



Newsletter # 13

March 2007

Riverland Recreational Trail Society

and

Alberta's Iron Horse Trail

## AGM Notice

Riverland Recreational Trail Society invites you to their Annual General Meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Boscombe Hall. The evening starts with a buffet and entertainment by Brett Kissel followed by the AGM and elections. Annual memberships are due and can be paid at the AGM. Buffet will be included with your membership fee. Please RSVP by April 10<sup>th</sup> to the office at (780) 645-2913.



Jennifer Kaleba is the Director of Communications/ Editor-in-Chief of the *US Rails to Trails Magazine*. Jennifer was in the region at the end of December and wanted to learn more about Alberta's Iron Horse Trail. A special thanks to Jerry Bidlock at Power Merchants,

Laurier Dechaine and Dwayne Gorenjuk for all their help. Jennifer had never been on a snowmobile before so after a quick orientation from Jerry, Jennifer and her husband Casey were off and sledding. Laurier pointed out the local scenery including some deer and the beaver dams as he guided them from St. Paul to Elk Point. From there, we drove to Smoky Lake where Dwayne had arranged for a snowmobile tour to show off the town and area. He even conjured up a moose! We had a great meal at the Smoky Lake Inn and then stopped at Laurier's to return the snowmobile gear we'd borrowed – a huge thanks for your hospitality. The next day we drove to Cold Lake via Glendon where we stopped at Pyrogy Park for pictures (Jennifer swears she's using it for her Christmas card photo next year). We hiked into the Beaver River Trestle and spent about four hours hiking around and taking pictures before Jennifer had to leave for Edmonton. Jennifer will be doing a four page spread on Alberta's Iron Horse Trail in the Winter 2008 issue of *Rails To Trails*. This magazine goes out to just over 100,000 members across the US. For more information on the RTC, visit [www.railtrails.org](http://www.railtrails.org).

## We Need Your Help!

After numerous attempts to hire a contractor to complete the building at the Cold Lake Staging Area, RRTS has decided to hold an old-fashioned work bee and get the job done! Mark **May 5 & 6<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar and plan to come and give us a hand.

## Bylaws

A set of Bylaws have been approved for Alberta's Iron Horse Trail. These bylaws are effective immediately and we encourage all trail users to become familiar with them. Over the next few weeks, copies of the bylaws will be distributed to the various snowmobile and ATV Clubs as well as being published in the local newspapers. Anyone wishing to receive a copy can call the office at 1-877-645-4521 or email your request to [iht@albertaslakeland.com](mailto:iht@albertaslakeland.com).

The new bylaws clearly outline what is and what is not allowed on the trail. For example, unless a permit has been acquired from N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. or is exempt under any of the subsections, motor vehicles are not permitted to stop, park or operate on the Corridor. Fines start at \$500.00 for first offence and a second offence will be \$1,000.00. Off Highway Vehicles are permitted to be operated on the Corridor provided they comply with the rules of the road. One of those rules is that they operate in such a manner so as to only cause minimal disturbance to persons residing adjacent to the Corridor. The bylaws address such issues as speed, littering, obstructions and damage to usage control devices. We can expect to see an increase in enforcement officers and trail stewards patrolling the Corridor. This positive step by N.E. Muni-Corr Ltd. comes at a good time. The Iron Horse Trail is becoming a popular destination and trail traffic has increased in the past year. Being able to manage that traffic is essential to the continued success and safety of the trail.



## 2007 Memberships

Membership, donations and volunteers are needed to help with the materials and maintenance of Alberta's Iron Horse Trail. Take a moment to fill out your form and send it in.

### Membership Form

**Yes!** I want to support Trails. Please sign me up as a Member.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Member \_\_\_\_ (yr) x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership \_\_\_\_ (yr) x \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Group Membership \_\_\_\_ (yr) x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations** are greatly appreciated to help our volunteer Trail Stewards with the materials needed for AIHT trail maintenance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

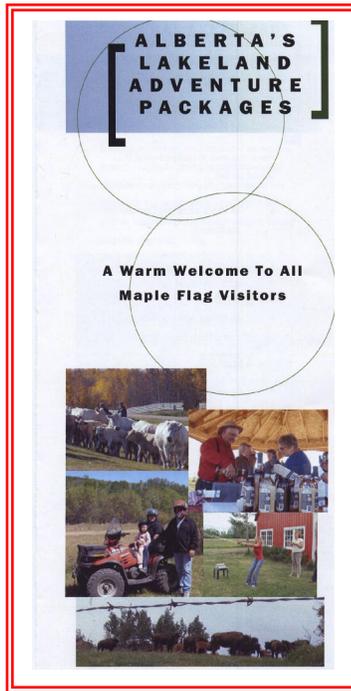
**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheque payable to:

**Riverland Recreational Trail Society**

**Mail to:** Riverland Recreational Trail Society  
 P.O. Box 587 Elk Point, AB. T0A 1A0

Riverland Recreational Trail Society is a nonprofit, charitable organization. Membership contributions and donations to RRTS are tax deductible.



The Ag Tourism operators in the region have developed six packages to market to Maple Flag participants. The packages include one, two and three day tours and take in events such as the Bonnyville Pro Rodeo, Heinsburg Country Music Jamboree and Voyageur Games at Métis Crossing. The tours were presented at the Maple Flag Meet N Greet and, with package names like "Stomp & Holler", "Wild Water & Rubber Boots", they received a great response. For more information on these packages or on how you can participate in this marketing initiative, contact our office at (780) 645-2913.

### Upcoming Events In The Lakeland

#### April

- Music Jamboree at Mallaig Legion April 7<sup>th</sup>
- Vilna LARA's Gardener Day April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Bonnyville Opry April 13 – 14<sup>th</sup>
- Cold Lake Spring Bull-A-Rama April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Cold Lake Home & Leisure Show April 20 -22<sup>nd</sup>
- Brosseau Music Jamboree & Supper April 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### May

- Bonnyville Pro Rodeo May 25 – 27<sup>th</sup>
- Cold Lake Maple Flag May 22 – June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Smoky Lake George McDougall 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration May 26<sup>th</sup>
- Lac La Biche Annual Spring Bird Count May 26 – 28<sup>th</sup>

#### June

- Cold Lake Maple Flag Open House – June 9<sup>th</sup>
- Cold Lake Rodeo & Chuckwagon Races June 8 – 10<sup>th</sup>
- Plamondon Mini Nashville Jamboree June 8 – 10<sup>th</sup>
- Vermilion Prairie Combat Challenge June 9<sup>th</sup>
- Mallaig Days June 16 – 17<sup>th</sup>
- M.D. of Bonnyville Fathers Day Fishing Derby June 18<sup>th</sup>
- Bonnyville / Cold Lake / Lac La Biche / Métis Crossing National Aboriginal Day June 21<sup>st</sup>
- Heinsburg Fiddlers Open/Music Jamboree & Wind Up Weekend June 22 – 24<sup>th</sup>
- Saddle Lake Pow Wow June 22 – 24<sup>th</sup>
- Vermilion Days of Olde Antique & Classic Car Show June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Lac La Biche Lakeland Pioneer Days June 23 – 24<sup>th</sup>
- Bonnyville Centennial Centre Opening June 25 – July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Elk Point Centennial Celebration June 30 – July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Bonnyville Centennial Celebration June 29 – July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Fishing Lake Potta Days June 29 – July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Fort George Buckingham House Great Family "Fur Factor" Challenge June 30<sup>th</sup>



Thanks to all the volunteers who kept the trail groomed this past season.

### Small Business Seminars and Brown Bag Presentations

The Spring 2007 schedule is now available through the Community Futures offices. If you are starting or expanding a business and looking for direction, you can't afford to miss these great training sessions designed to save you time and money. Brown Bag Presentations are free and the Seminars are approximately \$30.00 for three hours of practical knowledge and ideas to help you in your business planning. The presenters are professionals in their fields and experienced speakers. Many are successful entrepreneurs themselves and are willing to share their knowledge



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