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### **PICAYUNE CAMPOUT**



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## HORSE CHARITIES

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

### South Fla. SPCA

[www.helpthehorses.com](http://www.helpthehorses.com)

P.O. Box 924088

Homestead, Fl. 33092

### Horse Protection Association of Florida

[www.HPAF.org](http://www.HPAF.org)

20690 NW 130 Ave.

Micanopy, Fl. 32667

### F.R.I.E.N.D.S.

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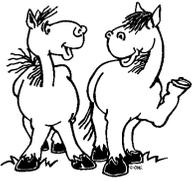
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## TRAIL MANNERS

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

- **UNDER 16 MUST WEAR A HELMET.**
- Be aware of the effect **your** actions have on others, their horses and their property.
- Do not upset your co-rider's 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 ON ANY SFTR EVENTS.**

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



# 2016

## Dates and Places

# 2016



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

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**

- Feb. 27**      **Saturday - SFTR Yard Sale at Robbie's cow pasture! 22390 SW 177 Ave.** Time to sell some of your stuff that is crowding your house and barn!! \$5 members, \$10 non-members. No RSVP necessary, just come on in. 7:30AM to 1:00 PM. Please feel free to advertise this on you FB and/or Craigslist! The more advertising the merrier.
- Feb. 28**      **Sunday - Renee & Brian's Ride.** TB: Renee & Brian Reynolds. 23655 SW 154 Ave. 10:00AM ride out. We will have lunch we get back and Brian will cook for us! RSVP to Renee 305-338-8192.
- Feb. 29 thru March 6th**      **Monday thru Saturday - Osceola Wagon train and trail ride.** The Osceola County Wagon Train & Trail Ride Inc. is proud to present our 28th year of providing a fun filled week of horseback riding with beautiful Florida scenery in a family oriented atmosphere. <http://osceolatrailride.org/>
- March 4 - 6**      **Friday thru Sunday - Picayune campout connected to a ride at Pepper Ranch.** TB: Robyn & Curtis Anderson. We will camp & ride at Picayune on Friday & Saturday, then on the way home Sunday we will head out about 8:30AM and stop at Pepper Ranch to ride and have lunch, 6315 Pepper Ranch Rd. Immokalee, FL 34142. This is a day riding facility just off 29 in Immokalee, that is very beautiful. We are setting it up this way as it would be a very long day ride to try to see it. Picayune has small paddocks, water, a beautiful pavilion and portolets. RSVP to Andrea 305-216-2461. **We are also having a Plaque dedication on Saturday at 12PM for Willy Perez as he helped build this Pavilion.**
- March 5**      **Saturday - Horse Soccer Practice at Heidi's barn.** 14960 SW 260 St. Call Heidi for more info 305-794-1257.
- March 7**      **Monday - General Meeting at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St.** Come on out and meet with the club. 7:00 PM dinner, 8:00 PM meeting. Speaker: Amanda McNally of Speedy Beet Pulp.
- March 12**      **Saturday - Va. Key BEACH Ride!** It is finally here. All riders must be **PREPAID** to be able to go on this ride. Please fill out the form in this newsletter and mail in with your payment of \$20 per horse. Cars pay at the gate. Everyone **MUST be a SFTR member before this ride.** It is too confusing to try to collect money and memberships at the beach. Your name will be on a list at the gate to let you and your horses in. Bring your current coggins with you. Please do what you can to keep your horses under control. Any questions, please call Andrea 305-216-2461 or Augie 305-582-1557. You can go to [sftrdade.org](http://sftrdade.org) and go to memberships, then you can pay by PayPal. **If you have anyone going that is not a member, they have to join BEFORE the ride.**
- March 14**      **Monday - Board Meeting at Sandy Fobb's home** 26390 SW 147 Ave. 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting. RSVP to 305-807-4903.
- March 17**      **Thursday - Youth Fair Opens and the SFTR will be in the Parade with walkers,** no horses allowed at this time. Contact Bonny George Jr. if you would like to participate in this parade. 305-233-1897.
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- March 26**      **Saturday - SFTR Annual AUTISM Ride.** TB: Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez. Host farm is White Star Farms. 25005SW 193 Ave. Registration will be at 10:00AM. Riding out at 11:00AM. Requested donation of \$35 or more to enjoy this ride, raffle and lunch. All donations are tax deductible. **We really need volunteers for this event. Please let Sylvia know if you can help.** See the flyer in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please call Sylvia at 305-479-6640.
- April 2**      **Saturday - Heidi's Ride.** TB: Heidi Stibitz. 14960 SW 260 St. More info in next newsletter.



# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Wow! So many things have happened since the last newsletter! Carrie and I, along with with Neal Chambliss, Marion Aiello, Debi Cat Priest, Andrea Sante, LindaRose, John Henshaw, Woody and Cathy Charles, and a few others from around the state took the opportunity to go to Kenansville to watch the cowboys and cowgirls of various ages bring the cattle in from The Great Cattle Drive 2016. It was awesome to see the spectacle. Those that finished the drive are to be commended for lasting till the end. Enduring rain, wind, and cold, they truly exemplified the spirit of yesteryear!

Funnel Cake City was another resounding success! Many thanks to all who were involved with this endeavor. I know that I am listed as a co-chair for this event, but my wife does most of the organizing. She is greatly appreciated. Look for the funnel cake article elsewhere in the newsletter for more details.

Another adventure was the Picayune campout. Although we were not there, reports have mentioned that a few were on an "Augie" ride when it started raining and came back soaked. For some, it was a "first time" horse camping experience. Needless to say, they learned a lot from this experience, have made some adjustments in equipment, and are looking forward to the next campout.

As usual, Augie, Debi, and Craig did an amazing job organizing and executing plans for the St. Jude's Saddle Up ride. There was a good turnout of riders and over \$5000 has been collected at the time this article was written. More is expected to come in. Once again a big "thank you" goes to Robbies Feed and Supply for allowing his pasture to be used as our staging area. Robbie also gave a twenty percent discount to those who went on the ride. Thank you, Robbie, you do so much for this club.

Some "big things" coming up include a beach ride at Virginia Key, the Autism ride (staged at White Star Farms), and ranch sorting at the rodeo grounds in Homestead. Sprinkled in between these rides are other local rides for you to enjoy. Please take advantage of all the opportunities at your disposal to enjoy your horse and the company of other trail riders.

It is that time of year again when we are looking for nominations for club officers. All positions are open, so if you would like to nominate someone for president, vice-president, secretary, or board member, send your nominations to Andrea Sante. Your participation in this process is crucial and appreciated. Voting will take place in May. Installation of officers, member recognition, and awards will take place at the annual banquet on May 21, 2016. The banquet will be at 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron again this year. Clear your calendar and make your plans to attend.

Our club has an amazing board and several committees within it. These individuals help the organization operate smoothly. Each one does an amazing job supervising their respective responsibility. As your president, I give each of you a special "THANK YOU" for your dedication and for what you do. You make my job easy.

*Wayne Beulberg*



## NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR SFTR OFFICE

It's that time of year to accept nominations for all of the Board. **Positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary (appointed), Treasurer and (7) Board of Directors.** The President and Treasurer are not going to run again this year so please think of a person who would be worth of those positions and treat the club like family.

Think about who you would like to nominate and call or email Andrea Sante with their names. You can nominate as many people as you want. We will contact each person and ask them if they would like to accept their nomination.

The Board makes all the decisions for the upcoming year and welcomes fresh ideas. It is a lot of fun and you get to know a great group of people by keeping in touch with the pulse of this organization.

In April we will list all the people who accepted their positions and in May we will VOTE at our General Membership meeting.

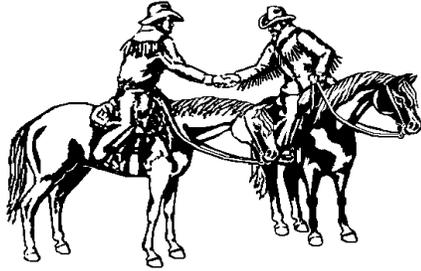
We will have the ballot box at one of the rides before the May meeting so everyone will get the chance to vote. Please exercise that option as these are the people who will be running your club. We really need the membership to get involved.

We have anonymous balloting. You **MUST** come to the General Meeting to vote anonymously. Our banquet is scheduled for May 21, 2016 at 94th Aero Squadron.

Contact: Andrea Sante (305) 258-7780 or [pasocorto@aol.com](mailto:pasocorto@aol.com)

We have 276 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year. Thank you very much!

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Jessica Merritt  
and Travis Hartwell  
Homestead, Fl. 33032

DISCOUNTS ARE OFFERED TO SFTR MEMBERS BY THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES.

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Reins of the Night Reflective Gear	<a href="mailto:horsbuf@aol.com">horsbuf@aol.com</a>	479-6640
Robbie's Feed and Supply	22390 SW 177th Ave. (Krome) Miami	247-1256
Silver Palm Feed	15585 SW 232 St. Miami, Fl.	245-0048
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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is the 10th of each month!

## Mar. 7 - SFTR. Gen. Meeting to Highlight... Emerald Valley Natural Health

Sr. sales rep. Amanda McNally will showcase Emerald Valley's product line of herbal supplements, ration balancers, Speedi-Beet (beet pulp), non-GMO feeds, and more! Special emphasis on equine nutrition utilizing a low starch/low sugar diet, especially beneficial to I.R./Cushing's horses.

Amanda will demonstrate the Speedi-Beet product at the meeting, will cover reading & understanding feed labels, offer information for horses needing metabolic support, and distribute a packet of samples to each attendee to the meeting! So come out, dine and mingle with your Trail Rider friends, and learn about the full product line from Emerald Valley.

See you there! ~ *Bonny George, Jr.*

## APPLY FOR YOUR COGGIN'S CARD

Get an E-card to keep in your wallet or on your saddle. This looks like a credit card with a picture of your horse and all the coggins info. This link is the application.

<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/onestop/forms/09206.pdf>

## SUNSHINE REPORT

A Sympathy Card was sent to the family of Belinda Heberts on the passing of her father.

A Sympathy Card was sent to the family of Debbie Fries-Furton on the passing of her father.

A Get Well Card was sent to Carrie Hershberger on the replacement of her second knee.

A Get Well Card was sent to Rob Dixon who is recovering from appendicitis surgery.

A Get Well Card was sent to Cathy Rosenberg who is recovering from gallbladder surgery.

A Sympathy Card was sent to Mike & Deda Maldonado on the loss of their long time pup of 15 years.

A Sympathy Card was sent to Lyn Vina for the humane euthanasia of her mare, Lena.

A Get Well Card was sent to Cody Stibitz who is recovering after Heidi took him for surgery on his stifle.

Please know many prayers and well-wishes are with you at this time.

On a brighter note, a Thinking of You Card was sent to Dick Miller who walked away after his car rolled three times!

A Congratulations Card was sent to the Club's newest DVM Natalie Oudin! A Congratulations Card was sent to Amaris Hess Garneau on her passing the state board and becoming a Mental Health Counselor!

Best Wishes and Congratulations!

*Please contact Debi Cat-Priest if you need a card sent to a SFTR member.*



## Pete Ramey Rehabilitation Workshop

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, I (Susan Boyd) hosted a Pete Ramey Rehabilitation Workshop focused on rehabilitating foundered horses. Participants were one veterinarian (Dr. Zachary Franklin), eight farriers, one professional barefoot trimmer, three horse owners who trim their own horse's feet and two horse owners. Six horses were evaluated during the workshop. Pete Ramey is a farrier and hoof rehabilitation expert. He is well known worldwide for his ability to rehabilitate horses with problems such as chronic laminitis, founder, navicular syndrome, white line disease, that once perplexed the horse world and sent countless horses to their death.

The workshop started with a two hour presentation on nutrition and booting. Pete Ramey told participants that without proper nutrition you cannot grow/maintain a healthy foot. The exercise, environment, and trim that promote healthy hooves will not work without proper nutrition. He reinforced what the independent (not associated with a feed company) equine nutritionists teach which is that horses need a forage based diet 24/7 and a supplement (based on analysis of the forage) that provides the minerals that are lacking in the hay. Since we cannot work with analyzed hay here in South Florida an option is Timothy grass hay, California Trace (supplies the minerals lacking in the hay), salt, vitamin E, and flax for essential fatty acids (or California Trace Plus which provides all of it plus a probiotic). Science tells us that the hoof must experience stress or stimulus as a result of pressure and release, flexion, and distortion for proper growth. To accomplish this on a foundered horse (in pain) he recommends boots to protect the feet so that they can get the movement required (stimulus) to rehabilitate and grow.

Pete worked on six horses during the workshop. He watched them move and evaluated their feet. He saw many problems that were nutrition related. Dr. Zachary Franklin and Scott Schronick took radiographs during the workshop so we could see before and after pictures of the coffin bone and other internal structures. Some of the horses were fit for boots. He discussed treatment protocols with each owner/farrier and the group.

Lunch was catered and donated by Norman Brothers. Participants left with a 14lb gift bag of goodies donated by our local feed stores (Silver Palm, Robbies, OK Feed, Sunset Feet, Sunset Country Western). Dr Franklin, Ginger Krenz, Susan Boyd and several other companies (California Trace, My Best Horse, N.A.G. Bags) donated items to the bags. Thank you to Lulu and Zac Franklin for cohosting and the use of Woodrose Ranch and Equestrian Center and to Ginger Krenz for putting the gift bags together for me. It was a cold and windy day but it was a great workshop and a great benefit for our equine community.

Written by Susan Boyd

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Alberto Fontela	Kristina Rua
Jeri Pullen	Robert Tejidor
Bill Nelson	Ellyn Robinson
Chris Ingalls	Peter Shaw
Leigh Wessel	Bruce Chesney
Beverly Spuckler	Woody Charles
Pam Plenge	Nelson George Jr
Ellen Knight	Kevin Carmichael
Kathleen Alston	Deda Maldonado
John Walters	Olga Horn
Jon Henshaw	Mike Garneau
Juan Carlos Rincon	Rachel Penabella
Doug Michaels	Leo Perez
Rolando Lopez	Lesley Serrano
Vicky Maitland	Katie Van de Ven
Stacey Gonzalez	Manuel Rolan
Jackie Mercier	Michelle Fehr
Latina Pendergrass	Tom Worrell



### PICAYUNE CAMPOUT Plaque Presentation for Willy Perez

We are having a Plaque presentation in honor of Willy Perez who was a wonderful helping hand to build this pavilion.

Willy put his heart, labor and money into making Ozzie's Pavilion possible. The plaque will be installed on the rock next to Ozzie's plaque on Saturday at 12:00 PM. Willy's family will be with us for the presentation.

The SFTR has reserved the pavilion and the 19 stalls on the East side for the weekend. If you would like to attend the campout and honor Willy on Saturday, please contact Andrea at 305-216-2461 for more info.



We want to Thank Everyone for their Participation and such a great turnout for this Incredible Cause!



St. Jude Children's  
Research Hospital

ALSAC • Danny Thomas, Founder

**VA. KEY BEACH RIDE**  
**Saturday, March 12, 2016**

Horse pool if you can / We are limited to 30 trailers / MUST be PREPAID to attend.

Riders names: \_\_\_\_\_

Riders names: \_\_\_\_\_

Riders address: \_\_\_\_\_

Riders phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Riders e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee per horse: \$20.00

Number of horses attending: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Total due: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicles with no trailers will pay a separate fee of \$7 at the gate.

**Warning: Under Florida Law, An Equine Activity Sponsor or Equine Professional Is Not Liable For An Injury To, Or The Death Of, A Participant in Equine Activities Resulting From The Inherent Risks of Equine Activities. (Florida Statutes 773.01 - 773.05).**

I will abide to trail safety rules and give consideration to my fellow riders.

**Signatures of all people attending:**

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## THE BAREFOOT HORSE – A LIFESTYLE

As mentioned in Article 1, “The barefoot horse” is not just a description of a horse without shoes nor is it just a description of the hoof condition of a horse. Rather, it is a description of a **lifestyle of a horse**. The lifestyle of a barefoot horse includes:

- A free choice, forage based diet which is low in sugar, low in starch, and balanced to have the correct amount and ratios of vitamins and minerals for type of hay being fed.
- Living conditions and environment which allow for and encourage movement over several different types of terrain including grass, gravel, and rock.
- Daily exercise that includes walking, trotting and galloping. Horses in open range situations will travel 15 or more miles a day.
- A proper barefoot trim every 4 to 6 weeks. Some horses can go longer if the environment promotes some self-trimming.

This is the second in a series of articles that will define ideal conditions listed above that are important for the development and maintenance of a healthy barefoot horse and give you some reasonable and practical options.

**Article 2: Living Conditions and environment which allow for and encourage movement over several different types of terrain.** Regardless of the breed, age, or activity (pasture pet, trail riding, reining, dressage, endurance, etc.) each horse needs certain living conditions to thrive both physically and psychologically. **The ideal environment would be living in a herd in lots of open space with grass areas, gravel areas, and some rock with free access to an area of shelter.** Horses are herd animals and feel safest surrounded by others in open spaces where they are free to move away from something frightening. Confinement can cause stress which can impair the physical and psychological health of the horse leading to problems such as gastric ulcers, a weakened immune system and behavioral problems. Horses that live in a herd are usually more social and more well behaved on trail rides with other horses. Movement is critical to developing and maintaining a healthy body just as movement over a variety of terrains helps develop and maintain the hooves. To develop strong healthy feet a horse must spend some time on

hard terrain including gravel and rock. Unfortunately, it is more common in South Florida to keep horses in stalls with some turnout during the day, usually in paddocks with limited space on the same terrain every day and often alone. **Some acceptable options** might be to increase turnout time if possible and work something out with other boarders to introduce your horses and allow them to spend time together. Making a larger area available plus having other horses around encourages movement. Place hay in several different areas of the paddock so the horses will be more likely to move around to eat forage. Place gravel around water troughs to help callus the soles and reduce mud holes in the paddocks. Spend more time with your horse and add some time to hand walk your horse down the gravel road, across a rocky area, down an asphalt road, on sand and grass (good for you both). Use boots until the horse’s feet become conditioned to some of the harder terrains. Place the water at one end of the paddock and the feed at the other encouraging movement between the two. If you plan to make some changes, take it slow. Allow the horse to become comfortable and conditioned to the changes.

Written by Susan Boyd  
Edited by Zachary Franklin, DVM



### Time for a Change...

Although your club officers and Board have always done their best to promote the SFTR, some have voiced their need to step down, or need a new person to come into their position - so that individual may “learn the ropes” in a timely fashion. Members are encouraged to attend Board meetings now to see how they are run. This is your chance to step up, learn what is expected in the position you might like to try, and bring your new views and energy to our club!

Check the inside front cover of the newsletter for the Officers, Board, Sec., Treas.; or committee you would enjoy heading. We could really use back-ups in all capacities, in case illness, accident, change of location, old age, family issues, etc., should befall the current individual. So please review the entire list of those who have helped keep the club running, and seriously consider coming forward. Nominations are currently being taken for officers & Board, and if there is a committee or other position in which you would like to participate, your interest and vitality would be appreciated.

You may contact Pres. Wayne Hershberger, any Board member, or Andrea Sante to give your name and capacity in which you would like to be involved. If you have asked for a change, as some of your officers have, then step up and take the reins – the SFTR only continues when the members are involved at all levels in the club!  
~ Bonny George, Jr.

## FUNNEL CAKES FOR THE RECORD BOOK

If you have never been a part of Rodeo "Funnel Cake City" I really don't know what you are waiting on. Each year we have a group of rookies and vets that make this fundraiser a memorable event.

This year was no exception! We had event conflicts (cattle drive) weather challenges, crew challenges and we still were able to pull it off. My hat is off to you S>F>T>R for a job well done and a successful event. We came out on top with a good profit.

You did it again Trail Riders. The following people accomplished a tremendous achievement Thursday afternoon. Every single person involved with the Books and Broncs program under the direction of Bonnie George working with the Rodeo association worked hard to hold a very successful event for the children. Then the SFTR members listed below turned right around and worked the rest of the afternoons until 5:00 pm to set up "FUNNEL CAKE CITY". We were totally ready. Thank you to our wonderful trail rider family of hard working buckaroos.

Set up crew: Mike, Augie, Sonny G.Jr, Bonnie, Ginger, Taylor, Sandy, Wayne, Carrie and Denise with the shopping and hauling supplies.

We got the booth set up, the lights and water hoses connected. Augie brought the sand for under the cooker, a new table and trash can, Eric Perez furnished the cardboard flats for serving, Andrea and Carol Hakanson furnished the newspaper. We had the tables in place and covered. Don and Wendy brought the propane tank and hooked it up. Little did any of us know but Wendy and Don had been working behind the scenes. They had given about 4 hours of their busy day running all over Homestead to find a longer gas line for the cooker on Friday afternoon so it would be safer for the crew to work around. What can anyone say that would communicate how much that means to us all. Thank you, Wendy and Don!

The first night of "Rodeo Funnel Cake City" was Friday. Wow! What a night!! The rain didn't stop until 4:45. We thought it was going to be a lost cause. But if you know anything about the Rodeo Association the show goes on RAIN or SHINE. So we got to a very wet Harris Field only to find much of the work we had done on Thursday was in Shambles.

We had to bail water from the middle of the tarp that covered the tables. In the space between the 4 tables about 40 gallons worth of rain water was waiting on us. Wayne used a 5 gal bucket to remove most of the water before Bonnie, Sonny, Ellen, David and Wayne carried the tarp to one side to dump the rest. Ginger and Bonnie redid the tables while the rest of us worked hard to set everything back into working order. Sonnie was ready with the batter, Wayne got the cooker ready. We put things back and set up the serving line. We were ready for business. A great, great, great, big thank you goes out to the following people who made it all possible. The Friday Night Crew: Wendy, Sonnie P, Rafael W, Carol W, Bonnie G, Sonny G, Wayne, Carrie, Ginger K, Carol H., David R, Ellen P, Rob D

On Saturday It wasn't rain it was WIND!! What a *problem!* The wind had just about blown down the canopy over the funnel cake booth. A major mess!!

We arrived to see Sonnie P standing in the middle of Funnel Cake City with a relieved look on her face. She was glad to see us because she was trying to put the canopy back together all by herself. The booth next to us was missing their awning as well as several other food vendors were totally missing their canopies all together. Thank you Ben Kroner for our heavy duty stakes you had made

and donated to the booth several years ago for such a time as this. The Sonny and Bonnie George Calvary arrived shortly after and together we got the canopy weighted down, the tie downs tightened and the canopy pipe joints taped together for strength. The canopy withheld in the strong wind all that day and the rest of the weekend. As our crew made it back from the parade and other busy Saturday responsibilities we were ready for the crowd.

We had a fabulous crew that had to hold on to everything or weight it down so it would not blow away. The wind made everything so much harder. In spite of it all, we made up a little of the sales from our dead night on Friday.

The following people deserve a big thank you for standing by the stuff and making the day a success. The Saturday afternoon crew: Wendy, Sonnie P, Rafael W, Carol W, Nelson R, Carolina P-R, Wayne, Carrie, David R, Ana K, Ashley L., Ellen P.

Friday was slow. I think the slowest Friday in Funnel Cake history. Saturday was better but not much. Sunday was a record breaker!!!! We had been pretty steady most of the afternoon. Nothing like it was going to be. The line started at the half time intermission and never stopped. We were frying, flipping and handing out funnel cakes as fast as is humanly possible and still the line was long. At one point the line went all the way to the ticket selling area.

We were still selling funnel cakes to the people who had been standing in the "pick up"

Line almost an hour after the Rodeo was over. All the people had left the stands and we're headed for the gate and people were still in line waiting for their funnel cakes. THAT WAS NOT THE PLAN!

What a crew!!! We worked our tails off and cheered ourselves on as we satisfied our customers with the best funnel cakes they will eat this year. At last the cooking was done. The last person in line walked away with their cake. But the crew flew into clean up / Tear down mode. Everyone had worked so hard but I didn't hear one person complaining. Even hard work can be fun if everyone works together like we all did on Sunday. What a Crew!! It's over for another year. Thank you to the people who hung in there all three days and to the 3 crews that made it possible.

We did it! Thanks again everyone.  
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**UPDATE ON February  
HORSE OF THE MONTH, Lottie  
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## PARADE TEAM NEWS

With the last Parade behind us, I want to once again send a HUGE THANK YOU to our Parade Team Members for another great year! We wouldn't have a Team without all of you and I don't just mean in front of the crowds! Thank you for your suggestions, reminders, smiles and all the extra hands! The addition of the FFA kids to our Team had a wonderful impact and made the Chairperson's job soooo much easier! I so much enjoy the camaraderie and appreciate the support!

Now is the time to wash all your equipment, yes, all your equipment can go in the washing machine. It takes off all the salt and grime and prevents your buckles from corroding if you keep it clean.

Our first parade of the 2016-17 season will be the July 4th Key Biscayne Parade.

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Come out and join us to ride or to watch and have a great time!

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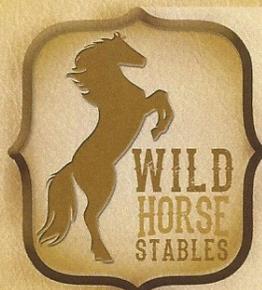
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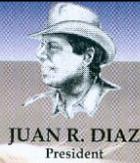
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