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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

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TBs Dee Dawson & Tyra Phillips.**

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5320 South Shore Blvd. Wellington, Fla.

Palm Beach Equine Clinic **561-793-1599**
13125 Southfields Rd. Wellington, Fla.

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.

South Fla. SPCA

www.helpthehorses.com

P.O. Box 924088

Homestead, Fl. 33092

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www.HPAF.org

20690 NW 130 Ave.

Micanopy, Fl. 32667

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1840 NE 65 Ct.

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TRAIL MANNERS

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

- **18 & UNDER 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.



2023

Dates and Places

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

2023



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

OCTOBER 2023

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601 NE 2nd Rd Homestead Dinner 7pm, meeting 7:30

Fri 6-18 Camping: East Fork, Tenn. TB Ray Gonzalez 954-707-2917

Sun 8- Early Dinner Ride, TB Anne Cefalu-Sanchez 305-606-5888
Arrive 3pm, ride 4pm. Light dinner 5pm.

Mon 9- *Columbus Day!*

Sat 14- Broward: Desensitizing Event, Oak Hill

Mon 16- SFTR Board Meeting; at Belinda & Art Hebert's home; 7:30pm. 786-298-7044.

Fri 19- Mon 23 - Camping: Hardee Lake, TBs Wayne & Carrie Hershberger 305-206-1698

Sat 28- Halloween Costume Contest & Ride, Larry & Penny Park TBs Dee Dawson
786-253-2175 & Tyra Phillips 305-992-2769 Arrive 8:30-9am, costume contest 9:30am,
ride immediately after. Lunch for all SFTR members approx. 11:30am.

NOVEMBER 2023

Tues 7- SFTR General Meeting, Homestead VFW. Dinner 7pm, meeting 7:30. Guest speaker: Sgt. Jason Rodriguez presenting the newly restarted MD Police Dept. Mounted Unit stationed at Tropical Park.

Sun 5- Broward SFTR 24th Annual Pancake Breakfast & Tack (& Craft) Sale, 9am-2pm. Oakhill Equest. Park, 3100 SW 130 Ave, Davie.

Sat 11- Veteran's Day Parade, TB Lisa Morgan 786-556-0339 Homestead

Mon 13- SFTR Board Meeting; at Dennys & Juana Cabrera's home; 7:30pm.

Fri 17- Star Gazing in the Park, Fruit & Spice Park.
TB Mike & Deda Maldonado, 6-9pm 305-331-7599. For tickets or more info see this link:
<https://www.miamidade.gov/fruitandspicepark/eventDetail.page?id=24>

Sun 19- Broward- Lasagna Lunch & Ride, Oak Hill

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Trail Riders,

Our thoughts & prayers went out to all of our SFTR who live in Northern Florida, during Idalia. September has been a busy month! The 9/11 Freedom Walk was fantastic, & thank you Wendy Stamatyades for being Trail Boss & carrying the American flag! I want to say how wonderful it was to see Domingo Hernandez there to help support not only the club, but the first responders as well. We had a big crowd of horses & many people walking.

Bonny George Jr & I went to Felix Varela and had our yearly meeting with the FFA students & parents. We got a big crowd of kids & parents to join us, so please welcome them all when you see them. They are new to horses & the SFTR. Next up was the obstacle course at Sonny & Bonny's house. I was unable to attend due to getting Covid for the first time!

Don't forget, in October we have the General Meeting on Tues. Oct. 3rd; followed by the Early Dinner Ride on Oct. 8, with Trail Boss Anne Cefalu-Sanchez. Arrive at 3:00 pm. For campers, the East Fork, Tenn trip is Oct. 6th -18th, with Trail Boss Ray Gonzalez. Mon. Oct. 16 is the Board Meeting at Belinda's house – please, if anyone wants to join us to discuss anything please email me at 01lisamorgan@gmail.com. Camping again with Trail Bosses Carrie & Wayne Hershberger from Oct. 19-23, at Hardee Lake. Last, but not least, is the Halloween Costume Contest & Ride on Sat. Oct. 28. Trail Bosses are Dee Dawson & Tyra Phillips. I think it's great we are having new people (Trail Bosses) for these events. Please, come one come all & join us for some great October fun!!!!



Lisa Morgan

Thank you,
Lisa Morgan
President
South Florida Trail Riders



SUNSHINE REPORT



Our condolences go out to Cristy Pparas for the loss of her mom. Cristy Sr.'s warmth, wisdom & support will be very much missed by their family & especially the six grand kids.

The Rainbow Bridge had several steeds cross over. Ann-louise & Nathalie Oudin's horse, Genesis, was the children's first horse – with them for 23 of his 29yrs. He gave them all riding lessons, was their magnificent parade horse, did shows & competitive trail obstacle courses with confidence, and was their easy going camping partner. During the last year, Dennys Cabrera lost his magnificent white Mozart & now tragically lost Mozart's look-alike, Johnny, to a severe colic. Johnny proudly carried Dennys on trail rides, did obstacles, beach rides & parades and could bow & do a Spanish Walk as trained by Dennys. Sadly, Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez Garcia also lost her famous Roxy. Sylvia's steady trail horse for decades, the horse that sported hand prints from admiring Autistic children, at 21yrs. became severely debilitated by arthritis & Cushings. Amaris & Mike Garneau also had to relieve the pain their noble trail

horse, Duke, & so made their loving assist as well. It is not easy to say goodbye, but knowing the horse was a faithful partner all those years, we in turn must surround them in their end time with our strength & love. RIP, may they all run pain-free.

On the family scene, Renee & Brian Reynolds have a new grandson, a cute little cowboy names Ian. With a new 4-legged, Wendy Stamatyades welcomed a 7mo. old Golden Retriever pup, Cody, to their farm.

Hooray! Yelani Lopez is sporting some bling, as she is engaged to Carlos Diaz. An early 2025 wedding is planned after her Board exams to be a Cert. Physician's Assist. Can't wait to see them both ride with us! Meanwhile, Cendra & Terry Wendel are celebrating their 2nd Anniversary – may happiness follow you both on your next lap around the sun.

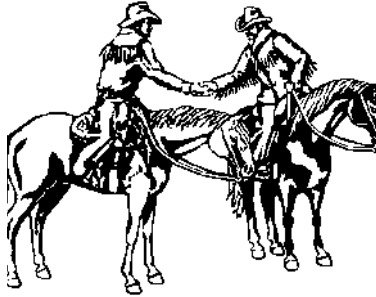
In the SFTR we put family first. Yet, members of our club become like family, as we ride & share good times and sorrows. Let us know if someone could use a mention in Sunshine ... it's like a hug.

~Your Board

We have 290 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year.

Welcome New Members

WE WILL E-MAIL YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD IN 3 TO 4 WEEKS.



Michael Diaz Jr.
Miami, Fl. 33130

Julia and Nick Woods
Hollywood, Fl. 33021



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Always ask Proprietor for amount of discount & availability.

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Sunset Feed & Supply	7650 S.W. 117 Ave. Kendall	271-0341
Sunset Country	16300 S.W. 296 St. Homestead	245-2935
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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Daly	Martha Alicia Insignares	



Future Events

SFTR General Meeting – Tues. Oct. 3

At our Sept. General meeting we were treated to an inside look at the annual Chincoteague, Va. Wild Pony Swim. Sonny & Bonny George, Jr.'s camping trip destination this summer was to see the iconic Pony Swim, immortalized in the childhood story "Misty of Chincoteague". Recalling the round-up, activities, pony history, & current herd care by the local volunteer police dept., their photo presentation gave an up-close view of these magnificent wild horses. Thank you both!

Although we have no guest speaker for our next

General Meeting on Tues. Oct. 3, we will meet at the **Homestead VFW post**, where we park for the Veteran's parade: 601 N.E. 2 Rd. (Campbell Dr./312 St. & then go south at the light at 1st Rd.; east of Krome, just west of US1). Dine **7pm**, meeting **7:30pm**. Come spend some time with good friends, talk about recent events, & hear what's on our club calendar for the fall months! Bring your family & friends. Put the **Tues. Oct. 3** date on your calendar to attend! The room is spacious, the food is good & reasonable.

~Your Board

Come Show Your Club Spirit at the Homestead Veteran's Day Parade

The Homestead Veteran's Day Parade will be on **Sat. Nov. 11**, & we will trailer to the VFW grass lot – 601 NE 2nd Rd, Homestead. This is a great local parade that always draws the community to come watch, as we ride & walk to honor our Veterans.

We encourage **ALL SFTR** to join in this event, as it is an **open** parade! All SFTR who would like to ride, walk with us, or lead-line their equines: please wear a long sleeved plain white shirt, black slacks, a red-white-blue bandana, & a light straw hat, or helmet. Juniors 18yrs & under **must** wear a helmet when mounted. Bring out those juniors to join in this commemorative parade - they should dress the same. Horses can be in R-W-B tack, ridden or in-hand (on a lead-line). For safety reasons, **no** ponying please.

SFTR Parade Team will dress in our official parade uniform & horses are to be in official parade tack (with no added gear). We will decorate the horses & carts, & please **assist** in helping to **carry** our 10 flags. We want to honor all our Veterans, & need flag carry-

ing help! We hope to see our seasoned Parade Team members out in full force! Our Parade Team includes the Felix Varela FFA student volunteers & we look forward to having them lead their ponies with us, & having their parents/families parade with us too! We are very fortunate to have Miami Medical Consultants as our Parade Team sponsor again this year! We will proudly have their logo on our banner, & appreciate their support of the SFTR in our events to serve our community.

If you are a **SFTR** and are a **Veteran** – PLEASE, we need to hear from you! Please call/text me (Lisa Morgan 786-217-4933) asap with details. You are the reason we will be parading! Junior riders are especially welcome in this parade, either riding solo or on lead-line. And we always need safety walkers, banner carriers, a safety truck driver, & a poop-scoop team! More info & times in the next newsletter. So, you don't have to ride or even own a horse to come parade with your club – just let us know how we may help you join in the excitement!

~Lisa Morgan

Miami-Dade Mounted Police to Speak at Nov. 7 SFTR General Meeting

Save Nov. 7 on your calendar, & join us at the SFTR Nov. General Meeting, where we will host the head of the Miami-Dade Police Dept. Mounted unit, Sgt. Jason Rodriguez. We will get a rare look at the unit's history, the community's efforts in rebuilding their facility at

the Tropical Park barn, and their outlook for future activities. Bring the family, have dinner and learn about this unique squad of equines and the officers who patrol our area!

~Your Board

Camping Calendar – Starts in October 2023

Oct. 6-18 East Fork, Tenn. Ray Gonzalez will Trail Boss this trip. Join-up at any point on the trip, or meet at the first stop & caravan the entire trip – ride when the fall leaf colors are the best! **First stop: Fri.**

Oct. 6 - Perry, Ga. or Unadilla, Ga. **Sat. Oct. 7**- Unadilla, Ga. to Jamestown, Tenn., approx. 336 miles. Then to East Fork stables, Tenn. with over 120 mi. of beautiful trails. Campground has water, elec. & some have sewer. All stalls are covered. Ride East Fork Oct 8-11. **Thurs., Oct. 12**- East Fork to Big So. Fork Natl. River & Rec. Area, Bandy Creek Campground; distance 37 mi. Big So. Fork has over 200 mi. of gorgeous trails. Bandy Creek campground has water/elec. & a dump station. Ride Big So. Fork Oct 13-17.

Thurs. Oct. 18- Big South Fork to Perry, Ga. Contact Ray Gonzalez 954-707-2917 or dreamcatcher3721@yahoo.com .

Oct. 19-23 Hardee Lake County Park, Fla.

NOTE: All reservations due by Oct. 1.

Wayne & Carrie Hershberger will TB this event in mid-Fla. Primitive camping (no water/elec) & a limited number of electric+water hook-up sites for trailers (your choice), priced approx. \$15- \$23 per night, plus tax. Fee for addl. Cars/guests. High tie posts available for the horses (bring your own high line & tree protectors) or use your own portable corrals (no paddocks or stalls avail); water for horses, picnic tables, bath house. Bring your kayak or fishing gear for the lake, & the camp is bicycle/golf cart friendly (local GC rental avail.). Pack out Mon. Oct. 23 by 1pm. Address: 5502 Ollie Roberts Rd, Bowling Green, Fla. 33834 (NW of Sebring). **Reserve with Dottie 863-767-1100.** Then call/text Carrie & Wayne to let them know you are attending: 305-206-1698.

Jan 11-15, 2024 Lt. Roger Haddock Memorial Trial Ride, commonly referred to as: **Lake X**, in St. Cloud, Fla. Sponsored by the Osceola County Sheriffs

Office, you camp on a small airplane runway. Set your horse up at your site, on the grassy shoulder of the runway. Many meals included. Bring your own horse containment. Ride thru pine lands & swamps. More info found on the Facebook page of Osceola County Sheriffs office.

Jan 26-28, 2024 Great Florida Cattle Drive Reunion Ride at the Fla. Sheriffs Boys Ranch near Live Oak, Fla. (Not SFTR event because it conflicts with our Rodeo.)

June 15-19, 2024 Buffalo River, Tenn. If you want to camp in Ala. On your way to Tenn. this summer, you **need to register now** for our annual SFTR big club camp out! Renee Reynolds will TB the trail ride through the hill country dotted with beautiful water crossings. Camp with good friends in the SFTR, the full trip will be for about 2 weeks, but you can join for any portion of the adventure. You can even stay longer at the Buffalo River, as daily rates apply.

The first night together will be in north Fla (details being planned now). Then on to Camp McClellan, in Ala. We'll ride the next day, & then the following morning continue north. On the return trip we will again camp & ride at Camp McClellan and in no. Fla. (details in the works)

Buffalo River Trail Ride - 5929 Bromley Cemetery Rd. - Waynesboro, TN 38485

Camp McClellan Horse Trails Campground - 150 Mud Hole Road - Anniston, AL 36205

You have the dates for Buffalo River, but you must **reserve NOW**, so you won't be left out!!! We are in the river campground in the **horseshoe**. When you **call to make your reservations**, leave a message with your name and number, you will be called back – **931-722-9170** or **877-654-3164**. In your message, tell them you want to be near Renee, Dana, or Karen, with the SFTR!

Anne's Early Dinner Ride - on a New Trail!!!

Enjoy an easy, quiet, short late afternoon ride on a new trail!! Anne Cefalu-Sanchez will Trail Boss her first ride on **Sun. Oct. 8**. Plan to arrive off Krome near SW 168 St. at about **3pm** – plenty of parking space. Ride out **4pm** for about an hour. A light dinner dish will be provided after the ride, approx. **5pm**, giving us all a chance to share stories, & still get our horses home before dark. Even if you don't ride, please come join us for a bite to eat & well deserved social time. Water/sodas also provided. An email will

reach you soon with the address, so be sure you have renewed your membership so you'll get the newsletter & the emails with important details! On-line is fast & easy, or use the form at the end of the newsletter. Please **RSVP** Anne now so she can prepare enough food & sodas: **305-606-5888**. So plan your side dish to share & bring your chair to sit a while. Let's enjoy a new trail together with Anne in the lead!

~Your Board

We Proudly Rode and Walked in the 9-11 Freedom Walk

Do you remember where you were twenty-two years ago? If it was just any day, you may not have an answer, but for important days, we are all likely to recall specific conditions. I was at work, sitting at my desk on September 11, 2001. I was the first to notify my husband of the events that made that day remarkable. The news spread rapidly. Every year since then, the people of this country pause to remember that day. This is what 19 riders, 8 walkers, and 5 juniors from the So. Fla. Trail Riders did at the Freedom Walk.

We participated in the Freedom Walk in remembrance of the tragedy of 9/11. Samantha & David Rotella were our ground support, along with Samantha who managed the poop-cart for our unit. We thank this very nice family for their contribution.

After the opening ceremony, the Freedom Walk commenced in formation for two miles, from the Homestead VFW, proceeding up to Campbell, east

to US1, south to 6th Ave. and back up to our trailers, where the VFW had a lavish lunch awaiting in their hall. We had hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza & bananas. I hope you checked your goodie bag and you didn't leave it around, because there was a banana in that bag also!

A few members of the Swamp Donkeys Drill Team & other riders from the community joined us. I thank Lisa Morgan & Bonny George, Jr. for supporting me in my first occasion to be a Trail Boss. Thanks also to Mike Maldonado for ferrying my horse to & fro.

I appreciate the honor of serving for my first time as your Trail Boss on this occasion. Leading the group, and holding the American flag made me proud. I was proud of being an American, a So. Fla. Trail Rider & the Trail Boss. You should all take a crack at this!

Let's remember the purpose of the walk though, as walking for Freedom and remembering the 9/11 events – the cost and price paid from that fateful day 22 years ago is worth your time. Teach it to your children!

~ Wendy Stamatyades





Miami-Dade Police Mounted Unit Re-established at Tropical Park

For many years the SFTR & M.D.P.D. Mounted participated in each other's events, until the unit was dissolved some years back. Recently we heard from a retired M.D. Mounted Police officer (& long time SFTR) Becky Card Swerdloff that their barn at Tropical Park, their tack/equipment, horses & mounted patrol unit were renewed. The Milton family's generous funding made it all possible, & we went to see the dedication. Almost a dozen of us sported our SFTR shirts & helped welcome the new officers into our equine community.

Attended by dignitaries, including Mayor Daniella Levine Cava (also SFTR), the facility was awash with blue – from the mounted (& other units) from the City of Miami, Coral Gables, Hialeah, Davie, Plantation & other locales. It was amazing to see the unity & support between all the forces, all

congratulating the new MDPD Mounted unit, headed by Sgt. Jason Rodriguez. I extended an invitation to their newly trained officers to attend our obstacle event, but their schedule at this time would not allow them the opportunity to once again join us on horse-back.

We congratulate the unit on their training and wish them & their horses a solid transition back into the community. They provide a high level of security at events, promote positive public perception of police men & women, and their horses provide an added layer of pride, compassion, strength & nobleness by their presence. We hope to share activities again this year with the unit & in the mean time, plan on attending our SFTR General Meeting in Nov. - Sgt. Rodriguez will be the guest speaker!

~ Bonny George, Jr.



Emergency Management: Your Horse is Lamé – Abscess?

Prevention by proper hoof care avoids emergency care. However, even a well cared for horse can become lame, resulting from any number of factors. Any issue with the hooves of a horse can cause many things to go wrong if not cared for properly. Some general info: Podiatry is a branch of medicine dedicated to diagnosing & managing conditions affecting the foot. An equine podiatrist is a veterinarian, and certified journeyman farrier.

Horses with abscesses are acutely lame on just a single foot. While there can be multiple causes for a single-leg lameness, abscess is always high on the list! An abscess is basically a pocket of pus. Pus is a collection of immune cells, dead tissue, & bacteria. Abscesses can form anywhere in the body, but in the hoof it forms when a bit of bacteria enters between the hard hoof wall & the soft inner tissues of the foot. They can also form if your horse steps on something & sustains a small puncture wound which allows bacteria in.

When abscesses occur under the skin due to injury, there is usually room for the skin & surrounding tissues to expand and swell. Veterinarians may get excited when they get to “pop” one of these big swellings, but in the hoof there’s a hard outer covering preventing major swelling. Still, the way to make the pain go away is to establish drainage. When the horses are lucky, that drainage happens out the bottom of the foot, but sometimes it comes out the top, near the coronet band.

When you call your vet about a lameness they’ll ask you when you first noticed it, if you’ve given your horse any medications (don’t do this without asking first!), and if he’s ever had any hoof issues before. They might ask about when the last time the farrier was there. Then, they’ll likely take a look & a feel of the leg and the hoof. You may see them examine more legs than the one you think is the problem, and there’s a few reasons for that. It’s always easiest to tell what abnormal is when it is compared to normal, so the vets may do a lot of compare & contrast of the different legs to help determine the cause. They’ll likely use a hoof pick and a big, barbaric looking

tool called a hoof tester. Hoof testers are used to apply pressure to specific spots around the hoof to look for reaction or pain.

Depending on how obvious the lameness is, the vet may need to see the horse walk or trot, or they may perform diagnostic local anesthesia to isolate the problem to the hoof. If your horse has a very obvious soft or painful spot, the vet may take a hoof knife & gently and carefully remove some sole. It’s very easy to do more harm than good with this, so do **not** do it yourself! Vets can also use radiographs (x-rays) to look for the abscess location. X-rays involve taking a 2-D image of a 3-D structure, so at least two views are always needed. Often 3 or more views are needed to see the problem in all planes & get an exact location. Sometimes sedation is needed to take the x-rays, because of the horse’s pain. Once the location of the abscess is found, an estimate of treatment intensity & duration can be determined. The best thing the human can do to help your horse once it’s been diagnosed with an abscess is help to promote drainage. Use epsom salts as a drawing agent, by soaking your horse’s foot in warm water with epsom salts a few times per day. In severe cases, the horse may need treatment by an equine podiatrist. Perhaps consider an equine podiatrist for chronic abscesses or lameness issues of the hoof, to safeguard the health/life of the horse.

The good news with abscesses is, that almost always, once they are opened & drained, your horse will return to being happy & comfortable. In addition to soaking treatments, your horse could be put on pain meds. The pain medication not only helps them feel better, but also encourages them to put full weight on the problem hoof, thereby squishing out the abscess.

So how do you prevent hoof abscesses? You can’t prevent all of them, but regular trimming by an experienced farrier is a good start. In between trims, you should clean your horse’s feet every day with a hoof pick. Keep a close eye around your barn for nails, screws, or any other possible puncture risks. Remember: No hoof, no horse.

~Belinda Hebert

Around the Paddock – Hot, But SFTR Are Still Out Enjoying Life

In between riding Tree Tops with Joel Goldmacher & their crew, Andrea Franklin has still been playing pickleball – winning a silver award in her ladies league in a 4 week ladder tournament! Keeping their horses busy have been little Amaya, Janelis & Alex Egozcue, along with Emma Brower, as they’ve been picking up awards in their buckle series. Up-state, Lynn Vina said Boogie stayed calm & did well at a big arena for his first show. Good luck to these fine competitors.

Hurricane up-date: While Cathy Dunmoyer’s home took a tree falling on her house & lost power for a couple of weeks, we are thankful no one was hurt. Sylvia & Eddie Garcia’s place had branches down, & Ashley Leonard in Dowling Park, Fla. reported their sheepdogs, horses, her mom & she were all ok. Sandy Fobb said all was ok, just a lot of wind, but Joanna Jacobs & Eva Marie Tracey said lots of trees went down, which caused about a 2 week power outage. Eva’s little mini, Munchkin, was colicky - & we hope all is well now.

In travels, Natalie Perlin has been in her old stomping grounds in Isreal, Bette Brown has ventured high into the Tetons out

west, Luis Valdeon & Yolanda have been soaking up the sun in the Virgin Islands & Celine d’Arbellas has been sightseeing in Barcelona, Sp. Always good to get out of town! Meanwhile, in town, BOLO for Jaylyn Dorado – she’s been seen leaving her horse behind to sit at the wheel of her new car!

Tack sale coming! The SFTR of Broward will have their 24th Annual Pancake Breakfast & Tack (& craft) Sale, Sun. Nov. 5 (9am-2pm) at Oakhill Equest. Park in Davie (3100 SW 130 Av.) Go for the great deals, stay to talk with good friends. Vendor spots avail. See you there!

Remember the Homestead Everglades Posse has their Play Day series going on, there is ranch sorting & lots of horse shows to see. We have star gazing, parades, tack sales, camping, & costume contests for everyone; and the Miami-Dade Police Mounted unit coming to our Nov. General Meeting! Ride with the SFTR & then head out to see (or try) other activities. It’s the spice of life that keeps us moving & above dirt.

~Bonny George, Jr.

SFSPCA Horse of the Month "Chanel"



Chanel

Breed Thoroughbred

Sex Mare

Year of Birth 2020

Height 16.1 hands

Arrival to Farm October 19, 2022

Bis Golden Glory, AKA Chanel, is an off-track thoroughbred mare. Known for her sweet demeanor, Chanel is a barn favorite. She behaves very well cross ties and easy to handle. She is a forward thinker who offers three comfortable gaits. Due to her young age; she will benefit from additional training. Chanel will be best matched with an intermediate/experienced rider capable of honing her natural abilities.

Contact Laurie at

Laurie@helpthehorses.com for adoption info.

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Harry, last month's horse, still not adopted.



PARADE TEAM NEWS

The 9/11 Freedom Walk was a success!! Thank you all for coming & joining in the Remembrance, kuddos to Wendy Stamatyades for a TB job well done, to our flag carriers, riders, walkers & the Rotella family for handling the Poop Cart!



The obstacle course at Sonny & Bonny George Jr's house is one of the best ways to desensitize your horse for upcoming parades, & trail rides. Although I was down with Covid, I was glad to see so many Parade Team members attend, & thrilled at the two day turnout of the FFA students from Felix Varela Vet Academy. It's always a great time & it's a perfect way to meet everyone. Please make sure to welcome the juniors when you see them & help them to learn about the horses they are taking care of. We are all a team & this is what the club is all about. **WELCOME FELIX VARELA - GLAD TO HAVE YOU!!!!**

Our next parade is the Homestead Veterans Parade on Sat. Nov. 11. I hope to have a good turnout. Please come & join us in celebrating the Veterans that have done so much for us and this country. We will need 10 flag carriers, so please let me know which branch of the armed forces you'd like to carry! I have advertised this in the VA, so I am hoping for a lot of Vets to come out & see us. If you need anything for the parade (tack/uniform) this is the time to ask for it. Air Force planes do fly over us first (just a reminder). More details on the parade next month.

We are awaiting date confirmations on our annual gala parades, but save these dates for now: Santa's Parade of Elves on Sun. Dec. 3 and the Jr. Orange Bowl Parade on Sun. Dec.10
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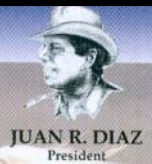
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