



ATRA ON THE TRAIL

September 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.

ATRA General Meeting

And Recap of Summer Events

September 19, 2019 at 7 pm...

Join us at Kirk United Church for an evening of socializing. Bring your adventures, photos and stories!



Next General Meeting - October 17

Bring a friend or fellow equestrian as a guest of ATRA & enjoy our October Special Guest Speaker and Social Night!

Be sure to come out to hear the latest information from **Alf Kolenosky of Strathcona County Agriculture and Transportation Services** present on the County's Emergency Response Strategy. As the Agriculture Supervisor Alf is responsible for the inspections team who responds to the provincial acts covering animal/plant disease and health, pest/weed act, and other acts that involve agriculture on the landscape.

He will also speak to the development of the Multi Use Facility and its link to rescue equipment. The Lamont Large Animal Emergency Response trailer will be available for viewing. Strathcona County is considering the purchase of an emergency trailer due to the County being a high travel corridor.

Alf has spent a lifetime with wildlife research and pest management, agricultural production, and currently raise horses and cattle.

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

Upcoming Events

Alberta Trail Riding Association & Cooking Lake Saddle Club's

17th ANNUAL STARS TRAIL RIDE

Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019 at Ministik Bird Sanctuary



Please join us to raise funds for **STARS** – a valuable service that some horseback riders may find necessary to use during their lifetime, especially in wilderness areas.

Bring your horse, pack a lunch, water/juice and experience a 3-4 hour autumn get-away on a guided trail ride through the beautiful **Ministik Bird Sanctuary**.

To ride: You may: **1)** make a donation directly to STARS **2)** buy one/more poker hands (\$10 each) and take a chance to win cash for drawing a winning hand **or 3)** choose a combination of both.

Riders may even bring in donations from friends or businesses (cheque made out to STARS with correct mailing address) and/or cash to play poker hands for them.

To donate if you can't ride: Donation forms will be available at the ride or may be downloaded www.atra.ca Receipts will be mailed for income tax purposes.

Meet: at 10 am to saddle, make your donation or register/draw your first cards. Ride out at 11 am. This walking trail ride is for **intermediate riders** and **trustworthy horses**. We ride through wilderness areas and could come in contact with cattle and wildlife (moose, deer, etc). Non CLSC / ATRA members will need to sign a waiver. No smoking or drinking alcohol on the trail. An outhouse is available at the staging area and at the lunch spot. **Directions:** **From Hwy 14**, go south on Rge Rd 215 (which becomes RR 220). At Twp Rd 504A, (about 3½ mi), look left for the staging area. Watch for signs-(STARS RIDE). **OR Going east on Hwy 625** (Nisku-Beaumont Rd.) / Twp Rd 504, cross Hwy 21, turn north on Rge Rd 221. After ¼ mi, turn east on Twp Rd 504A for 1 mile. Watch for signs-(STARS RIDE). For more information call Vicki @ (780) 922-2227 or vickilawrence@interbaun.com.



ATRA's Next Casino is Thursday Nov 21 and Friday Nov 22 at Century Casino on Fort Road.

Century is easy to get to, lots of parking above and underground, and they treat volunteers very well. And, yes the Thursday conflicts with our monthly guest speaker but we have to take the dates we get assigned.

Thank you to so many who have generously agreed to take on a shift. If you have participated in an ATRA subsidized clinic perhaps you can volunteer for one of the **3 shifts that are not yet filled:**

♦ Thursday - Nov 21 6:15 pm - 3:15 pm CASHIER

♦ Friday - Nov 22 6:15pm - 3:15 am CASHIER AND CHIP RUNNER

Please consider volunteering. The money raised benefits our club members and the entire equestrian community in many ways. Contact Shirley at smariem2018@gmail.com or 780-662-4747

Past Events

CLINICS:

Dustin Grams - 4 Week Series - Eight attended the clinic working on individual problems and important maneuvers such as the 'one-stop-rein'. The weather was not cooperative at times so riders had to use the inside arena as well as the outside one.

Laverne Schmidt - Eight of us attended the Trail skills & Obstacles clinic. Great two day clinic, camp trip and fun time putting us and our horses through the obstacles and ground work. Great food and hosts.



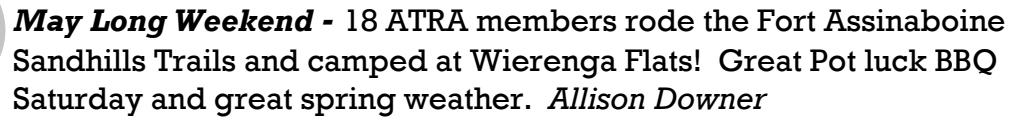
Greg Czech -Thorsby This horsemanship clinic brought on new & old members to better understand the communication with their horse. This 6 week course had one delay due to the air quality from smoke. But most were able to change their date and attend. Clinic was well received and everyone rode away with something new to take to the trail or at home. Happy Trails. *Cindy Hanas*



2020 Members of ATRA are welcome to submit clinic proposals for the 2020 clinic lineup. We have a form that outlines the information that is needed (clinician, location, budget). The Clinic Committee considers the ideas, the Finance Committee figures out the finances and the Board makes the final approval. Clinic proposals are needed by the middle of September and can be submitted to the clinic committee chair Laurie Gaboury lpgaboury@gmail.com

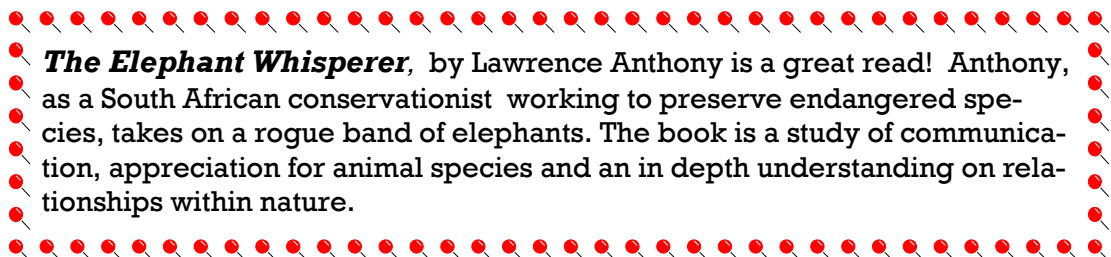
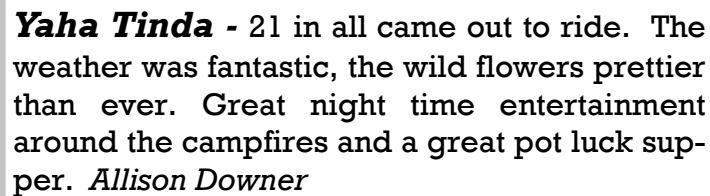


Allison Downer



A group of people are riding horses through a shallow river or lake. In the foreground, two riders on dark horses are wading through the water. Further back, several other riders and horses are visible, some partially submerged. The background features a grassy field and a prominent, layered rock formation or cliff under a clear blue sky. A white circular graphic element is visible on the left side of the image.

Lisa Harrison



Past Events: *Rides/Parades:*

Kananaskis - Bluerock - 17

ATRA riders in all! We had fabulous weather some great rides. Some new faces and some young ones on this trip...so nice to see. Great night time camp fires. The best ever Pot Luck Supper! Too many cheeky little Pack Rats though!



Drayton Valley - Sept long weekend at the Riverside Trails had 3 ATRA members and two others enjoy the fantastic trails on Saturday. We rode over 5 hours. With no rain for over a week, the trails were fairly dry. As expected a few wet spots. Drayton Valley has been spending our money well building new bridges. A few more are needed though. Sunday had a couple more ATRA members join us. Had a nice 4 hour ride. Join us next year. *Cindy Hanas*



2019 ATRA Parade Report - Our intrepid parade group had another successful season again. I didn't hold a parade readiness clinic this spring as we were away in Morocco. But, please feel free to inquire about our parades and let me know if you are interested in trying out to join our group. We attended the following parades: Leduc on Jun 1, Ardrossan on Jun 15, Sherwood Park on Jul 1 Canada Day and Edmonton K Days on Jul 19. Laurie & Grace Gaboury, Celina McElroy and Dave & Vicki Lawrence rode in all of the parades, Catherine Seale joined us for Sher Pk and K Days, and Allison & Pleman Downer only missed the Sher Pk parade. Paul Gaboury was there to assist in all of the parades. We only got rained on at the end of the Canada Day parade. Carolyn Wulf carried the ATRA banner down three parade routes, and we also had help from Catherine, Nicole and Jeremy (Downer and Gaboury relatives) for two parades. K Days had a parade theme of 'Music in Alberta'. While it is rather hard to decorate a horse, we decided to make cardboard guitars with an appropriate song title on each one to sling over our backs. A group of us met and after many hours of work we had 9 guitars made. Unfortunately for us, this year K Days decided not to judge the equestrian entries, so all of this work was only appreciated by parade viewers – who weren't quite sure why we were carrying guitars. Celina, Dave and I also rode over from our place to take part in the South Cooking Lake Trail Days parade on Aug 17. We also had photos posted in the Edmonton Journal for K Days and in the Sherwood Park News for the Ardrossan and Sherwood Park Parades. Our costumes and beautiful horses seem to catch the photographers' eyes. Our little group is doing its part to make ATRA well known. *Submitted by Vicki Lawrence, Parade Coordinator*

EVENTS CALENDAR: See details on website: www.atra.ca

<i>DATE</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>Details Contact</i>
Sept 19	ATRA General Meeting	
Sept 22	STARS Trail Ride at Ministik Bird Sanctuary	Vicki 780-922-2227
Oct 17	ATRA General Meeting - Al Kolenosky	
Oct 20	ATRA Trail Ride - location TBA	
Nov 21	ATRA General Meeting - Speaker TBA	
Nov 24	ATRA Trail Ride - location TBA	
Dec 7	ATRA Christmas Social	Cindy 587-986-1535

