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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

Nov 2 - Sat - Carlos Cardenas #1, Redland 100 TB:Augie Saavedra

Nov 4 - Mon - General Meeting at Latin Mix Rest. Speaker: Tyra Phillips, Exec. Director of the Dade Co. Farm Bureau, Homestead.

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Nov 15-17 - Fri. to Sun. - Camping at Picayune

Nov 16 - Sat. - Carlos Cardenas #3, Redland 100 TB:Augie Saavedra

Nov 23 - Sat. - SFTR Tack & Yard Sale TB: Sonni Peles

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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

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(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**

Nov 2	**Saturday - Carlos Cardenas #1, Redland 100**; 20mi/10mi, **TB:TBA;** Arr 9am, ride 10am.
Nov 2-3	**Saturday to Sunday** - Not SFTR – **Hispanic Heritage Paso Show**, Tropical, 8:30am.
Nov 3	**Sunday - Broward SFTR – Tack Sale & Pancake Breakfast, TB: Tina West**; Robbins Lodge Park 8am to 2 pm.
Nov 4	**Monday- General Meeting** at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St. 7:00pm dinner, 8:00pm meeting. Speaker: Tyra Phillips, Exec. Director of the Dade Co. Farm Bureau, Homestead.
Nov 9	**Saturday - Carlos Cardenas #2, Redland 100**; 20mi/10mi, **TB:Augie Saavedra;** 305-582-1557 Ride out at 9am.
Nov 9	**Sunday** - Not SFTR- **Canter for the Cause, Gulfstream Park;** 11am-3pm.
Nov 11	**Monday - Veteran's Day Parade,** Homestead; **TB:Lisa Morgan** 786-556-0339; Arr 10am, starts noon.
Nov 12	**Tuesday - SFTR Board Meeting** hosted by **Patricia & Richard Perez** 20595 SW 190th Street, 7:00pm dinner, 8:00pm meeting. All SFTR members are welcome to attend and present suggestions. 954- 707-3331
Nov 15-17	**Friday to Sunday - Camping – Picayune; TB:open** See more inside newsletter. RSVP to pasocorto@aol.com
Nov 16	**Saturday - Carlos Cardenas #3, Redland 100;** 20mi/10mi, **TB:Augie Saavedra;** 305-582-1557 Ride out at 9am.
Nov 17	**Sunday** - Not SFTR- **Posse Play Day & Canned Food Drive**, 6pm.
Nov 23	**Saturday - SFTR Tack & Yard Sale, Sonni Peles ;** Robbie's pasture, 8am-1pm.
Nov 24	**Sunday - Carlos Cardenas #4, Redland 100;** 20mi/10mi, **TB:Augie Saavedra;** 305-582-1557 Ride out at 9am.
Nov 30	**Saturday - Carlos Cardenas #5, Redland 100;** 20mi/10mi, **TB:Augie Saavedra;** 305-582-1557 Ride out at 9am.
Dec 1	**Sunday - Parade of Elves, TB:Lisa Morgan** 786-556-0339**;** So. Miami..
Dec 2	**Monday- General Meeting** at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St. 7:00pm dinner, 8:00pm meeting. Speaker: **TBA**.
Dec 7	**Saturday - Carlos Cardenas #6, Redland 100;** 20mi/10mi, **TB:Augie Saavedra;** 305-582-1557. Ride out at 9am.
Dec 7	**Saturday Evening - Homestead Tree Lighting Parade & Ceremony**

Visit our website for more: - Rides & Events - 2019 Tentative Calendar - Save the Date

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Trail Riders,

The trail riding year starts now. Membership renewals started in August. The weather starts to cool in September (supposedly) and we fill our calendar with many rides and events.

Augie has honored Carlos Cardenas and Willy Perez with special rides to remind us how these two great riding buddies loved to share with us. Earn your certificate and patch for each one.

For those of us that aren't in shape or our horse is not in shape for long rides (around 2 hours) and also some Sunday rides for those that work Saturdays.

Camping is lots of fun and we have some fine parks within a few hours from us. If you have even a slight interest we can hold a Camping 101 Roundtable at an upcoming General Meeting. In the mean time talk to a board member to get an idea.

Some of our events serve the community and build our good will, please volunteer to help make them a huge success. Ride for St. Judes Childrens Hospital, Autism Ride to benefit Whispering Manes Horse Therapy for special needs children, SFTR Toy Drive serving our area's needy children, not to mention the many parades and events that show off our horses and demonstrate our love of our country, U S A, and our biggest fundraiser for the club in which we let all the Rodeo attenders enjoy our fantastic Funnel Cakes.

Join us in letting our community know that our passion for horses extends to children of all ages and our pride in our country.

Here's where I normally say, C'ya on the trail, but this time I want to say see you on all the rides and great events that SFTR makes possible, we need your participation to make it happen. It's OUR club, let's keep it being all that it has been for over 40 years and more.

Mike & BB

Happy Trails,

Mike Maldonado

Mike Maldonado
President

AROUND THE PADDOCK...Fall is Upon Us – But the Heat Lingers on...

Taking a break from riding in the heat lately have been Amaris Garneau & Anna Kleinholz. Amaris is back on track, having completed the Metro Zoo 5k; and a big shout out to Anna Kleinholz for completing a 5K run/walk on Miami Beach in 56 minutes. Having done these sort of runs in the past, it is wonderful to hear both are again on the hoof. The road to better health sometimes needs encouragement & a partner - so if you want a partner, contact these two ladies & join in the events! Also on foot while it's still warm, Rachel Shearing is spending time with her mini, Dream – who did a successful therapeutic event; and with her agility dogs Jery & Salsa. Salsa is perfecting her skills & improving, and Jery just won his 4 AKC classes and captured a qualifying score in each! Kuddos to all!

Joy & Brad Martin, in working with dog rescuing in the Keys, found an amazing home for their foster pup, Thunder. Although a tear in their eye when he left, there is a forever smile in their heart for the great times they shared with him, and for his good future in his new forever loving home.

Trail Rider kids are doing well...Colby Stroud's son, Damien Darden, P.A., is now a certified realtor associate with the Dustin Fealy Group. Congratulations for serving our community from Broward down through the Keys! Danny & Alicia Medina's son, Diego, received his martial arts orange belt. Quite a little cowboy with many talents! Lisa Morgan's daughter, FIU Agroecology scholar Emily Morgan, was at the Univ. of Arkansas, representing Florida in a USA Regional Soil Judging Contest. The team took 1st place in the Pit Competition! Although we miss Emily riding with us, that's some real agri-science studies at work! Dawn Cucchiara's daughter, Taylor Pearce, is a budding photographer. Her talents, as we all have seen, are many; and hopefully anyone wishing to capture a stunning photo of their equines or other pets, will call her. The holidays are coming, and pictures make a great gift & remembrance! Congratulations go out to Elisa & Robert Dean's son, Christian, as he was inducted into the FIU Garnet & Gold Scholars. Up north, the Penabella family with daughter Jillian, won 1st place photo honors in the Alachua Co. Farm Bureau contest, for a photo of their big farm dog, Mr. Cinch. Seems he kept going through the electric fence to be closer to his herd, & they bunched up close to lovingly lick him all over. Amanda Andujar's kids just brought home this year's 4-H lambs – Adrianna Rue has McSteamy & Marcos Andujar has McDreamy. Some lucky livestock to have such great youths to raise them!

We are proud to announce SFTR Tyra Phillips will be our guest speaker at the Nov 4, SFTR General Meeting, at the Latin Mix Restr. Tyra is the new Exec.Director of the Dade Co. Farm Bureau, in Homestead; and will address issues concerning preservation of our open riding spaces, conservation, and how the Farm Bureau has changed to be more integrated into all aspects of our agriculturally connected community. Come see how the Farm Bureau will incorporate their efforts to include our equine initiatives and how we may prevail upon the their ability to continue our equestrian way of life.

Remember in our area you can find cattle sorting events at Iosvany Castillo's Equestrian Life arena – membership is open to all interested SFTR and plenty of coaching available. The Fla. Paso Fino Horse Show will be Nov 2-3 at Tropical Park; 8:30am to start. Worth a trip over to see some of our own SFTR from the trail, in action in the ring. The Homestead Posse will have a Play Day with barrels, poles, and other races on Nov. 16. It is also their canned food drive event, so take a few cans, register (fees reasonable) and try your hand at their activities. Sunday, Dec 8, will be an Open Arena day, sign-in/register & ride. A good time to support our Posse and allow your horse to learn something new or desensitize in a new environment! Call Samantha Merz for info 786-548-7386. Several SFTR work with Marr-Velous Pet Rescue & Adoptions & are having their 9th annual Spaghetti & No Balls Gala on Nov. 8- call 305-453-1315 for info. Start boxing up your garage sale goods – our SFTR Yard & Tack sale is Sat, Nov. 23! Ride & get involved in other activities...live life to the fullest!

~Bonny George, Jr.

We have 326 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year. Thank you very much!

Welcome New Members

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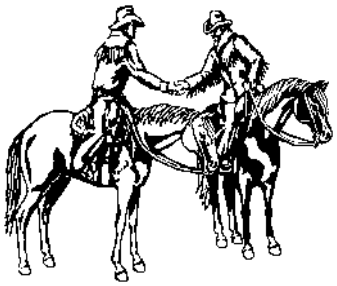

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SUNSHINE REPORT

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

Our hearts, prayers, and condolences go out to Deborah Brunson for the loss of her mother. In her words, "she's finally at peace". May you find solace in the fact that she was well loved, and lived a good life. We know she will be sorely missed. Many thanks to the SFTR who attended the celebration of life for Susan Boyd – their family deeply appreciated the many friends and their sharing of fond & humorous moments remembered with Sue. We also wish Carol Weng an improved recovery as she will undergo more trigger-thumb surgery/shots before she will again join us riding. Laura Macali is tending to a bad knee-calf issue, so we hope her program will keep her in the saddle with us! Katrina Carroll let us know that her Cardio-thoracic surgeon from Minnesota confirmed that her surgery must be done while she's young, so the plan is for this December. She has resigned from her job to have plenty of time to heal properly and will find her new path as a nurse afterward. We wish her the best!

Please help... Patty Perez has a friend's daughter whose home had a terrible fire - losing everything. They are in need of kitchen, bathroom, & cleaning items; furniture, and items for her 5mo. old baby. Contact Patricia for donations - everything will be greatly appreciated, as they recover & move on.

One of our own has tied the knot! Megan Fickle married Ryan Drebenstedt, and we wish them both a lifetime of laughter, adventures, and happy trails! Celebrating anniversaries are JeanAnne & Jeff Manners, #27; and Elisa & Robert Dean, #28 – may you all have many more wonderful years ahead. On a cheerful equine note, Lourdes Barrios has been sharing photos of her 2 mo old colt, Bandolero. Congratulations on such a handsome foal!

Remember to keep me posted on your events: love, anniversaries, births, illnesses - anything you want to share here to get loving support from our SFTR family. Please keep those Sunshine notes coming to: annakrides@gmail.com or via text to my cell, (786) 286-0643.

Hoping everyone had a fun Halloween and see you all next month! From your Sunshine reporter, all the best... happy trails & great rides!

~Anna Kleinholz

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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Ann-Louise Oudin
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Barbara Ruiz Gonzalez
Carlos Diaz
Carlos Perez
Carol Graham
Celia Bunge
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Elizabeth Rathgeb
Elley Masel
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Rachel Shearing
Rebeka Romero
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WE RODE FOR RETT SYNDROME...AND FOR STELLA

I can't believe it's been a year since we our first ride for Rett Syndrome. Our second ride has come and gone with only 7 riders, but none the less we had a fun & interesting ride with lots of laughs. The riders showed up early to enjoy a nice chat and coffee and get their purple T-shirt before heading out without hesitation. The ride took us by the canal off of 263 St., all the way to 197 Ave and around some quiet roads in the Redlands to finish up back at the house for lunch.

A few other Trail Riders joined us for lunch, including our beautiful Stella and family. A special thank you to Augie for coming up with a route on short notice, my sister for picking up the food and everyone else that came to raise awareness for Rett. I can't forget to thank all of those that gave pony rides to my nieces and nephew, you each made their day extra special. Looking forward to riding with all of you soon.

~Jessica Winer

RIDE FOR A CURE
RETT SYNDROME

THE BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI RIDE...aka..The Figure it Out Ride!

Well, I was asked to Trail Boss the annual Boy Scout Spaghetti Ride, and said sure I'd do it... first time for everything! This was the first time also that we could park our trailers at the Boy Scout camp, which made the event easier. As we rode out we hit some slight rain, but it cleared quickly and was nice after that. There were 15 riders and 2 of them were brand new members. Welcome new riders Denis & Pedro!

Thanks to Susie Randolph for drawing up a route for me, since I don't ride this section of our trails. The ride was close to about 2 hours and although we had Susie's map in hand, we ended up having to figure out our own path. Our route took us north of the old Silver Palm feed store, and we rode through a cool tree shaded area – it was great. We laughed and figured out our path as we rode & ended up riding by 3 Trail Riders' houses on the way back - one of them was home and came out to say hi. We returned to the trailers to untack and tie off our horses, and then went to have some of delicious spaghetti from the Boy Scouts. Three more Trail Riders showed up to enjoy the all-you-could-eat meal & desserts. Thanks, Bonny for pushing me to try and host my first ride; and thanks, Mike, for coming as well. I appreciate all the riders who came out to support my first TB event and for helping to figure out the route together. I will try to make a ride from my barn one day. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the trails again soon.

~JJ Idiaquez

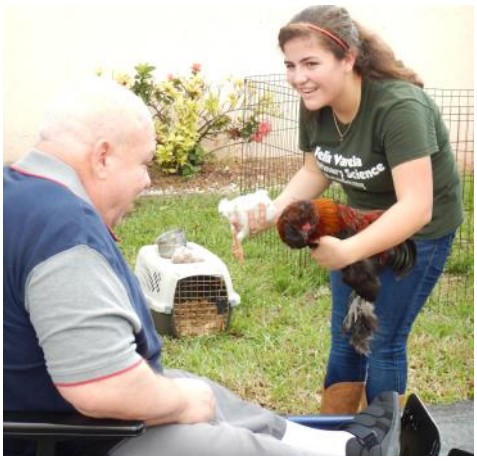
FARM ANIMAL DAY BRINGS SMILES...

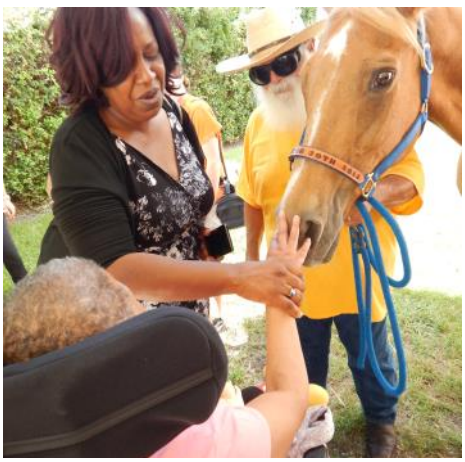
The SFTR responded when a local center for mentally/physically challenged clients called upon us to bring a ray of sunshine into their facility. For the second year I was able to organize Varela FFA students & SFTR members to bring their animals to the Miami Cerebral Palsy Residential Services (MCPRS) center in Kendall. So it was that the wheelchair confined clients were able to touch rabbits & chickens, bottle-feed little goats, and pet little ponies and big horses. For over fifty clients it was a morning filled with smiles, laughter, a chance to connect with friendly animals, and even lead-lining our equines from their wheelchairs!

I had Blue, and I would like to thank Mike M. for bringing Delilah & little Echo, Erika for her bunnies and Nicole D. for her chickens; Rachel S. who brought Dream & Jessica W. who lead-lined Mike's new mini, Echo; and Holly T. & Bonny G. Jr. who came as extra handlers. I could not have done it without you all!

After we finished presenting our animals we were treated to refreshments, music & plenty of dancing. We waved good-bye to the cheers of our happy crowd and disappeared...until next year. If you'd like to join us on the next Farm Animal Day, let me know.

~Lisa Morgan





FUTURE EVENTS

COME TO THE KEG FOR TOY DRIVE EXCITEMENT!

Keg South of Homestead has again generously set up great venues, raffles, and of course tremendous food...on special nights to support our SFTR Holiday Toy Drive fundraising efforts. The first event will be on **Sat. Nov 16,** when Keg South will host another SFTR Toy Drive Party! Matt is going all-out and has arranged for Ricky Valido to perform! Come enjoy the awesome music, have some good food and support the Toy Drive! We will have our ever-popular 50/50 Raffle, but we will also raffle off **2 PAIRS** of **tickets** to the following day's **Homestead Miami Speedway's 2019 Ford EcoBoost 400 Race**! Also, you get a **FREE** 1/3 lb. Keg Burger with a $10 monetary donation to the toy drive!

Come support the club Toy Drive and listen to Ricky Valido's Acoustic Concert; while Dougie from Thunder Country will be in the house – on the air!

To kick-off the final weeks of the Toy Drive, on **Saturday, Dec. 7** at 7pm, Keg South of Homestead will host a parking lot party with Cowboy Up in concert; and Dougie, from Thunder Country, will be broadcasting live! We will have the popular 50/50 Raffle and the Keg will give a Free 1/3 lb. Keg Burger with a $10 monetary donation. We will also be collecting toys and hope to bring in fun games, balls, dolls, bikes & toys, for the needy children in our community.

(Yes, this event will be going on at the same date/time as the Tree Lighting Parade, but Carolina and Nelson will handle the Keg. David & Carol will do the parade and then head to the Keg afterward. I'll join them after my horse is settled back at home).

We hope all our SFTR members & friends will come to these two great events, to join in the excitement the Keg offers and to show our appreciation for what they do for our club and the kids of our area. Remember, this all leads up to our final toy drive collection at the Jingle Bell Jaunt on Saturday, Dec. 14...so let's keep the momentum going...see you at the Keg!

~Megan Barnes

THE JINGLE BELL JAUNT AND SFTR ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

The Jingle Bell Jaunt will be on Saturday, Dec 14, at Larry & Penny Thompson Park; from 9am until about noon.. The event is a Christmas themed horse costume contest, while we collect toys to benefit local underprivileged children. We've had some creative ideas in the past years and a ton of holiday fun. This is also a family event, so you don't need a horse to come & enjoy the holiday cheer! There are 6 divisions, but don't worry - you don't have to choose which one to "compete" in, as it's the judges' choice on who wins what! Once the winners have been announced, the costumed horses will then lead everyone (riders, walkers, lead-lined ponies, carts, toddlers in strollers, etc. on a Christmas Parade and Hay Ride to collect more toys from the park's RV residents. Trailer to Larry & Penny Thompson Park, 12451 SW 184 St. (entrance at SW 127 Ave off 184 St.), park at the mango grove.

Schedule:

9:00am - Registration Opens.
10:00am - Costume Contest. Public/non-contestants will participate in judging by ballot.
10:30am - Contest Winners Announced.
11:00am - Parade Begins. Hay ride available for those not on horseback.
12 noon - Return to the trailers for refreshments.

It's set to be a day full of fun festivities, so dress up & come join your Trail Rider friends! We will be providing drinks and hot dogs after the parade to members and anyone registered for the costume contest, so please RSVP!! We will also have the 1-day membership forms available ($5 per person) for non-members to be able to participate. Juniors 18-under must wear a helmet if riding.

Let's also remember the original reason for the contest: holiday gift giving, and collecting for those less fortunate. So, please bring a new unwrapped toy as your "entry" fee!

~Megan Barnes

MAKE A HOLIDAY COSTUME & DECORATE YOUR HORSE . . . THE HOMESTEAD TREE LIGHTING PARADE IS COMING!

For ALL Trail Riders...you are cordially invited to join in the fun of the Homestead Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony, on Saturday Dec 7. For Homestead's Tree Lighting parade, we **hand-walk** our horses as part of Mr. and Mrs. Claus' escort into downtown Homestead. Afterward, we spend some time at the end of the parade, allowing the children and families to have a horsie meet-and-greet. As a change from last year, all SFTR parade participants are welcome to dress their horses and themselves up with almost any Christmas/Holiday costume, theme, or decorations! However, participants **CANNOT** dress up as Santa or Mrs Claus, and **no** lights/lighting are allowed as part of their costume or their horse's costume/decorations. We will also have a toy collection box setup next to Mr. and Mrs. Claus' seats. Everyone **MUST** be a current SFTR member to participate. Juniors are encouraged to participate, but must have direct parental supervision. Remember, this event also counts as a make-up activity for the formal SFTR Parade Team members.

The parade officially begins at 7pm, but the production coordinator wants us assembled by 6pm. I would need SFTR participants to be parked no later 5:00pm. We will be parking the trailers in the parking lot behind 338 N Krome Ave (if heading South on Krome, turn right at NW 4th St and then immediately left into the parking lot). The tree lighting portion of the event will be held at Losner Park (104 N Krome Ave) and the City will be shutting down Krome between NE 2nd St and E Mowry Dr, so plan some extra drive time due to traffic caused by the detour.

I hope the more festive decorations for our horses and walkers will promise a great turnout for this fun event. The children in Homestead look forward to our club bringing our horses to share the holiday spirit...the more the merrier!

~Megan Barnes

Two Strong Ladies in Our Midst!

Our SFTR club members share a common equestrian thread – but there are two ladies who have taken the high road, and we should all applaud their hard work...Sam Torcise and Tyra Phillips.

Seen at recent SFTR events, Sam Torcise was also our guest speaker at the Oct. general meeting – giving us the details on her ranch off 248 St & 202 Ave. A state-of-the-art equine facility, Strong Current Stables boasts a new sturdy barn with rubber isle pavers and pine pellets in the stalls; a 115'x220' arena with jumps, five turnout paddocks, a covered wash rack area with rubber mats & fans, safe interior facility & strong perimeter fencing and multiple layers of security alarms & cameras (including cameras & alarms on each stall); a tack room with individual cabinets for personal items storage. English, western, dressage & jumping lessons can be taken, on your horse or theirs; and boarding is available with courtesy toward special diets/supplements & feeding schedules needed by individual equines. Fresh water & hay being a standard four times a day for stalled horses.

Having ridden since she was six, Sam completed equine studies in N.J., has worked at multiple local riding farms, and was the Assist. Mgr. & Trainer for four years at CHC Arab Training Farm. Sam said the only thing she loves more than riding, is teaching. From the photo presentation of the farm, it is a sure bet we will see Sam, her horses & students, in the months to come!

There is another local SFTR who has rescued horses & livestock, developed the Redland Ahead program to help train Vets & the under-served to enter into agri-businesses, created & ran the local organic sourced Redland Community Farmers Market, and founded the first equine consignment store in our vicinity...Tyra Phillips, who is a shining star among us.

Raised in upstate N.Y., Tyra's passion for farming & horses goes back generations. Moving here in her teens, Tyra grew up riding our open spaces, and later became a background investigator for the Coral Gables P.D. A cycling accident had Tyra change her career path, and she now moves forward from her many projects in the Redlands to be the Executive Director of the Farm Bureau in Homestead. Among her goals, Tyra plans to unite the farming community to help those involved in agriculture face the continuing challenges to our historical way of life. Large & small farmers alike, she hopes to bring the community together to preserve our open spaces and keep farming a significant part of the so. Fla. way of life.

Come to the SFTR General Meeting at the Latin Mix Restr., Mon. Nov 4 and meet Tyra - one of our members who is going to be making a real difference in our community!

~Bonny George, Jr.

Setting aside celebratory events, Phillips has the background and enthusiasm to build on the efforts of the Dade County Farm Bureau in helping the agricultural community face continuing challenges to their historical way of life. Among her many goals are, "To unite the farming community, including smaller farms, and ensuring farmland in Miami-Dade County is preserved for future generations of farmers." She will, however, also take time to enjoy her horse, kayaking, and family gatherings on her farm.

CAMPING DATES – SOME DATES HAVE CHANGED PLEASE LOOK OVER. 2019 - 2020

Nov. 15 – 17th , 2019 Friday – Sunday *confirmed*	**Picayune**	Primitive, water & small paddocks available. RSVP to Andrea No ReserveAmerica for this campout.
Jan. 2 – 5th, 2020 Thursday – Sunday *confirmed*	**Colt Creek/Green Swap**	TB: Becky Swerdloff 352-279-2505 Primitive, water available RSVP to Becky
Jan. 16 – 20th Thursday – Monday *confirmed*	**Lake X**	Primitive, shower house, no trees, you need portable corrals. Guided rides and lunch included in price.
Jan. 31 – Feb. 3rd Friday – Monday *confirmed*	**Cattle Drive Reunion**	Primitive, bring water or jugs to fill up near barn. Your own containment.
Feb. 20th – 23rd Friday – Monday *confirmed*	**Dupuis** Reserve now Get your permit now.	Primitive, stalls. Bathhouse. Group of SFTR will be riding the OTL this weekend.
Feb. 20 – 23rd Thursday – Sunday *confirmed*	**Ocean to Lake**	Primitive, bring your own water. Meet at Dupuis Thursday. Ride Friday to Corbitt, Sat to Jupiter Farms, Sun to JD Park.
March 20 – 23rd Friday – Monday *confirmed*	**Lake Louisa**	TB: Ray Gonzalez Primitive, some small paddocks per site. 6 sites reserved – RSVP to Andrea
March 30th thru April 6th Spring campout	**Lakeview Plantation Fairfax, SC**	Electric, water, paneled stalls Layover at Andrea's on the way up. April 1st thru 5th at Lakeview

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.

Dupuis reservations: https://www.sfwmd.gov/community-residents/recreation/sul

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Lets Go Camping!

SFSPCA Horse of the Month "Jodi"

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Jodi is a pretty young filly we are just starting under saddle. She has overcome many fear issues and has benefited from a lot of groundwork with staff and professionals.

RESCUE STORY: We rescued Jodi with four other horses and a pony from the 8.5/East Everglades in SW Miami-Dade on June 28, 2017. She arrived underweight, and we were told her mother had died. She and the others were unconfined/at large, posing a danger to themselves and the public. Charges were filed by police against the owner.

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

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PARADE TEAM NEWS

Nov. parade news

The Veteran's parade is right around the corner and I am very excited. November 11th is the Veteran's Parade, down in Homestead. I encourage all So. Fla. Trail Riders to participate, & most especially, the SFTR Parade Team! If you are a Vet and will be riding in the parade I, as well as everyone else, would be honored if you would wear your uniform. Please contact Bonny or myself if this is the case, so we will know. I would also like to allow those people to have first pick of flags to carry; and if you can carry a flag, so RSVP immediately. The parade starts at 12:00 noon, and the opening ceremony is at 11:00am. Trailer to the grass lot across from the VFW at 601 NE 2nd Rd., Homestead. Please be at the VFW by 9:30 AM to tack up and be ready for pictures at 10:30 AM. We will then ride to the staging area together. If someone can please drive their truck as our safety vehicle in the parade, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are a Parade Team member, you still receive parading credit if you drive!

Uniform for **SFTR Parade Team** members: **Horses**- Official Team horse tack (bridle, reins, breast collar, pad) & clean saddle for all mounted equines, whether ridden solo or being ridden on a lead line. In-hand / lead-line equines with no rider- black halter & lead line, or red-white-blue combos in keeping with the spirit of the day.

Parade Team riders or walkers- Our official long sleeved western white shirt, black slacks & belt, dark/black boots, light straw hat & glitter band (or a helmet, black cover please), and black gloves. **Bring** your **slide**...you will be loaned our red-white-blue bandana for this patriotic event.

Note- **All** 18-under juniors must wear a helmet when riding! (black cover please)

This is an open parade, and as such **ALL SFTR** members are encouraged to ride (or walk) with our group down main street Homestead! It is a great way to introduce a new horse that is ready for a parade venue, or junior to the thrill of being in a parade. To participate, wear a long sleeved plain white shirt, black slacks & belt, dark/black boots, a red-white-blue bandana and a light straw hat (or helmet). **All** 18-under juniors must wear a helmet when riding!

Just a reminder December is a busy month for parades. Make sure you mark your calendar for:

December 1st- Santa's Parade of Elves, in So. Miami (daytime)
December 7th- Christmas Tree Lighting with Santa, in Homestead (at night)
December 15th- Jr. Orange Bowl, in Coral Gables (daytime)

I hope to see you all at the Veteran's Day Parade, and have a wonderful family Thanksgiving.

~Lisa Morgan
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MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PERKS!

Being in the SFTR is like being in a family of friends who enjoy riding, spending time outdoors, and sharing the love of equines. But did you know we also go camping & parade; make funnel cakes & show our horses to hundreds of first graders at the Rodeo? Have you heard we visit schools for special needs children with our horses, have toy drives & special events for Autism & St. Jude, help coach young equestrians for local shows, and do great weekly trail rides? We mount-up because we love to ride – we participate in many more activities because it rounds out our life & brings joy to others. Win-win!

If you have not yet renewed your membership...you are very late, and will miss the emails, calls, the newsletter or other notices which let you know about our club functions. As a member you can: go on our trail rides (& eat) with us for free, get free Marlin's tickets for SFTR-night, find friends & safe places to go with your newbie horse/riders, do short rides or 10-20mile rides for more seasoned horses, be included in parades & camping activities, swim your horse in a lake or the ocean several times a year, do obstacles & attend our clinics...and know you will be in pleasant company where we look out for each other.

Times change, and so has the SFTR. We have even more members from all walks of life, cultures & interests; and our members throughout Florida (and beyond) help us coordinate SFTR related events in their areas for us to go & enjoy. There is always something to do and you can find someone to share the trailer or trail to get you and your horse out-there. So if you haven't renewed, you are late – renew today so you don't miss out! Try our website sftrdade.org, use the membership form in the newsletter or ask any Board member to help you. Don't miss out on spending time with your horse & with good friends. Renew now and make the most of your whole Aug-July 2020 year!

~Bonny George, Jr.

GET READY TO RIDE – The Carlos Cardenas Rides Start in November

Each year Augie Saavedra organizes 5 rides of 20 miles each, which total 100 miles in the Redlands & Everglades. This series of rides is in remembrance of Carlos Cardenas, who could be found daily on his horse, and who amassed untold miles each year. And so, to honor his memory and to show the SFTR what great open spaces we still have in so. Fla., Augie will again TB these memorable rides on:

Nov 2- Meet at 136 St., grass parking area by the canal.
Nov 9- Meet at 136 St., grass parking area by the canal.
Nov 16- Meet at Larry & Penny Thompson Park; 184 St & 127 Ave at the mango grove.
Nov 24- Leaving from Luis' barn- address will be provided at a later time.
Nov 30- Leaving from Augie's home- 20501 SW 167 Ave, Miami.
Dec 7- Meet at Larry & Penny Thompson Park; 184 St & 127 Ave at the mango grove.

There will be six rides provided, but to earn the certificate & patch for the C.C. Rides, you only need to complete **5** (5x 20mi=100mi). Riders are warned to pack water & food/snacks/ lunch money, rain gear, and be ready to **depart at 9am**, on time! Be punctual & self-sufficient.

For those who can not do the 20mile route, each ride will have a turn-around point at approximately 5 miles. Those who choose to turn back will then have completed a Redland 100 (10mi) ride. Once 100 miles in this manner are accumulated, the rider earns the official Redland 100 pin! Riders doing only 10mi of the 20mi ride are asked to find a buddy to safely share the turn-around ride back to the trailers.

Remember to keep track of ALL your riding miles! In a log book, gps, or a calendar, keep track of your Redland 100 events – the 10mi rides & the Carlos Cardenas 20mi events. ALSO record all your miles ridden around your farm area, in parks & parades, at camping trips and when out with friends. **ALL** your miles count for the Willy Perez 500mi. Award! In honor of one of our beloved SFTR, this 500mi certificate & patch can be earned every time you accumulate a new 500 miles, even if it takes you several years to do this feat. Just record your miles and communicate with Augie as you go. Call Augie for info 305-582-1557 for help or questions.

There are fun costume & obstacle ride events, beach & lake swims, short rides and training sessions...and for those who want to experience 10 & 20 mi treks – our club has a ride for you too. So grab your gear & condition your horse, and see what our area has to offer!

SFTR Supporting Sarah Rotella for Homestead Rodeo Queen

Each year about this time, the Homestead Rodeo Assn. opens the competition for the Rodeo Queen, who will be crowned a The Rodeo in January 2020. Young ladies from all over the community enter, and in the process hope to obtain support groups. The Board of the So. Fla. Trail Riders proudly announces that we will be backing one of our own members – Miss Sarah Rotella!

Sarah is enrolled in the I.B. Program at Coral Reef High and has been a **Trail Rider** for several years, & is sponsored by the Posse. We have enjoyed riding with her on the trails, as well as at the beach rides. She has also participated in special activities, such as the Autism ride & Youth Fair events. Sarah hopes to win and thereby engage the community in greater involvement in equestrian activities by promoting more young people in our area to ride.

In order for a contestant to win the title of Rodeo Queen, she must sell the most tickets for the Rodeo. Sarah has enlisted local businesses and private donors to help achieve this goal. That's where the SFTR comes in! If we want **our** member to win this glorious title, and travel representing south Fla., then we as club members need to buy our Rodeo tickets from Sarah. You can find her tickets at: Robbie's Feed (on Krome), Stars & Bars Feed (on Krome), & The Feedery (on 248 St.)

You may buy the discount tickets from Sarah direct, by calling 305-342-4171 (maybe your company can offer them for sale?) SFTR Board members also have tickets for sale. The discounted tickets are $20 for adults, and $10 for 12-under (good for any 1 day at the 3-day event). Remember the funds help run our Rodeo !

If you wait until January, the tickets will be $25 and $15....so better to buy now and save a lot!!! Tickets make a great gift to a family member, a thank-you for a friend, a special birthday present to remember (going to a real rodeo!), or a holiday gift. Even a bonus for a good employee or staff member at work.

Sarah can also accept monetary donations, which will be converted into Rodeo tickets. She will then donate those tickets to children's charitable organizations in our area for kids who might not ordinarily be able to afford to go to our great event. This concept ensures the funds donated are well spent, and broadens the knowledge of youths of our community. One way to keep people talking & thinking about horses & riding, is to show the young the thrills & horses we love!

Sarah is energetic in her duties, an athletic equestrian, and a lovely young lady. Let's get behind her and not only buy her tickets now, but ask businesses & friends we know to help. The ripple effect we can all produce can propel Sarah to become our Homestead Rodeo Queen, and move her along to state & national competition – experiences to last a lifetime!

~ Your Board

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"Sooo" get your stuff together !! Save some money for a treasure or booth fee!!
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SAVE THE DATE - Saturday February 8

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