



February/March 2022 Newsletter

Message from the President:

Our thoughts and prayers go to any club members who have friends/family impacted by Ukraine events unfolding in our world.

Well, here we are about 2 years after the Corona virus shutdown the United States and the world. As I think back to the newsletter, I wrote April 2020, in the mist of the start of the shutdown and how unsure we were on the coming riding season. Now fast forward, to this letter, I am looking forward to the start of our riding season with most of the country lowering restrictions/even dropping some. What a **Wonderful!** change!!!!

Other than having to cancel our club meetings, the club activities have not been as heavily impacted by the restrictions as other clubs or organizations. I really want to complement last year's ride for providing us with fun camping and dinner events.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!!!

This brings me to the point of this message (happily). The "Bring your mask" statement will no longer be included at the beginning of our club's Calendar of Events section. What a happy day!!

I look forward to seeing you at an event or two this summer.

Rhoda Fox

VTR President

CLUB NEWS:

- **Club Meeting:** March 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 Dues**
Check payable to VTR and mail to Carolyn Moehring, 3881 Page Rd, Rockford, 61101
Single: \$15.00 Family \$20.00

- If you have not done so – consider joining our private group on facebook. There 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)
- The March meeting will include discussing this year’s Club ride/event schedule.
 - From the Ride Committee:
 - 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 or Kurtis and we would be happy to guide you. We already have some events planned. **See club calendar for scheduled rides.**
 - If you are going out for a day ride and would like other members know about it, in addition to call/texting, feel free to post on our private Facebook page or using 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.

Calendar:

- March 11th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders Club Meeting, Lockwood Cookhouse
- April 17th: Easter
- April 22nd – 24th: Midwest Horse Fair.
- April 8th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders Club Meeting, Lockwood Cookhouse
- May 13th (Friday) Valley Trail Riders Club Meeting, at Rock Cut Park following the Dinner (Bring your own Drinks, chairs).
 - If the ride is canceled, meeting will be held at the Lockwood Cookhouse
- May 13-15 - Nueve Dias Desupes Cinco De Mayo Ride at Rock Cut Ride - Host: Ronda Stewart Rock Cut State Park Equestrian Campground (on Hart Road). Mexican Theme potluck on Saturday night May 14, 2022 dinner approximately 5:30 pm. Riding throughout the days for folks camping. Please mark your calendars, click going on the facebook event page, or call Ronda (608)-752-8946 if you plan on coming to this event, it helps if everyone knows how much food to prepare or bring. We may have some sort of sign up sheet about a week or two before event for food.
- 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

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).
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