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NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

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Sep.23 Sat. - Obstacle Challenge & Parade Practice. TB: Sonny & Bonny George Jr.

See more inside...

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HORSE CHARITIES

The SFTR donates to these charities once a year. These charities are badly in need of donations. Please try to send what you can to help them. Thanks from the SFTR.

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TRAIL MANNERS

Good manners is the grease that helps people get along with each other, avoiding friction.

- **UNDER 16 MUST WEAR A HELMET.**
- Be aware of the effect **your** actions have on others, their horses and their property.
- Do not upset your co-riders' horses.
- Ride at a quiet, controlled pace.
- **NEVER PASS OTHERS AT A GALLOP.**
- Keep a safe distance... don't crowd others.
- **STAY WITH A DISMOUNTED RIDER**
- Respect the property of others. (ie: lawns, farm fields, crops, groves, livestock, etc.)
- Leave gates as you found them: Open gates should remain open. Closed gates should remain closed.
- **DO NOT PASS THE TRAIL BOSS or drop behind the drag rider.**
- Stay with the trail boss on the same side of the road. Do not split the road.
- Clean up after your horse. Pick up manure or spread it depending on where you are. Do not clean your trailers out when you unload.
- **NO PROFANITY AT ANY SFTR EVENTS.**

REMEMBER! If you mind your manners others won't mind when you and your horse return to ride.



2017

Dates and Places

Call the Hot-line for any cancellations
(305) 4-HORSES 446-7737

2017



Guest Passes are available for local trail rides. Each pass is \$5.00 One pass per person per trailride is required for non-members. This pass is not available for any beach rides, Team Penning or Parades. All area codes are (305) unless otherwise stated. TB=Trail Boss

- Sep 4 **Monday - Labor Day**
- Sep 5 **Tuesday - Board Meeting** at Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez home 15022 SW 149 St. 7:00pm social, 8:00pm meeting. RSVP Sylvia 305-479-6640
- Sep 9 **Saturday - 9-11 VFW Freedom Walk.** Parking lot opens at 7am. 601 NE 2nd Road, Homestead, FL 33030. SFTR Registration starts at 8am, VFW Registration starts at 9am, be ready to ride at 9:15am for SFTR group photo. At 9:30am line up in front of Field of Honor. **TB: Manny Alvarez (redlandtrail@aol.com) & Bonny George Jr.(idrathrbfishin6@yahoo.com)**
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- Sep 23 **Saturday - Obstacle Challenge & Parade Practice.**
TB: Sonny & Bonny George Jr.
- Sep 30 **Saturday - Regular Redland 100 Ride. TB: needed.**
- Oct 1 **Sunday - Regular Redland 100 Ride. TB: needed.**
- Oct 2 **Monday - General Meeting at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St. 7:00pm** dinner, 8:00pm meeting. Speaker: TBA.
- Oct 6-9 **Friday to Monday - Camping at Shangri-la. TB:Augie Saavedra.** For info call Augie at 305-582-1557.
- Oct 10 **Tuesday - Board Meeting TBA.**
- Oct 14 **Saturday - SFTR Tack & Yard Sale at Robbie's field.**
Saturday - Boy Scout annual spaghetti dinner. It is not an SFTR event, 4:30pm to 7:30pm. Contact Jeffrey for tickets 305-799-9652.
- Oct 21 **Saturday - Carlos Cardenas 5 20 Redland 100 Ride. TB: Augie Saavedra & Armando Mitat.** For info call Augie at 305-582-1557.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Trail Riders,

I would like to welcome all new members - thank you for joining our wonderful Horse club and welcome back to the renewing members.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer vacation and beach family time.

We were fortunate enough to experience the beauty of Mother Nature with the spectacular solar eclipse.

I would like to point out to you all that our members are very informative and educational as was seen at our August meeting on Bare Foot care, thank you to the 3 ladies (Sandy Fobb, Susan Boyd and Carrie Hershberger) that brought lots of informative details on the matter. These meetings are to educate and inform our members of many different issues. If you ever feel like you want to share your experiences or know of someone that would like to speak at one of our general meeting, please email us. Keep yourself informed and up to date on all the issues concerning your most precious possession (your horse). Every month Mr. Ben Kroner arranges all sorts of interesting guests to discuss their profession and share their knowledge, from farriers, vets, agriculture to environmentalists.

I hope to see a good crowd at the Freedom Walk to honor the victims of Sept 11. We need to keep the memory of those victims and share it with everyone so we will never forget that day, so come out and join us.

See ya on the trail,



Nelson Rodriguez
President

DOES YOUR EQUINE "TRUST" YOU ?

Since it is unrealistic that your horse can experience every obstacle to be "desensitized", it is more probable an equine's tolerance to strange encounters is due to temperament, training, & trust. To adjust temperament, one trains. Hours of groundwork shouldn't end once riding, as there are always tasks to refresh, improvements to be made, & new skills to learn. The human who is the alpha in the ground-herd keeps the equine attentive & responsive. Groundwork also exercises the human in physical control, timely cue application & horsemanship needed in various walking/riding situations.

Training, not merely a sequence of enumerated tasks, is an inter-relation of minor skills which permit the human & horse to successfully negotiate new environmental stimuli, physical obstacles, or mental/psychological challenges. Through time, experiences & perpetual ground/saddle training, the equine develops a repertoire of desired behaviors which the human believes are elicited by cues. The human term "trust" begins to signify the human's confidence in their equine's ability to defer (re)action to the human cues. Horses do not "trust" - as prey animals, they can be habituated within their surroundings and with positive repetition, can be conditioned to tolerate perceived questionable stimuli.

To help you with your groundwork, training, desensi-

tizing, & the communication of cues availing a "trusting" horse, you are invited to Bonny & Sonny's annual Obstacle Challenge & Parade Practice! Our farm - 16990 SW 170 Ave, Miami; Sat. Sept. 23, gates open 9am, ride 10-12, then **lunch**. Try water, tarp, noodle, flag/parade activities; bridge, teeter board, cavaletti, barrels, & road flares; drags, chutes, tires & bicycles - and the ever popular "loose horse & emu roundup"! We respectfully request everyone first lead-line their horse through the course, to check the horse's insecurity level & practice low-stress training. All juniors (18-under) inside the obstacle area must wear a helmet, no exceptions. We suggest all riders wear a helmet - this is not your average trail event!

Please RSVP asap so we can plan parking at our small place (especially 3-4 horse rigs). Please trailer-pool! Lunch provided: Pulled chicken sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans; water/sodas. Please bring a small salad, fruit dish, chips, or dessert; and a good story to share - and a chair to sit for lunch. Hope everyone brings a friend & our juniors!!! Member/renewal/day-rider forms available (bring cash/check).

See you and your "trusty" steed soon!

~Bonny George, Jr.

We have 284 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year. Thank you very much!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

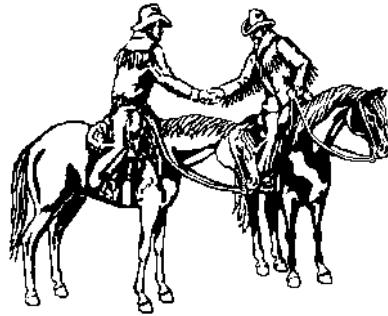
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DISCOUNTS ARE OFFERED TO SFTR MEMBERS BY THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES.

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Sunset Feed & Supply	7650 S.W. 117 Ave. Kendall	271-0341
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VetteSmith Inc. Body shop	10750 SW 188 Street. Miami	252-1256



Always ask Proprietor for amount of discount & availability.



SUNSHINE REPORT

Our good friend Manny Alvarez had laparoscopic appendix removal surgery and has been feeling better every day. There's also joyous family news: Engagement congratulations to Alan Alvarez... his beautiful love, Ana, said YES! The next year or so will definitely be exciting planning for them.

Gaby Dean had rhinoplasty to open her nasal airway. She can finally smell our night blooming jasmin once again. Here's hoping you enjoy the FFA parades with us for years to come.

Denise & Chad Kanke have welcomed a little girl to their family - may Riley show you how loving & intelligent Florida Cur (dogs) can be.

Mark Krenz had scar tissue removed which was blocking a heart blood vessel, and is doing well.

Happy years ahead wished for AnneMarie Morgan as she was gifted a fine horse...J'Adore, aka JD. Looking forward to seeing you joining our rides together for many years to come!

Anne Cefalu-Sanchez is very relieved and glad to have her horse, Athena, back home! Seems the moody mare was internally annoyed with what the Palm Beach Eq. Clinic found - a granulosa theca cell tumor. Surgery & rehab will see Athena once again proudly carrying Anne with us on the trail, and in the show ring very soon.

Sadly Elsy Altuve lost her little dog Niña. May the eight years

of love and companionship you both shared give you memories to smile about to last your lifetime.

Joyful news from Charla Liford - her handsome horse, Russell, is doing well following a surgery for an ethmoid hematoma. Dr. Freeman at the U of Fla handled the issue, and for that, we are all very thankful.

Susan Boyd lost her little girl dog Minuit (pronounced "Min-We", French for midnight). The 20 yr old dog passed from old age. Sorry for the loss of your little bed warmer who guarded the covers at the foot of your bed every night. He will be greatly missed.

On a happier note, Lynn and JC Viña recently celebrated 29 years together. May you have many more in the future!

Congratulations to Laurie Waggoner for her 30 years of service to the SPCA. Recognized for her dedication to rescuing horses and livestock, and running the SPCA ranches, we join in celebrating her longevity & sincere efforts toward the well being of animals in our area.

Just a short message: I am pleased to be taking over as the bringer of the SFTR Sunshine News to you all. May we be blessed with good health and happy trails in the years to come!

~Anna Kleinholz

THE WILLY PEREZ 500

My Fellow Trail Riders:

The Willy 500 miles started on July 1, 2017. I need for you to send me, at the end of each month, an e-mail indicating the amount of miles that you have ridden, so that I am able to keep track of them. I have received only one e-mail from Carrie for 23 miles for the month of July. When you complete the 500 miles, you will receive a beautiful patch. I hope all of you get out there and start riding.

I hope to see you on the trail! My e-mail is augietrailrider@gmail.com. Thank you.

~ Augie Saavedra

CONDITIONING FOR THE LONG 520 RIDES THIS FALL

You should have started conditioning your horse already if you are planning to join us for the "Carlos Cardenas 520 Rides." These rides are 20 miles each. The first one will be in October. I will be trail bossing the second ride and I would like for all the participating riders and horses to be able to finish the ride without any stress or strain to horse and rider.

~Manny Alvarez
Redlandtrail@aol.com



SAVE THE DATE CATTLE DRIVE REUNION '18

The Great Florida Cattle Drives Reunion '18 ride will take place January 26-29, 2018.

Go to www.greatfloridacattledrive16.org for more information.

~Manny Alvarez
Co-Chairman,
Great Florida Cattle Drive Reunion '18

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Al Zamora
Anne-Marie Morgan
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Bill Goodwin
Cynthia Robert
Dennys Cabrera
Dianna Gordon
Donna Hakanson
Eduardo (Eddie) Garcia
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Gabriella Bello
Helen Demmie Mckane
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BOY SCOUT 68TH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER OCT. 14

Support our favorite Boy Scout Troop, troop 69 Pride of Redland.

Buy a ticket to attend their annual Spaghetti Diner Saturday October 14 from 4:30 to 7:30pm.

Dinner with all the trimmings, including a choice of desserts, \$8 per adult, \$5 12 and under. Take out available. This is the best kept secret in Redland.

Buy your tickets early from Jeffrey, or his Mom, Linda Stonis 305-799-9652. Jeffrey will also be attending the September and October General Meetings.

Contact me if you need more information.

~ Manny Alvarez
redlandtrail@aol.com

WHAT'S NEW

Triumph 14% Pellets \$14.95

Triumph Senior 14% \$16.95



Make sure to mark your calendars
our annual sale is October 20 - 21st



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NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY 2017

After a week of rain every day we were a little more than worried about our celebration of National Day of the Cowboy Ride. Well, the sun shined all day, we had a slight breeze and an occasional shade tree. Being that I admittedly get lost in my own living room, I enlisted the help of our own trail blazer Domingo to keep us on track. He did a great job and due to summer heat we had a wonderful, though short (1 1/2 hours) ride. Thanks Domingo. We started out with 12 riders but had two drop off early and two more join us along the way. So, officially 14 riders, 4 juniors and with the grounded members 21 in all.

The contest, ah yes the contest. Although we had several cowboys present Colby Stroud was the best (yes, I know, but Domingo already won once or twice) Sunset Feed and Supply from horse country donated Colby's \$100 gift card. Sandy Fobb was very cowgirl and earned herself a \$50 gift certificate from Sunset Western Wear in Homestead. Of the four juniors present three were cowboyed up so I felt the need to recognize them all.

Henry, Loralie (Augie's grandkids) and Justin (Jackie's cowboy, brother Michael was present but didn't dress cowboy)

Robbie's Feed in the Redlands had donated two \$25 gift cards so I was short one, while I was trying to offer a Deda special wild rag to the third cowpoke, Luis Valdeon, one of our riders, donated \$20 cash and all three had a prize.

Thank you Luis.

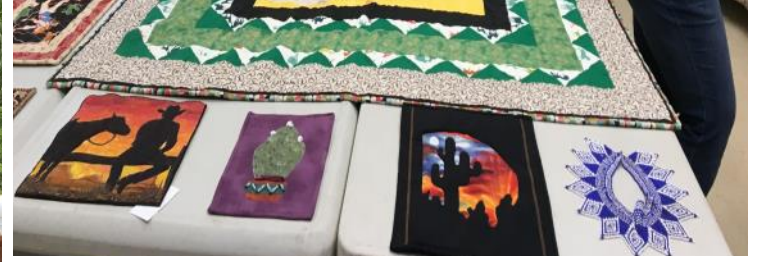
As always, I want to offer a huge thank you to our tried and true, dedicated and very capable judges Ralph West and John Wilcox. Friends like them make me feel rich, in what really matters.

Now, Deda's Cowboy Day Quilt display. Besides the many local quilters that allow Deda to display their work, a good friend from Punta Gorda that has attended a Cowboy Day quilt show before had her quilt club from the west coast add some of their wonderful work as well. Pat Keating of Disconnected Piecer Quilt Guild in Port Charlotte brought 17 quilts and all needed display equipment across the alley for our enjoyment. Together they had 42 quilts. Marianne brought some quillows and Iva from the Fruit and Spice park displayed a really cowgirl dressed doll that many thought at first glance was a real child. Iva also donated a beautiful rearing cowboy statue for our next raffle. Thanks to Iva as well.

We are very lucky to have friends that add so much to our lives. Thank you all for coming out for the ride, the quilt show and the fun. And a very special thank you to those merchants that support us, Sunset Feed and Supply 7650 SW 117 av. in Kendall, Robbie's Feed 22390 SW 177 av. Miami and Sunset Country and Western Wear 16300 SW 296 St. Homestead.

~Mike and Deda Maldonado





FREEDOM WALK SEPT. 9, 2017

Annual VFW Freedom Walk.

This year the Freedom Walk organized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars will take place Saturday September 9. As usual we will ride out from the grassy lot across the street from the VFW Post, 601 NE 2nd Road, Homestead, Florida 33030.

The parking lot will open at 7am. Starting at 8am you can sign-in with the SFTR. For this ride you must also register with the VFW. Their registration booth starts at 9am. At 9:15am we will have a group photo taken, and by 9:30am we have to be lined-up in front of The Field of Honor in front of the VFW Post for the dedication followed by a reflection program. We ride out immediately after the program is over.

The parade route is only two miles, and be prepared to sit on your horse during the ceremony. It will be a hot day so carry plenty of water or Gatorade with you on the saddle. We will have a cooler with sodas and ice in the parking area. For those walking the parade we will have a cooler with water and Gatorade following the Felix Varela FFA community service volunteers. After the Walk we will have pizza delivered to the parking lot (FFA and SFTR only). The VFW has also invited us to join them for burgers and



hot dogs.

All riders please wear blue jeans, white long sleeve shirt, a red or American Flag bandana, cowboy hat (or helmet) leather shoes or boots. Do not wear sneakers or sandals. This is not a festive event, so please do not "glitter your horse" or dye the manes and tails with fantasy colors.

If you need more information regarding the Parade apparel and tack, contact Lisa Morgan (01lisamorgan@gmail.com). For any other information contact Bonny George Jr (idraithrbfishin6@yahoo.com) or me.

~Manny Alvarez- redlandtrail@aol.com



Horse Crossing Signs

Join us to celebrate the inauguration of the brand new "Official Horse Crossing Signs" which will be taking place on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. It will be taking place at the C102 Canal on 216th Street. We will be parking the trailers at 152nd Avenue and 212th street. Please come and join us and take pictures with Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava from District 8. Come and meet our friendly Commissioner who was very instrumental in getting this project done. This would not be taking place without her involvement and hard work. She is a friend to the South Florida Trail Riders. Riders need to be saddled and ready to go by 10:00 a.m.

We will have a short ride of about ½ hour to get to the presentation site. If you have any questions, please contact me at 305-582-1557.

~Augie Saavedra.



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
and Auxiliary
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vfw4127@yahoo.com



What: FREEDOM WALK
When: September 9, 2017
Where: 601 NE 2nd Road
Why: To Reflect on 9/11

WHAT IS THE FREEDOM WALK? The Freedom Walk is an approximately 2 mile walk to remember the victims of the September 11th 2001 attacks on the Pentagon, the Twin Towers, flight 93 over Pennsylvania and those who have given their lives in the War on Terrorism. We have a short program before the walk and lunch following the walk.

FIELD OF HONOR... individuals, companies, organizations sponsor American flags in honor or in memory of service men or women, veterans or first responders. A \$50 donation to sponsor a flag. Flags will fly until September 24 and can be picked up after the closing prayer on that day.

MOVING TRIBUTE WALL... a 30 panel wall of etched glass with names of fallen troops of Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Iraq, New Dawn, Afghanistan and the names of those lost in the 9-11 attacks. This is a way of returning to our veterans and honoring all lost as well as helping the families heal.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

9:00.....REGISTRATION (FREE)
9:30.....FIELD OF HONOR DEDICATION
 And REFLECTION PROGRAM
10:00.....WALK, RUN, JOG, and WHEEL

Lunch and Celebration of Freedom for participants immediately following

SFTR DONATED PICNIC TABLES TO FRUIT & SPICE PARK

Two big strong wooden picnic tables were donated to the Fruit and Spice Park. They were placed near the horse tie outs that the SFTR built a few years ago. Now when we ride to the park we can eat lunch close to where our horses are tied.



SFTR CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE NEEDS YOU

Last year we brought Christmas morning smiles to 1,253 children in the areas of Homestead, Florida City, Goulds, Princeton, and Redland. This year our goal is 2,000 smiles for 2,000 children. But we need your help. You can help by setting-up toy collection boxes at various businesses and offices, you can also help with soliciting sponsors (both private and businesses), no amount is too small. We also need help with raffle sales, the Annual Jingle Bells Jaunt, and other activities at some of the events we will organize.

We are happy to announce that Keg South of Homestead will once again be our partner in making this dream a reality. Thunder Country 100.3 FM will also support this year. The help of these two people, Matt Ewing (Keg South Homestead) and Dougie Hancock (Thunder Country) went beyond the call of duty to assure our success.

The 2,000 toys will cost us nearly \$20,000. We buy our new toys at 50% off so the average new toy we are distributing has a value of \$20.00.

We are going to be kicking-off in mid-September and the Toy Drive ends at the Jingle Bells Jaunt Saturday December 9. so please contact anyone of us for one of the most rewarding events in our calendar. Help us spread the Christmas Spirit in our South Dade Community.



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Megan Barnes connamarra@hotmail.com



KNOW YOUR HORSE - Part 3 -



KNOW YOUR HORSE – BODY CONDITION

This is the third in a series of educational articles on getting to know your horse. Body condition is one of the measurements used to describe the overall health of a horse. A standardized (applicable for all breeds) scale was developed at Texas A&M University (Henneke body scoring system) using a score from 1 (poor) to 9 (obese). A score of 5 is ideal for most breeds and disciplines which indicates that the horse has a proper balance of feed to exercise.

SCORE	CONDITION	DESCRIPTION
1	POOR	Extremely emaciated; no fatty tissue; vertebrae, ribs, tail head, and bones of withers, shoulder, and neck are visible
2	THIN	Emaciated; slight tissue cover over bones; vertebrae, ribs, tail head, and bones of withers, shoulder, and neck are visible
3	VERY THIN	Slight fat cover over body; individual vertebrae and ribs no longer visibly discernible; withers, shoulders, and neck do not appear overly thin
4	MODERATELY THIN	Ridge of spine and outline of ribs are visible; tail head may or may not be visible depending on the breed; withers, shoulders and neck do not appear overly thin
5	MODERATE	Spine and ribs cannot be seen however ribs can be felt; tail head is spongy; withers, shoulders, and neck are rounded and smooth
6	MODERATELY FLESHY	Slight crease down spine; ribs and tail head feel spongy; fat deposits along withers and neck and behind shoulders
7	FLESHY	Crease down spine; ribs have fat filling between them; tail head spongy; fat deposits along withers and neck and behind shoulders
8	FAT	Apparent crease down spine; ribs difficult to feel; soft fat surrounding tail head; fat deposits along withers, behind shoulders, and on inner thighs; neck is large
9	OBESE	Obvious crease down spine; patchy fat on ribs; bulging fat on tail head, withers, behind shoulders and on neck; fat fills in flank and on inner thighs

The article in next months issue will show you how to determine your horse's respiratory rate.

~ Written by Susan Boyd

SFSPCA Horse of the Month "LONG DISTANCE"



Thoroughbred • Mare • Bay • 16 hands • Foaled 2/7/13

Long Distance is a 4 year old, bay, 16 hand OTTB mare. Her last race was September 3, 2016. Long Distance bathes, loads, cross-ties and stands for the farrier. She loves attention and just started a new career in May, 2017.

She is a pleasure to work with and is enjoying her new job. Long Distance is accepting the contact nicely at walk and trot. She is still strong at the canter but improving each ride. She has three great gaits and will make a great lower level dressage horse or hunter.

Contact Laurie at Laurie@helpthehorses.com for adoption info. Donations can be made at www.helpthehorses.com

**UPDATE ON HORSE OF THE
LAST MONTH, "SAMUCA"
HAS NOT BEEN ADOPTED!**



PARADE TEAM NEWS

Hi Members,

Our first parade of the season, the 4th of July, was fantastic! We carried our flags - and the crowd loved us! The next parade is the Freedom Walk, on Sat., September 9th, in Homestead meet in the grass lot across from the VFW, 601 NE 2 Rd.

Although this parade is not designated as an official parade, all volunteers, family, & friends and ALL SFTR are welcome! Register 8am, be ready to ride at 9:15am. Dress code: long sleeved plain white shirt, blue jeans, red bandana or wild rag, boots, and a cowboy hat or a helmet. All juniors 18-under must wear a helmet if riding/walking their horse. The Freedom Walk is a great parade for all newbies to try a quieter parade-type venue. Great for new horses, junior riders, and carts/ buggies. I hope to hear from you about coming to the Freedom Walk, it will be a great time, and this event is open to ALL club members! RSVP to TB's Manny Alvarez & Bonny George, Jr. Day rider passes & memberships will also be available on site (bring cash/check).

If you are in need of an official Parade Team shirt, hat, or tack for the parade uniform, this is the time to get them done for the Veteran's Day parade in November. Also, if you are interested in parades, please fill out a parade date form and application as soon as you can, so I am able to keep track of who will be joining us for these awesome parades. As a last preparation, anyone interested in the parades, but unsure on their horse's comfort in a parade, is welcome to the club's Obstacle Ride, held at Bonny & Sonny George Jr.'s house. The obstacle ride is a great opportunity for your seasoned parade horse to get a tune up and to help your spooky horse feel more relaxed in parade situations. I hope to see you all there!



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AROUND THE PADDOCK...SUMMER HEAT DOESN'T SLOW ACTIVITIES

Even though our riding dwindles as the summer sun bakes so. Fla., our riders have been active, none the less. Alani Lopez hit the ivories in grand style, earning a Superior at the Guild Testing, at the U of M! On the upper education division, we heard Katrina Carroll graduated as an RN from Rasmussen College, in New Port Richie. At only 21 yrs old, Katrina obtained a job at Citrus Mem. Hospital, she has set a blazing trail for her future successes! Niriam Lauzaurique's sister, Suzet, graduated from Antigua College as an RN, has been a LPN for 9 yrs and is only a state test from becoming a Fla. Lic. RN. Good job!

Jason Lauzaurique- Swimming in his last (14-under) Jr. Olympics in Stuart, made personal best times in 5 of 7 events: 50m free, back & breast stroke; 100m and 200 m back & breast. Jason carried 4 of this times into his new Senior div. (15-up) in an upcoming meet in Coral Springs. Locally, Jason was the only freshman last year at Varela to make it to the Dist. Champs. As a Varsity letterman, his sights are set on this year's State Champs!

Tyra Phillips has been busy organizing a phenomenal antiques & flea market, Veteran's Merchandise Clearance, at the old Redland Farm Life School. Well attended on both Sat & Sun, the proceeds go to our Veterans through the non-profit Redland Ahead.org. - assisting Vets transitioning into farming & agriculture ventures. A portion of the funds also goes to the continued restoration of the Redland school! The grass courtyard can hold vendors for goods & food, while room after room of furniture, home wares, clothing, sporting goods, holiday décor, toys, & more give the

buyer a well planned indoor venue. The next event will be Sept. 16-17, 2017, 9am-3pm, at the school 16155 SW 248 St.; call Tyra (305-992-2769) to reserve a \$10 vending spot.

Our Varela FFA Parade Team student volunteers have been busy cleaning up their barn and received their market lambs, & chicks recently. Next will be the piggies and cows. And so the new year begins!

Horse friends interested in Beekeeping – Dr. Jaime Ellis from the UF/IFAS will be the guest speaker at the Nov meeting of the Tropical Beekeepers. Monthly meeting 2nd Tues, 7-9pm, Redland Comm. Church, SW 248 St/147 Ave.

A round of applause to Carrie Hershberger, Susan Boyd and Sandy Fobb, for their great presentation on transitioning a shod horse to barefoot. Info on nutrition, trim, gradual increase in exercise/riding time to build a sole callus, types & use of boots, was also included. The informative discussion covered a wide selection of boots on display; with handouts, farrier/trimmer references, ideas on using boots over shoes for loose/thrown shoes on a ride or medicating - all giving our members a chance to learn another facet of equine care. We really appreciate these ladies sharing their knowledge, and encourage all members with a skill, talent, service, or interest to share their knowledge as well! Please contact Ben Kroner (Program Dir.) so we may include you as a guest speaker at an upcoming meeting.

~Bonny George Jr.



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