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PRE FATHER'S DAY RIDE



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

Tues 4- 4th of July Parade,
TB Lisa Morgan; Key Biscayne.

July - SFTR General Meeting
CANCELLED due to 4th July Parade.

Sat 22- Day of the American Cowboy
Ride, TB Mike Maldonado; Larry &
Penny Park. Arrive 9am, contest 9:30,
ride 10am, lunch 12noon.

See more inside...

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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.

- **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

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(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

July 2023

Tues 4- 4th of July Parade, TB Lisa Morgan; Key Biscayne arrive 830 am, line up at 10:am Parade at 11:am , Lunch at noon

SFTR General Meeting, **Cancelled** due to holiday

Mon 10- SFTR Board Meeting; Mike & Deda Maldonado's home, 7:30pm.

Sat 22- Day of the American Cowboy Ride, TB Mike Maldonado; Larry & Penny Park. Arrive 9am, contest 9:30, ride 10am, lunch 12noon.

August 2023

Tues 1- SFTR General Meeting, Homestead VFW. Dinner 7pm,meeting 7:30 Special guest speakers: Debi Catarineau-Priest- Hurricane stalls; and Belinda Hebert- Emergency Management, Hurricane Barn/Horse Prep.

Sat 5- Coggins & Vaccinations Day, Mike Maldonado's Rockin' M Ranch; 9am -12noon.

Mon 7 - SFTR Board Meeting; Tyra Phillip's home, 7:30pm

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*Between newsletters you can follow all SFTR activities
on our Facebook Page. "South Florida Trail Riders" and our website sfrmiamidade.org*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Trail Riders,

What a great way to start June!!! We had over 30 people come to the small desensitizing clinic to prepare our horses for parades. Some rode, some lead-lined their horse, & others came to help wave flags and make noise. Thank you all for coming!

We also got to meet a couple of new members that signed up at this event – juniors as well as adults. Please let's all welcome them. It was so good to see Augie & Ben there as well. Thank you all for coming!!!

Please don't forget the July 4th Parade on Key Biscayne. The parade starts at 11:00 this year. We will be up front but don't know our line up yet. See a separate article in this newsletter with details & times!

Board meeting recap: We went over a lot of old activities from previous year. Still 2 items that need to be finished. I again want to welcome the new Board. I believe we will be doing a lot good things this year, utilizing the fresh thinking & suggestions of our new Board moving forward. Just remember, All SFTR members are welcome to attend a Board meeting. All we ask is, if you want to attend, please let us know ahead of time to make room for you, and make sure we have enough food & beverages to go around.

Our next ride will be Sat. July 22 for the Day of the American Cowboy (see article), & I hope you all are able to attend. I would love to see you!



Lisa Morgan

Lisa Morgan

Thank you,
Lisa Morgan
President
South Florida Trail Riders

Spring Trip Wrap Up

If you missed our June SFTR General Meeting where Renee Reynolds gave an excellent video presentation of the N.C. camping trip – here is a snippet of the adventure!

Black Prong Equestrian is a swank private facility next to the Goethe State forest, just west of Ocala. Although some of the trails weren't all marked leaving from the facility, we had great weather & really enjoyed the beautiful trails with Barbie Ruiz-Gonzalez as our Trail Boss. We did have exquisite gourmet dishes at its small local on-site restaurant! Debi Catarineau-Priest & Barbi rented golf carts & became our Uber drivers to the restaurant!

The second stop was at Hard Labor Creek State Park, east of Atlanta, Ga. We had water & electric at our campsites; & we enjoyed great technical trails, beautiful forest, & creek crossings with Andrea Sante as our Trail Boss..

Next we hit Moses Cone Memorial Park, in the mountains of Blowing Rock, NC. The riding was easy on well manicured carriage trails, up & down mountainsides along many switchbacks. TB Renee

Reynolds, delegated the lead to Leo Perez as we rode Broyhill Equestrian Preserve- which provided water & electric for the rigs, & our sites were right next to the barn!

Then our destination: The Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC! The camping was primitive in a huge field with very few hard pulls. Debi Trail Bossed us along beautiful well manicured trails & several creek crossings for horse watering. We also partook of wine tastings, great restaurants, house tours, & a children's farm tour. Definitely enjoyed ourselves!

Heading home, we stopped at San Felasco, in High Springs, Fla. where Sandy Fobb Trail Bossed our nice ride on easy terrain & under a wonderful tree canopy that kept us cool. River Rise Preserve State Park is primitive for campers & has stalls and a barn for horses. Camping was a little warm, but cooled down after 10pm. And kuddos to Sandy who brought us pizzas for dinner. Yum!

Thank you to all the trail bosses & participants who made this a great adventure! If anyone has suggestions for next year's trip, let me know.

~Renee Reynolds

We have 281 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.

Julie Margolis
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Happy Birthday Dandy !!!

Dandy Wright licking his lips after enjoying his 30th birthday cupcake!

In his younger years Dandy enjoyed camping with his brother JW and their mother, Michele Wright. Dandy now spends his days bossing the llama and alpacas around the pasture.

Life is good!



~Michele Wright

Future Events

SFTR General Meeting for July 4, 2023 Canceled due to the holiday!

Come Find Out About Hurricane Stalls & Your Barn Hurricane Preps!

We were treated to a marvelous summary of the recent spring camping trip to the Biltmore Estate in NC, by Camping Chairwoman, Renee Reynolds (in our June meeting). Debi Catarineau-Priest organized a chronology of amazing photos from each of the camps & trails, & Renee explained the accommodations & special activities in each locale. Also on the trip was Susie Randolph, who joined in the presentation to explain the special events on the trip & historical info – making the presentation a huge success! Thank you Renee, Debi & Susie for the captivating summary, giving us all a glimpse into the beautiful trails & fun things you all did on the trip. Can't wait to hear where the next trip may go – Arkansas maybe? Renee already has dates set for two camping trips this October, & more being planned.

Due to the July 4th holiday, our **General Meeting for July 4** is **canceled**. We hope all SFTR interested in joining the Parade Team for the July 4th Parade on Key Biscayne will contact Lisa Morgan immediately. Let's spread our patriotism out into our community!

The **next SFTR General Meeting** will be **Tues. Aug. 1**. Special **guest speakers** will be **Debi Catarineau-Priest & Belinda Hebert**. Debi is the chairperson for handling the **Hurricane Stalls** for the SFTR at

Tropical Park. It is the season & better to know how to reserve a stall now. This is a members-only perk, & although there is a fee involved, many do not understand the steps to rent or re-rent a stall. There are also tasks to do to prepare your horse, food/water issues, contact info & time schedules to follow once watches & warnings are announced. For those who intend to keep their animals on the farm, Belinda is our chairperson for **Emergency Management**, & will outline preps you can do to better safeguard your horse & barn. Come get all the info from the people who generously handle these tasks.

We 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**. This meeting will be about **Hurricane stalls at Tropical Park & barn/horse** hurricane preparedness at **home**. So come & participate, bring your questions & concerns. Put the **Tues. Aug 1** date on your calendar to attend!! The room is spacious, the food is good & reasonable. Bring your friends & family! See you there.

~Your New Board

Annual SFTR Coggins & Vaccination Day – Aug. 5 !

Each year, Dr. Diaz generously donates his time to meet at a local ranch to give SFTR members discounted Coggins test, vaccinations, micro-chips, etc. The club schedules this event the **same time every year** as a member perk, and so everyone has all their required vaccs/Coggins for the coming ride & camping *season*. Remember, you **must** have your Coggins **on you** when your horse **leaves** your property – so get it done now & be ready to trailer or ride. Dr. Diaz will be at Mike Maldonado's Rockin' M Ranch on **Sat. Aug. 5, 9am-12noon** for all SFTR members (**up to 1pm by appointment only**). Bring as many horses as you want, minis/drafts, donkeys/mules – the **schedule is first-come-first served!** Plenty of space to park inside & outside the property.

Savings: first, there is **NO** farm call charge! Dis-

counted prices are: Vaccinations \$110, Coggins \$50, micro-chip \$75. Prices have not gone up for several years. You **must** call Dr. Diaz to place your order with Debbie at **305-733-8247** & give your name & the services (vaccs, Coggins, micro-chip, etc) needed for each horse. What you request will be on the truck ready for you. No tack, just halter/lead-line; no food since people come & go, but water available for horses & humans.

Remember, so Dr. Diaz has all the supplies needed on the truck, you must call the office & place your order! An email will be sent the week of the event with the barn address. Get on this yearly schedule – save time & money; & remember to thank Dr. Diaz of Briarwood Equine!

~Your Board

Join the SFTR Parade Team on Key Biscayne This July 4th !

The 4th of July parade at Key Biscayne is almost here!! We have done this parade for years and the FANS have spoken. According to the new Director of the parade, we have been **requested** to attend. Every year I usually have to fill out an application, but this year I WAS CALLED to MAKE SURE WE WILL BE THERE!!!! Is this awesome!

Parade Team members - please everyone come & participate with us, and lets show them who we are and what the SFTR is all about. **ALL SFTR members**, whether you ride or not, **can join** the Parade Team & help promote our club in the community. Please call Bonny George Jr 305-233-1897 or text Lisa Morgan 786-271-4933 and let us know you will join us. This is a very special parade & you can **not** just show-up on your horse – we have to have you on a verified list for safety/insurance purposes.

Dress Code: Official SFTR Parade Team uniform: Our special long sleeved plain white dress shirt, black slacks, dark/black boots, SFTR special light straw hat. See Lisa Morgan or Bonny George Jr. to get the shirt. Hat type & info available, you purchase locally. Bring your bandana **slide** with you (we will loan a red-white-blue bandana for this event.) All **juniors** wear the same uniform & **must** wear a helmet if riding (solo or on lead). Black cover on the helmet please. All safety side walkers wear the same uniform. Safety truck driver & Poop-Scoop Team may wear the gold SFTR T-shirt, black slacks & the same hat.

Tack: Official SFTR Parade Team tack: Black pad, black nylon bridle & reins, & breast collar. Again, contact Lisa or Bonny for assistance. Your Western or English saddle, clean, **no** extra attached tack or trail

items. You will be loaned a patriotic bow for decorating your horse. All lead-lined equines: black halter & lead is the standard. If you have red-white-blue halter & lead and it looks sharp, you may use it.

Code of Conduct: We represent the SFTR in the community, so no profanity/suggestive remarks, no alcohol. Everyone **must** stay with the group once you park your trailer. Horses, riders, families must stay with the group – do not walk or ride away. (Restroom on site.) All horses will be kept under control at all times, no rearing, & they will be lead or ridden in the middle of the parade route. Do **not** go up to the crowds or invite them to interact with the horses – it is a huge safety & insurance issue. If you need help, we have safety walkers to assist you!

Location/Directions: Calusa Park tennis courts (same place), Key Biscayne. Cross the Rickenbacker bridge (toll), pass the Seaquarium & pass Crandon Marina - Crandon Blvd will turn south. Crandon Beach will be on your left. Stay in the **right** lane! Pass the fire station & you'll see a narrow road slant off to the right...take that road. If you miss it, take the next hard right! Both will lead you to the parking area. We will help you park, space is tight so share trailer space! Sign-in & get your decorations as soon as you arrive.

Times: The parade **starts at 11:00am SHARP!** So we all need to **arrive/park at 8:30 am** to get ready. We will need to be in the **line up by 10 sharp**. We should be done by 12noon. Remember, afterward is plenty of good food with great friends!

~Lisa Morgan

Celebrate the Day of the American Cowboy

Relive & commemorate the history of the American cowboy by dressing in your best cowgirl/cowboy or little cowpoke attire & joining us at Larry & Penny Thompson Park (Eureka Dr/184 St & 127 Ave- enter & park at the mango grove). The Day of the American Cowboy Ride will be on **Sat. July 23**. Mike Maldonado will Trail Boss this annual event - **Arrive 9am**, cowboy attire **contest 9:30am**, **ride 10am** for about 1.5hrs. Juniors 18-under **must** wear a helmet. Lunch approx. 12noon.

Carry your favorite western gear on your saddle (even if you ride English!). Dress as an authentic cowboy/cowgirl & bring along the little cowpokes for the contest too! You can join in the fun even if you're horseless. Open to **all** SFTR members, there are several great awards for best dressed, so prep your outfit

now for the big event! Day rider passes (\$5) to cover insurance, & club T-shirts will be on sale. You can also renew your club membership for the coming year at the same time!

Mike will make his famous chili for lunch at 12noon for **ALL** SFTR members to enjoy. Everyone **please** bring a side dish to share: chips, dips, fruit salad, cut veggies/cheeses, desserts, etc. Water & sodas will also be provided. Restrooms in the park.

We encourage **all** SFTR to ride, even if you don't dress up. So bring your chair to sit at lunch & a dish to share – it is a short, easy fun ride with a feast after! Great for juniors & newbie horses too! Please RSVP to Mike 305-331-7599 or on Facebook, in case of rain issues.

~Mike Maldonado

The SFTR 45th Annual Banquet . . . Bits and Pieces to be Remembered

We met at the Redland Golf & Country Club, had our fill of roast beef or chicken limon, honored our members who have contributed to the club this year, had awesome raffles & plenty of dancing. What a great night to mix & mingle with good friends before we embark on year #46. The following is a glimpse of the evening...

To open the banquet, Colby Stroud honored our club with an invocation & Ben Kroner read us the Horseman's Prayer, definitely pulling a heart string for those among us who have lost their horse this past season. Samantha Rotella delivered a wonderful rendition of "We Are the So. Fla. Trail Riders", as written a few years back by Mayra Vasallo. (Pic)



Patricia Perez, in her President's welcome address, noted that we had more participation in parades, camping trips, rides & funnel cakes this year; we had great guest speakers, celebrated Ben's 88th birthday & had a Board that kept an open mind as they furthered the SFTR as a unified club.

Each year the SFTR offers a scholarship to graduating Future Farmers of America (FFAs) from Felix Varela high school, who have given of their time to our SFTR Parade Team & our community. The Board voted, & at the banquet Lisa Morgan & Bonny George Jr. presented the awards to Kamili Fernandez, Tiffany Daly & Brianna Burgos (see separate article). (Pic) Then a pleasant in-



terlude while outgoing Lisa (VP) & Patricia (Pres.) bestowed appreciation gifts on each other. From gift cards



to a fancy riding skirt, we could tell they both supported each other this past year! (Pic) Then it was time to recognize the out-going officers, Board members & committee chairmen. We appreciate all they have done to keep the SFTR going this year! (Pic) Patricia noted the generosity, participation, & consistent help given by a special member, Colby Stroud; as he was award-



ed the Galloper's Award! (Pic)

We were fortunate to have Robin Bramson & Nicole Reyes, from Whispering Manes Therapy Ranch, at our banquet. Robin spoke about the 13 yrs. of our Autism Ride (founded by Sylvia Garcia) & the programs the center provides for autistic & special needs children, utilizing our annual ride & donation. This was followed by Patricia acknowl-

edging the Rodeo Funnel Cake Crew & how we almost hit \$10k in sales (an all time high despite inflation). Lisa followed with thanks to the Parade Team members & we finished the first half of the presentations with the Member of the Year Award. This person participated in parades & beach rides, Board meetings & Books & Broncs. Their dedication to helping behind the scenes (Funnel Cakes!) & taking photos at many events is well noted. This member transported horses to events so other members could ride, & always had a smile & an enthusiastic word for everyone. Congratulations to our Member of the Year... Helve Longoria!!!! (Pic)



After a break for dinner, we resumed with Mike Maldonado summarizing the St. Jude benefit event. Please see your email as a link is still open to contribute to this deserving organization. Their research & treatment of childhood cancer is worthy of a donation for each of us, so if you missed the ride...go to the site please! Renee Reynolds followed with a wonderful summary of the recent Biltmore/NC camping trip, & then we had the Centennial Award. Patricia described as member whose age and the age of their horse totaled 100 yrs or more. The first recipient of this special award, Modesta Iturrey,



presented the Centennial plaque to Mike Maldonado. He had ridden his horse, Delilah, in the pasture these last years, but sadly she passed away a few months ago. Her photo graces his plaque, as she & Mike total 102 years. Congratulations! At the Broward SFTR, dual member Joel Goldmacher, was also honored with the Centennial Award & a photo-plaque with



he & Bandit credited with 100yrs.
 Next came Bonny presenting the certificates for this year's 18 junior SFTRs who carried our banner in parades, rode trails & at the beach, volunteered at the

Funnel Cake booth, donned costumes for the Jingle Bell Jaunt & Halloween events, & finished the year with a

juniors-only huge obstacle ride topped with award ribbons & cake!

Thank you to the juniors & their families for such a great year! (Pic) Michele Wright then gave a summary of the Jingle Bell Jaunt & Holiday Toy Drive and Patricia followed with recognizing this year's Trail Bosses.



We greatly appreciate the efforts our TBs give to the club, to provide a wide variety of safe & interesting trails & activities for all our members!

The traditional end of the presentations is the announcement of the new officers and Board for the coming year. Patricia called the members to be sworn in &



Ben performed the Oath of Office. (Pic) May we present the new leaders for the SFTR for 2023-2024:

President- Lisa Morgan, **Vice President-** Mike Maldonado, **Treasurer-** Michele Wright, **Secretary-** Helve Longoria

Your New **Board** for 2023-2024: (in alphabetical order) Dennys Cabrera, Ciro Fonseca, Michelle Goostree,



Belinda Hebert, Susie Randolph and Alternates: Gina Milhet, Tyra Phillips

The rest of the night was a mix of raffle excitement & great dancing tunes by DJ Bert. Many thanks to Deborah Brunson for the massive & interesting raffles – you out-



did yourself for the club & the winners were thrilled! (Pic)

As we embark on our 46th year, may each member find new ways to participate. Perhaps host an event or Trail Boss a ride. Be a guest speaker at our General Meeting to share your talents or expertise. Maybe you can walk, lead-line or ride in parades or volunteer at the Funnel Cake booth or at the Books & Broncs. There is something for everyone in our club, whether you ride or not, whether you walk or roll, for the young & the young at heart. Let's have a great year!



SFSPCA Horse of the Month "PEPPER"



Pepper

Breed Pony

Sex Gelding

Height 12.3 hands

Arrival to Farm March 18, 2020

Pepper is very nervous around people. He will scoot forward fast if someone is walking behind him. He gets along great in a mixed herd. He is slow to eat his grain and needs to be in a barn without a lot of activity. He is very cautious with strangers and prefers to be handled by the same people all the time. He is best suited for a non riding home where he can be a companion to another horse.

Contact Laurie at

Laurie@helpthehorses.com for adoption info.

Donations can be made at www.helpthehorses.com

Broadcast Time, last month's horse, is in retirement.



PARADE TEAM NEWS

Our 1st parade of the new ride year is almost here!!!! The Key Biscayne July 4th parade is around the corner. The parade this year starts at 11:00, earlier than last year. Remember if you all need anything (tack, shirt, etc.) please contact either Bonny 305



-233-1897 or text me, Lisa 786-271-4933. We are still in need of a safety truck and driver. Driver can wear our SFTR gold T-shirt! We also need a Poop-Scoop Team, and safety walkers. We do have new Juniors this year coming from Felix Varela. Thank you FFA'ers !!!!

We wish to thank Miami Medical Consultants, who requested to be our sponsor again this year! **THANK YOU FOR DONATING AGAIN THIS YEAR!!!!!!** We will proudly sport your logo on the SFTR banner in front of our Parade team.

Please see address/times for the parade below & in a separate article in this newsletter. Let's show the community a good time - the SFTR way. See you there!!!!!!

Trailer location: Calusa Park tennis courts, Key Biscayne

Arrive: 8:30am – tack up, decorate, dress, ride to staging area

Line-up: 10am

Start: 11am

Lunch: 12noon

~Lisa Morgan



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SFTR Attend Felix Varela Banquet

The Veterinary Science Academy at Felix Varela Sr. High invited Lisa Morgan & myself to their end of the year banquet. We distributed the award certificates to the Future Farmers of America students who paraded with us this past year, and also noted their community service hours for Books & Broncs, & helping at local barns. The 12 recipients of service hour certificates together totaled over 575hrs!!

Lisa & I were also proud to convey the scholarship awards to three graduating seniors who, after applying to the SFTR & being interviewed in person by our Board, were selected on the basis of their service to the SFTR, community, & desire to pursue post high school agri/animal science **studies**. The recipients were: Kamili Fernandez (full scholarship) & to Tiffany Daly and Brianna Burgos (½ scholar. each). Kamili is already attending Cornell Univ. as an animal science major (all this year) & wants to be a livestock veterinarian. A truly amazing scholar, Kamili also rode Blue & carried a flag in our parade & garnered

numerous high awards from Varela & the FFA. Tiffany plans a career as a traveling Rodeo vet, providing quality care on the pro circuit. Recipient of numerous FFA awards, she will take her horse Charlie with her to college. Brianna wants to be a vet tech & travel to 3rd world countries to help their people provide better care for their stock- thus increasing the general economy while bettering the health & welfare of their animals. Congratulations to each!

As Lisa & I thanked the FFA sponsor, Ms. Yleana Escobar, & all the **parents** supporting our Parade Team participants, we were surprised when we were both called forward. On behalf of the SFTR, we were given an award for Outstanding Community Service Organization, for the SFTR's assistance to the Varela Vet Science program. The SFTR appreciates Ms. Escobar allowing me to work weekly with their equine group all year, & the SFTR has been proud to have had these fine students add to our Parade Team activities!

~ Bonny George, Jr.



Careers With Horses Explained at Bent Tree Elementary

Each year, Bent Tree Elem., in Kendall, has a Career Day & the SFTR was again asked to attend. TB Mike Maldonado brought his QH Chase, Michelle & Abby Goostree delighted the children with their big Belgian Draft, Odin; & Bonny George Jr. had the kids chuckling over little mini horse, Echo. After introductions & a brief discussion on the breed of horse each handler presented, we alternated with fun facts & career opportunities dealing with equines. From shows, therapy horse lessons, training & grooming jobs to vet, or vet tech & farrier careers – we kept the discussions lively & informative. Fielding questions about age, size, cost of a horse & its care, etc. it was clear the students were attentive.

We also demonstrated a real job situation: that of being a show judge! The students were

to judge our horses on a combination of cleanliness, handler ability, and (most importantly) the horse's presentation as we walked them around in a parade circle. The students were to select their favorite horse. When we lined up the horses after the walkabout, the students raised their hand for 1st, 2nd, 3rd placement of the horses. It was great fun for the children to be judges & our horses were all winners. Best of all, the students learned about a career that anyone could do – whether they could afford to own a horse or not. And that such jobs could be also be done by physically challenged individuals as well!

Next May, as school ends, the SFTR hopes to again go to Bent Tree Elem. for their Career Day. If any SFTR member would like to join in the fun, we'd enjoy having even more horses to thrill the kids!

~Mike Maldonado



We Celebrated Fathers Day With a Great Ride

As a new member that joined in December of 2022, it was an honor to have been able to Trail Boss my first ride this June. It was even more of an honor, since it was my first Father's Day! It was amazing to see how many of our members showed up to this wonderful event. Combining our Dade and Broward SFTR members was the icing on top. 12 riders & 3 visitors came from Dade, & there were 15 from Broward!

Co-Trail Boss, Joel Goldmacher led the group out into the woods – the line of horses seemed endless. We rode the shaded trails out onto the ridge, passed the high grasslands & carefully rode a safe distance

from the burrowing owl nesting plots. When we cut back through the hammock toward the trailers, the group had split, but we all found our way back to enjoy a great burger & hot dog BBQ hosted by the Broward SFTR. Dade SFTR provided the sodas & salad – such a feast! It wouldn't have been the Sunshine State without the unexpected downpour that we experienced, but all in all, everyone had a great time. I look forward to the next ride where we can all join forces again & have a great time. Thank you to all who attended.

~Michael Da Cunha



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SUNSHINE REPORT



Our condolences to Sandra Font-Falcone as she went to the waters off Crandon Beach where she spread the with ashes of her mother, Rosie. Rosie called Crandon beach her oasis – and so may she now drift to other far away beautiful beaches.

It's hard to lose a 14yr. faithful fur-friend, & we send our sympathies to Victoria & Jon Dunleavy for the passing of their beloved Rusty. Also saying goodbye to a family fur-baby were Joy & Brad Martin. RIP little Whitney. We are also less a couple of fine horses lately. Mike Maldonado's Buddy was one of his best rides for 15yrs. Even at 27yrs old, Buddy carried flags in parades, did thousands of miles of trails; & many beach rides. Buddy passed away, & was another horse that qualified Mike for his Centennial (along with Delilah). A handsome 24yr old stallion is sadly also part of the losses, as Elsy Altuve said goodbye to Thunder Blend. May they all run free over the Rainbow Bridge.

Already with a growing family, a certain lost

little kitty made its way to the home of Katrina & Todd Foll. Little Tiger kitty was rescued! Welcome, Tesla.

Mending & improving... We are hoping Gina Milhet's leg & foot neuropathy improves so she may come back to riding; & that Zu Peles' cancer surgery allows him to get back to work & fishing soon!

Taylor Pearce Munson & hubby Bret announced the birth of their little cowboy, Mathis! And as you all recall, Megan & Chris Rego recently moved from Fla. to Tenn. A new home, in a new state. They now have another “new” item, as they announce their new family member, due to be born this Nov! Celebrating other family good tidings, congratulations to Carlos Galo & Viviana, as they became new Godparents to their niece!

If you have someone who has a special event, or who could use a little Sunshine in their life, please let any Board member know. SFTR is an extended family, & staying together off-trail is as important as in the outback.

~Your Board

Around the Paddock - It's Hot & Rainy, but No Hurricane Yet

Sarah, Samantha & Susannah Rotella teamed up with Wendy & Sofia Stamatyades and Stephany Lores as their Swamp Donkey Mounted Drill Team competed in the Sunshine State contest. Another round to go & we wish them the best!

Congratulations to our friend Iosvany Castillo, as he made the RSNC Hall of Fame Gold, the \$75,000 level! Craig Priest had a sharp eye as he finished 3rd out of 60+ shooters in the Palatka Skeet Club match, held at the Trail Glades Ranges. Craig & his 20ga. Marked a score of 97. Awesome! Meanwhile, Andrea Franklin played some great pickleball in Daytona recently. Beach + activity = a great weekend!

Sharon & Mike Perrin celebrated Lukey's graduation from VPK to Kindergarten next year. Stepping up to Kindergarten 4, is Barbara Ruiz-Gonzalez's granddaughter, Aria; while Bonny & Sonny George Jr.'s grandson, Andres, moved up to third grade. Felix Varela graduate, Kamili Fernandez, received the Dade Co. Farm Bureau

Scholarship; and Sophomore Anthony Perez earned a 7th place in Marketing in the Fla. FFA State Ornamental Horticulture Career Development event. Kuddos to both our Parade Team members!

Professionally, Joy Martin enjoyed a conference on Miami Beach, with the Christie's Intl. Real Estate group; & we wish to congratulate the Homestead Everglades Posse on their new officers: Pres. Vanessa Cuadras, V.P. Alexandra Benitez, Sec. Crystal Schnebly, Treas. Jaily Fernandez, Sr. Dir. Felicity Akers, & Jr. Dir. Jaylyn Dorado. The SFTR looks forward to coordinating activities with you this coming year.

Keep hydrated & plan ahead on hurricane preps while the weather isn't horrible. If you need help planning, reach out to some SFTR who have been through it all – friends don't let friends weather a storm alone.

~Bonny George, Jr.

Emergency Management – Do NOT Feed Your Horse Cut Lawn Grass!

With the summer heat & rain, our lawns grow. Our horses enjoy their pasture, but here's an emergency or disaster to avoid. Maybe you have wondered ... can I feed my horse lawn mower clippings & other garden waste?? **NO!** Feeding horses on lawn mower clippings can be very dangerous for many reasons. Fresh lawn mower clippings immediately begin **fermenting** (this is why they are warm or hot when you put your hand inside a fresh pile of cut grass). If a horse is given a pile of fresh clippings to eat he/she can gorge on them. As the clippings have been chopped up small (by the mower) the horse does not need to chew them & therefore swallows the clippings without mixing them with saliva (which is what happens when a horse chews its food normally). This means the clippings arrive in the stomach already fermenting & without the benefit of saliva to 'dilute' them. In the normal situation, grasses eaten by the horse do not start to ferment to this extent until they are much further along in the gut! The **gases** given off by the fermenting clippings can expand to the point that they rupture the stomach (which is fatal). If the clippings do not cause a stomach rupture, they can result in colic (abdominal pain) due to complications further down the intestinal tract. Horses are also particularly susceptible to poisonous plants. In this situation of a high level of gas built up in the stomach,

their stomach's one-way valve prevents vomiting (or even burping). If a human or a dog found itself in this situation, they would be able to bring the offending food back up or at least bring the gas up & relieve the pressure. A horse **cannot** do this. When a horse eats lawn mower clippings they may also eat plants that they would otherwise avoid (because they are poisonous etc.) Because they have been chopped up with other more palatable plants, the horse cannot detect them. Additionally, the lawn may have been sprayed with chemicals which the horse will then ingest along with the clippings. Likewise, garden waste (such as pruned from bushes & trees) can be dangerous unless you know for certain that they are not poisonous. If your horse lives in a paddock that has suburban properties adjoining your fence, then be aware that those property owners may drop clippings/garden waste over the fence on a regular basis. It is usually a good idea to 'double fence' in such an area. A simple electric fence several feet to the inside of the perimeter fence may be enough. Post notices asking people to not feed your horses. Chat with neighbors about the risks & ask them **not** to drop any garden waste over the fence. In many cases, people think they are doing your horse a favor and once the dangers are explained to them, they will stop doing it.

~Belinda Hebert

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