TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR THE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DEC 7, AT KIRK UNITED CHURCH CENTRE

Are you interested in having fun, meeting new people while helping to run an active vibrant club?



Members are invited to attend a 'Open' Board Meeting On Thursday, January 16 prior to the General Meeting on the same night!

Bring your questions and ideas to share with the Board.

A Light supper will be served at 5:30 pm.

RSVP is Required to Maggie: Maggie.portas@icloud.com

GUEST SPEAKER.....

Our Guest Speaker is Dr. Evelyn Merrill, Professor, U of A, Dept. of Biological Sciences. Dr. Merrill's presentation will report on the research that she and her graduate students have conducted on large mammals inhabiting the eastern slopes of west-central Alberta.

ATRA meets 7pm the 3rd Thursday of the month Jan-Apr/Sept-Nov upstairs at Kirk United Church Centre, 13535-122 Avenue, Edmonton. Visitors are welcome at any meeting. Website: www.atra.ca Membership for the calendar year is \$20 single, \$35 family. Riding members must have current ATRA and AEF memberships.

A GREAT Big Thank you to 38 Members of ATRA

Who volunteered for shifts at the recent Casino.

We can't do it without you and we all benefit from the funding.

Maggie and Candace were 'Casino Angels' each doing 2 shifts to cover key positions. If you have volunteer expenses please submit your claim forms (with receipts) to Shirley by Dec 31.

FAMILY DAY WEEKEND FUN

Monday February 17 Sleigh Ride and wiener roast hosted by Lucille and Duane Landals out of Onoway.

This will be weather dependent based on snow conditions and temperature. To book your spot please register with Shirley by email: smariem2018@gmail.com

A sign up sheet will be available at the Christmas Party and at our next general meeting January 16. Let us hope we can play in the snow this year!

Bios and Details for the 2020 CLINICS

Trailer Safety Course with Jennifer Woods: Saturday, April 18. Location tba. Cost \$70. This interactive course covers: trailer design, animal behavior & handling, handler safety, biosecurity, horse comfort, accident response, transport/insurance requirements, manifests/permits. Jennifer has over 25 years experience in the livestock industry and has worked as a consultant to the industry since 1998.

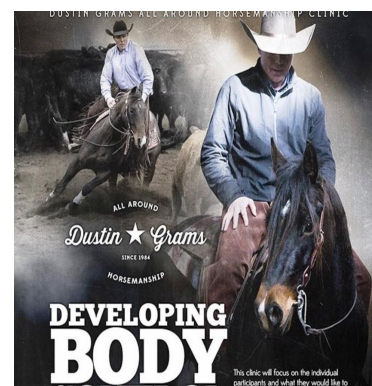
Biography: Her areas of expertise include euthanasia, animal handling and behavior, animal welfare auditing and assessing (slaughter, farm, feedlot and transportation), livestock emergency response, transportation, and facility design. Jennifer's work has taken her all over North America, across Europe, South America, and down to Australia.

Dustin Grams Horsemanship Clinic:

Thursday afternoon 12:30 - 2:30 pm, April 23 ,30 May 7 & 14. Location: Rolly View 23524B Hwy 623, Deadline to register March 19. Max 10 riders. Cost to ATRA members: \$140.00.

Biography:

Dustin has been training performance horses in various disciplines such as barrel racing, team penning, two man sorting since 1984. A big part of Dustin's business has been riding cutting horse prospects. He also teaches lessons and clinics for different disciplines.



Bios and Details for the 2020 CLINICS Contd.....

Lavern Schmidt Horsemanship Clinic:

May 2/3. Deadline to register April 1. Cost \$120.00. Max 10 riders. Sunwest Equine - Onoway.

Biography:

Lavern has been training horses and coaching students for over 40 years. He is an Equine Canada Level 2 Western Coach. He and his students have competed successfully from Local to International Levels in Trail, Reining, Western Pleasure and Reined Cow Horse. Lavern judges all disciplines. Lavern has served on the board of a number of Equestrian organizations over the years and is currently the Circuit Director of the North Country Circuit & President of the All-Breed Competitive Trail Horse Activities.

Overnight camping/pens are available Saturday nights. Directions and more information: www.sunwestequine.com.



Greg Czech of KC TRAINING and Equine Services

Thorsby: 6 weeks - 2 hour sessions. Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00
May 5,19,26 & June 2,9 &16. Cost \$185.00 April 6 deadline to register.

Cardiff: 3 Saturdays May 23,30 & June 6. Cost \$208.00 April 23 deadline

KC Training Center: June 20,21 9:00 - 4:00. Cost \$130.00
May 15 deadline to register.

Biography: Greg Czech is the owner/operator of KC Training and Equine Services. Along with his wife Terry, Greg has been training, teaching and coaching for well over 20 years. Greg is fortunate to have been able to work with numerous different breeds of horses over the years. It certainly has given him a different perspective in terms of movement, willingness, versatility and overall usability. Training horses has been the love for Greg, but the real passion and fulfillment is being able to help people get along better with their horse.

Greg's clinics reflect that passion. Learning in a fun, productive and safe manor is the ultimate goal. When working with horses, you should learn a little about your horse and a lot about yourself.

Bios and Details for the 2020 CLINICS Contd.....

Courier Park One Day Obstacle Course

June 12,13 & 14. 8:30 - 4:30 daily. Deadline to register May 15. Max 10 riders per day. Cost \$75.00. Courier Park on Wye Road east of Ardrossan.

Biography:

Bob Klassen was raised on a horse ranch in Fruitvale, B.C. His professional training career started in the mid sixties and continues today out of Courier Park in Ardrossan, Alberta. He and his wife Hedi have owned and operated this 16 stall barn since 1985.

Bob showed hundreds of halter and performance horses during his 30 plus years in the show ring. Some of the notable horses shown by Bob, included Gai Champion, Adios, Bada Serendip, Dalul, Pad O Mac Hilan and Aristo Sorcerer.

With numerous National and Regional wins in Halter, English, Western and Dressage disciplines during his career, Bob now concentrates on coaching amateur riders to attain their goals.

Bob has had a lifelong interest in coaching and judging. Back in the 1980's Bob coached the Aurora Youth Judging Team to their Reserve US National Championship. Bob was an Equine Canada and International Arabian Judge for many years.

Bob continues to coach riders of all disciplines, incorporating the concepts of natural horsemanship with traditional pleasure and show ring riding.

Scott Phillips of Amazing Horse Country



SCOTT PHILLIPS
Amazing Horse Country
inspiring connection • creating success

Scott Phillips: July 3,4 & 5. 8:45 - 4:00 daily. Deadline to register June 1. Max 10 riders. Cost \$221. Location: 36171 – RR40 (Hwy 54 – RR40). west of Innisfail.

Free camping, individual paddocks for horses, bring your own feed. More info.

www.amazinghorsecountry.com

Biography:

Scott has a wide variety of experience in the horse industry including: Back country and mountain riding and guiding Training horse and riders of all ages, disciplines and experience levels. Starting colts and wild horses

Canadian Cowboy Challenge

This clinic is for new riders and horse to the trail and experienced ones to add something new to their toolbox. He will cover all the basics to be successful on the trail. Combination of classroom, working on specific obstacles as a group and ride several short trails for practice.

Please be sure you are comfortable walking and trotting on your horse.

When You Can't Be There

Everyone deserves a holiday.

You just need to plan for your horse's care,
in sickness and in health for every day you are away.

HELP YOUR HORSESITTER

WRITE DOWN all needs: how to prepare them,

The amount and time to feed and Of course , which horse to feed where!

MAKE A CHECKLIST for every day

you don't want your Horsesitter to overlook anything even once.

SHOW THEM EVERYTHING IN ADVANCE. The water trough, the power supply, the hay source, the feed room, and introduce them to every horse.

A photo album identifying every horse is an asset!

HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLAN FOR EACH HORSE write down the level of medical and surgical care you would choose for each individual horse. Put the information with the horses picture in the album!

SUPPLY THE VET'S Phone Number.

Decide how much your horse sitter should try to handle before calling the vet. Supply as many of your contact numbers as possible so that every attempt can be made to find you. Leave a credit card behind or make arrangements with the vet office before you leave

ENJOY YOUR WORRY FREE HOLIDAY!!!!



EVENT CALENDARS: See details on website: www.atra.ca

DATE	LOCATION	Details Contact
Dec 7	ATRA Christmas Social - Kirk United Church Centre	Cindy / Rita
Jan 16	ATRA General Meeting & Open Board Meeting Supper	Maggie/Aly
Jan 19	ATRA Trail Ride - location tba	Allison
Feb 17	Family Day Sleigh Ride and Wiener Roast - Onoway	Shirley
Feb 20	***ATRA Annual General Meeting***	Aly

If you have an event we should know about, call Allison 780-910-4639 or downer387@gmail.com For insurance purposes, each member joining our rides/clinics is required to hold a current **AB Equestrian Federation** membership. Renewal forms are available: www.albertaequestrian.com

All riders ride at your own risk. We recommend helmet use for all riders & **STRONGLY** encourage it for those under 18 during ATRA events. For the safety of all members, ATRA's policy on riding with dogs is: On single day rides or weekend rides with a large group, no dogs are permitted. On longer overnight trips, dogs may be permitted if all riders in your group are in agreement.

DATE	2020 Clinic Schedule	COST P/PERSON
Apr 18	Jennifer Woods - Trailer Safety Course - Full Day - Location tba	\$70
Apr 23,30 May 7,14	Dustin Grams - 4 week series Horsemanship, Obstacles, Barrel Racing, Flag & Buffalo work - 4 2hr sessions - Rolly View	\$140
May 2 - 3	Laverne Schmidt 2-Day Trail Skills & Obstacles - Onoway	\$120
May 5 - Jun 9	Greg Czech - Trail Ready Sessions - Thorsby - Evenings	\$185
May 23, 30 Jun 6	Greg Czech - Basic Horsemanship - Cardiff 3 hour sessions - time tba	\$208
Jun 12,13,14	Bob Klassen 1-Day Obstacle Course - Courier Park	\$75
Jun 20 - 21	Greg Czech - Spring Tune-up & Trail/Mountain Obstacles Prep - Leduc - time tba	\$130
Jul 3 - 5	Scott Phillips Liberty Clinic / Progressive Horsemanship. Full Days - East of Rocky Mountain House	\$221