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### **WOLF LAKE RIDE**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS**

July 27th Saturday - Day of the American Cowboy Ride & Contest  
Redland Fruit & Spice Park  
TB: Mike Maldonado

August 10th Saturday - Wolf Lake Trail Ride & Swim  
TB: Cathy Dunmoyer & Joanna Jacobs

August 17th Saturday - SFTR-SPCA Fundraiser at Robbie's Feed. \$500 gift card to be raffled.  
Lots of baked goods and hot dogs for sale.  
TB: Julie Gonzalez

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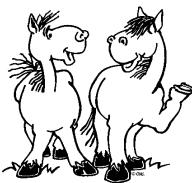
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## TRAIL MANNERS

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- STAY WITH A DISMOUNTED RIDER**
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- 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 ON ANY SFTR EVENTS.**

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



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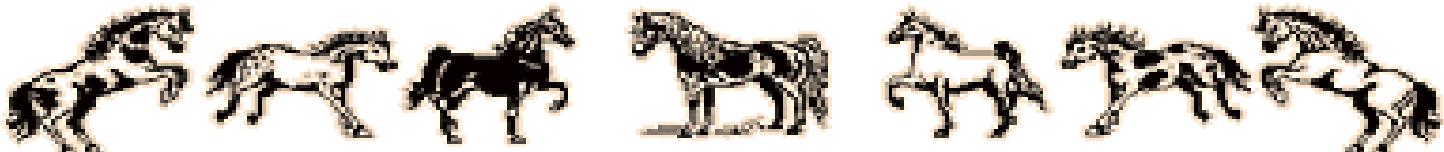
# Dates and Places



Call the Hot-line for any cancellations  
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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 27 Saturday - Day of The American Cowboy Day Ride and Contest.** TB: Mike Maldonado. **Ride out 10 AM. Contest before ride at 9:00.** Redland Fruit & Spice Park. 18700 SW 248 St. We will hold our Authentic Cowboy, Cowgirl and Young Cowpoke Contest before the ride. Make sure you arrive early to get ready for the contest. A cowboy quilt show will also be held in conjunction with the ride. The quilts will be in the air conditioned classroom at the park so make sure you go and see them. Bring a covered side dish to share after the ride. Contact Mike for more info 305-331-7599.
- Aug. 5 Monday - General Meeting at Golden Corral.** 33525 S. Dixie Hwy. 7:00 PM dinner, 8:00 PM meeting. Meeting room is to the right when you go in. If you are eating, pay for your meal then go to the room. **SPEAKER:** Candy Giordano, Equine massage therapy and Natural hoof care practitioner.
- Aug. 10 Saturday - Wolf Lake Swim & Ride.** TB: Cathy Dunmoyer & Joanna Jacobs. 10:00am. Bring a covered dish to share for lunch, we will have hotdogs, watermelon and drinks. Call with any questions. We will also be bobbing for apples (horses & owners) so come out and have some fun. Any questions call Cathy (305) 606-8685. **Directions:** Griffin Road to 76th Avenue go south. Lake is on left side about 1/2 mile down.
- Aug. 12 Monday - Board Meeting at Sandy Fobb's home.** 8:00 PM meeting. 26390 SW 147 Ave. Please RSVP to Sandy at 305-807-4903.
- Aug. 17 Saturday - SFTR-SPCA Fundraiser at Robbie's Feed.** 22390 SW 177 Ave. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. \$500 gift card to Robbie's Feed will be raffled off. Hot dogs and baked goods available along with many raffle items. Call Julie to donate any "new" raffle items. 786-261-9020.
- Sept. 9\*\* Date change Monday - General Meeting at Golden Corral.** 33525 S. Dixie Hwy. 7:00 PM dinner, 8:00 PM meeting. Meeting room is to the right when you go in. If you are eating, pay for your meal then go to the room.
- Sept. 11\*\* Date change Wednesday - Board Meeting at Wendy Lewit's home.** 8:00 PM meeting. Please RSVP for the meeting.



# **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Hi Trail Riders,

We are well into our south Florida summer with it's heat, rain, potential for storms and it hasn't been so bad yet. The weather didn't keep us from building a shelter, holding a ride or having a very successful parade, more on those later in the newsletter.

The National Day of the American Cowboy is our next event. Deda has asked her quilting clubs to participate making and displaying cowboy oriented quilts. They will be available to see in the training room at the Fruit and Spice Park from 9:00am to noon, make sure you don't miss it.

On August 17th we have two events, The SPCA fundraiser at Robbie's Feed will take place all day with baked good, and a fantastic raffle of a \$500 gift card from Robbie's and many other great raffle items, and in the afternoon we have been offered complementary tickets to the Miami Marlins game by Manny's son Alan Alvarez. So, if you are planning to go to the game please give some time in the morning to help or visit, the SPCA fundraiser and if you are not planning to attend the game then please help in the afternoon so that Julie and company will have plenty of help.

I think it would be great if some of our seasoned Trail Bosses would find a relatively new member and mentor them on their first ride. Sometimes we don't realize how easy something is until we have a little help to get over the first time. Co-Trail Boss with a newby.

Membership renewal time is here. Your membership is good until Aug. 31st. We will mail out renewal forms in the next couple of weeks. Please make sure you fill it out and return to us. If you have a hurricane stall you have to be a member to be able to use it. Don't forget!!

Lastly, we all have different interests and things we do with our horses so if you have a great trail, event or fun that you would like to share with your SFTR friends just ask for some help and I'm sure there are plenty of us that will enjoy it with you.

Let's ride together soon,



*Mike Maldonado*

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We have 274 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year. Thank you very much!

# Welcome New Members

Juliana de La Riva  
Coral Gables, Fl. 33146

Jean & Jeffrey Manners  
Homestead Fl 33032

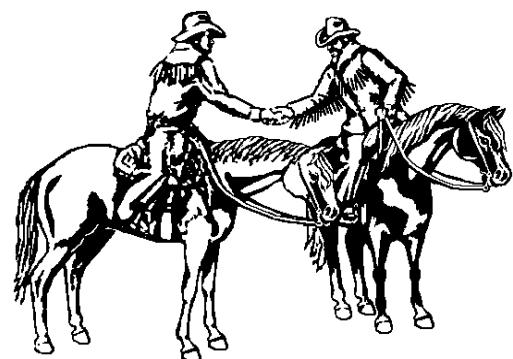
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VetteSmith Inc. Body shop	10750 SW 188 Street. Miami	252-1256
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## "SAVE THE DATE"

### The 15th Annual Maines Marathon Ride

Its that time again to ride the best inter-local trail system in the state of Florida. Join us for the 15th annual Maines Marathon Ride to benefit Peaceful Ridge Rescue, ( A Home for Every Horse )

This is not a ride for the tender foot, so get your horse ready for a ride from all the way out west to east Davie. This is an 18 mile ride to celebrate the trail system that you probably never knew existed, between Southwest Ranches, Weston and Davie. Learn the trails, the connections and the trail heads of a trail system that others can only dream of.

Sunday January 5, 2014 drop your horse off at the Maines Ranch in Southwest Ranches at 8:30 A.M., then take your trailer to Bergerons Rodeo Arena in Davie and get a ride back to your horse to start the ride. Donations will be accepted for the Peaceful Ridge Rescue Ranch and sponsors for riders are encouraged. Peaceful Ridge Rescue will host a BBQ lunch at the half way point, which is Robbins Lodge. So save the date to start the new year off right on your horse, doing what we love to do. See you on the trails, *Don Maines*

## SUNSHINE REPORT

We sent Lots of Warm Wishes along with Hurry & Get Well Cards to past club president and long-time member, Manny Alvarez, who is recovering from emergency surgery; Bonny George and Diane "Sonni" Peles as they both mend from recent surgeries; and lastly, Joann Dunmoyer with wishes that she feel better soon! A Sympathy Card was also sent to Darlene Perets & Family as they made the difficult decision to euthanize their horse, Brittany, after 35 years of trail rides and raising kids.;-)

Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Sunshine Committee*



## TROPICAL PARK HURRICANE STALLS

Yes, Hurricane Season is almost here and following are a few things to consider. When a Hurricane Watch goes into effect, the barn manager, Pablo Tejeda, will attempt to reach everyone to confirm that you will take possession of your stall. If unsuccessful, he will re-assign your stall for that hurricane to someone else. Please call him either way at 305-554-7334 and leave a message.

Your reservation fee per stall is \$26.00. This reserves a stall for the 2013 Hurricane Season. Once a Hurricane Watch goes into effect and you take possession of your stall, on the 25th hour you will owe Miami-Dade County an additional daily fee, plus an additional \$26.00 to re-reserve your stall for the remainder of the 2013 Season.

Upon arrival, Pablo will need to see your Coggins papers. Suggested items are flashlight, buckets with clips for water, (muck buckets work), a fly mask, your name, horse's name and phone #'s tapped to your stall doors, halter, written on your horse, etc.

You can't leave anything but your horse at Tropical Park.

Depending on the storm's estimated arrival, Miami-Dade County will lock the park gates. Once the Hurricane Watch is lifted, you have 48 hours to remove your horse. All stalls must be cleaned before leaving or an additional charge per stall will be applied and you will be unable to reserve stalls in the future.

Hope to see you on the trail – not at Tropical Park!

Have a great uneventful summer!

*Debi Catarineau-Priest  
305.274.7484*



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

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## HORSE-SITTING 101: LEGALITIES TO CONSIDER

By Milt Toby, JD "The Horse" Oct 05, 2011

Leaving your horse in the care of another person--even a trusted friend--can be a nerve-wracking experience. It's possible to eliminate some of the anxiety, though, by preparing for the trip in advance.

**Understand the legal implications.** The relationship between the person who owns the horse (or any other personal property) and the person who has possession of the horse and has accepted responsibility for its care is a legal arrangement called a "bailment." This means the caretaker has the legal duty to return the horse to the owner unharmed. If the horse is injured or dies, there is a presumption of negligence by the caretaker, which will be very difficult to disprove if there is a lawsuit. The person to whom you entrust your horse should understand and accept this responsibility.

**Keep in touch.** Both the horse owner and the caretaker should have multiple ways to contact each other in the event of an emergency or any other unexpected circumstance. Contact information for veterinarians, farriers, insurance agents, and anyone else with an interest in the horse also should be shared before the owner departs. The communication network might include a land line, cell phone, e-mail, text messages, or some combination, but reliable communications are a must for both practical and legal reasons.

**Get it in writing.** Horse-sitting agreements often are informal affairs, but putting the basics of the arrangement in writing will establish obligations and expectations, and this will allow everyone to sleep easier. There should be an understanding of what the caretaker can do, or what he or she can authorize someone else (a veterinarian, for example) to do without contacting the horse owner. If the horse colics in the middle of the night and the owner cannot be contacted, for example, can the caretaker authorize surgery or other veterinary care? And if the horse is insured, the policy probably includes a requirement that the agent or carrier be notified in the event of illness or accident. The caretaker's failure to make the required notification may void the policy. Ensure the caretaker fully understands what he or she needs to do in the event of an emergency.

And what about day-to-day expenses such as feed and shoeing? Are there limits to how much the caretaker can spend and expect reimbursement without prior authorization from the owner? Does the caretaker have riding privileges? Can the horse be trailered somewhere else for a ride or show? There are no "correct" answers to these questions, so make sure both parties know what is expected of them ahead of time to avoid possible conflict later.

**Hope for the best, but plan for the worst.** Leaving the caretaker a credit card or a few signed, blank checks probably is not the best option for dealing with unexpected expenses. A better option is to notify your veterinarian, feed store, and farrier that you're leaving your horse with a caretaker. You can authorize expenses in advance without the risk of losing a credit card or blank check.

Finally, both owner and caretaker should review their insurance: the owner's liability policy for coverage if the horse causes injuries while in the care of another person; the caretaker's liability insurance covering injury to the owner's horse, as well as coverage for harm caused by the horse to a third party.

Leaving a horse behind while traveling might still be a challenge for some owners, but preparing ahead and fully understanding owner and caretaker duties ahead of time can make for a more pleasant experience for all involved.



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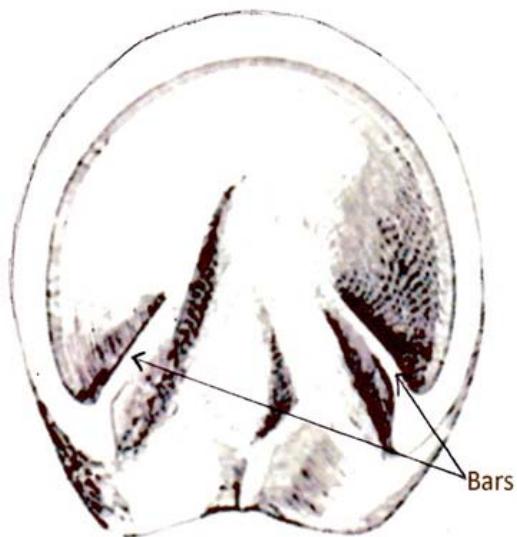
## THE GOOD FOOT AT A GLANCE ...

### Article 3: The Bars

This is the third in a series of articles about the visible anatomy of the equine hoof. As each horse is unique, the descriptions used will be basic and generally thought to be acceptable by veterinarians, farriers, and barefoot trimmers. This is meant to be a guideline to help you recognize a good foot or a potential problem. I am a barefoot enthusiast with nine barefoot horses and am currently enrolled in a yearlong course on applied equine podiatry. The articles are edited by Zachary Franklin, DVM.

**Definition of Bars:** The bars are an extension of the hoof wall. They extend beyond the angle of the bar bordering the outside of the collateral grooves on the solar aspect of the foot ending about mid-frog. See illustration.

Bars should be straight on the dorsal to palmar plane (front to back) and have a slight angle opposing that of the frog. In a properly functioning foot, the outer wall of the bars will be worn, or broken away. A properly structured bar runs from the angle of the bars and follows the concavity of the live sole along the side of the frog, until blending into the sole about half way down the frog. ~Susan Boyd



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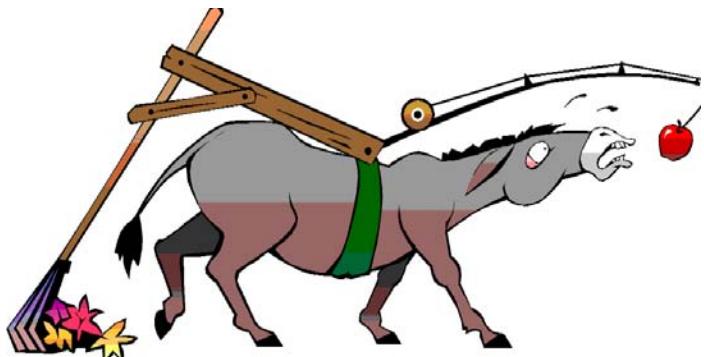
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## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Did you know our club has a Sunshine Committee?

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Please supply me with their full name and the reason for the card.

Thanks!

Debi Catarineau-Priest

305.274.7484 or [dlc@miamidade.gov](mailto:dlc@miamidade.gov)

## WOLF LAKE RIDE

The Wolfe Lake ride had a wonderful turnout and the weather was perfect. Not only did we have a large group of trail riders but they came in from all over and brought lots of delicious food.

We had members from Naples, Broward and of course Dade. We had Drafts, quarter horses, pasos and even minis. And the food, people brought Hot Dogs, cookies, chips, chicken salad, potato salad, fruits with special sauce and I took Chili. Almost everyone rode, swam, ate and had a good time.

We're going to have to do it again soon.

*Mike Maldonado*



## THANK YOU

By Manny Alvarez

Thank you for your overwhelming show of support during my recent stay in the hospital. Your concern, caring, well wishes and prayers were very important during those two weeks and two brain interventions.

I'm glad to say I was spared from any neurological damage, memory loss, speech loss, or motor skills loss. They did say my affliction for horses is a form of brain damage but they don't have a cure yet.

I have always felts proud of my SFTR family, and once again you were there for me.

I will ride again and y'all will be invited to my "comeback ride"

See you on the trail.



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## 2013 HURRICANE STALLS

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3. J. DeLaRiva	10.	17. D. East	24. B. Pujol
4. J. Gonzalez	11.	18. D. East	
5. J. Gonzalez	12. C. Hakanson	19. D. East	
6. J. Gonzalez	13. R. Pfau	20. J. Walters	
7. D. Catarineau	14. C. Eades	21. J. Walters	

### Barn B (East Side)

25. R. Pressman	32. C. McCue	39. B. Joplin	46. C. Furtak
26. R. Pressman	33. C. McCue	40. B. Joplin	47. C. Furtak
27. R. Pressman	34. B. Joplin	41. B. Joplin	48. C. Furtak
28. R. Pressman	35. B. Joplin	42. B. Joplin	
29. R. Pressman	36. B. Joplin	43. B. Joplin	
30. C. Gonzalez	37. B. Joplin	44. D. Silva	
31. C. Gonzalez	38. B. Joplin	45. D. Silva	

## CHEAP HORSE FEED CAN COST MORE

By *Don Blazer*

When it comes to horse feed, being cheap can be expensive.

"Not only does it actually cost more in dollars to feed cheap concentrates, the red ink also adds up in poor performance, poor growth, the cost of additional supplements, the additional amount needed to be fed and the possibility of veterinary bills," says Eleanor Richards, nutrition specialist. Richards teaches Nutrition for Performance Horses as part of the nine-course Professional Designation in Horse Training program ([www.horsecoursesonline.com](http://www.horsecoursesonline.com)) offered by Austin Education Center.

If you do the math, says Richards, it is easy to see how cheap feeds actually take dollars out of your wallet. The feeding directions for an economy horse feed which retails for \$5 per 50 pounds says an adult horse in light training should get 1.5 to 2 percent of their body weight per day, along with adequate forage, free choice salt and water. The feeding directions of a high quality feed which retails for \$9 per 50 pounds says an adult horse in light training should get .5 to 1 per cent of body weight per day, along with adequate forage, free choice salt and water.

A "ration balancer" sells for \$17 per 50 pounds and says a 1,100 pound horse in light training should have 1.5 pounds of the balancer with 5 pounds of oats per day, adequate forage, free choice salt and water.

Now get out the calculator, says Richards. The economy feed per pound costs 10 cents. Feeding 1.5 percent of body weight-1,100 pounds-means you need to feed 16.5 pounds of the concentrate per day. At 10 cents per pound it is costing you \$1.65 per day. The high quality feed is .18 cents per pound, but you only feed .5 per cent of body weight or 5.5 pounds per day. The cost is .99 cents per day. The ration balancer is .34 cents per pound for the 1.5- pounds needed per day, or .51 cents per day. Then you have to add in the cost of the oats at .11 cents per pound times 5 pounds or .55 cents per day. The cost of feeding the ration balancer is \$1.06 per day. The economy horse feed is the most expensive to feed. Richards is also concerned about the amount of the economy feed to be fed-16.5 pounds per day.

"A horse should never be fed more than 5 pounds of grain at a single feeding," she says, "so the economy feed needs to be divided into three feedings per day. "Once you choose an economy feed," Richards predicts, "you are going to see the cost of feeding go up and the performance of the horse go down." -

In addition to teaching the online nutrition course, Richards is the author of two e-books, Supplements-yes or no? and Feeding the Senior Horse. The books are available at [www.donblazer.com](http://www.donblazer.com)

## SFTR ASSISTS IN SEARCH AND RESCUE

An old man lost, his family yearns,  
What was his fate, they wished to learn;  
Riders, walkers, horses, dogs,  
For him we scoured that fateful bog.

An odd stillness blanketed the hammock as we flanked Luger – his keen canine senses searching the underbrush for cadaver signs. Searching under the canopy litter of palm fronds and ancient tree foliage we trudged through a 200yd by 400yd grid of giant fallen pines, past prehistoric size ferns, around sinkholes filled with wild bromeliads, crawled past massive cypress trees ringed by a thousand knees, carved passage through raspberry and grapevine brambles, and labored through swampy pools where the mud nearly sucked one's boot off. In the clearing stretched cattle pastures, as far as the eye could see, dotted with similar hammocks. There, through knee high glades grass, the mounted search teams rode stirrup to stirrup in parade formation - the riders' eyes searching for clues to the disappearance of an 82yr old man, outside Okeechobee, Fla. The groups of riders covered acre after acre, only stopping beneath the baking sun when possible evidence was found. As we and others discovered bones, shreds of clothing, shoes, etc the location was marked and vigil stood by two search team members, until the forensic units arrived on site to catalog and retrieve the remnants. Upon completion of an assigned grid the teams would return to the base camp, file a report, receive new grid coordinates and go forth to continue the search. Each report was yet another piece in the puzzle – each furthering the family's hope of finding their father. And so the day continued until the fading daylight brought all the teams to base.

The SFTR had received a plea for mounted search/rescue help, and responding were Linda Klimeika from Jupiter Farms and Gail Dixon, both from Broward; JC Vina and myself from Dade. Volunteers came from NC, SC, & Fla. We contended with snakes, bands of wild hog, and feral cattle equally as mean. At days end the family thanked each of us, even though the clues we had found did not answer their mission. They appreciated so many people coming from so far away, giving of their time. It would be weeks or longer of testing to confirm if any of the evidence might give the family answers to their quest. For us, it was a day well spent.

If you hear the name: Newton Whidden....please call 941-706-6495 or 910-232-1687. He is very much missed by his family. If you would like to learn more about search and rescue, and how you may volunteer, contact CUE (Community United Effort) at

www.ncmissingpersons.org or call 910-232-1687.  
Nikki Linder handles the mounted division at 321-626-7158 or nikkilinder@rocketmail.com

If you see a SFTR email asking for such help, respond accordingly, and the group will email you personally with details. On horseback or on foot, at base or in the field – it is most worthwhile!

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La Sheikh is a 5 y/o Bay TB mare. 15.2 hands. She was rescued in April of 2013 and would love to have a new home. More info is on the website below.

Contact Laurie at [Laurie@helpthehorses.com](mailto:Laurie@helpthehorses.com) for adoption info. Donations can be made at [www.helpthehorses.com](http://www.helpthehorses.com)

## UPDATE ON JULY HORSE OF THE MONTH, Billy, STILL NEEDS A HOME!

The cover of the book "HORSE TRAILS of FLORIDA" by Kathy Wright. It features a blue textured background with white text. At the bottom, there is a small photograph of three people riding horses on a sandy trail.

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## PARADE TEAM NEWS

TO ALL SOUTH FLORIDA PARADE MEMBERS:

Thank you all who were able to attend the 4th of July Parade as it was a HOT day, but the horses did great...We had a wonderful parade as we had 9 riders, 2 members walking with the banner, 2 ground walkers & of course our wonderful pooper scoopers, John & Sonny... Cathy & Bonnie rode in the truck due to being incapacitated (We wish them a quick recovery as we missed Bonnie taking pictures & Cathy on her Black & White paint "Dakota").

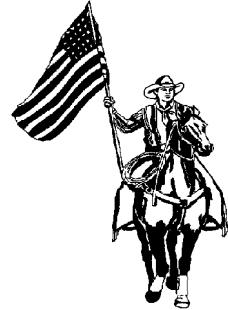
We had a new member that joined the Parade Team "Dave" & he did a great job "WELCOME DAVE" we look forward to seeing you at upcoming parades...

After the horses were cooled down & we were back to our area where all the trailers were at, we had a wonderful lunch of fried chicken & watermelon...AND a great time talking with the Parade Team...

My husband & I was asked when will the parade practice be reschedule & it will be reschedule as soon as Richard gets the release from his surgeon (as he still isn't allow on his horse as yet)...I am hoping for August or September as the next parade is the Veterans Day Parade on Monday, 11/11 & remember this will be a open parade...SFTR Parade Members are to be in full uniform & will be in the front & members not in uniforms are to be in Black Pants, white shirt, dark boots, straw hat & dark tack & will ride behind the parade team...look forward to seeing everyone...

Please any questions regarding the upcoming parades, call us or email Take Care & Thanks again!!!

Richard & JoAnn Dunmoyer  
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## "A LAND REMEMBERED" SAVE THE DATE!!

Few, if any books, have captured the spirit and colorful history of Florida as has Patrick Smith's beloved novel, A Land Remembered. It has been said many times that people should be issued a copy of A Land Remembered when they cross the Florida state line.

Here is your opportunity to get to know the author and his work better as Smith's son, Rick, takes the stage to delight audiences with a multimedia show about his father and the extraordinary experiences he had which enabled him to write with such authority of Florida pioneers, the Seminoles, migrant workers, "river rats" of Mississippi, the social injustices of the South and the challenges of the present.

The show first toured in Florida for 18 days in January, 2013 to packed audiences. "I honestly didn't know if anyone would come to my presentations," Rick Smith says. "I had never done this sort of thing before and was absolutely amazed to see people pouring in the door at every single public venue. We had a full house every time and several places had to turn people away. It is a great tribute to my father, Patrick Smith, and the popularity of his books, especially A Land Remembered."

"I describe this as a show, not a talk or a lecture," Rick says. "The presentation consists of videos, photos, artwork, music and sound effects. I narrate it live throughout. I make it visually stimulating and throw in a joke or two for good measure. My first goal was to make it entertaining. One man in the audience said he had spent his life in media production and that this was the finest example of visual storytelling he had ever seen. That meant a lot to me."

**The SFTR will have this show on Nov. 10th Sunday at 2:00PM. We do not have a location yet but he is booked for us on that date.  
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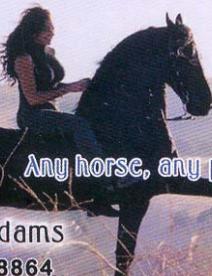
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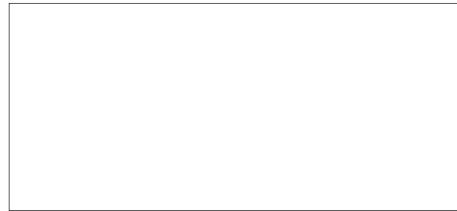


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