



ATRA ON THE TRAIL

Summer 2017 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.

Our next meeting is in September. Hopefully members will be able to get their horses and trucks and trailers out of the mud for the upcoming clinics, trail rides and mountain trips.



ATRA meets at 7pm the 3rd Thursday of the month Jan-Apr & Sept-Nov upstairs at Kirk United Church, 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.

Upcoming Events

If anyone is planning to ride and wants to invite members to join them, please post on our Alberta Trail Riding Association facebook page. Email Lisa (lisa_f@mailcan.com) if you need an invite to the facebook group.

If anyone hears of any other Alberta trail rides of interest to the club members, please let Lisa (lisa_f@mailcan.com) know so she can include in a future newsletter or eblast.

Clinic registration form for upcoming ATRA clinics can be found in March newsletter. Please note some clinics have space but others are taking waiting lists.

Parade Readiness Clinic & Costume Allocation on Saturday June 3 at 1pm at Lawrence's outdoor arena. Proposed parades: Ardrossan - Sat June 17, Morinville - Sat June 24, Sherwood Park - Sat July 1, Edmonton K Days - Fri July 21. No cost. Reg deadline May 1. Contact: Vicki 780-922-2227 vickilawrence@interbaun.com



1 Day Obstacle Event training Friday, June 23, Saturday June 24 or Sunday June 25, 9 – 4pm — Courier Park Equine Centre, 21569 Wye Rd (Sec. 630), just east of Laughing Llama on the south side of Wye Rd. Clinic is for every horse and rider, to teach your horse how to confidently deal with many common trail & riding obstacles (max. 10 participants each day). Cost \$60 includes wiener roast at end of clinic. Reg deadline April 30. Contact: Doug King, 780-922-3812, king519@telus.net



Square Dancing on Horseback 3 week series with Murray Few Wednesday June 14, 21, 28 6:30-8:30pm at the Riddell Arena, 22224 Twp Rd 510 Sherwood Park. This event is for those who would like a new challenge to enhance their riding experience. You and your horse must be able to turn, accelerate and stop quickly when cued. Also you must be able to ride with others in a co-ordinated way. Cost \$70. Minimum/maximum 8 participants. Registration deadline May 7. Contact: Murray Few 780-434-2000 or mbfew@planet.eon.net
1 more rider needed to run!



Upcoming Events

ATRA Cancer Ride: COME RIDE WITH US AND HELP FIGHT CANCER!

Come ride with us on our 39th Annual 'Trail Ride Against Cancer' to be held **Saturday, May 27th** at Able Ranch, north of Bon Accord. The ride will be a slow pleasure ride of approximately 3-4 hours, **Join in with other riders or head out on your own** through multi-use, natural lands. Riders may arrive on Friday, May 26th and camp overnight in Bruno Neuville's pasture. We hope to see you there. Don't forget to pack a lunch!

Start collecting your donations for the Canadian Cancer Society – using the pledge sheet and/or on-line. Prizes will be awarded to the top collectors. A minimum donation of \$50 for adult riders and \$25 donation for riders 14 years and under is required.

After the ride join us for a BBQ (Burgers/Hot Dogs) **at no cost**. Bring your lawn chair.

Please go to www.atra.ca to download/print your rider package, copies on hand at our general meetings or do feel free to photocopy someone else's forms.

The Cancer Ride Committee can always use extra help. For more information or to volunteer, contact Allison 780-910-4639 or alcarter@telusplanet.net. If you can't make the ride, mail in your pledges or make a donation to someone who is planning to ride. Non riders may also use the pledge sheet to collect donations & come out to enjoy the day.

Past Events

April 9 ATRA Jumping Clinic had 6 participants going over low rails, learning about position and having the right pace to make the jump easy for horse and rider.

April 16 ATRA Trail Ride at Blackfoot Central was cancelled due to wet slippery trail conditions so we didn't damage the trail for future use.

April 20 General Meeting about 50 members enjoyed listening to Bruce Zawalsky from the Boreal Wilderness Institute talk about what the most important things to have in your saddle bags, or on your person. The top items were: proper clothing, fire starter, knife, whistle, first aid kit, signal mirror, magnetic compass, cord/rope, wire, duct tape, pot or stainless steel water bottle, saw, candies, headlamp flashlight, leather gloves, bear spray. For more info go to www.Boreal.net. We also did a short question period for members on the inReach Explorer satellite communicators that the club takes on mountain trips where we don't have cell range. These units can text back and forth with regular cell phones, track your route, and share our location. If in need of help or rescue, by pressing the SOS button, connect to the 24/7 GEOS Search & Rescue monitoring center. They can send help for people, horses, truck and trailer breakdowns and more.

April 21-23 Mane Event in Red Deer many thanks to Barb Few who offered to organize the display. 13 members volunteered to be at the ATRA booth, some doing several shifts. Feedback is that we had good interest, gave out a lot of brochures and newsletters and had a chance to visit with many horse friends. Please submit your expense claim form for gas before the end of June to Shirley.

Overnight Camping Rides 2017

These trips are for ATRA members, with their own horse, trailer & camping accommodations. Horses and riders should have trail riding experience and be fit enough for 4-8 hour day rides. We recommend all horses have 4 shoes prior to coming, as there is lots of rock on the trails. If you are using boots instead, make sure you fit and practice with them ahead. Make sure your horse can handle saddle bags, rain slickers, creeks, mud, bogs, dogs and wildlife. Also make sure your truck has enough power and trailer has working brakes for the steep hills. Trails in these areas range from easy flat valley rides to high steep mountainous areas. There are many beautiful trails, some hard to find and not well marked, so if you haven't been there before, this is a great opportunity to come with the group, who can show you the trails. We tend to split up and ride out in various smaller groups to different destinations. Unless noted, there is no limit on number of members that can attend. We do ask that you **REGISTER** with contact or sign up at a spring meeting so we know you are coming and can send additional information on group activities, meals travel and directions to destinations. The ATRA banner will be displayed at our campsite. Unless noted, most campgrounds are free and have no water, RV hook-ups or power. There is no cell phone service at any campgrounds. BYO cubes preferably, as hay can introduce weeds to the area. At free campgrounds, facilities include outhouses (BYO TP), high-line poles (BYO rope). You can tie or panel (if permitted) beside your trailer. No electric fences.

What to Bring for your Horse for overnight rides: saddle, cinch, saddle bags, breastplate and crouper, 2 saddle pads, grooming kit, horse first aid supplies, halters & long lead shanks, high line rope, rain sheet/blanket (it gets cold at night & horses can't move much to keep warm), feed tub, water bucket, helmet (optional, but ATRA recommends), horse fly spray, sponge, scraper and small bucket, manure tubs and forks or shovels to take manure to pit, hobbles (optional for lunch grazing only), easy boot (in case you lose a shoe – note most horses need a size bigger than shoe size), tag with phone # on halter (in case you lose your horse)

What to Bring for you for overnight rides (suggestions): personal clothing and toiletries, TP, bug spray, first aid kit, medicine, binoculars, camera, batteries, rain gear, winter jacket, chair, flashlight, garbage bags to haul out garbage, multi-tool, bell or whistle, bear spray, duct tape, compass or GPS, folding saw, pocket knife, axe, sewing kit, tarp, cooking supplies and food and drinks, lunch kit, generator. Medical information card that has name, next of kin & phone # & relationship to, location of truck/trailer keys, AHC#, medications, allergies, medical conditions or any health concerns (ATRA has these so ask trail ride organizer on the day you arrive)

May Long Weekend Camping Trip to Horse Creek Ranch, Fort Assiniboine May 19-21 — www.horsecreekranch.ca
Cabins & horse pens are booked. To go on waiting list, contact Barb 780-434-2000 or mbfew@planet.eon.net. Cost is: \$25.20/person/horse/rig/dog/power site for weekend—chq payable to CLSC by May 1. Give cheque to Barb.



Overnight Camping Rides 2017

MSW Farms Camping Trail Ride June 9-11, 2017. Located on the Battle River near Ponoka. Deposit required by April 20. Cost is \$10/person/night and \$10/horse/night. 3 person cabins are \$65/night or \$150 for 3 nights. Sheilassharko57@gmail.com or 780-686-2534. From Ponoka: 5 miles West on 53, 5 miles North on 795 and 1.5 miles W on 435. From Meniak overpass/Hwy 2: North 4 miles, West on 265 0.75 miles. mswfarms.com



June 18-23 Hummingbird Maintenance Mountain Camping. The equestrian campground is 100km SW of Rocky Mountain House. Take Hwy 752 (60km, 40 paved/20 gravel), south west of Rocky to the Forestry Trunk Road 734, turn right (west) at that T-intersection (41km to camp). After crossing the South Ram River-steep hill, the road turns west for a mile or so then goes north. Look for the Hummingbird sign on the west side. Turn left & follow the road to the staging area. Continue on the road past the information signs in the first parking lot (day use area). The road climbs a short hill then makes a sharp u turn across a small creek then continues west. The equestrian loop camping area has a sign and an entrance, on the left (south). Ken Z will be staying at the campground and doing day rides and likely one campground cleanup day. Please plan to help with picking up garbage and clearing trails if you come on this trip. Fuel costs may be partially reimbursed to those that submit receipts to Shirley by the September meeting. A creek crossing is required to access trails. Ken Zelt 780-922-3222 or kawlzelt@gmail.com



July 16-21 East Drummond Creek Trail Relocation at Whitehorse Creek Campground 60km South of Hinton. 4km West of Hinton turn South on Hwy 40 for about 50km. Turn right at T and its 5km past Cadomin. Ken Z has reserved all the equestrian sites so you must sign up with him to get a site. They cost \$11/night + \$2/horse/night. Sites have tie stalls or box stalls (not covered so bring rain sheets or tarps/bungies) and bring manure forks and muck buckets. Outhouses and firewood are provided, no hookups. The group will be clearing the overgrown Drummond Creek trail. Ken will use the trail clearing criteria to choose crew from the sign up list based on required skills. Members not involved in the trail clearing are invited to come, ride the area and socialize around the campfire if extra campsites are available. Those volunteering may be partially reimbursed for fuel costs if they submit receipts to Shirley by the September meeting. Ken Zelt 780-922-3222 or kawlzelt@gmail.com *More workers needed still!*



Overnight Camping Rides 2017 continued...

July 20-28 Panther wilderness trail development ride

This trip is a working/riding week into the isolated non-motorized Panther area SW of Sundre. This ride is oversubscribed, if you are interested in being on the cancellation list contact Shirley, 780-662-4747 or shimcf@mcnet.ca



Aug 5-13 Yaha Tinda Eagle Creek Campground

85km SW of Sundre. Directions: 10km west of Sundre turn left/south on Coal Camp Rd, after 50km (25 km paved /25 km gravel) turn left at T-intersection Hwy 734, stay on the north side of the river (do not cross blue bridge, go past no exit sign at bridge, but do not take the 2nd no exit sign to the right) it's 25 km to the Eagle Creek Campground, look for campground sign on your left, YMCA will be on right. FOESA also has their fundraiser poker ride at Bighorn Campground August 12 - ride or volunteer. Contact Allison Downer for more info: alcarter@telusplanet.net 780-910-4639



Aug 20-27 Mesa Butte, Kananaskis Campground

~20 km West of Millarville along SH 549. Take Hwy 22 south of Calgary to Millarville. This equestrian campground has 15 sites and 32 covered tie stalls with easy access water & manure bin by stalls. No power. Bring 2-3 bags of shavings/horse and fork to clean stalls. Cost is \$33/night per site including 2 horses, \$7/night/additional horse. No reservations – that's why we're going Sunday. Contact: Lisa Harrison lisa_f@mailcan.com or 780-237-7587



Sept 1-4 Long Weekend Camping at Drayton Valley Riverside Trails

Come ride along the Pembina River. No shoes required. Great training area with bridges and river crossing. Trail loops vary from 2 hours to 8 hour loops. Camping at a first come basis. Some sites have tie stalls, box stalls or hitching rails. Contact Cindy at 587-986-1535 or chanas@finning.com



Classifieds

For these items, contact Cindy at 780-962-2690 or chanas@finning.com to bring to a meeting or ride.

Ad Rates	#	Classified	1/4 Page	1/2 Page
Member	1	\$5	\$15	\$30
Member	3	\$12	\$34	\$63
Non-Member	1	\$10	\$20	\$40
Non-Member	3	\$24	\$45	\$84

ATRA Coffee Mug \$15

ATRA Tush Cushions \$10

ATRA Trailer Decal \$10-30

ATRA Jacket \$65



FOR SALE: 2006 FDS93 10.5' Adventurer Camper, loaded with slide out, bought in 2007, one owner, all electric starts, gas/elec fridge, furnace, outside and inside showers, fridge with separate freezer compartment, 3 burner stove with oven, electric jacks, asking \$23000 for camper. Will sell truck as well or separate, **2006 GMC 2500 Duramax diesel HD**, loaded, 320000km \$11000 Sharon 780-905-2060



Closing Out/Moving Farm Sale: Horse Sense Training and Petting Zoo, St Albert. Stalls, rubber mats, English and Western tack, show jump set, harness, carts, diesel truck, 3 horse trailer living quarters goose-neck trailer, 30' x 70' building on pony wall, horse shelters, chicken coop, storage sheds, tie stalls, picnic tables, sweeping machines, welder, barrels and water tanks, mounting ramp for wheelchairs, tools, chain link panels, round pen, 25' free standing panels with gate and much more. Horses for sale by private sale only. These are well trained, calm quiet lesson horses that go hunter/jumper, Dressage, western, drive, endurance race, work cattle. Please call to book a try out on sale horses 780-470-0414. Info/directions: www.horsesensezoo.com

Upcoming Events Calendar

<i>DATE</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>DETAILS</i>
<i>May 4/5</i>	<i>Lavern Schmidt Horsemanship/Trail Skills Clinic—Onoway</i>	<i>March news</i>
<i>May 6/7</i>	<i>Lavern Schmidt Horsemanship/Trail Skills Clinic—Onoway</i>	<i>March news</i>
<i>May 13</i>	<i>Donalda Poker Rally Ride—John 403-574-2197 or Roberta</i>	<i>403-741-7656</i>
<i>May 19-21</i>	<i>Horse Creek Ranch May Long Weekend ride</i>	<i>Page 4</i>
<i>May 27</i>	<i>Cancer Ride at Able Ranch (note date changed)</i>	<i>Page 3</i>
<i>June 3</i>	<i>Parade Readiness Clinic (note date changed)</i>	<i>Page 2</i>
<i>June 3</i>	<i>Brightwood Ranch Ride-a-thon, near Entwistle, AB</i>	<i>April news</i>
<i>June 14</i>	<i>Square Dance 3 week practice series start in Sherwood Park</i>	<i>Page 2</i>
<i>June 9-11</i>	<i>MSW ranch ride and campout (note date changed)</i>	<i>Page 5</i>
<i>July 15</i>	<i>Battle River ride for STARS—near Alliance/Castor, AB</i>	<i>April news</i>
<i>June 18-23</i>	<i>Hummingbird trail maintenance ride</i>	<i>Page 5</i>
<i>June 23-25</i>	<i>1 day Obstacle clinics at Courier Park</i>	<i>Page 2</i>
<i>July 16-21</i>	<i>Cadomin — East Drummond Creek Trail Relocation</i>	<i>Page 5</i>
<i>Jul 21</i>	<i>K Days - participate in parade</i>	
<i>July 20-28</i>	<i>Panther wilderness trail development ride (dates changed)</i>	<i>Page 6</i>
<i>Aug 5-13</i>	<i>Ya Ha Tinda Mountain Camping Trail Ride</i>	<i>Page 6</i>
<i>Aug 12</i>	<i>FOESA Poker Rally at Ya Ha - volunteers & riders needed</i>	
<i>Aug 20-27</i>	<i>Kananaskis Mesa Butte Mountain Camping Trail Ride</i>	<i>Page 6</i>
<i>Sept 1-4</i>	<i>Drayton Valley ride and campout</i>	<i>Page 6</i>

If you have an event we should know about, call Lisa @ 780 237-7587 or lisa_f@mailcan.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.