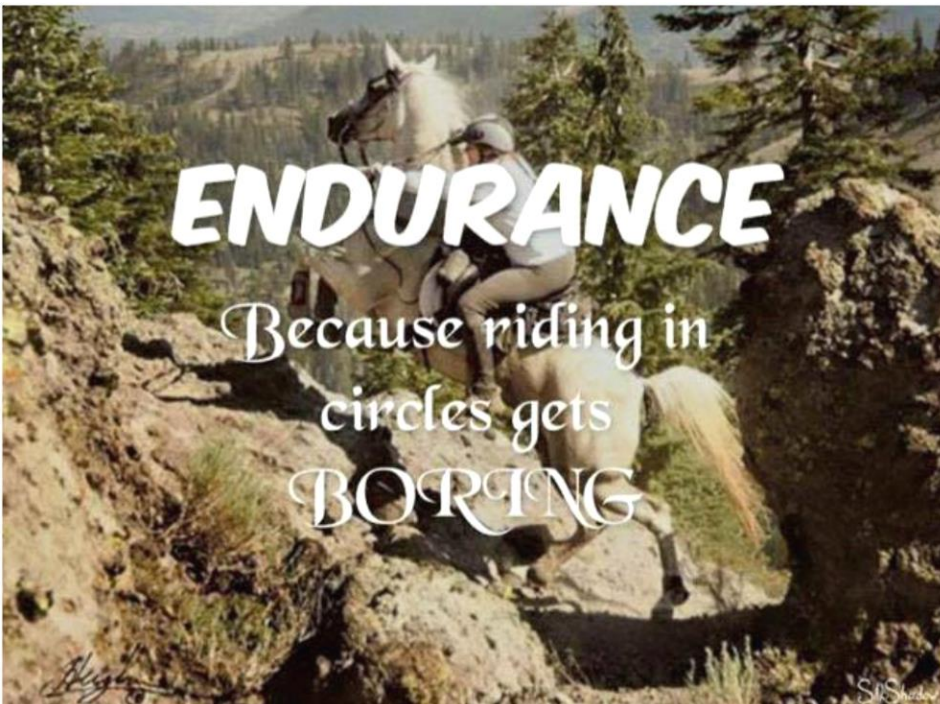


TALES 'N TRAILS



A huge thank you to the outgoing board members for their hard work and dedication to ACTRA through their years of service! We hope you will enjoy more years of ACTRA fun with less work!

The current members of the Board of Directors are:

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Year End Awards 2017

Competitive trail rides:

Senior Conditioning:

Champion, Elastic/ April Haliburton; **Res. Champion**, Deuces Wild/Sylvia Gillies; **Third**, Shadowfax/Chester Gillan; **Fourth**, Nellie/ Dianne Storey, CF Dancer/ Priscilla Scott, Koussa/ Janice Macswain; **Fifth**, Kodak/ Jacqui Trim-Tupper, Doc Holliday/Pearl Skjonsberg; **Sixth**, Washdemoak Sunset/ Jennifer McDonald, Absolute/Garnet Gallant

Senior Trail Horse:

Champion, Shadowfax/Chester Gillan; **Res. Champion**, Deuces Wild/ Sylvia Gillies; **Third**, Koussa/ Janice Macswain, CF Dancer/ Priscilla Scott, Nellie/Dianne Storey

Junior Conditioning:

Champion, Precisement/Marie Eddy, Rue/ Claire Winchester

Junior Trail Horse:

Champion, Precisement/Marie Eddy, Rue/ Claire Winchester

Introductory distance rides:

Senior Conditioning:

Champion, Adios Tiki/Pam Rustige; Washdemoak Sunset/ Jennifer McDonald; **Reserve Champion**, Mr. Pete/Denise Lemay; **Third**, CF Dancer/Priscilla Scott, Rouge/Ginny Hattin

Senior Trail Horse:

Champion, Mr. Pete/Denise Lemay; **Res. Champion**, Adios Tikki/Pam Rustige, Washdemoak Sunset/Jennifer McDonald

Judged Pleasure Rides:

Senior Horsemanship:

Champion, Sylvia Gillies; **Res. Champion**, Jacqui Tupper, Susan Hovey; **Third**, Karen Jonah-brown; **Fourth**, Lucy Rudge; **Fifth**, Rene Drinnan; **Sixth**, Bob Curran, Priscilla Scott, Pearl Skjonsberg

Senior Trail Horse:

Champion, Deuces Wild/Sylvia Gillies; **Res. Champion**, Jazz/Susan Hovey; **Third**, Kodak/Jacqui Trim- Tupper

Junior Horsemanship:

Champion, Claire Winchester; **Res Champion**, Rause-Lynn McDonald

Junior Trail Horse:

Champion, Rue/Claire Winchester; **Res Champion**, Zach/ Rause-Lynn McDonald

Endurance Rides :

Champion, Dianne Storey/Nellie; **Res. Champion**, Jacqui Trim- Tupper/Kodak, Chester Gillan/Shadowfax; **Third**, Janice Macswain/Koussa; **Fourth**, Russlyn Patriquin-Dyke/ Ice Capades; **Fifth**, Pam Rustige/Adios Tiki; **Sixth**, Pearl Skjonsberg/Doc Holliday

High Vet Score: Adios Tiki/ Pam Rustige

Best Conditioned: Dianne Storey/ Nellie

Limited Distance Rides:

Champion: Garnet Gallant/Absolute; **Reserve Champion;** Pearl Skjonsbers/Doc; **Third**, Sylvia Gillies/Deuces Wild; **Fourth**, Pam Rustige/AdiosTiki; **Fifth**, Lynn Beazley/Kohl; **Sixth**, Karen Jonah-Brown/ Rylee; **Seventh**, Donna Munn/MDA Billy Four; **Eighth**, Kaaren LeBert/ Odin; **Ninth**, Russlyn Patriquin Dyke, Ice Capades, April Haliburton/ Elastic; **Tenth**, Suzanne Horne, Tuffy

High Vet Score: Adios Tiki/ Pam Rustige

Best Conditioned: Ice Capades / Russlyn Patriquin-Dyke

Junior High Vet: Zack /Rause-Lynn McDonald

Junior Best Conditioned: Rue/Claire Winchester

Breed Awards:

Purebred Arabian: Elastic/April Haliburton

Part bred Arabian: Jazz/ Susan Hovey

Part bred Morgan: Deuces Wild/ Sylvia Gillies

Grade: Koussa/Janice MacSwain; Nellie/Dianne Storey

Around the town with ACTRA

Lucy and Grover (Get Lucy's 5000)



Niki (Leah) and Janie (Jewel)



Delle and Tippy (Get Lucy's 5000)



Denise's Pete snoozing at McDonalds Fun Run



Jennifer (Denny) Ride to Remember



Icelandics on trail! (St Stephen JP)



Coming Soon!

These rides are being planned for 2018 with more to be added. PLEASE! send your entries early – ride managers need to know numbers for planning and budgeting. Send your entries with the fee to the RMs early! There are some changes in the rides – type, traditional dates, and management – so read carefully and watch for updates. Many rides will be dependent on getting enough riders pre-entered to pay costs – so if entries aren't sent in early – they may be cancelled. See the website for details. Atlanticriders.ca

Lucy's Spring Fling – May 20 - contact Bev Elliott – 15 mile JP – Stanley, NS

Red Solo Run June 16 and 17 – contact Jody Wiggins – 17 mile CTR both days – Kingston Peninsula, NB

Kiss My Axe - June 30, July 1 – contact – Nicole Mattatall - 25 mile LD/ 15 mile JP – Maple Ridge, NB

Morning Sun Ride – Sept 1 and 2 – contact Donna Lee - 75/50/25 END and LD first day 50 END / 25 CTR second day. Coburg, NB

MapleRidge – 12/25/50 – AERC sanctioned - contact Eric Dwyer – Maple Ridge, NS

Some articles of interest:

I am putting the links here rather than making the newsletter VERY long – if you prefer the full text article – feel free to contact me and I can send it to you.

<http://enduranceintrospection.com/wp/so-can-you-find-love-or-good-endurance-riding-advice-on-facebook/>

<http://enduranceintrospection.com/wp/lds-50s-100s-and-ugs/>

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10209481110295148&set=gm.10156072223017139&type=3&theater&ifg=1>

Congratulations to:

Jennifer's Denny for 1000 miles

Lucy Rudge for 5000 miles



Susan Hovey 2000 miles



Russlyn's Addy 1000 miles



Pam Rustige 1000 miles



Pearl Skjonsberg 1000 miles

Introducing some of you know these members well or maybe just bits and pieces... here 's a closer look at a few familiar faces around ACTRA.

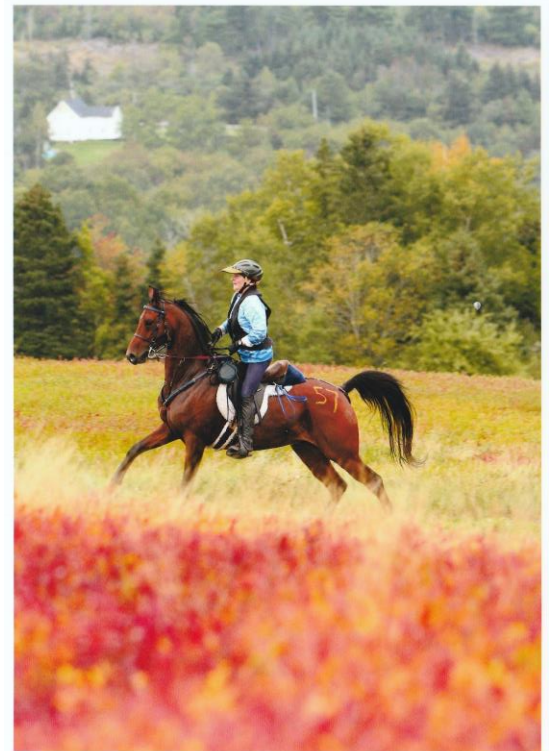
Russlyn Patriquin Dyke ACTRA Public Relations

I have been a member of ACTRA since 1995. I started my distance trail riding at a judge pleasure ride in South Rawdon, NS, managed by Pam Thorton. I was hooked after that very first trail ride. There were so many aspects of the ride that I enjoyed. Riding new and scenic trails, finishing a 15 mile ride, meeting like minded riders who became friends and getting together with them at the end of the ride for a tasty meal. These are some of the reasons I still have a passion for long distance trail riding. I have learned many valuable skills volunteering at rides, e.g. Pulse taking, vet scribing, ride timer, being a hold manager and mentoring new riders.

The horse I ride is Addy. I bought her when she was 9 months old from Rideaufield Farm, Merrickville, Ont. Addy is 11 years old now and has been taking me safely down the trail with abundant energy, while loving the challenges that the trail obstacles bring. She is my long distance trail riding partner. I love the long, peaceful hours we spend together. We have accomplished many personal goals, from finishing rides, being first to finish, to being awarded best condition and high vet score to being awarded champion AHA part arab.

Now that I have accepted my third PR directorship with ACTRA, I plan to promote and encourage our membership for the next three years. Please feel free to contact me with any inquiries. I look forward to our 2018 ride season.

See you all on the trail!



Carrilee Eddy ACTRA secretary

I've been an ACTRA member since 2011, have volunteered at rides, served on Ride Management team for a few rides, have completed one or two JP & IDR rides, and attempted two Limited Distance rides which I will keep trying to complete! I was attracted to this sport because it reminded me of adventures I had with my ponies as a child - we'd ride out and snack & drink where we found grass, berries and water. He'd graze while I stood on him and picked apples, we'd nap in the sun. It was a relationship that took us both on enjoyable adventures.

Distance riding combines that relationship with the added benefit and challenge of learning how to take care of your horse while riding trails with a specific goal. The very best part is the goals can be different for each pair on each ride!

As a rider, I've loved the adventure even when finding myself on my back in the mud under Delle's Tippy's hooves while she expertly avoided stepping on me, jiggling happily along behind April/Leo with her Ray as a last-minute catch-rider, and even when Magick and I, with Rene/Libby, came in over-time on that LD because we DID it!! We accomplished something, a completion or a solid try – I felt a pride for myself and gratitude for my lovely partners and their owners.

As a volunteer, I get to see riders try their best which sometimes includes a disappointing pull, I see happy horses and sometimes tired or sore horses, I see seasoned pairs who make it look unbelievably easy, I see new pairs nervous & learning, I see young riders with smiles bigger than you see anywhere else and I've seen the same smiles on the adults who still feel that same joy. In the past two years, I've also seen unpleasantness: anger at an awards banquet, sarcasm and insults on social media and at our meetings which some of you now actively avoid.

I take my role as Director seriously. I want to help us grow, to spread the joy, pride and laughter that I believe the majority of our members most often feel at rides! I am a fan of peace, I like to see fair solutions to issues where every stakeholder feels valued and heard. I encourage members to reach out to any or all Directors with suggestions, wishes, and goals. I will continue to ask all members for their support and advice in keeping the spirit of this ACTRA club alive and well!

The sentiment that best sums up my view of ACTRA comes from a previous Treasurer:

"We're just trying to get horses down the trail safely and some mileage milestone mementos in the process."



Jacqui Tupper ACTRA Newsletter

I joined ACTRA in 2014 after trying a few rides over the previous seasons. I have always been a 'self starter' – I got my first riding lessons at 18 when I could pay for them myself. I bought my first horse just weeks after securing my first full time job. I moved along to showing flat and low hunter at both open and fun shows – very few boarding barns have much for trails – so although I loved to trail ride – there wasn't much opportunity. Then came keeping our horses at home and children. Trail riding was something we could do as a family – often a combination of me on the horse and kids/husband on dirt bikes/ATVs.

When I was ready to return to competition – I found myself wanting a performance sport – I tried a couple of ACTRA rides – and thought the keen riders were all NUTS! for riding the trails so fast! But I came back.... drawn by the trails, the people, the format, and the fun. Kodak is my home bred and raised partner. In the beginning, my very simple goal was to finish within the time allowed with a sound horse. We got the turtle award for many of our first rides as we found confidence in each other. We have built experience, condition, and endurance together and completed our first 50 mile END ride in 2016.



I joined the ACTRA board in 2016 and took on the newsletter. My hope is that we can continue working together to keep this club strong for current and future members to enjoy. It is a huge undertaking to bring your horse to a new place, camp, pen, and then to follow markers on unfamiliar but marked trails all over the Atlantic Provinces. I have experienced some beautiful scenery and moments along the way. I feel privileged to be able to do this.

Disclaimer: Apologies to anyone I left out or put in or used pics you don't like. I tried to get a variety of people and events in the pictures but wading through them on facebook is time consuming. I hope I got the highlights of the year end event and sorry if I missed anyone.

ATLANTIC CANADA TRAIL RIDING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: _____ :

ADDRESS: _____ :

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____ :

JUNIOR OR OTHER RIDERS IN THE FAMILY

NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____ :

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I WISH TO REGISTER THE FOLLOWING MOUNT WITH ACTRA (LIFETIME MOUNT REGISTRATION FEE \$25)

REG NAME: _____ **BARN NAME:** _____ :

BREED _____ **AGE:** _____ **MARE GELDING STALLION (PLEASE CIRCLE)**

BREED REGISTRY INFORMATION: _____ :

MEMBERSHIP DUES: INDIVIDUAL \$20.00 - FAMILY \$30.00 - MOUNT REGISTRATION \$25.00

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