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Apr 27 - Sat - Virginia Key Beach Ride #1, TB:Mike Maldonado

May 4 - Sat - SPCA Fundraiser Rally TB:Ginger Krenz

May 5 - Sun - Cinco de Mayo Ride TB:Dorys and Sergio Garcia

See more inside...

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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
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Homestead, Fl. 33092

Horse Protection Association of Florida
www.HPAF.org
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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.

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Dates and Places

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

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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**

Mar 30	**Saturday - Semi-Annual Coggins Etc. Dr. Diaz** will be available to take blood and give shots also microchips 10:00am at Rockin' M Ranch 25700 SW 212 Ave. Club will provide cold drinks. **TB:Mike and Deda Maldonado. RSVP Mike 305-331-7599** [SEE MORE]
Apr 1	**Monday - General Meeting** at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St. 7:00pm dinner, 8:00pm meeting. **Speaker: Your Pole Barn - Sahil Verde**
Apr 4-7	**Thursday to Sunday - Camping - Alafia River State Park,** Fla., Thurs 4 - Sun 7, **TB:Donna and Carol Hakanson 305-773-8227**
Apr 7	**Sunday - Glades Rocky Road Ride TB:Rick Develasco and Martha Insignares**. Meet at 20611 SW 168 street between 9:00am and 10am. Bring money for lunch at Sonia's Approximately 3 hours riding, call or text Martha 305-450-6410 [SEE MORE] [Voting on site]
Apr 8	**Monday - SFTR Board Meeting hosted by Carrie and Wayne Heshberger**, at Rockin' M Ranch 25700 SW 212 Ave. 7pm dinner 8pm meeting. All SFTR members are welcome to attend and present suggestions
Apr 12	**LAST DAY to register for the April 27 Beach Ride.** Register Online
Apr 13	**Saturday - Miami International Cattle Show,** Tropical Park, Cowboy Attire, Opening Ceremony, Arrive 10am, starts noon. **TB: Manny Alvarez,** redlandtrail@aol.com
Apr 14	**Sunday - Miami International Cattle Show,** Tropical Park, Cowboy Attire, Opening Ceremony, Arrive 10am, starts noon. **TB: Manny Alvarez,** redlandtrail@aol.com
Apr 26	**LAST DAY to register for the May 11 Beach Ride.** Register Online
Apr 27	**Saturday - Virginia Key Beach Ride #1**, gate opens at 9:am, everyone out of the park by 3:pm. Register Online on our website, deadline **for registration is April 12 - Membership and accepting rules required. TB:Mike Maldonado 305-331-7599** [SEE MORE] [Voting on site]
May 4	**Saturday - SPCA Fundraiser Rally** at Robbies 9:am to 5:pm 22390 SW 177 Ave. **TB:Ginger Krenz 305-773-9013. Raffle of $500 gift card from Robbie's.**
May 5	**Sunday - Cinco de Mayo Ride at Tree Tops Park, 3900 SW 100 Ave. Davie FL. TB:Dorys and Sergio Garcia 786-291-2911.** [SEE MORE] [Voting on site]
May 6	**Monday - General Meeting** at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St. 7:00pm dinner, 8:00pm meeting. **Speaker: TBA** . [Last chance to vote]
May 11	**Saturday - Virginia Key Beach Ride #2**, gate opens at 9:am, everyone out of the park by 3:pm. Register online on our website (coming soon), deadline **for registration is April 26 - Membership and accepting rules required. TB:Mike Maldonado 305-331-7599**
May 13	**Monday - SFTR Board Meeting hosted by Augie Saavedra, at 20501 SW 167 Ave.** 7pm dinner 8pm meeting. All SFTR members are welcome to attend and present suggestions.
May 18	**Saturday - SFTR Banquet**, Redland Golf and Country Club, 24451 SW 177th Ave, Homestead - 33031; 6pm-11pm.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Trail Riders,

Mike & Blondie

We are coming to the end of another year and Board members are being nominated. It can be done on the website. Voting is in person or by regular mail. The ballot box will be at several rides and the general meeting. Your club, your Board so vote.

Participation is key to really enjoying our club. Trail Boss a ride, event, or clinic. Any long time member can help a newbee get started. The club helps cover the cost of drinks, ice and paper products (napkins, plates, etc.) as well as food up to $65 (please show receipts to be reimbursed) Also most people bring something to share to complement the meal. It's your ride , make it exactly what you want, short, long, big meal or a snack or just cold drinks. Whether you get a huge turnout or 5 riders as I did, you still enjoyed a ride with friends and some chatting after and during.

Be a part of this great club, vote for your representatives on the Board, hold a ride, participate.. Your presence will make the South Florida Trail Riders even better.

C'ya on your next ride,

Mike Maldonado

Mike Maldonado
President

Guess which horse is next…

Back a few years ago SFTR held a Team Penning at the Homestead Rodeo. It was back when I was still riding Peter and Jacky's horses. They had just sold Blue that I had ridden in our previous Team Penning, so I was without a mount. When they had a one on one for us to try our hand at controlling a calf without help, one horse and rider and one calf. My friend Rene Gomez offered me his beautiful palomino mare, Blondie, to give it a try. Much to both our surprise she knew what to do and made me look like a much better rider than I was. I made an effort to participate and we didn't pen the calf, but it was very close. Maybe if I would have let her work on her own..... oh well!!

~mike@watv.net

MAKE YOUR IDEAS COUNT – VOICE YOUR INTERESTS – VOTE!

Each May at our end of the year banquet, the new officers for the new season are installed. Right now is the time to volunteer yourself, or a fellow SFTR member, so your ideas and choices can count! If you have interests that would further the club & our members, activities you'd like the SFTR to do, projects we can do or trails we can open or maintain for riding...now is the time to run for office or the Board of your club: the SFTR. Each Board tries very hard to continue the traditional rides, camping, and charitable activities that have made the SFTR a great club. We have been changing and really moving forward with more inclusion, variety, and reflection on the desires & needs of the membership. We have been listening to our fellow members, trying different concepts (some worked and some didn't), revamping the ways of the past and seeking to gain more participants in SFTR activities.

Nothing changes unless you, the individual member, will volunteer a little time and thought to the process. If you, or a friend you'd like to nominate, can spare just one night a month for a Board meeting, then we need you! If you have ideas you have long wanted our club to try...we need you! If you want the club to reflect all its members...then we need you!

So, please contact Andrea Sante, pasocorto@aol.com, to volunteer or nominate someone for this very worthwhile position. Each nominee will then be contacted and asked if they will honor us by running for office (Pres. or V.P.) or the Board. After that, a ballot will reflect the names of those accepting to run, and it will go out to the entire membership via email.

You may use the ballot which will be sent to the membership, **print** it and **fill -in** your choices, **sign** it, and **mail** it to the SFTR P.O. Box; or attend a SFTR activity and vote anonymously, in person. Voting will take place in several locations, so everyone has ample time to vote. You may vote only once, either by mail or in person. Locations to vote:

April 7- Glades Rocky Road Ride
April 27- Virginia Key Beach Ride
May 5- Dorys & Sergio Garcia - Tree Tops Ride
May 6- SFTR General Meeting at Latin Mix Restaurant – **Final** Voting!!!!

The SFTR Board wishes to thank the membership for allowing us to serve you, and we encourage every member - whether you ride, or own a horse or not, to vote. Every member deserves to have their ideas represented, so please volunteer, nominate someone...and most of all, please vote!

~Your Board

We have 243 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.

Patricia and Megan Acosta
Miami, FL 33196

Howard Goldstein
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Laura and John Micali
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South Florida Trail Riders
2019
Annual Banquet

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May 18th, 2019

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Linda Rose
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Megan Acosta
Mike Maldonado
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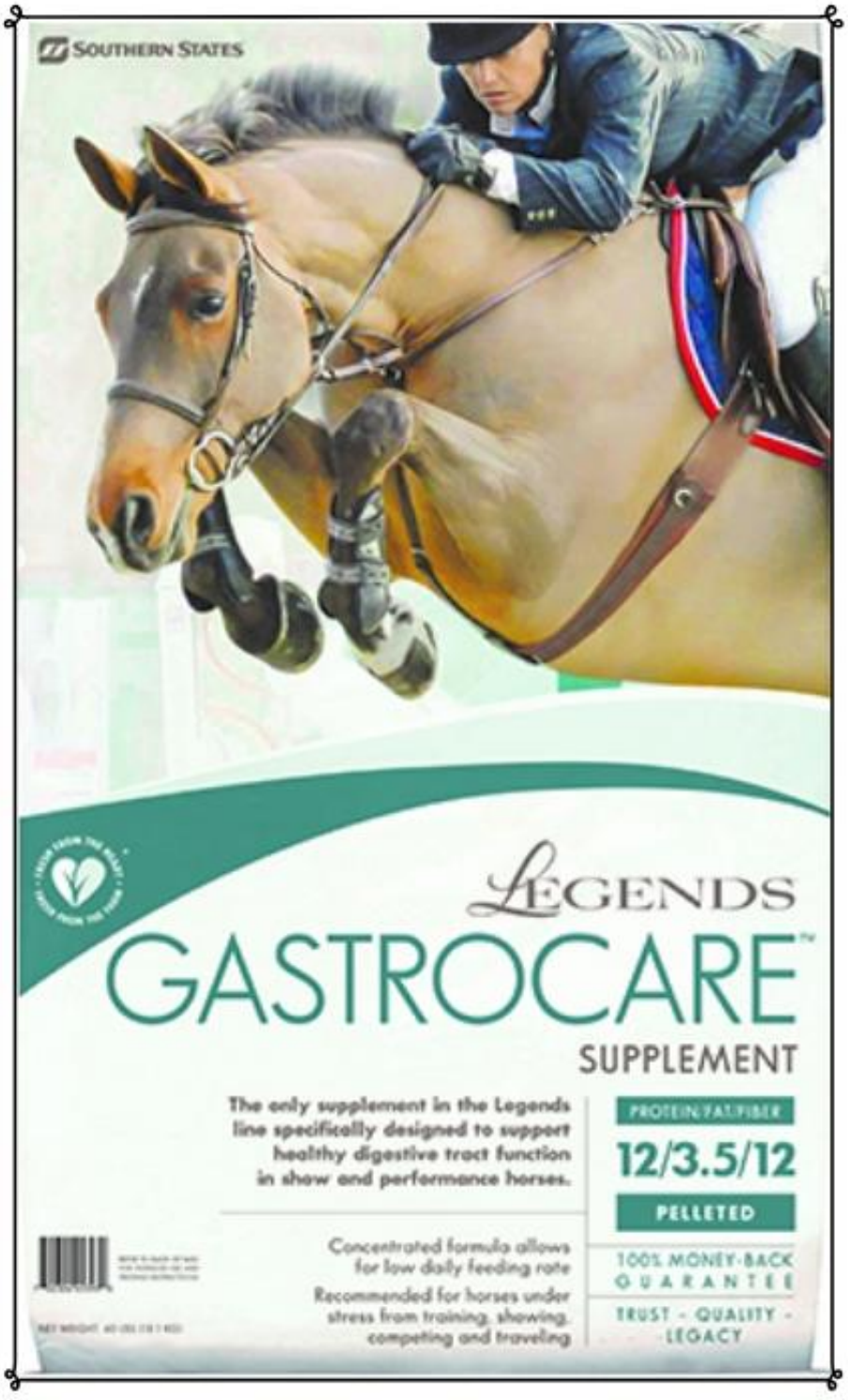

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GLADES TO THE BAY

Augie once again did a great job of planning and guiding this historic ride. It takes lots of preparation since besides the route Augie secures a police escort through the streets of Homestead and up US 1 to the rodeo parking lot. The ride requires people not riding to shuttle trailer drivers to and from their trailer on both days. He also checks with Water Management and park departments to open gates and access for us. Thank you Augie for all the work you do. And Thank you Ben, Bonny and Jessica for shuttling.

This ride is historic because Miami Dade is the only county that has two National Parks and within proximity to allow this ride in two days. Both days were fairly comfortable weather wise. Saturday we had 10 riders and on Sunday we had four repeats and three new riders. We were very fortunate to be invited by the Biscayne Park manager to ride from there in their slow season from February to October. Thank you Jim Wayne.

Again, thank you Augie.

~Mike Maldonado

GPA

FUTURE EVENTS

SEMI-ANNUAL COGGINS CLINIC
SATURDAY MARCH 30 AT ROCKIN' M RANCH

In an effort to provide club activities which benefit all our members, we are once again hosting an Annual Spring Coggins Ride. The event will be TB'd by Mike & Deda Maldonado, on Saturday March 30, at their Rockin'M Ranch, 25700 SW 212 Ave. Gates open at 9:30 am, with plenty of parking on the acreage. Vetting will start at approximately 10:am, as members sign-in.

	Regular price	with discount
Coggins test	$ 40.00	$ 32.00
Vaccines	$ 110.00	$ 80.00
Microchip	$ 60.00	$ 45.00

Remember, by Fla. law all equines need a current Coggins whenever they leave their barn address whether riding out or in a trailer. Many of us have a Coggins that is not due to expire now, but taking advantage of this offer simplifies one's life and makes the entire process more affordable! First, yearly Coggins/vaccines can be done before our busy ride, parade, camping or equine sports seasons begin.

Hence, everyone is prepared in a timely manner Second, you can trailer in all your horses at these rates and really save! Third, no vet farm call charge, or frantic appointments while you try to prep for shows, parades, clinics, etc. Fourth, those wanting a microchip can get it done, even if you don't want the Coggins/vaccs. Everything is separate, buy what you want, per horse. This in no way detracts from your regular vet's care, it is simply a means to provide a valuable service for our members.

Dr. Diaz will be ready with supplies, you hold your haltered horse and have your form (do on site) and a check. We had these events years ago, and they are efficient, move along well, are low stress, and certainly worth it! Generally, we have a very short ride afterward, for those interested, and of course water/sodas. So, share a trailer ride with a fellow member, get all your horses done at one time (this event will return next year, same time!) and you won't have to worry about your Coggins all season. Win-win! More info will be emailed prior to the event, but you need to please RSVP Mike (305-331-7599) ASAP so he can help Dr. Diaz prep for your specific requests. Let's do this, for the health of our herd and peace of mind for all.

~Bonny George, Jr.

CINCO DE MAYO - COME FOR THE RIDE … STAY FOR THE TACOS!

What better way to start riding in May, than to join your friends on the trails of Tree Tops Park, in Davie; and then feast on tacos under the trees! Dorys and Sergio Garcia will Trail Boss this fun event on May 5 - arrive 9am at Tree Tops Pk., for a ride-out at 10am. From Krome Ave: go north to US 27 & turn left/north. At Griffin Rd. turn right/east. At 100 Ave. turn left and make an immediate right onto Orange Drive. From the Turnpike, take Griffin Rd. west to 100 Ave, turn right and then another right onto Orange. Once on Orange there will be a sign to turn left.....

Wear your SFTR T-shirt, dress cowboy, or go all out in festive Mexican attire & hat. Let your sombrero be seen! A fresh taco lunch will be at noon – the TB's will provide the meat filling, shredded cheese & taco shells. Water/sodas will also be provided. Riders are asked to bring a side dish to share, to make the ride even more fun: shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, minced onions, guacamole, dessert, bowl of cut fruit, or your favorite Mexican side dish! Bring a folding chair, and all SFTR members are invited to come for lunch at noon – so even if you don't ride, come and enjoy a relaxing mid-day with friends. The Trail Bosses want to prepare enough food, so please RSVP to Dorys at 786-291-2911 or dorys831@yahoo.com, and also let her know what side dish you'd like to bring. See you there!

~Bonny George ,Jr.

Save The Date

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

APR 7
Glades Rocky Road Ride

APR 13-14
Miami Intl Cattle Show

APR 27
Virginia Key Beach Ride

MAY 4
SPCA Fundraiser Rally

MAY 5
Cinco de Mayo Ride

MAY 11
Virginia Key Beach Ride

MAY 17
School Career Day

MAY 18
Annual Banquet

JUN 1
Carrie and Wayne Hershberger Birthday Ride.

JUN 8
Tiki Ride and Luau.

JUL 4
Key Biscayne Parade

JUL 27
Cowboy Day

LIFE IS A BEACH . . . AND EVEN BETTER WITH HORSES!

Each spring, before the sea turtles begin their move toward the shores of so. Fla., the SFTR hosts two Virginia Key Beach rides for the benefit of its members. Because the first Beach Ride is Sat. April 27 and space is limited... sign-up time is NOW & we wish to explain this great event to everyone.

First, before you sign-up for the ride, you and all those you bring with you as spectators or riders, MUST be members of the SFTR - our insurance covers only members! You may use our website, mail your membership or renewal application to our P.O. Box, or hand it immediately to a Board member. AFTER your membership is confirmed register for the Beach Ride on our website. CLICK HERE (Please read and check the "I agree" box for each rule.)

Beach Ride Rules

- All participants in the Beach Ride must be members, and pre-register.
- **16 & UNDER MUST WEAR A HELMET.**
- Be aware of the effect **your** actions have on others, their horses and their property.
- Follow all park rules.
- Horses are only allowed in the marked horse area.
- Respect trees and vegetation, stay off the seagrass.
- People not riding should remain in the picnic area
- The horse area is only for people on horses, swimming or sunbathing is not allowed in the horse area.
- Clean up after your horse and yourself. Leave the park as we found it.
- All trailers must be out of the park by 3:00 pm.

We will manage the gate and only those individual **SFTR members** on the **pre-paid** registration list will be permitted entry to our event. Because there is a limit of 30 trailers, we suggest you hurry – you can NOT register/pay at the gate, so act fast!

Friday, **April 12** is the **LAST DAY**
to **REGISTER** for the April 27 Beach Ride!

Mike Maldonado will Trail Boss this wonderful event & will have the gate open at 9am. ALL participants must enter by 10am!!! Please remember, if you come in a separate car, you must pay the Park's standard car entry fee, & ALL occupants of the car must be SFTR members. Mike & others will assist you in parking the rigs in an orderly manner, hose water will be available & there is a restroom on site. As you off-load & tack up, take time to voice your choices for SFTR officers and Board for the coming year – VOTE!! Ballots will be available on site. Then ride/walk/bicycle up the trail, cross a bridge & the beach will spread out before you...the ocean awaits! There are picnic tables under the trees & Mike & his crew will have worked hard all morning marking off the horse swim area. Please stay in our zone, & remember only mounted horses are allowed in the water. We know there will be children, & parents can take them outside the marked area to play in the sand or swim, and everyone on foot is encouraged to locate under the trees at the picnic benches. Because of the number of equines & people enjoying the day, please do not run your horse – keep it at a walk. We realize it sounds like a lot of info, but everyone wants to have a wonderful day with their horse. To do that, we all must be aware some horses are apprehensive & some riders are novices – so safety first equals fun for all!

Directions to Virginia Key: Rickenbacker Causeway (toll) east, over the first bridge. You will pass the Mia. Marine Stadium, and then just as you pass the Seaquarium (get in the left lane) there is a light at the entrance to the Virginia Key Park & Beach...turn left into the entrance. Do not cross the bridge! Stop at the gate- Carrie & her helpers will check you in & then you will drive straight, past the first parking lots. The road will finally reach some trees...turn left. The road will lead to our parking area- follow the parking assistants. Bring your food & drinks for snacks & lunch. Enjoy the day! Everyone is responsible for cleaning **ALL** the poop, shavings, trash, etc at their trailer (maybe start 2-2:30?) and we must ALL be **out** of the parking area by **3pm**!!

Call Mike Maldonado for more info 305-331-7599.

GLADES ROCKY ROAD RIDE – JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

Want to meet at a new trail head and explore a different local outback trail? Here's your chance! On Sunday, Apr. 7, Martha Insignares and Ricky Develasco will Trail Boss a quiet Redland 100 ride out in the Everglades. Trailer in at 9:30am to 20611 SW 168 St – take Krome Ave (SW 177 Ave) west to 206 Ave and go left to the 1st house on the right. Ride out will be 10:30. The herd will ride for about 2.5 hrs and tie off for lunch at 1pm at Sonia's -so bring a lead line, cash (only) for lunch, or bring your own food. Afterward, the ride back to the trailers will be only about 30min. Directions to Sonia's for the 1pm lunch: Krome Ave, go west on 136 St., then left on 199 Ave. Look for the barn & tied off horses on your right just down from the corner. Remember, even if you don't ride, come for lunch and spend some time with good friends and sample the good home cooking!

All SFTR are encouraged to join this new local trail, the miles will count toward your Redland 100 total, and the route is good for juniors too (please remember 18-under need to wear a helmet). The trail is in the outback and rocky, so shoes or boots are suggested! Please RSVP to Martha at 305-450-6410 or at marthainsignares@comcast.net.

Let your TBs know you are planning to attend, so they know you are coming or in case of cancellation due to weather, so you can be reached. See you there!

~Martha Insignares

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVERGLADES RIDE

Green is the official color of Ireland and deeply bound to all St. Patrick's Day celebrations, as he is the Patron Saint of Ireland. So for this reason I chose the greenest place in South Florida to celebrate. With a little over one million acres of mostly green grasses, plants, shrubbery and trees, Everglades National Park was an ideal match for the March 17 holiday.

Eleven good riders covered 14 miles in a little under four hours while riding through three distinct ecosystems, in what is the largest sub-tropical wilderness in the United States. We rode through a pine rockland ecosystem, a dry grass prairie, and a large coniferous forest consisting mostly of Dade County Pine, actually the largest remaining Dade County Pine forest in the world (approximately 8,000 acres).

After the cool ride under a cloud cover 80% of the time we sat down at the trail head and celebrated with homemade (by me) corned beef. A perfect ending to a great day which started with Ben Kroner bringing us a huge supply of donuts for an early morning pre-ride breakfast.

Timing is essential for a good ride in the Everglades. You must plan around bugs, rain, and heat. We will probably have one more mild cold front left in this dry season. It may fall on a weekday, but on that day I will be riding out there again. When you see a weather report for temperatures in the 70s or cooler, low humidity, and little chance of rain contact me if you want to ride this wonder at our doorsteps. Manny Alvarez, Trail Boss

~Manny Alvarez

SFTR SADDLE-UP FOR ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

This year we had an excellent turn-out and very generous contributions totaling $6,920 at the time of this writing. A couple of more donations are in transit.

This was our 26th annual Saddle-Up for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital fundraiser, and Robbie's Feed and Supply sponsorship all these years has been the backbone of our success. To them we owe a debt of gratitude. This year Robbie's donated $2,000 in addition to over $400 collected by the staff.

A big thanks also go to the Saavedra-Vasallo family who worked hard setting-up our coolers, the check-in station, and various other chores that kept them all busy all day. Specially Alberto who worked non-stop. Mayra ran the check-in and collection station and kept everything flowing. Other helpers, among them my wife Tonya who made sure we had Subway subs for everyone after the ride, Jessica Winer who helped at the ride and also donated one of the large banners for the event including the set-up charge for the artwork. Debi Catarineau-Priest was also a big help at the event. Ben Kroner opened his home for the riders at the halfway rest stop, and brought us donuts early in the morning. Sharon Dixon helped in the check-in process and also assisted at the halfway stop including coordinating the announcements and distribution of prizes to the winners for top collections. Henry Vasallo won first place in that category. There were so many people willing to help at the ride that I would be afraid to start a list and leave someone out. We all know who you are and we appreciate your hard work.

Tania Garcia and Yosbani Corrales of J&Y Pavers Design sponsored the half way stop with refreshments and snack for everyone. This was their first year of joining us but we look forward to a long relationship in helping the St. Jude Kids beat cancer.

Our friend Dr. Gerry Diaz, D,V,M., of Briarwood Equine donated a farm visit package including shots and Coggins test. Dr. Diaz is committed to help the St. Jude Kids and he will be with us for years to come.

We have posted some excellent photos taken by Ed Navarro at this year's event. Ed has been our official St. Jude's Ride photographer for many years. You can see the photo galleries on the South Florida Trail Riders Facebook page. A big thanks goes out to Ed.

I hope you will continue to support us and join us again next year. Manny Alvarez Trail Boss.

~Manny Alvarez

SFSPCA Horse of the Month "Ajax"

Thoroughbred Type • Gelding • Dark Bay • 14.2 hands • 2013 est YOB

This guy is so cute, and friendly to boot! Ajax has fully rehabilitated and is now in training with local professional, Matt Goodman. Ajax was just ridden for the first time on 5/30/18, and he did very well. Matt says though Ajax is pretty calm, he can be a little pushy on the ground but is learning. Overall, Matt thinks he'll make a nice riding horse. Stay tuned!.

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

Update on Horse of Last Month,

"MAGIC"

HAS NOT BEEN ADOPTED!

PARADE TEAM NEWS

Get ready for the 2019-2020 new season of parades!!!! Just a reminder to mark your calendars that July 4th is the first parade of this season, on Key Biscayne. Now that we have our new uniforms, I hope it goes smoothly. I am confirming with all parade hosts early this year, in hopes that we don't miss anything and I have correct dates. I know a lot of you had difficultly making some parades last year due to schedule changes. I hope to see everyone this year, & I will be letting everyone know soon. Hopefully everyone will be able to attend. I am looking forward to a great year, with many SFTR friends to join in parading & spreading our club's enthusiasm out in the community.

Just a quick reminder: The 2 day Cattle Show at Tropical Park will be considered make ups for anyone needing a make up for this year's end-of-season awards. Please contact Manny Alvarez (redlandtrail@aol.com) directly to volunteer or ride in these events.

Anyone still needing the required parade tack, a white uniform shirt, gold bandana & slide; or if you need to help a friend join our Parade Team, please contact me asap so we get ready. Remember we welcome juniors being pulled in little wagons, walking, or riding on lead line or riding solo. All SFTR members wishing to lead line their horse, or ride, are encouraged to join the Parade Team now – so we have time to prepare for the next season.

Let's have
the best year ever
this year!!!!

~Lisa Morgan
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CAMPING DATES 2019

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

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SUNSHINE REPORT

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

Our profound condolences go out to Manny and Tonya Alvarez & their family, for the sudden loss of Manny's younger sister, Mercedes. Lucky are those with strong ties, such as the Alvarez family...and may memories and stories you share of Mercedes, bring you a warm heart and gentle smile.

Prayers and condolences go out to: Woody Charles for the loss of his horse, Joey; to Debra Davis for having to put her old cat, Pixel, down; to Rachel Shearing & RA, for the loss of his dog, Chance; to Marlon Aiello who had to put their old pup, Key, down; to Teresa & Jesus Sardinas who just lost their little dog, Sushi-roll; and to Holly Thommes whose orange tabby cat, Bingo, also crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Good pets and beloved family members, who will all be very much missed, but long remembered.

We're hoping Eva Marie Tracy gets out of that arm sling quickly, off the cam walker for her bad arthritic foot, and that the cortisone shots help. Can't wait to see you back enjoying your horse at the beach ride and in our parades. To our old friends: Jackie Richie is recuperating from her horse tripping & sending her hard to the ground - nothing broken, just bruised; to Stacey Jacques' mom, Michelle, who is out of the hospital & doing better; Carol Weng, who is nursing a braced trigger -thumb; and Ashley Gamboa who is healing from having her wisdom teeth removed...our best wishes to all these ladies.

The SFTR sends out a Happy Birthday celebration cheer to our good friend Robbie, from Robbie's Feed & Supply, Inc., and we hope he may have many, many more!

Congratulations to: Ciro J Fonseca & his beautiful wife, Yvonne, for their 3rd anniversary; to Lee & Michelle McDaniel for their 8th; and to Al & Cathy Zamora for their 34th! Major congratulations to JC & Lynn Vina on the birth of their granddaughter, Siena; and to Sergio & Dorys Garcia on their granddaughter, Isabella – two beautiful baby cowgirls! Despite nay-sayers, and after determination and hard work, Logan Smith is to graduate with a full standard diploma on May 24,2019! Kuddos on a job well done – the world awaits you, Logan. Gabbie Pagan & Carlos Perez announced their engagement; as did Anne-Marie Morgan & Wayne Myers– cheerful congratulations to each & all.

Thanks to Debi Catarineau-Priest for keeping us informed about those needing sunshine added to their lives. Hoping all our SFTR enjoyed their St. Patrick's Day celebrations, and from your Sunshine reporter, all the best! See you all next month. Please keep Sunshine notes coming via text to my cell, 786-286-0643 or email: annakrides@gmail.com. Happy trails & great rides!

~ Anna Kleinholz

AROUND THE PADDOCK…

While our members are enjoying the lingering cool weather, venturing out on rides, camping, & shows, please remember to register NOW for the up-coming Virginia Key Beach ride (limited to only 30 trailers). Everyone registering must first be a member, and all persons going along must also be members so our insurance covers everyone. Also, volunteer for the SFTR Board or an officer position now, as the ballot is forming now. Meanwhile, our club members have been busy...

Jery, the fabulous rescue pup who has amazed the crowds at so many agility competitions, has received his official AKC Agility Trial Title Certificate. Jery is now quite notably a Novice Agility Jumper Preferred ! Congratulations to Jery, & to Rachel Shearing for rescuing & training such a talented little athlete. Contact Rachel to adopt such wonderful pups! Meanwhile, Celine d'Arbellas & Jesus are back to spring jumping activities; as is one of our juniors from a while back, Justin deJesus. Also healed & back loading and riding Indian Hammocks Park, is handsome Callahan – and Michelle McDaniel couldn't be happier! From the west coast, Jennifer Law is beaming, having had Junior tacked up for driving, and he has handled the line work well. The cart idea is being kept a secret from him for now!

In the sports scene: Seems Vanessa Burke is not only one of our great junior riders in Naples, but is winning blue show ribbons with Lily, her goat. Congratulations on your hard work & talent! Here locally, Amanda Andujar's kids racked up Fair ribbons for their pigs: Anthony's Market Hog took Grand Champion, Adrianna Rue's barrow placed 2nd; & Marcos' gilt placed 5th , while his barrow earned a 4th and Champion in Fitting & Grooming. Now there's a talented group of young people! In the cutting arena, Lynn Vina and Maddie won this last season's 35K N.P. & JC won the 15K Am & 2K...the top NCHA awards! We have also heard that Sandy Fobb & Jackie Richie went to watch our old friend Cathy Dunmoyer ride Rain to English High Point Champion at a recent show...awesome! For all local equestrians looking for fun activities with their horse, check out the sorting, barrels, & pole bending in the Homestead area, the assorted equestrian Youth Fair events, the Miami Intl. Cattle Show, and our famous Beach rides. Help your horse become multi-talented… it enriches your life and that of your equine companion! .

~Bonny George ,Jr..

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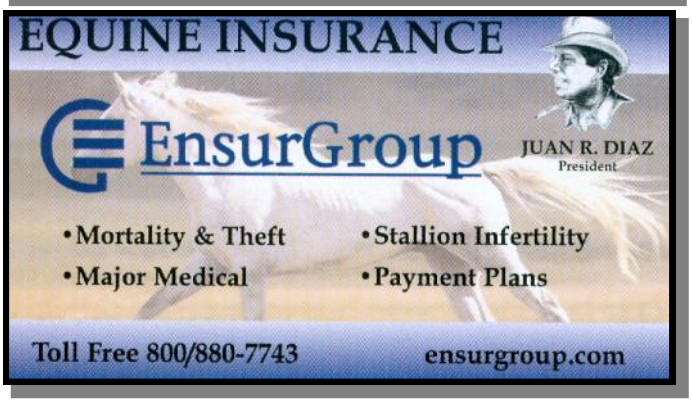
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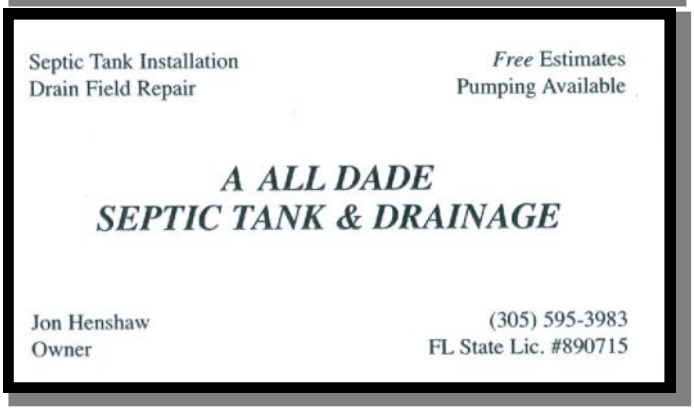
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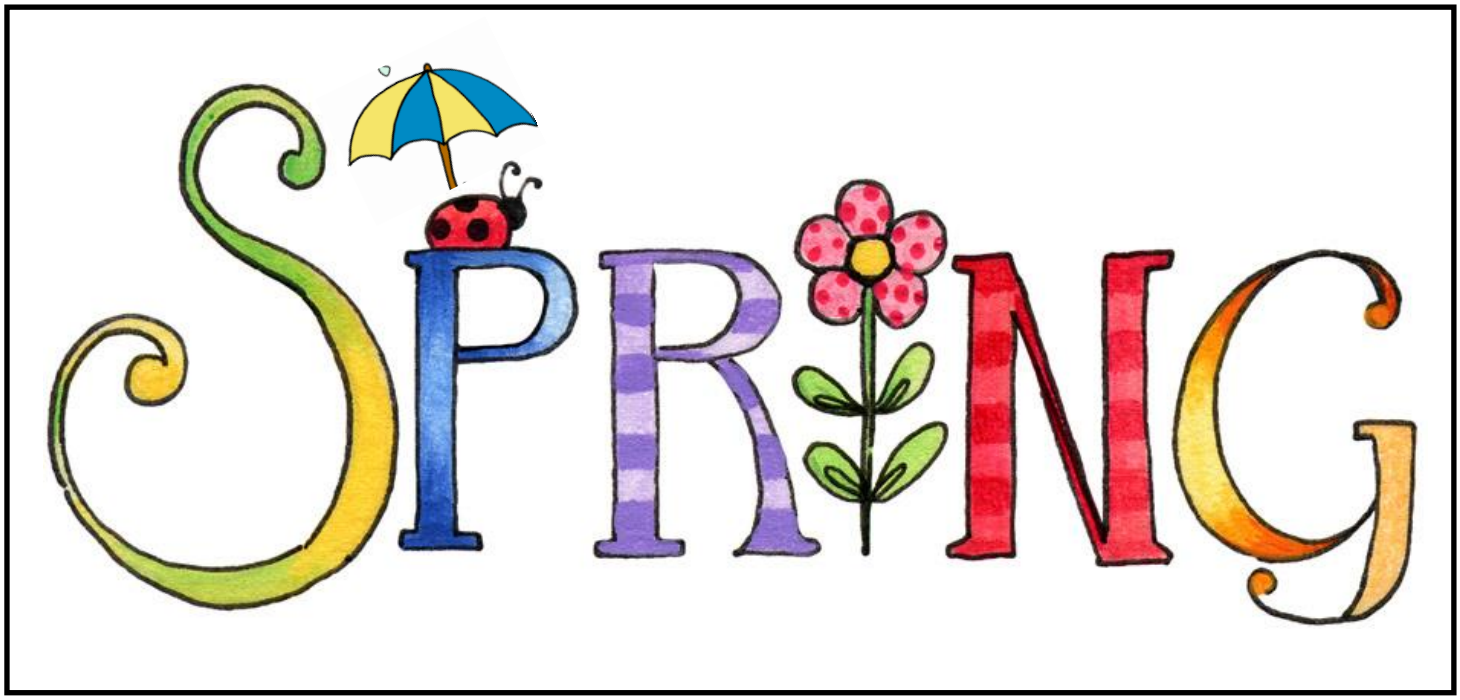

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