

BITS O' NEWS

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Straight from the Horse's Mouth

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Welcome to another issue of the Alta Loma Riding Club's Newsletter. You may notice quite a change in our format. Unfortunately, our Editor, Alice Waters, due to a very busy schedule, was not able to continue with the newsletter. We are all very sorry to see her leave, although she will still be an active member. Constant praise was heard for her efforts in bringing information, news and color to our equestrian community. She will be sorely missed.

In the meantime we are looking for a replacement editor for "Bits O'News." If you feel you would like to take over the helm or if you know someone who would like to, let us know! Contact any of the Board members.

Preserving our rural equestrian life style is a ALRC goal in Rancho Cucamonga. The Alta Loma Riding Club is dedicated to serving our community by providing a valuable service. Our membership is growing at a steady pace. With this growth, we have been able to accomplish more, and have a larger impact upon our community. We maintain communication with the local city counsel and city planners to assure the trails and horse facilities we enjoy stay intact and maintained. We welcome you with open arms. It is not necessary to own a horse! Membership includes the following: Subscription to our monthly newsletter, shows and play days, local guided trail rides, trailer out rides, quarterly membership meetings held at Heritage Park, participation in Founders Day Parade, special events and clinics, great networking and camaraderie with local horse enthusiasts. Be part of supporting and promoting the equestrian lifestyle in our community. Participate in training with our Emergency Rescue Team and many of our events and meetings that take place at the beautiful local equestrian facility Heritage Community park.

ALRC Show Up to NEASP Community Workshop

Over 175 Rancho Cucamonga neighbors attended the city meeting of the *North Eastern Sphere Annexation* proposal on April 19 at the Central Park Community Center. The room was packed with concerned citizens as they attended the 4th workshop on the annexation proposal. Many Alta Loma Riding Club members showed up on their horses demonstrating their support for maintaining the equestrian lifestyle that makes our community so unique and desirable. KNBC News covered the meeting and showed our horses assembled in Central Park. President Joe Cowan spoke on the history and heritage of Rancho Cucamonga's equestrian community to TV viewers. An article also appeared in the Press Telegram newspaper relating our support for equestrian trails, equestrian centers, and large equestrian home sites.



Members of the community supported the Club's position on the annexation by overwhelmingly agreeing that open space be allowed in the area. Of the 22 tables represented 90% urged that open space be allowed to continue in the proposed area. Overwhelmingly, those in attendance, if housing was necessary, wanted large estates of at least 1 acre to ½ acre only. Again by 90%, the citizens wanted no commercial to be allowed in the proposal. Over 50% of those in attendance wanted an Equestrian Park established in the area. Most of the tables presenting said that they wanted no amenities listed except for an equestrian center.

It was clear that everyone present was in agreement to maintain the equestrian overlay as adopted by the city years ago. The message was loud and clear.

Thanks to all of you who came out and let our voice be heard! Thanks to our horses as well.





Equine STARS!

Last month I told you about an Arabian horse that became a star when Rudolph Valentino rode him in one of his movies. This time I want to tell you about a beautiful horse named Golden Cloud that made his debut in “The Adventures of Robin Hood” as Olivia de Havilland's faithful steed. He was a beautiful golden color and soon caught the eye of a gentleman by the name of Leonard Franklyn Slye. While auditioning horses for his coming movie, he settled on Golden Cloud because he knew that he had found a real STAR. Of course for those of you who already figured it out, this team of man and equine became the most famous cowboy and horse on TV and in the movies. Roy Rogers and Trigger went on to make 86 feature films and a hundred television shows together.

The following is an excerpt from “*The Cowboy and the Senorita*”, Authors Howard Kazanjian and Chris Enss forward by Dusty Rogers “Billed as the “Smartest Horse in the Movies,” Trigger could perform numerous tricks for the camera with no problem. He could count up twenty-five by stomping his foot, do simple subtraction and multiplication problems, drink milk from a bottle, and cover himself with a blanket. Roy and another trainer taught the horse self restraint so he could enter hotel lobbies and hospitals to visit fans and patients. Trigger occasionally upstaged Roy during personal appearances, yawning or breaking into a dance step at the very moment Roy was talking or singing. Roy would often joke about “the ham in the horse.” Trigger was so popular he often lost tail hairs to over-zealous fans pulling hairs from his tail. He often had to wear a tail “toupee” while the hair grew back.”

The following is an excerpt from Joel Dortch, "Dutch". "*Trigger: "The Smartest Horse in the Movies"*". Roy Rogers Estate.

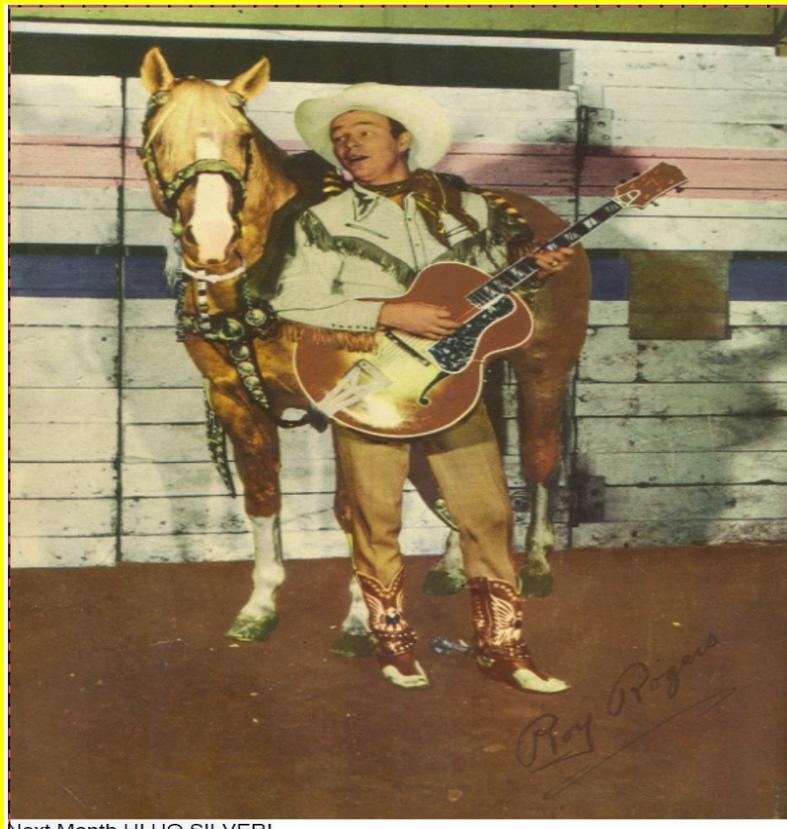
“Trigger was born in San Diego, California. Though often mistaken for a Tennessee Walking Horse, his sire was a Thoroughbred and his dam a [grade](#) (unregistered) mare who, like Trigger, was a [palomino](#). Movie director William Witney, who directed Roy and Trigger in many of their movies, claimed a slightly different lineage, that his [sire](#) was a "registered" Palomino [stallion](#), though no known Palomino registry existed at the time of Trigger's birth, and his dam was by a [Thoroughbred](#) and out of a "[cold-blood](#)" mare. (Witney, William. "*Trigger Remembered*") Horses other than Golden Cloud also portrayed "Trigger" over the years, none of which was related to Golden Cloud, the two most prominent of which were palominos known as "Little Trigger" and "Trigger Jr." (who was a Tennessee Walking Horse listed as "Allen's Gold Zephyr" in the Tennessee Walking Horse Registry). (More Than One Trigger?". RoyRogersWorld.com.) Though Trigger remained a [stallion](#) his entire life, he was never bred and has no descendants. On the other hand, Roy Rogers used "Trigger Jr."/"Allen's Golden Zephyr" at stud for many years, and the horse named "Triggerson" that actor [Val Kilmer](#) was led on stage as a tribute to Rogers — and his cowboy peers during the Academy Awards Show in March 1999.

ALRC POKER RIDE

Join us for a fun Poker Ride on May 6. Meet at Heritage Equestrian Center. Ride is from 3:30 to 5:00
\$20.00 buy in for a poker hand, \$5.00 for each additional card. All may play, you don't have to ride to participate in the Poker Hand. 1/2 of the winnings go to the best hand! Then join us for the General Meeting and BBQ. Join us for fun afternoon and delicious BBQ!



EQUINE STARS



Next Month HI HO SILVER!

MEMBERSHIP

Unbelievably, it's MAY already!

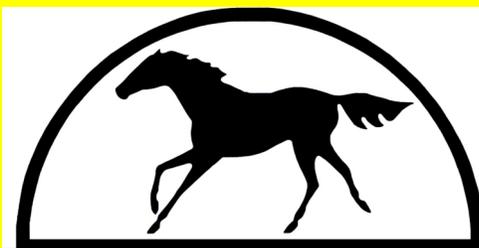
The Membership renewal forms for all of you will be coming out the beginning of JUNE and we sure do hope you all renew and even talk to your neighbors and friends that belonging to The Alta Loma Riding Club is not only for horse owners, it's for anyone who loves our rural living! We had such a wonderful display of supporters at the Community Annexations Meeting on April 19 of people who just love to see the horses in their neighborhood.

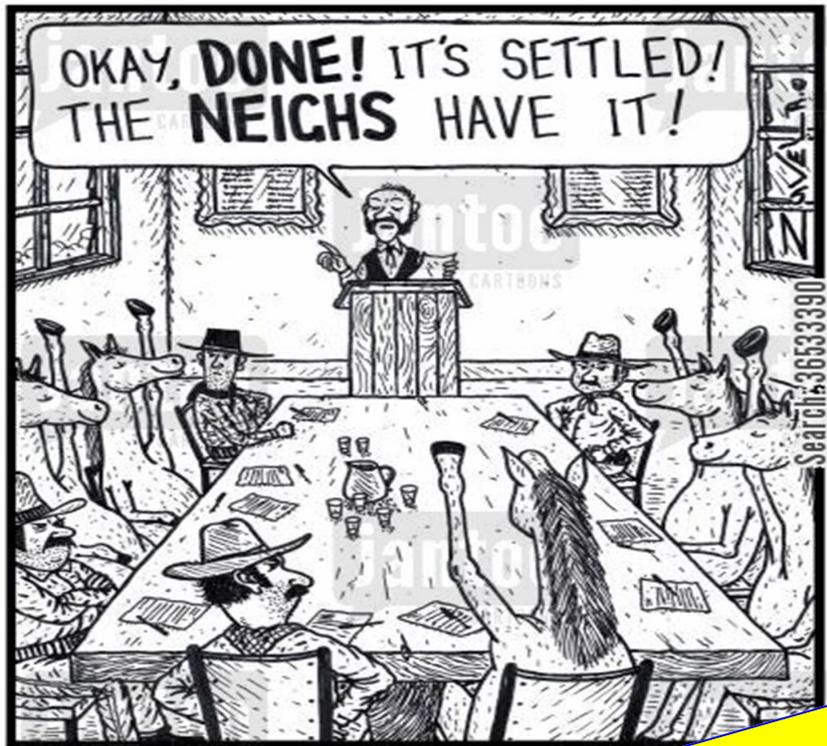
Once again it's time for Board Elections and we really really, really need people to step up to spend some time on the ALRC Board. Please remember that without the Alta Loma Riding Club we would lose a lot of our large animal rights. There are many other special interests in the city would that become more verbal and our wonderful way of life could be endangered.

Most of the current Board members have been serving for a very long time. WE NEED HELP! The club cannot continue with the same people year after year after year. We need others to step up and make their voices be heard.

So, Please consider contacting any of us on the board and let us know if you can spare a little time each month to keep the club healthy and active. Remember, we only can do so much and need new ideas and energy.

Happy riding!! Ali Smilgis – Membership Chairman





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UP COMING

EVENTS



SUNDAY, MAY 6

POKER RIDE, 3:30—5:00—General Meeting & BBQ 5:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 8, ALRC Board Meeting 7:00PM

MONDAY, May 28, Memorial Day Ride

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, Heritage Park Equestrian, Clean-Up Day 9:00 a.m

CLEAN-UP DAY SET FOR JUNE 9th

ALRC is having another cleanup day, Saturday at Heritage Park on June 9 at 9:00 a.m. We really need as many volunteers as we can get to work for an hour or so to clean up the equestrian center. Please come and work as long as you can by raking, weeding, sweeping, digging to bring the center up to par. Bring rakes and/or shovels, gloves and join in the fun of everyone working together. Water will be provided and some fresh donuts and coffee. Any questions, call Joe, Larry or Cassie. Just a reminder, the Riding Club is responsible for the maintaining the Equestrian Center at Heritage Park. It is us to us!



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