

# ACTRA Newsletter:

## June 2025

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## Change in Board of Directors

Due to personal reasons Christie Cox decided to resign from the Board of Directors. We thank her for her efforts and look forward to seeing her out at rides this summer! At the Spring Meeting there was a call for a volunteer to replace Christie and we are pleased to welcome Aleida Tweten to the team. Aleida is going to be a Director At Large until the fall AGM. Kim Crowell has agreed to fill in as Sanctioning Director until the fall elections.

Chair - Jennifer McDonald

Vice Chair – Kim DellaCioppa

Secretary- Carrilee Eddy - [actrasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:actrasecretary@gmail.com)

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## Info Sessions were a success!

There were four Introduction to Competitive Distance Riding held this spring with 36 participants in total. One session in Cape Breton generated a brand new member – welcome to Nadine Bollig. Plans are underway for a session in PEI in early August! Stay tuned to our FB page for details. We would like to thank the following stable owners for allowing us to use their facilities for the sessions: Isabella Stewart in Aylesford, Sue Evans at Valhalla Stables in Nine Mile River, Arlene MacKenzie at Ready to Ride Stable in West Bay and Heather Morrison at Waugh River Stables in Tatamagouche.

## Mud Run Ride Results

The 2025 ride season has gotten off to a great start with 10 riders starting the Mud Run Ride on May 18<sup>th</sup> in Stanley, NS. The weather cooperated to keep the rain and bugs away. Thanks to judge Cathy Arsenault, volunteers Pam Thorton, Janie Morse, Emily Murphy, Liz Ryan and everyone else who helped make the ride a success. Thank to Bev Elliot, Carrilee Eddy and Crystal Joyce Manning (Evangeline Trail Rides), Stephani Barkhouse (Green Diamond Equipment) and Pam Thorton for donations to the ride. We had a number of first timers at the ride. First time volunteering was Liz Ryan! First time riders were Olivia Jack and Emily Rafuse and a first time mount was Ebs! Welcome to all of the newcomers and we hope to see you out at more rides.

The results were:

**Junior Horsemanship:** First place was Olivia Jack and second place was Breah Yorke.

**Junior Trail Horse:** First place was Evening in Paris, owned by Lynn Beazley and ridden by Olivia Jack and second place was Nat King Khol RF owned by Lynn Beazley and ridden by Breah Yorke.

**Senior Horsemanship:** 1<sup>st</sup> Russlyn Patriquin-Dyke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sylvia Gillies, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dianne Storey, 4<sup>th</sup> Kim Crowell, 5<sup>th</sup> Emily Rafuse, 6<sup>th</sup> Dane Stevens.

**Senior Trail Horse:** 1<sup>st</sup> Patrine (Sophie) and Dane Stevens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nellie and Dianne Storey, 3<sup>rd</sup> CN Sparkles Plenty (Tia) and Kim Crowell, 4<sup>th</sup> Kindred Spirit and Lynn Beazley, 5<sup>th</sup> Essor and Sylvia Gillies, 6<sup>th</sup> Ebs and Emily Rafuse.

It was great to see Christie Riddell and her mount Sam's Last Hurrah out for the ride even though she had to pull out at the hold.

We all enjoyed the lovely meal and especially Elwood's home made baked beans and Pam's veggie beans along with baked ham and an array of sweets!

Sending a big thank you to Lucy, Elwood and Kim for hosting a great ride and an even bigger thank you to all the riders and their helpers that came out to make the ride a fun day for all!



## Ride Schedule for 2025

The 2025 ride season has gotten off to a great start with the Mud Run Ride on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The following is a list of what is in the works so far. **Please visit the [Calendar page on the ACTRA website](#) regularly for updates on actual ride details and how to enter the rides as they become available.**

- **McDonald's Run 50 Mile Endurance Ride**, July 19
- **McDonald's Run 25-30 Mile Limited Distance Ride**, July 19
- **McDonald's 12 Mile Intro Endurance Ride**, July 19
- **McDonald's JP 12-15 Mile Ride**, July 20 – see calendar
- **Milk Run Rides (25 mile LD & 12 Mile INE)**, Aug 31 – has been sanctioned and will be added to the calendar shortly
- **Milk Run Ride (50 mile END)**, Aug 31 – TBD pending
- **Kenmar Farm Intro Endurance Ride (15 miles)**, Sept 13
- **Kenmar Farm Limited Distance Ride (30 miles)**, Sept 13
- **Kenmar Farm JP Ride (12 miles)**, Sept 14 – see calendar
- **Harvest Hoofbeats INE Ride (12 miles)**, Oct 4, Coldbrook, NS – has been sanctioned and will be added to the calendar shortly
- **Harvest Hoofbeats Limited Distance Ride (25 miles)**, Oct 4, Coldbrook, NS – has been sanctioned and will be added to the calendar shortly

If anyone has a location and trail they think would make for a great distance ride, but are hesitant to take on the work of hosting a ride, please reach out to me at

[actranewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:actranewsletter@gmail.com) and we can chat about options. It would be great to have more rides in 2025!

## Spring Meeting Minutes

Thank you to the 19 members that attended the Spring Meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> in Amherst both in person and virtually. It was our first time offering a virtual option to attend via Messenger Chat and it went well. Thank you for the feedback from participants on how we can improve it. Like getting everyone to introduce themselves both in the room and online so participants can know who is speaking. And improving the volume of sound for those in the room so they can hear the folks online. Any other feedback is welcome. The full minutes with the Treasurer's report, Director's Reports and the draft Constitution and By Laws presented at the meeting have been posted on the ACTRA website. All members are encouraged to review the documents prior to the AGM.

## Reminders

- **It is membership renewal time!** This will be the last newsletter sent out using the 2024 mailing list. If you have not renewed your membership, you will be removed from the mailing list until the membership is renewed. You can renew your ACTRA Membership by completing the Membership Application form found on our website and submitting it and the relevant membership dues to:

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For a printable version of a **Membership or Mount Registration** form please look on our **forms** section. Don't forget that if you want to accumulate miles and points towards Year End Awards, you must be a member of ACTRA and your mount needs to be registered!

- **Add to your calendar! AGM Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th, 2025.** We have booked the Francis Smith Community Room in the Amherst Police Department building for the AGM. If you are unable to attend in person, you will be able to join via Facebook Messenger like we did for the Spring Meeting. We will be holding our year end awards ceremony as part of the meeting, so we are hoping everyone will attend in person!
- **Rule Book Updates:** The ACTRA Rule book has been updated as of March 24, 2025. All members should review the updated version on the website and discard any older printed versions they may possess.

## Interesting Articles:

- Create a Trail Riding Survival Kit:  
<https://equusmagazine.com/riding/trail-riding-survival-kit-8300>

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