



July-Aug 2022 Newsletter

CLUB NEWS:

- **Valley Trail Riders Workday at Rock Cut State Park**

The park looks great. No more leaning polls or mud holes under the tie lines. Wonderful job. If you have not been in the Equine area since the workday take a minute and drive through and admire all our hard work.

- I want to thank **all** the club members and their spouses who participated in this project.
 - **THANK YOU to everyone!!!! What a great group of people.**
- A special thanks to **John Beuchaine** for spear heading the project and working with the park to enable this workday to happen. Your planning and coordination (while working long days at your real job) are much appreciated. **THANK YOU!!!**
- In addition, thank you to: John and Cindy Beuchaine; Jeff and Lori Edwards; Mike and Sharon Vonderheide; Rosemarie Farmer; Kurt Longenecker; and Ronda Stewart; for coordinating the equipment, workers, and refreshments to make the event happen. With the great turnout, the work was completed quickly and a hot a day, "earlier was better". Once the work was complete, the lunch, refreshments and camaraderie were enjoyed by all.
- Also, a thanks to the community support we received: Thank you Sue and Terry Raupp for donating the polls and to Northern Illinois Service Company for the Ag-lime.

- **Club Website**

Terry Busby has started the creation of official website for the club. I want to give him a big THANK YOU!!!!

The website address is :**WWW.Valleytrailriders.club**

To access members-only side of the site i.e. post, Blog, for sale, club newsletter ...) of the website you will have to join on the website. On the main page use the use Join button and provide the the following.

- Click on the join button.
- Fill out the form
- Click the Submit button

Terry will approve your access once he verifies your membership. This will give you access to the members only side. The site is still under construction.

You can review the website without logging in but will not have access to the members only content.

Terry is looking for the following information from club members:

- **Blog content:** The blog post can cover anything that relates to trail riding. Here are a few topics: Your breed of horse/Mule and why you like it for trail riding, you trailer, truck, tack, your favorite locations. Brag about our club and the cool thing we do and the friend you have meet
 - Terry has added a Blog post on our web site about horse bits. If you ever wanted to know more about bits and the different types check it out. You can access the blog post from our main page.
- **For sale Items:** Send pictures and what you would like to say in your ad to forsale@valleytrailriders.club and Terry will get it posted.
- **Reviews:** Trails and camping areas.
- **Referrals:** Send in your business information and any other information that would be useful to others such as referrals for Vet, hay, fee, etc...

Please go to our web site at www.valleytrailriders.club and see how your adds, reviews, referrals will be displayed.

To contact Terry, Please go to the website and click on "Support". Then you can email support@valleytrailriders.club.

- The club voted at the May meeting to revisit the current members list for the **Valley Trail Riders (VTR)** Facebook group and remove non-club members (i.e: have not paid dues for 2022). If you have paid and find that you do not have access, please contact Ronda Stewart either on messenger or call (608)-752-8946). If you have not done so – consider joining our private group on Facebook, **Valley Trail Riders (VTR)**, where members can post on rides and other events. If you have requested to join and are waiting on approval, please contact Ronda.
- The club voted at the May meeting to change the dues structure. The prices will remain the same for dues paid before January 31st (Single: \$15.00 Family \$20.00). After that there will be an additional \$5.00 late fee for retuning members.
- **Aug 27-28th** (Saturday/Sunday) Rock Cut Ride Camping ride, See calendar below for details.
- **Club Meeting:** September 9th (Friday), 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
- **Camping/Day rides** 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. Soon will be able to post on the website 😊

Calendar:

- **Aug 27-28th (Saturday/Sunday) Rock Cut Ride Camping ride –**
 - Hosts: Donna Meyer and Donna Howland
 - Rock Cut Equestrian Trail: 5475-5553 Hart Rd Loves Park, IL 61111
 - More details to come shortly.
- **Sep 9th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders meeting**, 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
- **Sep 16 – 18 (Friday – Sunday) Camping with Pie Irons at Lena**
 - Host: Ronda Stewart either on messenger or call (608)-752-8946
 - Lake Le Aqua Na - Dunloggin Road Lena IL
 - Camping with our pie irons in Lena (since they have no electricity). All meals made daily with pie irons breakfast, lunch and dinner. Please bring your pie irons or things you want to cook out with. Daily ride outs at 10 am.
- **Oct 14th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders meeting**, 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
 - Nominate Club officers and board of directors
- **Oct 21 – 23 (Friday – Sunday) Flannel Shirt Ride**
 - Host: Donna Meyer and VTR members
 - Rock Cut Equestrian Trail: 5475-5553 Hart Rd Loves Park, IL 61111
 - Let's Make It a Fun Weekend
Cool enough to wear your flannel and enjoy the campfire.
Ride out in Like groups and sport your flannel shirts. I'll try to get a few pictures.
Dinner around 5pm
Bring your favorite dish-to-share and own meat. I'll fire up the charcoal grill. (cook your own meat). We'll have campfires to share your summer fun stories, camping, rides or trips.
Hope to see you there.
- **Nov 11th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders meeting**, Lockwood Cook house – 6:30 pm
 - Lockwood Park & Trailside Equestrian Centre
5201 ford Rd, Rockford, IL 61101
 - The Cook house entrance is located west of the main entrance on the north side of Stafford Road
 - Elect Club officers and board of directors

Miscellaneous info:

- **Valley Trail Riders 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