



April/May 2022 Newsletter

Message from the President:

CLUB NEWS:

- We send our thoughts and prayers to:
 - the Kraus family. Heather's mother passed away in March.
 - Jackie Gruzinsky-Grano. For the loss of her equine companion at the beginning of March.
- **Club Meeting:** May 14th, Rock Cut Equestrian Park - Hart Rd, Loves Park, IL – After Rhonda Stewart's pot luck dinner, the Valley Trail Riders will have their club meeting. If Rhonda's ride is cancelled for any reason, the meeting will still be held at 6pm at the park.
- **Club Dues**
 - Check payable to VTR and mail to Carolyn Moehring, 3881 Page Rd, Rockford, 61101
 - Single: \$15.00 Family \$20.00
- Club approved plans for a website. Terry Busby is spear heading this development. We look forward to future updates.
- If you have not done so – consider joining our private group on Facebook, where members can post on rides and other events. Details are in the **Miscellaneous Info** section of this newsletter. If you have requested to join and are waiting on approval, please contact Rhoda Fox (either on messenger or call 815-520-3308)
- If you are going out for a day ride and would like other members to know about it, in addition to call/texting, feel free to post on our private Facebook page or use the email list from this newsletter (if you receive this newsletter by email). If you don't know a phone number or email contact one of the executive officers, we will provide the information.
- **May meeting** will include;
 - **Ride schedule:** Trail riding and camping is just around the corner and we are looking for hosts for events this year. Hosting is fun and easy, just pick a weekend and plan a simple meal or Potluck and a ride time. Don't be shy, the more events the better. If you need help, contact one of the executive officers and we would be happy to guide you.
 - **Projects:** We are looking for a community project(s) and/or organization(s) that would benefit from a monetary donation from our club (preferably horse related). Please come with ideas or suggestions.

Calendar:

- May 13-15 - Ronda Stewart is camping at Rock Cut Equestrian Park and planning a potluck dinner on Saturday May 14th at approximately 5:30pm. Theme "Nueve Dias Desupes Cinco De Mayo". Anyone is welcome to attend and ride throughout the day. Please mark your calendars, click going on the Facebook event page, or call Ronda (608)-752-8946 if you plan on coming. It helps if everyone knows how much food to prepare or bring.
- May 14th (Saturday) Valley Trail Riders meeting, at Rock Cut Park following Ronda's dinner or at 6pm if Ronda's dinner is canceled (Bring your own drinks and chairs).
- Sep 9th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders meeting, Lockwood Cookhouse
- Oct 14th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders meeting, Lockwood Cookhouse
- Nov 11th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders meeting, Lockwood Cookhouse

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 Riders Apparel:** Contact Rose Shedd (815-979-5998).
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