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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

Mar 2 - Sat - St. Jude Ride TB Manny Alvarez

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Mar 30 - Sat - Semi-Annual Coggins Etc. With Dr. Diaz TB Mike and Deda Maldonado

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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.

- **16 & 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.

2019 Dates and Places 2019

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**

Mar 2	**Saturday - St**. Jude Ride, Register at 8:30 am at the pasture beside Robbie's Feed on 22390 sw 177 Av Ride out at 10:am TB Manny Alvarez redlandtrail@aol.com
Mar 4	**Monday - General Meeting** at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St. 7:00pm dinner, 8:00pm meeting. **Speaker: Ben Kroner "No hoof, No horse"**
Mar 9	**Saturday - Glades to Bay Redland 100 Ride (first day)** Meet at Glen Garrett Park near the entrance to Everglades National Park by 8:30 AM. to move your trailer to the rodeo grounds. You will be shuttled back to ride out at 10:am Please **RSVP to TB Augie Saavedra at 305 582 1557**
Mar 10	**Sunday - Glades to Bay Redland 100 Ride (second day)** Park your trailer at the rodeo grounds by 9:am to ride out at 10:am You will be shuttled back to get your trailer from Biscayne National Park **TB Augie Saavedra 305 582 1557**
Mar 11	**Monday - SFTR Board Meeting host Jessica Winer 24550 sw 193 Av** 7pm dinner 8pm meeting 305-331-4642. All SFTR members are welcome to attend and present suggestions.
Mar 16	**Saturday** - Seminole Cattle Drive, e-mail sent with info. (not SFTR)
Mar 17	**Sunday - Everglades Redland 100 Ride.** Meet at Pine Glades Lake. 9 miles west of the entrance to the park at 9:am or meet to caravan at Robert is Here at 8:30 am **TB:Manny Alvarez. redlandtrail@aol.com**
Mar 23-31	**Saturday to Sunday - Camping** – Georgia, Sat 23- Sun 31, **TB Augie Saavedra**. 305 582 1557
Mar 24	**Sunday** - Youth Fair Parade of Breeds gate opens at 2pm, show starts 3:30 pm **TB Manny Alvarez redlandtrail@aol.com**
Mar 30	**Saturday - Semi-Annual Coggins Etc. Dr.** Diaz will be available to take blood and give shots also microchips 9:00am at Rockin' M Ranch 25700 SW 212 Ave. Club will provide cold drinks. **TB: Mike and Deda Maldonado. RSVP Mike 305-331-7599**
Apr 1	**Monday - General Meeting** at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St. 7:00pm dinner, 8:00pm meeting. **Speaker: TBA**
Apr 4-7	**Thursday to Sunday** - Camping – Alafia River State Park, Fla., Thurs 4 - Sun 7, TB Carol Hakanson
Apr 7	**Sunday The Back to SFTR Ride TB Rick Develasco and Martha Insignares** that rejoined the club. Meet at 20611 sw 168 street between 9:00 and 10am. Bring money for lunch at Sonia's Approximately 3 hours riding call or text Martha 305 450 6410
Apr 8	**Monday - SFTR Board Meeting host TBA.** 7pm dinner 8pm meeting. All SFTR members are welcome to attend and present suggestions
Apr 13	**Saturday - Miami International Cattle Show,** Tropical Park, Opening Ceremony, Arrive 10am, starts noon. **TB Manny Alvarez;** redlandtrail@aol.com
Apr 14	**Sunday - Miami International Cattle Show,** Tropical Park, Opening Ceremony, Arrive 10am, starts noon. **TB Manny Alvarez;** redlandtrail@aol.com
Apr 19-21	**Friday to Sunday** - Camping- **St. Sebastian Preserve**, **still need a TB.** Will cancel if we do not get one.
Apr 27	**Saturday - Virginia Key Beach Ride #1**, gate opens at 9:am everyone out of the park by 3:pm. **TB Mike Maldonado** 305 331 7599

Visit our website for more: - Rides & Events - 2018 Tentative Calendar - Save the Date

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Trail Riders,

It's that time of the year again, time to nominate a NEW Board. A group of people that will continue the SFTR tradition of a full calendar of rides and activities that make us one of the most outstanding horse clubs around. That is not only my opinion but it has been said many times by many different people.

This is your club. Holding a ride, participating in meetings and events and serving on a committee or the board are some of the ways that we all get to know each other. Knowing many other members is how we can best nominate someone that could bring your hopes for the club to the table. So nominate someone to help make decisions for our club.

This brings up another thought, what do we want for the future of OUR club? Some of you joined to participate in a ride, or a parade, or one of our charitable events. I have a personal curiosity. Why did you join? And what would you like to see more of? I would like to get your feedback in an email. I will keep a tally and bring the numbers before the Board, no names, just a tally of how many people asked for more local rides, camping trips, parades, etc.

Well, my friends, I gave you homework. The intent is to reach more of you with the type of things that made you a member to begin with. It's not a difficult homework assigment. You could probably do it while sitting on your horse.

OK, Trail Riders let's go ride! Happy Trails,

Mike & Justice

Mike Maldonado
President

Mike Maldonado

Guess which horse is next…

Justice was the second horse I rode after joining SFTR. He belonged to Ellen Peaceman and never thinking I would ride Peter and Jacky's horses as much as I did, I kept other avenues open. Ellen was very generous in offering me to ride him. However, she did "forget" to tell me that the last time he was ridden he had reared and fallen over breaking his riders leg. As we rode past a narrow sloped passage on the trail, she smiled and said, "well you got him past that spot" I asked "what spot", "oh, where he reared and fell over on his rider"..... "Now you tell me", was my retort. The second time I rode him a week later he bucked me off and ran back to the barn. When we got back, walking, Ellen insisted that I ride him again in the arena, that's the picture.

~mike@watv.net

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 (appointed) and (7) Board of Directors.

Think about who you would like to nominate and call Andrea Sante, e-mail ***nominations@sftrdade.org*** or on our website at **sftrdade.org/nominations**, 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 241 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year. Thank you very much!

Welcome New Members

MEMBER CARDS TAKE 6-8 WEEKS TO PROCESS.

Almirall Susanne
Pinecrest, FL 33156

Linda and Paul Belanger
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Helvetiella Longoria and
Sarah Rotella
Miami, FL 33157

Samantha Merz and
Shane Hemperley
Homestead, FL 33033

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SFTR TACK & YARD SALE... A SUCCESS!

We had a very nice sale, with lots of items to choose from – everything from household wares & yard equipment, to handmade jewelry & little piglets. There was a lot of tack, & camping items for those enthusiasts, and a ride on a "special" pony at the SPCA booth. With a steady flow of customers, despite the construction along Krome Ave., the many vendors were kept busy. Sylvia entertained us with a dance which brought a short rain shower. There's something about those wind-filled lounge cushions that guarantees to keep the potential "sitter" aerobically healthy & your friends amused! The rest of the day was beautiful. Wayne and Carrie did a brisk business with hot dogs and baked goods – thanks to them, & to those who took the time to bake for us. Want to also thank Robbie for the space & support for our event. Hope it will be even bigger next time, so save your goods for the fall sale.

~Sonni Peles

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Agustin Saavedra
Carlos Castellanos
Darlene L Hernandez
Darlene Perets
David Ruiz
David Ruiz
Donna Evans
Eddy Ruiz
Elizabeth Hames
Emily Morgan
Jon Dunleavy
Julio Cesar Gomez-Silva
Kathleen Monahan
Laura Saoud
Lincoln Iturrey
Linda Belanger
Lydia Michelle McDaniel
Michaele Garcia
Miriam Wohler
Nari BautaRachel
Robyn Anderson
Samantha Torcise
Susan Judah
Tiffany Maness
Zalman Peles

And
Happy belated birthday to Woody Charles.

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FLYING HORSE RIDE & BBQ – WHAT A SPLENDID DAY!

Great old friends, and new, joined us for a leisurely Redland 100 ride from our ranch. With just the perfect amount of cloud cover and a light breeze, it made a beautiful day for a ride and BBQ for our 17 riders. Augie and I had scouted the trail the week before the ride, which was a great thing because Augie knew exactly which side of the canal banks had horse gate entries and exits. We rode several dirt roads, and narrow tree and shrubbery lined paths. There was one new passage we had not been able to explore on the first ride, so we sent out our scout, Rafael Weng on Serafina, who was able to successfully get thru a very narrow fence lined bushy passage... and we were all able to follow. We rode a comfortable 10 miles and returned to find our wonderful Chef Brian had finished cooking up the BBQ. Many thanks to everyone for joining us & for bringing side dishes to share – they were yummy!

~Renee Reynolds

SUNSHINE REPORT

Hello SFTR family. We have celebratory news and sad news, yet it is our news to share:

Get well wishes go out to Angelisa Halsey & Mayra Saavedra – here's to a speedy recovery from both your recent health issues. And working long hours can lead to a broken foot...Lisa Morgan broke 3 toe/foot bones and will be on the injured reserve list for a bit. Feel better soon!

Condolences go forth to Sonni Peles for the loss of Hooligan – an old, but loved cat, who certainly had a great life. Also our support goes out to Barbara Ruiz-Gonzalez, who rescued Hodgey-Podgey after the poor pup kept being returned to the pound during his 12 yrs. Hodge is on limited time now, but we know his life is having a definite up-turn with such a loving home as Barbara has been providing for him. Tyra Phillips' young filly, Zareen, has been battling the debilitation of a fractured pelvis. With specialist vets, & the round the clock TLC given by Tyra, we hope Zareen can heal – we wish them both well!

Congratulations to Colby & Catherine Stroud, on their 2nd anniversary. Many more years of excitement for you all! We also want to let our entire club join in the celebration of some wonderful news...David Ruiz & Carol Tirado tied the knot!! In a lovely church wedding surrounded by friends & family, David & Carol joined as one, and ran the gauntlet of blown bubbles to their waiting Hummer limo. Whisked off to a beautiful wedding reception, there was a sumptuous dinner, plenty of story telling & toasting, and dancing to the tunes of our own DJ Nelson (Rodriguez). Look for Mr. & Mrs. Ruiz soon at a SFTR event, and wish them much happiness!

We also must mention how great the SFTR Autism Ride went this year, & send a special note of appreciation to Pedro Sifuentes and Rancho Victoria family - for opening up their beautiful ranch to us for this event. Also, thanks to Nelson Rodriguez & his beautiful wife, Carolina, for their hard work & DJ-ing.

See you all next month. Please send your sunshine notes to my email: annakrides@gmail.com or text to my cell 786-286-0643.

Happy trails & great rides!

~ Anna Kleinholz

CAMPING DATES 2019

March 23 – 24th (Confirmed)	Layover at Southeastern Arena. Unadilla, Ga.	Water, stalls, electric Costs: $25 per stall, $15 per trailer
March 24 – 31st Split days between camps. (Confirmed)	**Jake & Bull Mountain** – near Dahlonega, Ga	Saddle Horse Ridge in Monticello, Ga. Oconee National Forest
April 4th – 7th (Confirmed)	**Alafia River State Park** Lithia, Fl.	Electric, water, bathrooms, picket lines or stalls. Costs: Reserve America $22 night plus $7 for taxes
April 19 – 21st	**St. Sebastian Preserve** Fellsmere, Fl.	(60 days out to reserve, I will confirm in February) Needs a TB.

When you reserve, email Andrea your campsite number at pasocorto@aol.com
All of the camping trips above will have a Saturday night covered dish.
Any costs are subject to changes. Reserve America (800) 326-3521 www.reserveamerica.com

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Submit your ad online here

Or send it by e-mail to: sftr@watv.net

AROUND THE PADDOCK…
SFTR are Busy With Activities!

Rocking the winter months are: Celine d'Arbellas, who made the Fall Dean's List at FIU, & even had time to take Jesus to a Heritage Horse Show & took a 4th in Low Training jumps 3'3"-3'6". Also heard Rachel Shearing participated in the 3' classes! In a different sport, JC Vina won 15K overall for the past season in cutting. Miriam Mendez competed in the Winterfest Paso Fino Show at Tropical Park, taking a 5th in Amat. Owner Pleasure Mares 7+ , & 2 firsts in Geldings 5-6yrs. Her 1st & 3rd in Horsemanship was only bettered by her 2 firsts in Equitation. Also, Anne Cefalu-Sanchez took a 2nd in Amat. Owner Pleas. Geldings, 7+; and Dorys Garcia's stallion won a 2nd & a 1st in the Performance Championships...awesome ladies!

Kudos to Gustavo Abauza, Adrianna Rue & Amanda Andujar who drove to Key West for the Jose' Marti parade in Jan. Gustavo proudly rode as the ladies marched with him in support! At Jaime Escudero's Paso Fino & Other Breeds event at his farm, we were treated to Lynn Stine, Anne Cefalu-Sanchez & Miriam Mendez riding in a Carousel of Pasos; and watched Gypsy Vanner, QH, and so many beautiful types of Pasos do demos. It was great to see many other SFTR with us in the crowd, cheering them on! Anyone interested in Equine Trail Sports, either in-hand or riding through obstacles, the next event is at Black Prong in April – see their web site for info.

On the pet scene: Robyn & Curtis Anderson have a new pup, Oliver, an Eng. Mastiff, Jackie Richie has a new young Cracker Horse gelding, named Holbein, and Lynn Stine's mare, Pella, has one in the oven.

Our loss & Texas' gain: Trey Pearce ran his first P.R.C.A. event at the recent Homestead Rodeo, and we wish him, and Kelly Murphy, Happy Trails as they are gearing up to not only move to Dallas, Texas...but get married too. 2019 will be quite a year!

On the college scene: Jillian Penabella made the Dean's List at ABAC in Ga. & will be headed soon to the Uof F; and Laura Micali's son, John, will also soon be a new Gator! In other sports, Jason Lauzurique is shedding seconds off his swim times, as he has joined the Gulliver Swim Club; and Rachel Shearing ran Jery to a 1st place & a clear round in a recent canine obstacle event!

Varela High School Silver Knight nominee, Gaby Dean, will be competing in the Vocational Education div., but she still found time for the So. Fla. Fair - Gaby & Jason Lauzurique took a 1st in team Showmanship; and Liberty won a 1st, a Res. Champ. & Grand Champ. Gaby also won a 3rd in Showmanship at the Tampa State Fair. Jennifer Dachton's doe, pregnant for 142 days, finally delivered a cute kids- 3 bucklings & a doeling. Her Ober milker also won Gr. Champion in the recent So. Fla. Fair in West Palm, & took the yearling first freshener Championship at the Kissimmee Valley Livestock Show! Congratulations to Angelina Rivera who placed in the Champion of Champions event – the highest honor at the state fair in Tampa! Emily Morgan and her Sicily won Reserve Grand Champion in the West Palm show, & she showed her beautiful Alyana won Reserve Grand Champion in the Tampa State show. Now home & less stressed from the fair, Alyana delivered twin doelings and Naughty delivered a buckling – Emily will have her hands full! Anyone wishing to try **Goat Yoga**...join Emily Morgan at the FIU Pre-Vet. Society community program and workout with a little goat on Mar. 2. Arrive at FIU 8:30am, starts at 9am; fee details are at Eventbrite.com-goat yoga. Our FFAs & grads certainly excel and do us all proud!

~Bonny George ,Jr.

Save The Date

MAR 2
St. Jude Saddle-Up ride.
redlandtrail@aol.com

MAR 9, 10
Glades to the Bay Ride

MAR 24
Youth Fair-Parade of Breeds

MAR 30
Semi-Annual Coggins Etc. with Dr. Diaz

APR 27
Virginia Key Beach Ride

MAY 11
Virginia Key Beach Ride

MAY 18
Annual Banquet

JUL 4
Key Biscayne Parade

JUL 27
Cowboy Day

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2019 AUTISM RIDE

On February 2, 2019 we had our 9th annual Autism Ride. It's hard to believe we will be at this for 10 years in 2020 and we get better every year! We were truly blessed to find a perfect venue at Rancho Victoria this year. The Sifuentes family was amazingly welcoming and open to every suggestion I offered. We had great parking for all the trailers, a huge event space with a stage for the DJ and special little performers with a whole lot of charm to open our event with the national anthem and some traditional music. They also provided fresh corn that was roasted and helped up our $$ collection. We had a great lunch, courtesy of Vina & Son's Food Distributors, JC & Lynn have been loyal supporters for 9 years. All the food was prepared by Pig Floyd's BBQ and served by his staff. Norbert Perets, Darlene & Amanda brought their Snowie's Ice treats and even had a solar powered charging station. He donated all his proceeds to our cause. Thank you to all who provided baked goods for our bake sale. We even had funnel cakes by our own rodeo team, Carrie & Wayne Hershberger, Sonni Peles and Deda Maldonado. Sonni has also been wonderful, helping out at the sign in table bright & early with Phyllis, baking, and this year, helping make delicious funnel cakes as well as providing raffle donations. SFTR donated all the proceeds from funnel cake sales to our cause! Nelson Rodriguez and Carolina were there bright & early to setup the sound system and help all over. They, along with Megan Barnes and my better half, Eddie Garcia are always there for everything right till the very end. Nelson did a great job with the music and entertainment during the horse shows.

JC Vina was our trail boss this year. He led a fun, safe trail ride of over 60 horses. After the ride, they all paraded into the arena to show off their mounts. We had a beautiful show by the Rancho Victoria riders with their gorgeous Friesian & Andalusian horses. Some guests even got a chance to climb on them for great photo opps. JC & Lynn did an impressive demonstration with their champion cutting horses, Tuff & Maddie and took off their bridles during the show to impress us all with their liberty ride to Kick the Dust Up by Luke Bryan!.

Our raffle & auction came along nicely, thank you to all who donated. We had some wonderful support from our local feed stores Robbie's, Sunset Feed and Silver Ranch Animal Supply. We had a very special gift from Marie Smith, KJ's wife. It was special because it was one of the last 8' Cowhunter whips made by KJ. Just that whip drummed up $585 in raffle donations. We wish KJ & his family our best and keep them in our prayers. Domingo Hernandez also brought some great items from his craftsmen and other equine artisans. He gave us a very informative history about KJ's Cowhunter whips, which created some more raffle ticket sales and excitement!

I want to send a special thank you to Jessica Winer. She is the newest member of our team, was there to help all over where needed, made some delicious baked goods, stayed to help out till the end, and best of all, she generously donated the beautiful backdrop that many used for a photo up. This special banner will be at all our future rides for all to make memories every year. Also, we had a new photographer on the trail, Bill Guzman did an amazing job with all the pictures on the trail and at the event. Make sure you thank him when you see him on the trail!

Rancho Victoria was the perfect place for our event and the Sifuentes family has already committed to next year's event with much enthusiasm. We will be looking forward to our 10 year anniversary in 2020. Thank you to all who participated, donated and made our day a memorable one. We raised just over $8000 this year for Whispering Manes Therapeutic Riding Center!

~Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez

Mako's RC
Club

SFSPCA Horse of the Month "Magic"

Pony • Gelding • Brown/White • 38-40″

2011 Best YOB

Magic sure has a lot of flash, but he's really a shy guy that is learning to warm up to people. When we rescued him he was feral and very scared. We've made good progress with him, and he's now halter broke and does lead for turnout every day. Magic's ideal adopter will continue to work with him on a daily basis to overcome his trust issues. At this time, he's best suited as a companion pony.

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

Update on Horse of Last Month, "Snowflake"

HAS NOT BEEN ADOPTED!

PARADE TEAM NEWS

I'm sure everyone is enjoying the break in our parade season to enjoy time with their family and miles of trails with their horse! Just a reminder to anyone needing a make-up for your parade credits to qualify for this season's end-of-the-year gift … some parade-type make-up activities are coming up!! Our first make-up is the Parade of Breeds, Mar. 24th, at the Dade County Youth Fair. The second make-up is the Miami International Cattle Show at Tropical Park, on April 13 & 14th (both days together = 1 make-up). More details in this newsletter & in emails. Contact Manny Alvarez directly for all the info, as he is the TB for both of these events.

I want again to say a special thanks to all of you who participated in the parades this year; it was wonderful working with our returning crew and I so enjoyed the many new Parade Team members who made our group even more impressive. It was a trying year with the date changes, and I understand for those of you that were not able to attend, as those changes were made by our parade hosts on short notice.

I hope the up coming parade year will be even more exciting than this season. I am also hoping to add an additional parade or two to the line up. More details on this as I get them. Our community really enjoys our involvement in local events. I think we all had an exciting year with the bandana changes, and the new uniforms – the comments from our loyal spectators were so very positive! We really appreciate the Miami Medical Consultants, for their sponsorship of our Parade Team this year – without their help, the refurbishing of uniforms & equipment would not have been possible! I hope you all are happy with the changes I have made, and please feel free to email me at 01lisamorgan@gmail.com with any comments or changes you would like to see in the future. It is our Parade Team... together!

Again, thank you all for your enthusiasm, for bringing your juniors to join us, for carrying our club flags so proudly and for giving generously of your time & talents to show how the SFTR is involved in our community activities – what a successful year!

~Lisa Morgan
786-271-4933
01lisamorgan@gmail.com

VISUAL SNOW RIDE

We had almost perfect riding weather, a little overcast so it wasn't hot, yet it didn't rain. We had few riders 5 in all including two new members, welcome Rick and Martha. They were invited back to SFTR by Juri. Dennys, Juana and Nicole completed the party.

Deda made a poster with a great explanation of the syndrome but you can all see all that and more by following this link VISUAL SNOW.

Everyone seemed to enjoy lunch including two that came for the after meal, Welcome Ben and Donna.

Thank you all for coming,

~Mike and Deda

Future Events

I will be Trail Bossing the following four events in the coming few weeks. I would like to invite all of you to join us as riders and/or non-riding duties to make sure they all measure up to the SFTR tradition of excellent rides and community events. My contact information is at the bottom of the email. Please contact me if you want to be part of this team. Following are brief descriptions of the events. You can learn more by going to the "Events" section of the South Florida Trail Riders Facebook Page, our emails, or by contacting me.

March 2, 2019, Saturday. Saddle-Up for St. Jude. Gate open 8 am, ride-out 10 am. Ground support volunteers should report no later than 8 am. Registration opens at 8:30 am. This is our 25th year of raising funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Your donations and work will directly affect the St. Jude Kids.

March 17, 2019 Sunday We'll ride the Pine Glade Lake trails 9 miles west and 1.5 miles south of the park entrance. Riding out at 10 am. Meet us there or join me and others in a caravan leaving the Robert is Here Fruit Stand at 8:30 am. In case you missed it, the ride is on **St. Patrick's Day. Feel free to wear something green.**

I will cook corned beef, cabbage and bring Irish soda Breed (if I can find it) if not, crusty rye and lots of mustard. We'll eat after the ride. Corned beef guaranteed only for those who RSVP. I need to know at least 2 days before the ride how much to cook. I have six new Irish green bandanas not used at a St. Patrick parade that I rode a few years ago. I will give them to the first six riders checking-in.

Share a ride with someone who has a National Parks Pass, and save on the admission to the park. We'll ride through three eco-systems for no more than four hours. We may get a half-way stop for cool drinks if we can find a volunteer to meet us out there at around 12:30 PM. Bring saddle water and snacks with you.

This is a unique and beautiful ride.

March 24, 2019 Sunday (Gates open 2 PM) We perform at 3:30 PM

The audience filled with children, most seeing a horse up close for the first time, makes this fun event even more rewarding. We are there to show off our horses, ponies, minis, mules, and donkeys. Either ride or hand lead.

Don't forget to write a brief story of your horse, the breed, and of your relationship with your horse. These short essays were a crowd favorite last year.

We want you, your gear. and your horse looking sharp for this even.

April 13 & 14, 2019 Saturday & Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center at Tropical Park.

Gates open at 9am, we perform at 12 noon on both days. Dress Cowboy (helmets ok).

You can volunteer for one or both days. We will be presenting The Colors and the National Anthem to kick-off the festivities at the Cattle Show. We need flag carriers but you don't have to carry one to ride your horse during the presentation.

We also need ground support to assist riders with the flags and to check-in participants from 9am to 11 am. After the National Anthem anyone interested in taking a lap by yourself around the arena can bring a one page (or less) essay telling us about your horse, what you do, and your relationship. You can use the same essay you will write for the Youth Fair. After our presentation, you can put-up your horse in a free reserved stall while you enjoy some of the other exhibits at no charge:

Medieval Times (from Orlando Medieval Times Dinner Theater), Mexican American Equestrian Club, Florida Paso Fino Association Riders, The Roxy Theater Group Singers, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, The Camoapa Miami Equestrian Club, The Mexican Charro Extravaganza, and an All-American Rodeo. The rodeo is only on Sunday.

I sincerely hope that you can support us at all of these events. Let me know by calling or emailing.

Manny Alvarez, Trail Boss redlantrail@aol.com **or 305-395-9395 (text or call)**

~ Manny Alvarez

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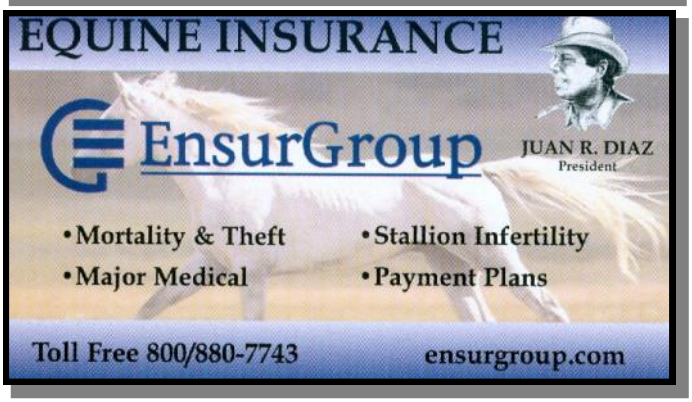
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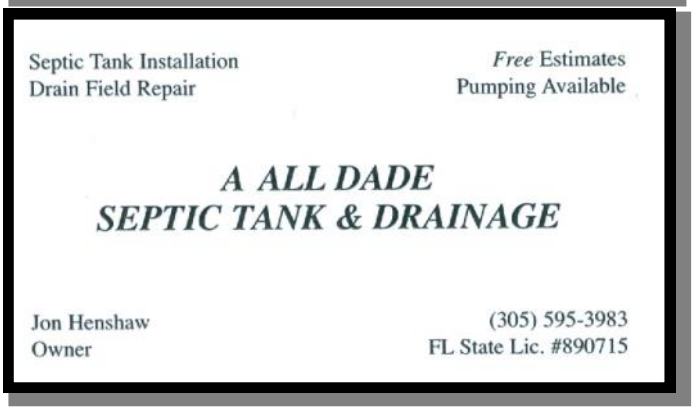
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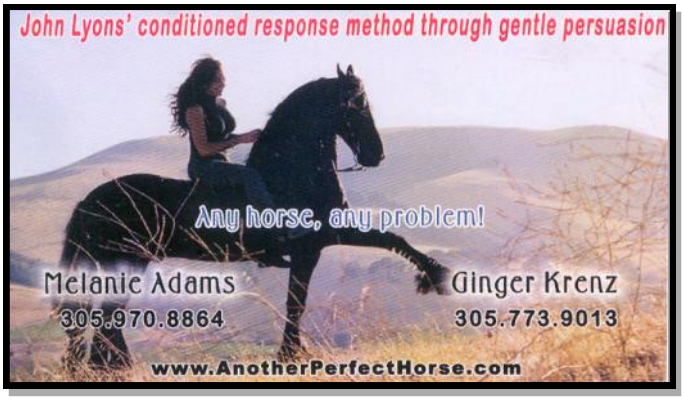

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GLADES TO BAY REDLAND 100 RIDE

Every other year we are taken on an adventure from the entrance of the Everglades Natl. Park, to the waters of Biscayne Bay...and this is the year! In fact, the Glades to Bay ride is on Sat. Mar. 9 and Sun. Mar. 10. This is a special experience for those who wish to ride from the Glades, through farm lands, along canal greenways, hear horse hooves walk across shell gravel roads, and then cool off their horse's legs in the salty waters off Homestead Bayfront Park. It is the only ride offered in so. Fla. which goes from one National Park to another Natl. Park, in two days!

On Sat, Mar 9, we meet just outside the main entrance of the Everglades Park, **no later than 8:30am!** Take Loveland (SW 217 Ave) south to West Palm Dr. & go west to 192 Ave (Robert is Here), turn left & go south. When you reach a stop sign near the prison (376 St) go right! Continue on Ingraham Hwy (9336) to Glenn Garrett Memorial Park. The park is just over a canal bridge, on your left, & just before the entrance sign to the Everglades Natl. Park. Format: **Trailer in early 8-8:30am** & tack-up. Horses are tied-off under the trees & are monitored by your riding partners, & at 9am the driver takes their trailer to the Homestead Rodeo Grounds to park the rig there. A shuttle car will get the drivers back to the horses. Once everyone has returned to the horses, you cinch-up, mount-up by 9:45, & the group leaves promptly at 10am. Augie Saavedra is the founder & has been the Trail Boss of this terrific ride for many years, & has again offered to be our fearless leader- suggesting you pack a lunch/snack, water, lead line with you each day; & both days are rocky, so shoes/boots are suggested.

On Day 1, we head out moving east along Palm Drive & at the canal, turn north & meander in the outback for most of the ride. As we approach the west side of Homestead at approx. 12:30pm we'll receive a police escort through town, along Mowry Drive. The officers will stop traffic en route, including keeping us amply safe for our last short hop north along US1 – to enter the Rodeo grounds. Dismount, refresh your horse with the provided hose water, load-up & head for home (or your stay-over location).

On Day 2: Sunday morning we gather at the Rodeo grounds at 9am, tack-up & ride out by10am sharp. We head south & east, cutting through a few side streets & then end up on the canal greenways. For the majority of the ride, past field nurseries, etc. As the herd approaches the coast, the fresh salty air beckons us toward Biscayne Bay – white shell & gravel hard-pack roadway, mangroves, sea birds, & a short bridge to cross. As our trusty Trail Boss leads us to the edge of the Bay, there is plenty of time for everyone to walk their horse into the cool water, take pictures to mark the feat, and revel in having completed a very special ride.

The group will then ride a little farther north along the Mowry canal to a bridge crossing at the main entrance to Homestead Bayfront Park – where a final cheer ends the day! Once there, again the horses will be monitored as drivers hop into waiting shuttle cars and are taken to their rigs at the Rodeo grounds. Each driver takes their trailer back to collect their horse and goes home.

Remember, this ride does not happen every year. We can only hope it will continue in the future...so come ride the Glades to Bay now, just in case. You may choose to do both days or one day (either day, your choice). All riders **MUST** contact Augie Saavedra **NOW** if you want to ride one or both days. We must have an accurate count to organize shuttle cars for both days, have our numbers for the police escort, and other logistical issues. Don't miss out – **RSVP NOW**!! Augie 305-582-1557

~Bonny George, Jr.

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