



# ATRA ON THE TRAIL

## April 2018 Newsletter

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

### 2018 Club Executive

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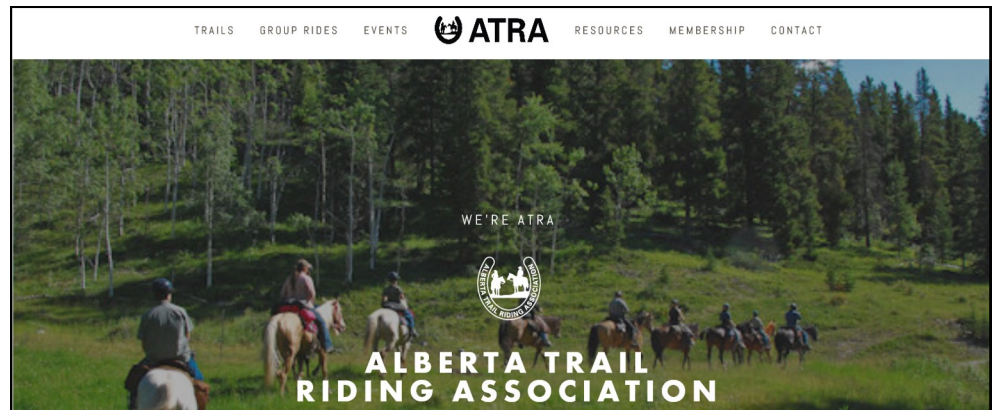
ATRA is a non-profit family oriented organization that encompasses a variety of equestrian activities that promote safe horsemanship, ongoing education and responsible use, maintenance and development of trails.

### General Meeting Thursday 7pm April 19 Dugald Dunlop will tell us Why, How and Where we can use our GPS.

*After spending 10 years in the mineral exploration industry Dugald has spent the last 24 years applying his training and experience to computer mapping in a broad range of Recreational, Tourism, Forestry, Fish & Wildlife and Natural Resource based applications. He has been using GPS since 1994 and is Resource Inventory Committee certified as a GPS Data Processor/Project Manager. He is currently a partner in the Vernon and Nanaimo B.C. based mapping company Meridian Mapping. They offer services in GPS Training, GPS Surveys, Terrain Mapping/Modeling, GIS Projects and Data Mgmt.*



### The ATRA Website has a new look! [www.atra.ca](http://www.atra.ca)



**ATRA meets at 7pm the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.atra.ca)**

**Membership for the calendar year is \$20 single, \$35 family.**

**Riding members must have current ATRA and AEF memberships.**

## Overnight Camping Rides 2018

Trips are listed on back page with a contact name/number. Information is now on our website.

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 horses have 4 shoes prior to coming to mountains, as there is lots of rock. 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 most 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 beside your trailer. No electric fences or grazing.

**Bring for your Horse:** saddle, cinches, saddle bags, breastplate, crouper, saddle pads, grooming & first aid supplies, halter (with name/number on it) & long lead shanks, high line rope, rain sheet/blanket, feed tub, water bucket, horse fly spray, manure tubs/fork/shovel, spare easy boot

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

## Olds College Night of Distinction

ATRA has since the inception of our casino fund raising project made a donation to the Olds College to assist a farrier student in his or her studies. I was told by Farrier student Courtney Collette the other day "that the \$1000 bursary has been of tremendous assistance in getting her set up with good quality tools for her trade". An ATRA representative was specially asked to attend the Night of Distinction this year because we were to be formally recognized. Carl and Shirley went to attend and were very surprised to receive a plaque of recognition for a milestone of \$10000 in donations. What made the evening even more special was being seated by Collette Carlisle who received the funding this year and to discuss her farrier career plans. She says she has secured an apprenticeship with a farrier at Spruce Meadows to continue her interest in the show jumping world.



## Clinics

Clinics are listed on back page with a contact name/number. Info/form is now on our website. We have a few spots left in some of the 4 week Horsemanship Spring Tune Up lesson series. More info is on the website. Contact Cindy to find out if space left and to register for all clinics.

**LEDUC/BEAUMONT**—with **Dustin Grams** at his arena. **23524B Hwy 623, Leduc County.** **Wednesdays 1-3 or 7-9pm (2 groups), May 2, 9, 16 & 23.** Lisa 780-237-7587

**MORINVILLE** — with **Greg Czech** 6-9pm **Tuesday April 24 and Wednesdays May 2, 9 & 16** at Sturgeon Agriplex, 25021-Twp Rd 554 (South of Morinville at Cardiff) Sharon 780-472-6212

**CALMAR** — with **Greg Czech** 7-9pm **Wednesdays April 4,11,18,25** at Raindancer Equestrian 26353 - TWP 494 —from Hwy 60/Hwy 39 head south 1 mile, then east. Cindy 587-986-1535

**2019 Clinic Planning:** the clinic committee is looking for ideas from our members. If you have a clinic suggestion/name/topic/location etc please let us know. We will e-mail a clinic planning document for you to provide as many details as you can. It is our hope that if you have a clinic idea you will help with the planning. After the clinic committee considers the proposal it will go to the finance committee to figure out funding. Then the Board will ratify the 2019 clinic plan for the year. We welcome your input. Thanks, Marjorie Phillips 2017/18 Committee Chair.

## Classifieds

For these items, contact Cindy at 780-962-2690 or [dich@telus.net](mailto:dich@telus.net) to bring to a meeting or ride.

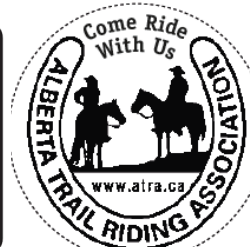
Ad Rates	#	Classified	1/4 Page	1/2 Page
Member	1	\$5	\$15	\$30
Member	3	\$12	\$34	\$63
Non-Member	1	\$10	\$20	\$40
Non-Member	3	\$24	\$45	\$84

**ATRA Coffee Mug \$15**

**ATRA Tush Cushions \$10**

**ATRA Trailer Decal \$10-30**

**ATRA Jacket \$65**



ATRA has some **printer ink** available for a Hewlett Packard copier of these numbers: 200z, 251dw, 276dw, 8100, 8110, 8600, 8610, 8615, 8620, 8625, 8700. The ink number is 950xl - black-2, and 951xl - colour - 3. We had to replace our printer and have these left over. Please contact Shirley 780-662-4747, [shimcf@mcsnet.ca](mailto:shimcf@mcsnet.ca) Value \$150, selling all for \$50. First come first served.

### **Carl's CLEANING OUT GARAGE Tools, etc. SALE SALE SALE**

Fence Stretcher - \$10, Fencing Tools & Tightner - \$30, Fence Staples & Bale Hook - \$20, Large Wrenches & Hammers - \$30, Socket Set - \$10, Air Stapler - \$20, Snowmobile Helmets - \$10 each, Hand Saw Vise - \$5, Wet Stone - \$20, Drill with Guide - \$10, Work Wheels (2) - \$20 each, Horse Blankets (2) - \$50 each, Fly / Sun Sheet - \$40, 1/4" Letter & Number Punch Set w mallet - \$20, plus all kinds of other things. Stop by in Tofield (662-4747) anytime – or -- **LAST CHANCE GARAGE SALE** April 14 prior to the Tofield BULL BASH (tickets required)



## Upcoming Events Calendar: See details on website: [www.atra.ca](http://www.atra.ca)

Contact Names/Numbers for events below are provided for those without website access.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Mountain Readiness Clinic at the Breitzkreuz's</b>	Lisa 780-237-7587
<b>April 19</b>	<b>ATRA General Meeting: GPS: Why, How and Where to Use</b>	
<b>April 20-22</b>	<b>GPS/Mapping Clinics</b>	Doug 780-916-7474
<b>April 27-29</b>	<b>Mane Event in Red Deer: ATRA booth in trade fair</b>	Maggie 780-464-0986
<b>May 5</b>	<b>Parade Readiness Clinic at the Lawrence's</b>	Vicki 780-922-2227
<b>May 12</b>	<b>40th Cancer Ride at Able Ranch, north of Bon Accord</b> <i>Pledge forms and details are available on website and at April general meeting!</i>	Allison 780-910-4639
<b>May 18-21</b>	<b>ATRA Fort Assiniboine Sandhills (Wierenga Pastures)</b>	Allison 780-910-4639
<b>June 12/13</b>	<b>Wilderness Survival Clinic with Bruce Zalwalsky</b>	Doug 780-916-7474
<b>June 8-10</b>	<b>MSW Farms Camping and Trail Ride—near Ponoka</b>	Sheila 780-686-2534
<b>June 22-24</b>	<b>Scott Phillips Obstacles &amp; Mountain Readiness</b>	Marjorie 780-919-6035
<b>Jun 25-Jul 2</b>	<b>Hummingbird Mountain Camping &amp; Maintenance</b>	Candace 780-990-4076
<b>July 16-21</b>	<b>Cadomin Drummond Creek Trail Maintenance</b>	Ken Zelt 780-922-3222
<b>July 22-29</b>	<b>Cypress Hills Camping Trip</b>	Lisa 780-237-7587
<b>Aug 3-12</b>	<b>Yaha Tinda Mountain Camping Trip</b>	Allison 780-910-4639
<b>Aug 19-26</b>	<b>Kananaskis Mountain Camping Trip: Little Elbow</b>	Lisa 780-237-7587
<b>Aug 30-Sep 3</b>	<b>Drayton Valley Riverside Trails Camping Trip</b>	Cindy 587-986-1535
<b>Sept 7-14</b>	<b>Panther Pack Trip and Trail Re-development Ride</b>	Doug 780-916-7474
<b>Sept 23</b>	<b>STARS Trail Ride at Ministik Bird Sanctuary</b>	Vicki 780-922-2227
<b>Sept 28-30</b>	<b>Riverwood Ranch Cattle Drive/Trail Rides, Evansburg</b>	Sheila 780-686-2534
<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Biomechanics, Anatomy, Saddle Fit &amp; Stretching</b>	Marjorie 780-919-6035

If you have an event we should know about, call Lisa @ 780 237-7587 or [lisa\\_f@mailcan.com](mailto: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](http://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.