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2019 HOMESTEAD VETERANS DAY PARADE



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

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TB:Lisa Morgan

Dec 2 -Mon- General Meeting at Latin Mix
Rest. 11368 SW 184 St

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ject; School Visits TB:Bonny George, Jr.

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Sylvia to host at Ranch Believe.

Dec 15 - Sun - Jr. Orange Bowl Parade
TB:Lisa Morgan

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TRAIL MANNERS

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

- **18 & 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

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2019



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

- Dec 1** Sunday - Parade of Elves, TB:Lisa Morgan 786-556-0339; So. Miami., arr. 11am start 2pm.
- Dec 2** Monday- General Meeting at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St. 7:00pm dinner, 8:00pm meeting. Speaker: bring your homemade jewelry, quillows, or other craft giftable items and display/sell
- Dec 6** Friday - Books & Broncs Literacy Project; School Visits, 8am-noon, TB::Bonny George, Jr. 305- 233-1897
- Dec 7** Saturday - AM - Carlos Cardenas #6, Redland 100; 20mi/10mi, TB:Augie Saavedra; 305-582-1557. Ride out at 9am from Schnebly's Winery! 302 street and 217th Av.
- Dec 7** Saturday Evening - Homestead Tree Lighting Parade & Ceremony, TB: Megan Barnes (305) 304-0680; arr 5pm, line-up 6pm, start 7pm. Main Street downtown Homestead.
- Dec 7** Saturday Evening - Toy drive at Keg South, 6pm to 10pm. TB:Megan and Carolina.
- Dec 8** Sunday - Not SFTR - Posse Play Day & Toy Drive, Samantha Merz; Open Homestead Rodeo Arena, 5pm.
- Dec 9** Monday - SFTR Board Meeting hosted by Mike and Deda Maldonado at 16990 SW 170th Avenue, 7:00pm dinner, 8:00pm meeting. All SFTR members are welcome to attend and present suggestions. 305-331-7599
- Dec 14** Saturday - AM- Jingle Bell Jaunt Toy Drive, Larry and Penny Thompson Park Eureka Dr. and 127th Av. TB:Megan Barnes; Registration. 9am, Holiday dress-up contest 10, lunch noon.
- Dec 14** Saturday - PM- SFTR Holiday Party, Eddie & Sylvia to host at Ranch Believe; 18300 SW 122 St. 6pm
- Dec 15** Sunday - Jr. Orange Bowl Parade, TB:Lisa Morgan; 105 Minorca, Coral Gables, Arrive. 2pm, starts 4pm
- Jan 1** Wednesday - Black Eye Pea Ride- TB:Mike and Deda Maldonado 25700 SW 212 Av. Arrive 11:am Ride out at Noon Black Eye Recipe Contest and lunch 2pm. 305-331-7599
- Jan 2-5** Thursday to Sunday - Colt Creek/Green Swamp. TB:Becky Swerdloff 352-279-2505, Primitive, water available. RSVP to Becky.
- Jan 6** Monday- General Meeting at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St. 7:00pm dinner, 8:00pm meeting. Speaker: Johan de Kock, advocate for healthy hooves.
- Jan 13** Monday - SFTR Board Meeting hosted by Sonny & Bonny George, Jr 16990 SW 170th Avenue, 7:00pm dinner, 8:00pm meeting. All SFTR members are welcome to attend and present suggestions. 305- 233-1897.
- Jan 16-20** Thursday to Monday - Camping - Lake X, Thurs 16-Mon.20; TB:Augie Saavedra; 305-582-1557. Kissimee area.
- Jan 23** Thursday - AM- Books & Broncs-Kids Day at the Rodeo, TB:Bonny George, Jr.; 8am-noon 305- 233-1897.
- Jan 23** Thursday - PM- Set up Funnel Cake booth, Rodeo Grounds; TB:Jessica Winer 305-331-4642 and Patricia Perez 561-628-5468.
- Jan 24-26** Friday to Sunday - SFTR Funnel Cakes, Rodeo Grounds; TB:Jessica and Patricia.
- Jan 25** Saturday - AM - Homestead Rodeo Parade, TB:Lisa Morgan; arr 8:00am, starts 10am. Funnel Cake booth.
- Jan 26** Sunday - Noon - Funnel Cakes & at the end of Rodeo – Funnel Cake Booth Breakdown .
- Jan 31- Feb.3** Friday to Monday - Not SFTR - The Great Fla. Cattle Drive Reunion. St. Augustine area.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We wish you all had wonderful Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for and you all are a huge part of it, Thanks.

The holidays bring special events Dec. 1st, Parade of the Elves, Friday, Dec. 6th SFTR visit schools for the Books and Broncs First Touch literacy event. Dec. 7th has a Carlos Cardenas local ride, the Homestead Tree Lighting Parade, and the Toy Drive at Keg South Grill, a very busy day. Dec.14th has the Jingle Bell Jaunt, the SFTR Christmas party hosted by Eddie and Sylvia at Ranch Believe and of course the Orange Bowl Parade on Dec. 15th. What a busy bunch of Trail Riders!!! All this and more throughout the newsletter.

For those of you that we may not see before Christmas, Deda and I wish you all a very joyous, healthy and Merry Christmas.

We will wish you a Happy New Year at the Black Eye Pea Ride out of Rockin' M Ranch on New Years Day so don't miss it.

Happy trails to you,



Mike & BB

Mike Maldonado
President

AROUND THE PADDOCK... SFTR are Busy as the Holidays Approach

The hot days of summer are changing to a bit cooler riding weather, as many are out riding, roping, running barrels, or preparing to host holiday gatherings. Some interesting news just came our way...

We heard Jannine & John Carroll were contacted by Story Corp to give their story about the World Trade Center bombings in 2001, since John was a first responder. They & daughter Katrina recently traveled down to Davie, Florida and recorded a 40 minute archive with his story. The archive will be stored in the National Archives at the Library of Congress, as well as the World Trade Center museum.

We are fortunate indeed to have had so many lives saved by these fearless first responders, and so very glad John & many more are still with us to evidence that horrific event.

SFTR Joanna Idiaquez (JJ) is running smooth barrel runs in the series hosted in Naples. Taking a 5th & a 4th in 4D. We're cheering for you, JJ! Meanwhile, CJ Idiaquez (hubby) has a company: *Second 2 None Trapping*, that has hit its 2nd anniversary! Need critters caught and "re-homed" back into nature where they belong? He's your man.

Around the area: There are new corrected dates for the Spectrum Paso Fino Show will be Feb 19-23, 2020. Congratulations to: Miami Dade 4-H Livestock & Homestead 4-H (along with Amanda Andujar & her pet Sundae) for participating in the recent GrowFest, held at the Fruit & Spice Park. Ginger Krenz celebrated Halloween with the SFSPCA's Super Spooky Volunteers & Homestead Posse- helping to make a fun Halloween for equines & people alike! Laurie Waggoner is asking for donations to the South Florida SPCA to help with the cost of 3 Thoroughbreds they rescued along with Miami Dade Ag Patrol, & Miami Dade Animal Services. Any amount would be greatly appreciated, and is tax-deductible.

Remember, even as this part of our newsletter gives info about fellow SFTR & their activities, and the activities of other equestrian groups, it is done in the hopes that everyone will see the wide variety of horse-related events that are available in our vicinity. We are never too old, too broken or too poor to participate – and the rewards of friendship & enjoying horses is the best reward of all!

~Bonny George, Jr.

We have 205 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year. Thank you very much!

Welcome New Members

WE WILL E-MAIL YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD IN 3 TO 4 WEEKS.

Marion Aiello and
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Denis Nunez and
Denis DeJesus Nunez
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SUNSHINE REPORT



We have celebratory news and sad news, yet it is our news to share:

Our sincere condolences to Charla Liford, for the loss of her beloved Danzig. Living life to the fullest, he passed suddenly while running with his farm herd. Loved by all – RIP.

We have quite a few SFTR who are on injured-reserves: Belinda Hebert- Had a CT scan & was diagnosed with a fractured lumbar (from her fall off Ginger) & will be in a back brace for a while. Holly Thommes' arm & hand are getting back to normal after being rear-ended in a car accident that pinned her in her car and dropped the engine to the ground. Vicky Martone is headed for arm/shoulder surgery soon, but was with us as a judge at the Halloween Ride. Eddie Garcia's slip & fall resulted in an injured ankle, and we hope he's up & running well by now. Debra Davis suffered a kneecap dislocation, but tough as she is was back walking in a leg brace, with Aeryn & Raven in the Veteran's Parade. Mike Maldonado's bruised shoulder is healed, following BB stepping under a low branch and sending Mike to the ground during the Halloween ride. One of our FFA/SFTR juniors, Nicole Donate, underwent surgery and is on the mend –

good thing since this is her senior year and she has many FFA activities & shows, and SFTR parades & riding to accomplish! And we are happy to report Ben Kroner's surgery went well – he's staying ahead of the Big C, and for that we are grateful! Last, but not least, we're so glad to report that Amanda Andujar's hand is mending well, and Elisa Dean's thyroid biopsy was all negative. Great news on both ladies!

Some cheerful SFTR news...Mike Garneau & family celebrated the joyful wedding of Ryan & Jenny Decker; and Debi & Craig Priest celebrated their 14th Anniversary. We also share in Lynn Stine's joy as she welcomed the long awaited birth of her adorable filly, Serafina!

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 text to my cell 786-286-0643. Hoping you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and see you all next month! From your Sunshine reporter, all the best...

Happy Trails & great rides!

~Anna Kleinholz

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Abdallah Saoud
 Abel De La Campa
 Alex Cabrera
 Alfredo Rohaidy
 Amanda Andujar
 Andrea Franklin
 Armando D. Mitat
 Cesar Saavedra
 Daniel Alonso
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Merry Christmas

HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2020!



ADVENTUROUS RIDES, CHILLY NIGHTS AND A WARM CAMPFIRE AT DUPUIS

We had 11 Happy Campers, at the Dupuis SFTR event in October. We arrived on Friday afternoon, quickly set up camp; then Debi Caterineau Priest, Barbie Gonzalez, Luis Valdeon and I went on a beautiful 2 hour ride on the east side of the Dupuis Water Management District property. Hector Gomez and Eddie Ruiz stayed back to enjoy a meal being prepared by their lovely wives, Merci and Magalis; and Barbie's husband, Angel was, I'm sure, left with something delicious to eat at camp while we were out on the trail. When we returned from our ride Carrie and Wayne Hershberger arrived, and we enjoyed a few appetizers at our Appetizer Share. The weather was fabulous for the longer ride to the lake on Saturday - slightly overcast with a nice breeze. Andrea Franklin, Christi, Stacy and Gloria drove up from Broward to join us for the day ride. Luis lead the charge and Wayne Hershberger brought up the rear as we did some off trail exploring and took a beautiful short

cut to avoid having riders turn around before they reached the lake. Hector and Eddie teased and thought we were lost, but we really did know where we were, and we happily got them to the lake in shorter time. We dismounted and ate our own saddlebag lunch at the lake pavilion.

In the evening we were joined by long time SFTR members, Marion Aiello and Neil Chambliss, and some of their friends who came from the Fort Drum/Indian Hammock area to enjoy the Potluck Side Dish and Campfire with us. The weather dropped to the 60's that night - so yes, the blazing camp fire was just right! For those who haven't camped with us yet, our version of Pot Luck is bring your own plate, utensils, camp chair, and main entree to eat; and bring a side dish to share. Sunday we rode some more two hour trails, and then packed up and headed home. See you on the trail!

~Renee Reynolds



2019 HOMESTEAD VETERANS DAY PARADE



FUTURE EVENTS

GET READY TO PARTY !!!!

Step into the holiday season with your SFTR friends at our annual Holiday Party – this year to be held on Sat. Dec. 14. Eddie Garcia & Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez will TB this outdoor pavilion affair at beautiful Ranch Believe (18300 SW 122 St.). Come about 7pm so you have plenty of time to park and add your covered dish to the buffet table. We hope to take a big group picture and eat at 7:30pm.

All SFTR are cordially invited to come for the music, dancing, and partying with good friends. Eddie & Sylvia will be busy decorating the big pavilion and everyone is

asked to please bring a covered dish to share for the dinner. If someone would generously like to prepare a ham or someone else would like to roast a turkey, please contact Sylvia asap for details. The club will cover the cost of these main dish items (with receipt), but please call Sylvia to confirm your involvement. For the rest of us, dust off your dancing boots and cook up your favorite covered dish for the big meal – it's going to be a great party!!

RSVP Please- so adequate refreshments, seating/tables, etc may be arranged: *Sylvia 305-479-6640*

TIME TO DRESS YOURSELF & YOUR HORSE FOR HOLIDAY FUN!

December will be a busy, but very fun month for those who get involved with our special holiday SFTR Toy Drive activities! I'll TB the annual Homestead Tree Lighting ceremony & parade, in Homestead, on **Sat. Dec. 7**. For info, call me: Megan 305-304-0680 Meet in the parking lot behind 338 N. Krome Ave at 5pm (if heading South on Krome, turn right at NW 4th St and then immediately left into the parking lot), tack up in your best holiday horsey decorations (no lights!) and dress yourself in holiday attire (just no Santa or Ms. Clause please). We move to the staging area at 6pm. The parade starts at 7pm, and horses are on lead-line only (no riders). The club's horses will escort Santa to the tree lighting at Losner Park (104 N Krome Ave) - parading only a few blocks, so get your kids of all ages to dress-up & come walk or lead-line their pony! After the tree lighting we would appreciate horses staying for a bit to let the residents pet the horses & take photos. Everyone **MUST** be a current SFTR member to participate (applies. avail on site). 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 same night, **Sat. Dec. 7**, Carolina & Nelson will organize another Toy Drive event for us at Keg South – but this time it is an all-out parking lot party, with Cowboy Up in concert!!!! 50/50 raffles, great food & the special free 1/3 Keg burger with monetary donation, good friends and toy collecting! Starts at 6pm, to

about 10pm. We will also be collecting toys and hope to bring in fun games, balls, dolls, bikes & other toys, for the needy children in our community. Contact Megan: 305-304-0680 for further info.

We round out our SFTR Holiday Toy Drive events with our annual Jingle Bell Jaunt, on **Sat. Dec. 14**, at Larry & Penny Thompson Park (SW 184 St & 127 Ave.) Meet at the mango grove to register at 9am, and tack up your horse decorations & your outfit for the costume contest at 10am. There are lots of prizes for riders, walkers, the stroller & wheelchair crowd, buggies, etc – so bring out the little ones for this easy walk through the RV campground at approx. 11am. You don't have to own a horse to come have fun with your club! We will ride/walk/roll to the campground (short distance) or you can ride the hay wagon! For more info call Megan: 305-304-0680. Brush up on your singing and hope to see all our club members at these holiday events. It's set to be a day full of fun festivities, so dress up & come join your Trail Rider friends! Drinks & hot dogs will be provided 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

START 2020 RIGHT . . . COME TO THE BLACK EYE PEA RIDE & CONTEST

Step into the New Year on Jan 1, 2020 at our annual Black Eye Pea Ride. Mike & Deda Maldonado will host this lively event at the Rockin' M Ranch (25700 SW 256 St.) – so trailer in at 11am for a ride out at 12noon. A friendly ride of about 1-1.5 hrs will put us back at the trailers to eat at 2pm. But before we eat, there is the big contest!

Eating Black Eye Peas on New Years is a tradition which bestows luck & prosperity for the coming year. Everyone is encouraged to make their favorite dish in which Black Eye Peas are the main ingredient. Sauces, desserts, baked goods, chowders, dips, ...anything that has Black Eye Peas as the bulk of the dish can be entered into the contest – to be judged & a prize awarded by a randomly selected SFTR. So whether you ride or not, make a side dish, enter the contest, and during lunch we all get to enjoy the entries on the buffet table. Mike & Deda will have rotisserie chicken, black beans & rice as the main course; and

water/sodas will be available. Bring your entry (with your name & title of the dish on an attached paper please). If you can't think of a Black Eye Pea dish, please bring a simple side dish to share – fruit, vegetables, dessert, etc. It will be a feast!

Please RSVP to Mike 305-331-7599 so tables may be prepared and adequate chicken, etc can be prepared. Remember to bring a chair to sit at lunch and plan on spending some time recollecting stories of the past year and goals for the next. See you there!

Visit our updated website

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SFTR COMMUNITY READING LITERACY PROJECT BOOKS & BRONCS IS ALMOST HERE!

Dawn Pearce Cucchiara will again coordinate the SFTR and the Homestead Rodeo Association in our annual Books & Broncs program. Each year our club takes horses to local elementary schools, where the first graders can touch a horse - for many it is their first time. During this *First Touch* session each child is introduced to a horse, as it is held in-halter by its owner. A second adult acts as a safety handler on the off-side of the horse and assists the student in safely petting our equine friend. Then, each student receives a reading book, *Let's Rodeo!*, which was written & illustrated by SFTR Taylor Pearce. As the children gleefully read their books, we say goodbye & we trailer to a second school. There we repeat the thrill for another group of students. By noon, as we depart for home, we & our horses will have witnessed over 300 little children share in our world of equines.

To make this event a success, we will need ten horses, their owner (handler #1) and a second safety handler person - so 10 horses and 20 humans! The horses can be pasture pets, drafts, ponies, minis, donkeys or mules - clean, calm, and in halter/lead only. Our attire is comfortable jeans & boots, SFTR shirt or T-shirt (any color), and a hat (optional). Our date to visit the schools will be **Friday, Dec. 6**. We will meet **first** at **Redondo Elem School** (18480 SW 304 St.) at approx. **8:15-8:30am** and

begin the *First Touch* activity as school starts at 9am. As soon as we finish with the students, we trailer over to the **second** school, **Redland Elem.** (24501 SW 162 Ave.) and hope to begin approx. 10:45-11am and head for home by noon.

At Rodeo time, these same students will come to the Rodeo grounds for the final activity...Kid's Day at the Rodeo! This is a huge endeavor in the first graders see a real rodeo, & interact with our horses at nearly 20 stations - and of course, read to them from their book! More info in our Jan. newsletter.

For now as we visit the two schools for the *First Touch* introduction, if you have an equine (or 2?) that would stand quietly so little hands can pet it, we need you! Watching the children smile as they touch a real horse, feel a warm fuzzy muzzle or look into a soft eye helps to motivate the children to read. Having our horses there to introduce their book is a great way to spend a morning. You do not need to own a horse to join us, so please let me know that you can come as a safety handler, or if you can bring a horse - RSVP to 305-233-1897, FB-PM, or IdrathrBfishin6@yahoo.com.

Thank you so much, in advance!

~Bonny George, Jr.

CALLING ALL FUNNEL CAKE TEAM MEMBERS!

This is an "early heads up", FYI, Save the date, Early News Bulletin, not quite an Emergency news flash yet but please keep in mind the upcoming Homestead Rodeo Weekend SFTR funnel cake booth. January 24 through the 26 will be here faster than you can say "pass me the sugar" Talk to a good friend arrange to work the same night to make it more fun. Pick what job you would like to do, which night would be best to work, and make plans now to support our club in this important fund raising event. We need All of you! We already know we will need more people than last year on Friday night. Please commit to help set up, tear down, mix, pore, flip, skim, sugar coat, customer service, and the list goes on! It's all great fun for a worthy cause! Us! And All We Do As A Club!

Call or Email to add your name to the list of willing, involved, supportive club members.

Patrica (954-797-3331) and Jessica (305-331-4642)

THE ANATOMY OF THE HORSE'S FOOT WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO NAVICULAR DISEASE

My name is Johan de Kock ,and in 2003 back in South Africa I realized I needed sound knowledge of the Anatomy of the Horse's foot, if I was going to help my horse. I decided to bring an American Master Farrier to S.A. and subsequently ran a country wide campaign to get enough people together to pay the expenses. The clinic was a huge success and I was in love with Anatomy!

Since then I have not stopped learning and as such I am currently enrolled with the Equine Sciences Academy, but also attend clinics whenever I can. The highlight as far as clinics go, was in 2017 when I attended a clinic held by Dr. Robert Bowker, leading expert in Navicular disease, at that time with Michigan State

University.

I love sharing knowledge and this is why I would like to do this presentation for you, to tell you things I know and that could perhaps make you look at your horse's foot in a different and a bit more educated way. Maybe even ask more informed questions the next time your own horse is trimmed or shod. As the hoof anatomy is a huge topic and we will have limited time, please study the information below before the presentation in order to follow along. Time will be spent going over it as well, to explain how the foot works and stays together inside the hoof capsule.

I look forward to seeing you there!

~Johan de Kock

Note: Johan will be our special guest speaker at the **SFTR General Meeting on January 6, 2020!** Mark this date on your new calendar, for a very informative & essential discussion on equine hoof health that you will not want to miss!

CARLOS CARDENAS RIDE #1 FOR 2019

This is the third year of doing the Carlos Cardenas 100 Mile Ride. I want to thank all those trail riders that have participated.

The first Carlos Cardenas Ride for 2019 was on November 2, 2019. We started from the 136th Street and C111 Canal parking lot. Hannah, Luis and me went north to the Everglades levee and then west on the levee until we got to Rene's Waterway. We waited for Batman and Robin also known as Eddy and Hector. Together we swam the waterway until we got to 136 St.,

and then Batman and Robin and Luis headed back. Hannah and I kept on swimming until we got to the levee. We got off the levee and rode to 168th Street and we kept riding west until we got to Hannah's Waterway. This area was not as wet until we got close to 136th Street. By the time we got back to the parking lot it was around 3:00 p.m. The ride took 6 hours, not bad for an old man and a young girl!

See you at trails end,

~Augie Saavedra

CARLOS CARDENAS RIDE #2 FOR 2019

On this 2nd Ride of 2019, we started from 136th St. parking lot, but this time, Hannah, Renee, Barbara, Luis and me, went south on the canal.

We were on our way to 168th Street when Patricia and Colby joined us. Hannah's horse, Pistle, had issues going through the gate at 168th Street, but with a little help and persuasion we managed to get her through. The road was very rocky, so Patricia and Colby headed

back to ride where there was more grass on the trail. The rest of us headed for Sparrow Field Trail which is on the rocky Everglades area. Afterwards, we went to Martha's house and she followed us to Sonia's Place where we had good food and lots of laughs.

See you at trails end,

~Augie Saavedra

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On Sunday, October 27, 2019, we had a great turn out of 43 people for our Halloween ride at Larry and Penny Thompson Park. It was a beautiful sunny day for the event. It was fun to see everyone's creativity with their costumes. Judy and Dennys did an amazing job as Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf. Lynn and her horse we're dressed up as a spider on its web. Holly and her horse were a cheetah cat mix. Mike came as a farmer and BB was his plow horse. Bonny was a safari hunter and Zelda was a lion. Ashley had her (imaginary) SFTR/Posse 50/50 costume, Sam came in riding a pink and purple unicorn and Taylor (one of the 9 juniors attending) had the most beautiful sunflower patch horse ever. We even had a little junior contestant, Andres (Bonny & Sonny's grandson) who dressed up as a ninja turtle and rode up on Mike's pony, Echo.

We had everyone display their costumes for the judges, but they determined that everyone was a winner! Prizes were

handed out and we mounted our horses for our ride through the park. We headed out through the back of the mango grove, 12 riders and several walkers lead-lined their horses behind the mounted group. Having nearly finished the ride through the park and just as we were heading back to ride through the RV camper section, our farmer and plow horse tried to take out a tree branch... but the tree branch won! Mike was ok, remounted and we all rode back to our trailers – deciding the day had been exciting enough. We hung around and laughed at the incident, drank sodas and ate candy until about 4:30., and as the shadows began to filter through the pines, we departed for home. We enjoyed having some Posse members share our special SFTR event, and look forward to next year's Halloween ride.

~Barbara Ruiz-Gonzalez



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JAN 24 25, 26 - Funnel Cake & Rodeo
FEB 8 - Autism Ride
FEB 29 - SFTR Yard & Tack Sale
MAR 7 - St. Jude Saddle-Up

MAY 2 - Virginia Key Beach Ride
MAY 18 - SFTR Annual Banquet
JUN 6 - Virginia Key Beach Ride

DUPUIS CHANGES

Good Afternoon,

I hope everyone is doing well. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you, and your equestrian members, of some of the much needed changes that have taken place at the DuPuis Equestrian Campground for this season. Over the past few years, the campground has become very busy including issues that the District is trying to avoid or overcome such as overcrowding, illegal activity taking place during the night, the front gate being left open while horses are in the campground, the equestrian facilities not being available for equestrian campers, and some issues with dogs. In order to deter some of these issues the District implemented some changes over the summer which include:

- The main gate (gate 3) is locked at all times and Special Use Licenses (SULs) will be required for camping and vehicle day access to the equestrian center. This is very similar to other equestrian areas that have locked gates such as Hickory Hammock, KICCO, and Atlantic Ridge. There will always be ample day use SULs available for day riders.
- The campground has been spatially separated into 2 campgrounds (equestrian and non-equestrian), 25 SULs will be available for each side. Over the past few years during the busy season we have had many times, particularly during the weekends, when the campground was full and there was no availability for equestrians to camp. Now in order to camp in the equestrian portion of the campground you are

required to have a minimum of one horse per SUL. This separation will also ensure that the equestrian facilities, such as the barns and paddocks, are available to equestrians.

- The non-equestrian area will have 25 designated sites, the equestrian side will remain the same and open as its been.
- Only up to 2 pets (dogs) allowed per SUL within the campground, otherwise pet rules the same (no limit) in the rest of the area.

Also, the Special Use Licenses can be accomplished and displayed to a camp host, officer, etc., on a phone and you don't have to have a paper copy, just write the SUL Refence Number on a piece of paper and stick it on the driver side of the windshield. If needed, an individual may contact Kim Willis

at kwillis@sfwmd.gov for initial SUL registration questions or issues, otherwise an individual should acquire the SULs thru the automated system. The link is below.

We feel these changes will allow the equestrian campground to continue to be an enjoyable experience for the equestrian community.

Feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Dan Cotter

South Florida Water Management District

<https://www.sfwmd.gov/community-residents/recreation/sul>

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

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

When you reserve, email Andrea your campsite number at pasocort@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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PARADE TEAM NEWS

Thank you all for coming to the Veterans parade - we had a great time with wonderful people. Thank you Renee for carrying the American flag and wearing your uniform. It makes me so proud of our club when we all come together like this. I want to say thank you to the 19 riders & 11 walkers who came out as club members (who I have not seen in a while due to my work) and joined us in this parade. We had 9 juniors ride or walk with us as well. Thank you all for your support!



Just was to remind everyone December is a busy parade month. **December 1st, Sunday**, is the **Parade of Elves** in So. Miami. We meet at the American Legion (7710 SW 59 Ave.) . Trailer in at 11am, group photo at 12:45pm, ride at 1pm to the staging area on the west side of US-1 & Sunset Dr.; and the parade starts at 2pm. Parade team is in full dress uniform with gloves. The horses will be in full parade tack, and please remove any pommel or saddle bags, etc. Lead-line equines may use a black halter & lead combo, or holiday color combos. Decorations for all equines/carts will be handed out on site, and you are encouraged to bring your own too! We encourage those wanting to lead line horses & ponies, we would love to have you there and it is good training for new parading horses! All juniors 18-under must wear a helmet if riding, black cover or holiday colors preferred. Remember, this is a holiday parade, theme being Christmas, so horse/cart decorations, glitter, bells, etc. **are allowed and encouraged.** Refreshments/food will be served back at the trailers.

December 7th is the **Christmas Tree Parade** in Homestead. The TB is Megan Barnes. Trailer to the parking lot behind 338 N. Krome Ave. Be in Homestead at 5:00pm, line up is 6:00pm and parade starts at 7:00pm. You can dress you and your horse up with festive colors, decorations, glitter, bells, etc... but please remember, **no** Santa or Mrs. Claus, and **no** lights of any kind (as per Homestead parade organizers). We will lead line the horses (no riding) to take Santa & Mrs. Claus down Krome Ave to the tree. Afterward, you have a choice to leave, or stay to allow the people to get to know our horses - and of course our club! Please bring your own water/snacks in your trailer so you will be self-sufficient. This event qualifies as a make-up parade for the SFTR Parade Team, but is OPEN to all SFTR to participate, parade their equine or dress up & walk with us to enjoy the night.

December 15th, Sunday, is the **Jr Orange Bowl Parade in Coral Gables!!!!** This is televised highlight event of our parade season, so everyone is in full dress uniform with gloves, and the horses in full parade tack. Again, to be neat, kindly remove any bags or extras on your saddle - thanks. The parade organizers have decided this year will be a "Holiday" theme for the parade! All equines being ridden will be in full parade team tack. All Flag Carriers will have our bow for decoration, and everyone riding behind can use holiday decorations you bring to put on their black parade team tack. Lead-line animals can have black halter/lead or a holiday colored halter/lead combo and tasteful decorations as well! We want to look sharp for TV & the crowds! All juniors 18-under must wear a helmet (black cover preferred). The parade starts at 5:00 pm, but we need to be at our trailer meeting place at **3:00pm** at the latest. Remember they close the streets early in Coral Gables to prepare for the parade! We will have food and refreshments available.

Location is the same as past years: next to the old Coral Gables Elem, 105 Minorca. From Ponce de Leon Blvd go east on **Majorca** and follow the PE fence that goes around the school. Turn right and drive along the back of the PE field and make a right on the next road...**Minorca.** (You may have to move & replace a cone at the corner.)

I hope you all will come and join us to ride, lead, or walk in these parades and help us celebrate the holidays as well as the end of the year.

Any questions please contact myself, Lisa 305-271-4933, or Bonny 305-233-1897.

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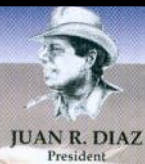
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