



January 2022 Newsletter

The following comments are from the Valley Trail Riders - Rhoda Fox.

2021 was a great year for this club. We did have several very successful ride/meeting events this summer and I want to give a shout out to the event coordinators who sponsored them.

Due to the Omicron variant, we canceled the January meeting. But starting in February we will be conducting the meetings the old fashion way, in person at the Lockwood CookHouse

UPCOMING EVENTS this month:

- **Club Meeting:** February 11th, Lockwood Cook house – 6:30 pm
 - Lockwood Park & Trailside Equestrian Centre
5201 Safford Rd, Rockford, IL 61101
 - The Cook house entrance is located west of the main entrance on the north side of Stafford Road

CLUB NEWS:

- February 14th Valentines Day
- April 17th: Easter
- April 22nd – 24th: Midwest Horse Fair.

Following Club meeting dates are **tentative** and will be set at the February meeting.

- January 14th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders Club Meeting, Lockwood Cookhouse (**Canceled**)
- February 11th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders Club Meeting, Lockwood Cookhouse
- March 11th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders Club Meeting, Lockwood Cookhouse
- April 8th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders Club Meeting, Lockwood Cookhouse
- May 13th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders Club Meeting, Lockwood Cookhouse
- Sep 9th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders Club Meeting, Lockwood Cookhouse
- Oct 14th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders Club Meeting, Lockwood Cookhouse
- Nov 11th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders Club Meeting, Lockwood Cookhouse

Charities and fundraisers. Ideas for additional charities and fundraisers were discussed in the November meeting. Please bring ideas to the February meeting. The following ideas were presented, additional ideas are welcome.

Rose Shedd is collecting for ShoeBox for Solders. She will have a list of items she will be collecting starting in January

- Diane Feuillerat: the “Governor Dodge State Park” in WI is running a fundraiser- she will have more information at the January meeting
- Rhoda Fox: The “Build a Barn” campaign to raise funds for a horse barn on the Ogle County Fairgrounds.
- Seward Bluffs – Campground improvements.

Not too early to be thinking about hosting a ride – The Ride Committee will form at the January meeting.

Miscellaneous info:

- **VTR Facebook Page** Search for “Valley Trail Riders” on Facebook. if you have updates or information to be posted email Kurtis at KurtisLong@hotmail.com.
- **VTR Facebook private Group Page** - “Valley Trail Riders (VTR)” on Facebook. If you have questions, contact Rhoda (rsfbluethunder@yahoo.com) (815) 520 -3308.
- **Valley Trail Rider Apparel:** Contact Rose Shedd (815-979-5998).
- **Dues:** Check payable to VTR and mail to Carolyn Moehring, 3881 Page Rd, Rockford, 61101
Single: \$15.00 Family \$20.00