



## November 2022 Newsletter

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### CLUB NEWS:

**Club Rides:** Fun weekends with Valley trail riders!! **Oct 21 – 23 was our Flannel Shirt Ride & Oct 29 – 30 was our Halloween & Chili Dump Ride** Donna and Donna did such a nice job hosting our fall events!! There were many in attendance that enjoyed great riding, delicious potlucks, and end of the day campfires.

Our President Rhoda Fox has resigned, due to not being able to fulfill her duties for the remainder of the year due to work. Rhoda was a dedicated officer to the club who demonstrated great leadership. We thank her for her years of service to the club as President.

Barry & Kerry Fagerstrom have donated two telephone poles for improvements at Seward Bluffs Equestrian Park. If anyone is able to help in getting them cut and hauled to the park it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact our liaison Debbi Hamilton.

If you have not done so yet, please go on our website and create your member log in. We plan to relay most of our club information and news through the website. When you are approved, you will also be set up with your own club email address that links to your personal address. This is so we can send group emails and members can communicate with each other without giving out their personal information.

If you are interested in having some events over the winter, like hosting a game night or any other fun event please bring your ideas to the meeting. Winters get long and it's fun to get together!!

We will be discussing and voting on meeting day and times for the coming year at the November meeting. It was suggested at the last meeting to move it from Friday nights.

**Club Website Manager – Terry Busby** --To contact Terry, please go to the website and click on support or email **support@valleytrailriders.club**.

The website address is: [www.Valleytrailriders.club](http://www.Valleytrailriders.club)

To access members-only side of the website which includes, Member posts, Blog articles, items for sale, club newsletter, meeting minutes, etc...

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

Terry will approve your access to the Members Only section once he verifies your 2022 membership.

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 idea topics: Your breed of horse/Mule and why you like it for trail riding; what kind of rig you drive and why you like it for hauling and camping; kinds of tack you use; your favorite riding locations etc...You can also brag about our club and the cool things we do and the friends you have meet through riding horses and attending Valley Trail Rider events.
- **For sale Items:** Send pictures and what you would like to say in your ad to [forsale@valleytrailriders.club](mailto: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 information about Vets, hay, feed, etc...

Please go to our web site at [www.valleytrailriders.club](http://www.valleytrailriders.club) and see how your ads, reviews, referrals will be displayed.

**Valley Trail Riders (VTR)** Private Facebook group-- please contact Ronda Stewart either on messenger or call (608)-752-8946) if you have any questions or concerns. If you have not done so – consider joining our private group on Facebook, **Valley Trail Riders (VTR)**, where members only can post on rides and other events. If you have requested to join and are waiting on approval, please contact Ronda.

#### **Miscellaneous info:**

- **Valley Trail Riders Apparel:** You can purchase hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc...by contacting Rose Shedd at 815-979-5998 Rose also does bring items to our club meetings ☺

The club dues will remain the same amount as last year for dues paid before January 31. Single \$15.00 Family \$20.00 --After that date, there will be an additional \$5.00 late fee for returning members.

**Please make** checks payable to Valley Trail Riders and mail to:  
Carolyn Moehring  
3881 Page Rd,  
Rockford, 61101

**Calendar:**

- **Nov 11th (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 We will be Electing Club officers and board of directors at this meeting
- **Dec 11<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Club Christmas Party** at the Machine Shedd Restaurant in Rockford -- Cocktail hour 4:30 – 5:30; Dinner at 5:30. You will order off the menu and pay on your own. Reservations required by December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please call or text Terry Herbig at 815-289-9833. Please do not respond on Facebook or the website to place your reservations.