



ATRA ON THE TRAIL

SUMMER 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.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

SEPT 19TH

WE RIDE TO
BE ONE WITH NATURE.
ESCAPE FROM THE WORLD.
RELIEVE STRESS AND FILL OUR SOUL.
DISCOVER **CONNECT**
NEW PLACES. WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.
LEARN, GROW AND FIND SOLITUDE.
EXPLORE. BE FREE.
WE RIDE BECAUSE THE BOND BETWEEN
HORSE AND HUMAN CANNOT BE EXPLAINED.
WE RIDE BECAUSE
WE LIVE. 

WHY DO YOU RIDE?™



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.....



COME RIDE WITH US AND HELP FIGHT CANCER!

Come ride with us on our **41st** Annual 'Trail Ride Against Cancer' to be held **Saturday, May 11th** 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 10th and camp overnight in Bruno Neuville's pasture. 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**. For your comfort, 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. For more information or to volunteer, contact Allison 780-910-4639 or downer387@gmail.com. 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 and come out to enjoy the day.** We hope to see you there. Don't forget to pack a lunch!

PLANNING A RIDE:

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 Aly aly.bat@hotmail.com or Allison downer387@gmail.com if you need an invite to the Facebook group. If anyone hears of any other Alberta trail rides of interest to members, please let Allison (downer387@gmail.com) know so she can include in a future newsletter or eblast

UPCOMING CLINICS LISTED ON

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REMINDER: Clinic participants in 2019 will be asked for their feedback by completing an evaluation form at the end of their clinic. This will provide the Board and Clinic Planning Committee with more details for next year.



CASINO

The dates for our next casino night

November 21 - 22

Century Casino Fort Road Edmonton

Overnight Camping Rides

MOUNTAIN TRIPS ARE LISTED ON BACK PAGE UNDER EVENTS CALENDAR

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.

*****NOTE: More information and reference articles on Trail Riding available on our website www.atra.ca**

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE TRAIL!!!!



Events Calendar: See details on website: www.atra.ca

<i>DATE</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>Details Contact</i>
<i>May 1,8 , 15</i>	<i>Greg Czech Clinic - Trail Ready Spring Sessions Ag Society Arena (Cardiff) 6-9pm - Clinic full but spectators welcome!</i>	<i>Sharon 472-6212</i>
<i>May 2, 9, 16, 30, Jun 6, 13</i>	<i>Greg Czech Clinic - Trail Ready Spring Sessions Thorsby Haymaker Arena 7-9pm - Clinic full but spectators welcome!</i>	<i>Cindy 587-986-1535</i>
<i>May 8. 15, 22, 29</i>	<i>Dustin Grams Clinic - Horsemanship, Obstacles, Barrel Racing, Flag & Buffalo work - Leduc country 1 - 3pm</i>	<i>Lisa 780-237-7587</i>
<i>May 11</i>	<i>Cancer Ride at Able Ranch, North of Bon Accord</i>	<i>Allison 780-910-4639</i>
<i>May 17-20</i>	<i>ATRA Fort Assiniboine Sandhills - Wierenga Flats</i>	<i>Allison 780-910-4639</i>
<i>May 25 - 26</i>	<i>Laverne Schmidt Two Day Trail Skills & Obstacles Clinic 9 - 4pm at Sun West Equine Services, Nr Onaway</i>	<i>Laurie 780-902-3379</i>
<i>Jun 14, 15, 16</i>	<i>Bob Klassen 1 Day Obstacle Course 9 - 4pm Courier Park Equine Centre, Wye Road</i>	<i>Doug 780-916-7474</i>
<i>Jun 23-Jul 1</i>	<i>Hummingbird Mountain Camping and Maintenance</i>	<i>Rita 780-720-4341</i>
<i>Jul 4-7</i>	<i>Writing-On-Stone, Milk River Camping Trip</i>	<i>Lisa 780-237-7587</i>
<i>Jul 7-13</i>	<i>Cypress Hills Camping Trip</i>	<i>Doug 780-916-7474</i>
<i>Aug 1-11</i>	<i>Yaha Tinda Mountain Camping Trip</i>	<i>Allison 780-910-4639</i>
<i>Aug 18-25</i>	<i>Kananaskis Mountain Camping Trip: Blue Rock</i>	<i>Lisa 780-237-7587</i>
<i>Aug 30-Sept 2</i>	<i>Drayton Valley Riverside Trails Camping Trip</i>	<i>Cindy 587-986-1535</i>
<i>Sept TBA</i>	<i>STARS Trail Ride at Ministik Bird Sanctuary</i>	<i>Vicki 780-922-2227</i>
<i>Sept 19</i>	<i>ATRA General Meeting</i>	

*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.*