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RODEO WEEKEND



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

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Feb 29 Sat - SFTR Tack & Yard Sale. TB:Sonni Peles 22755 SW 177 Ave

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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.



2020

Dates and Places

Call the Hot-line for any cancellations
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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

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- Feb 8** **Sat - Autism Ride**, Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez; **Rancho Victoria** 24949 SW 227 Ave. Regis. 9am, ride 10am, lunch 12noon

- Feb 10** **Mon - SFTR Board Meeting- hosted by Mike & Deda Maldonado**; 25700 SW 212 Ave. 7pm dinner, 8pm meeting. All SFTR members are welcome to attend and present suggestions. 305-331-7599.

- Feb 15** **Sat - Everglades Natl. Pk. Redland 100, Pine Lake Trailhead**, see future events page for directions **TB:Colby Stroud & Mike Maldonado** 305-331-7599.

- Feb 16** **Sun - Broward SFTR-Sweetheart Ride- Tree Tops**

- Feb 20-23** **Thurs-Sun - Camping - Dupuis. TB :Augie Saavedra** 305-582-1557. Get a permit.

- Feb 20-23** **Thurs-Sun - Camping - Ocean to Lake; TB:Augie Saavedra** 305-582-1557. Get a permit.

- Feb 22** **Sat - Mardi Gras Redland 100 Ride**, TBs:**Judy Arcia** 786-734-9472 & **Dennys Cabrera** 786-208-6001; Trailer to Larry & Penny Thompson Park, Arr. 9am, ride out 10am to Black Point; 1-way or loop.

- Feb 29** **Sat - SFTR Tack & Yard Sale . TB:Sonni Peles**; 8am-1pm at 22755 SW 177 Ave. (Krome) 305-938-0572.

- Mar 2** **Mon - SFTR General Meeting**, Latin Mix Restr.; 7pm dinner, 8pm meeting. **Special guest speaker: Adrienne Hunsberger**, Poisonous Plants in South Dade.

- Mar 7** **Sat - St. Jude Ride TB:Domingo Hernandez**; Arr at Robbie's pasture at 8:30/9am, Registr. 9am, ride out at 10am; 1.5hrs ride.

- Mar 9** **Mon - SFTR Board Meeting-** hosted by Lisa Morgan at 10500 SW 152 Terr.; 7pm dinner, 8pm meeting. All SFTR members are welcome to attend and present suggestions. 786-271-4933.

- Mar 12-20** **Thurs-Fri - <Not SFTR> 31st Osceola Wagon Train & Trail Ride**; St. Cloud, FL

- Mar 20-23** **Fri - Mon - Camping - Lake Louisa; TB:Ray Gonzalez** *Spring Break starts!*

- Mar 28** **Sat - <Not SFTR> Youth Fair Equine Youth Show, 9am..**

- Mar 29** **Sun 29- Broward SFTR- Fun Show** *Spring Break ends!*

- Mar 30-Apr 6** **Mon 30-6 - Camping at Lakeview Plantation, Fairfax, SC; TB:Andrea Sante.** Arrive at Andrea's place in GA. Ride a day or two then head to SC on April 1st.. 305-216-2461

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Trail Riders,

Well, the road expansion on Krome and adjacent roads is already having an effect on our plans. The SFTR Yard Sale at the end of February will have to move to a new location since the entrance to Robbie's pasture was encumbered by a huge dip in the driveway and a metal center divider so that vendors and buyers driving north would have to pass and make a u-turn at 216 street. It made the last Sale a disaster. We were able to find another venue just a short distance away on Krome just south of Robbie's Feed and north of 232 street. The fine people of the New Life Sanctuary Church are allowing us to use their property for our Sale. Thank you!

Remember to nominate people for the upcoming board elections. You can nominate the same person for more than one position.

On other news, we are celebrating ten years and a great many dollars to support horsey therapy for special needs kids through our Autism Ride and the resulting donations to Whispering Manes. Looking forward to another big day.

Augie is accompanying some of our most adventurous members on the Ocean to Lake Ride and camping trip.

Our annual Everglades Ride will be Trail Bossed by Colby and I for the first time. I'm famous for getting lost so if you know the route please join us as I may need help.

Dennys and Judy are holding a Mardi Gras Ride from Larry and Penny Thompson Park to Black Point Marina. Some of us may need a shuttle back to get our trailers if our less than fit horses can't do the round trip.

Our St. Judes Ride in March will be our of Robbie's Feed Store pasture. A short ride for a great cause, with lots of friends and tons of fun.

Later in March, Ray will be TB for a camping trip at Lake Louisa, and we end March with a camping trip to South Carolina TB'd by no other than our own Georgian Trail Rider, Andrea Sante. There will be a stop off at her place in Georgia and then we will continue to Lakeview Plantation in Fairfax, S.C.

Wow! The South Florida Trail Riders is a busy club.

Have fun now, ya hear,



Mike & BB

Mike Maldonado
President

AROUND THE Paddock... SFTR Are Out Enjoying Lots of Activities

FFA/SFTR Adrianna Rue has a new pig, Ace. Adrianna will raise the Hampshire pig as a 4-H livestock project this year. 4-H is alive & thriving in so. Dade, so if you have school age youngsters who would like to learn & earn by handling animals, doing food preservation/cooking/sewing, doing arts /nature craft/electricity/agricultural projects...look up the Homestead chapter!

We would like to extend our congratulations to Iosvany Castillo & our Ranch Sorting friends on bringing home a 1st & a 3rd in the State finals. There are many SFTR who ride at the Equestrian Life ranch & participate in this great sport - learn from friends who have state & national championship titles & teach your horse a new skill! Paso shows are coming locally, but in Ga, Andrea Sante took first place in a Trail class at the Satilla Horse Show – congratulations!

Our long-time friend Miriam Neville never stops - she is starting her graduate degree in Engineering Management, at Embry-Riddle; and also accepted a job as Chief Estimator for a medium sized general contractor specializing in military, ACOE, & other government-related projects. Good luck, Miriam!

In the high school scene, Laura Micali's daughter, Kait, shot a great goal off of right wing, in a recent soccer game - leading her St. Brendan's team to victory over M.B. Only a junior, and such talent & skill! At the college level, remember goat yoga is available at FIU – and Debi Priest can tell you all about it! Emily Morgan is the founder & instructor for the ever growing program.

As we are in mid-winter, get out & enjoy your horses. If you don't ride, at least lead-line them outside your property. The exercise will keep the joints & muscles moving – for both human & equine alike. Getting off-property is mentally good as well. Read the calendar & go on-line to see a longer version, so you can plan activities with your club friends! Your Board works hard to organize rides, camping, special fund raisers (Feb 8-Autism Ride, Mar 7-St. Jude Ride) & guest speakers at meetings. Join in on the fun & learning available from our many diverse fellow members.

~Bonny George, Jr.



**SOUTH FLORIDA
TRAIL RIDERS**
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AUTISM RIDE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Horse Riders Register @ 9 AM & Ride out @ 10!

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Rancho Victoria

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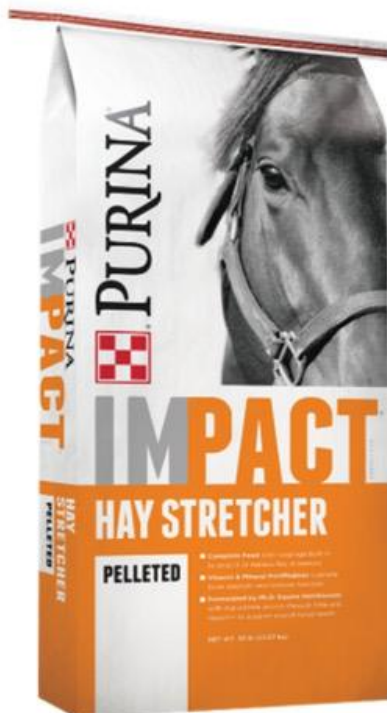
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Happy Valentine's Day!

KID'S DAY AT THE RODEO . . . SO MANY SMILES!

Nearly three hundred eager first graders were treated to the Books & Broncs – Kids Day at the Rodeo, as the culminating portion of our annual SFTR literacy project. The children read to our horses, groomed them with kid-sized brushes, learned about saddles & tack, tried roping, walked through a horse trailer, watched farriers at work, heard history from authentic cowboys, listened to the heartbeat of a pony, saw our Posse drill team & HRA ropers in action, were amazed by gigantic arena tractors, & learned about equine anatomy. Each of us felt the excitement of the little students, as their groups rotated from station to station at the Rodeo grounds.

The reasons we help provide such a huge event – were it not for the efforts of our equine community, most of these youngsters would probably never meet & pet a real horse. To do so touches each youngster differently, but hopefully leaves with them an indelible memory of our gentle equines,

which they shall carry all their life. Reading is the foundation of the literacy project, and our horses provide the motivation & avenue for involvement.

I would like to thank Dawn Pearce Cucchiara for again organizing this year's activities; Rodeo Queen Sarah Rotella (also SFTR) for making our day extra special; the Homestead Rodeo Assn, Posse, local friends & the Varela FFAs for their tremendous assistance; and especially the SFTR members who came out in great numbers with their horses to make this event a success! We ride because we can...we join forces to share our horses with our community because we care. So, for that generosity I sincerely thank all who contributed their time, effort, and horses to the Kids Day.

~Bonny George, Jr.



FUNNEL CAKES AT THE RODEO - A HUGE SUCCESS!

The main fundraiser for the SFTR is our making and selling funnel cakes each year at the Homestead Rodeo. We use the funds to support club operating expenses, our banquet charges, equipment & supplies, and a portion goes for our charities listed in the newsletter. Our reputation for having the best funnel cakes brings our customers back year after year. This year Carrie & Wayne Hershberger turned the reins over to us: Jessica Winer & Patricia Perez. And so we enthusiastically jumped in and with the help of so many club volunteers, made it happen!

First & foremost let me thank all of you who helped at Funnel Cake City this past weekend, we would have never made it without all of you. It all started on Thursday right after Books & Broncs when Bonny, Sonny, Mike, Colby, Wayne, Augie, Patty & I joined forces to set up our amazing well-oiled Funnel Cake machine. Set up ran smoothly and we were able to head home with our booth set up and tables covered by 3pm.

Friday came around & we were excited to start selling funnel cakes. With hot oil in the cooker and plenty of fun volunteers, the night came & went without us noticing how fast we were working. Thank you Deborah, Mike, Deda, Augie, Gloria, Rob, Sonny, Bonny, Sonni, & Armando for coming out to help Patricia & I, and making a fun Friday night under the lights. A special thank you to Carrie and Wayne for helping us during the first night of our next adventure; and to Ben for making sure we were all doing well.

Saturday came too quickly - after walking or riding in the

parade, most of us rushed to Funnel Cake City to get our Well-oiled Funnel Cake machine ready for another day of funnel cake flipping. Patricia & I welcomed Gloria and our two Funnel Cake Queens (Savannah & Kaitlyn), along with Juana, Nikki, Dennys, Eddie, Sylvia, Bonny, Sonny, Colby, Richard, Mike, Deda, Anna, and our amazing batter mixer, Sonni. Thank you all so much, we couldn't have asked for better weather, good company and great sales!

Sunday came sooner than expected, but that always happens when you're having fun. We started the cooker early to make sure we had funnel cakes ready for the early patrons. Patricia & I had with us: Armando, Ginger, Mark, Augie, Richard, Sonny, Bonny, Gloria, the two Funnel Cake queens, Megan, Mike, Deda, Richard, and Sonni. We were cooking & flipping funnels as fast as the mixers could make the batter.

After the Rodeo we finally used up every speck of batter mix we had & sold our last funnel cake, our break-down crew of Augie, Mike, Mark, Ginger, Sonny, & Bonny helped Patricia & I to disassemble the booth in record time. Another year of making our tasty funnel cakes, another fund raiser well done, we headed for home. We were all tired, but the time flew by with such happy & enthusiastic volunteers. I can't say enough about the willingness of all who joined in this event - to make Patricia's & my first Funnel Cake City a huge success! Get out & ride, enjoy what the SFTR has to offer, and we'll do this all again next Rodeo. Thank you again!

~Jessica Winer

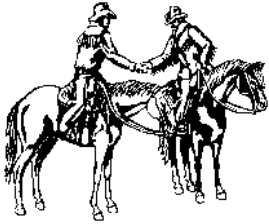


We have 212 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year. Thank you very much!

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The VetteSmith Inc. Body shop	10750 SW 188 Street. Miami	252-1256



SUNSHINE REPORT



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

We extend our sincere condolences to Manny Alvarez & his family, for the sudden loss of The Babe. Stunningly beautiful; kind, athletic, protective & loyal, we all share in your loss. May she run with free-flowing mane beyond the Rainbow Bridge and may you smile as you recall the trails you shared.

Elisa Dean's husband, Robert, is on the mend from heart bypass surgery, having an aneurysm removed, & mitral valve repair. Progress has been slow but steady & we all encourage him on his road to better health. We are glad to hear Katrina Carroll is a month out from her open heart surgery, and is back to leisurely boating & her gym routine! Even closer to home, Barbara Ruiz-Gonzalez's hubby, Angel, knew "who let the dogs out". He opened the gates to greet their pack of hefty tank sized little bull dogs, stepped in a hole and fractured his leg/ankle. Now ready to roll, we hope to see him out camping soon. Also, on injured reserves is Debra Davis, who had knee surgery. Headed for therapy next, we wish her well. Just in case you missed Cody's wild run-away with a shade tent canopy at the Rodeo grounds...Holly Thommes is ok, but nursing a badly banged up & bruised arm & shoulder. She's one tough cookie!

Moving out of the area are Cathy & Al Zamora. We'll miss having our good friends down here, but

know they will find living in Brooksville wonderful. Just arriving in town, Alex Egozcue has announced a new member to his family...a cute little cowgirl, Ama-ya. Celebrating their 24th anniversary, Jose & Maria Vidal dropped in at the Black Eye Pea ride. Happy to hear they are coming back to ride & camp with us. And hitting a milestone, Happy 45th Anniversary are Jannine & John Carroll, a wonderful 50th Anniversary to Mitzi & Bo Webber; and a glorious Happy 62nd Anniversary to Ben & Dottie Kroner. Love, learning, living & patience makes for a marriage of longevity!

Jillian Penabella's family ranch just had their first ever heifer calf to start the New Year. And when building a herd...a Brahman dame & Hereford sire make a great combo. We heard Holly Thommes goaties Dill Pickle & Bluebell are having kids;and we'd like to also welcome Laura Micali's new Golden-doodle pup...wonder what all the new names will be? Meanwhile, on the west coast, Jennifer Law has a new handsome 6yr old QH with a dash of draft - named Stormy. Can't wait to see them both on the trail soon.

Remember to keep me posted on your events: love, anniversaries, births, illnesses - anything you want to share here to get support from our SFTR family. Text my cell 786-286-0643 or send Sunshine notes to annakrides@gmail.com. Best wishes for 2020 - may it be a great one for all...Happy Trails & great rides!

~Anna Kleinholz

BLACK EYED PEA RIDE

What a wonderful way to start the year!!!

SFTR's annual Black Eyed Pea Ride was out of Rockin' M Ranch this year and it was fun. We had fantastic weather, sunshine without heat and not a hint of rain.

After celebrating the changing of the year at midnight of the 31st, I thought 11:am might even be early for some to start the next day, but with 13 riders and 24 for lunch, I considered it a good turnout.

The Black Eyed Pea recipe contest had only two entries and one of them was Deda. Everyone agreed that Sonny and Bonny's Black Eyed Pea and spinach dish was amazing. Since the prize was horse related and not for fishing, I guess Bonny benefited even if Sonny made the food.

Horses, friends, good food and great weather. This year has to be GREAT!!!!

~Mike and Deda



INTO THE RIVER OF GRASS WE RODE...

To embody the spirit of trailblazing of the SFTR's, the Frog Pond Ride took place on Sat., January 19th, 2020. Augie arrived early to direct all participants into the designated parking area at Schnebley's Winery. A posse of 15, members and guest riders, gathered to ride the Frog Pond area, located on the eastern boundary of the Everglades National Park near Homestead. We arrived at the meeting site to enjoy the trails and the splendid weather riding our trustee steeds. Thanks to Bonny for expediting the administrative requirements, everyone was signed-in and ready in a swift manner. Bravo!

After we mounted and had a brief safety meeting with all present started our ride at 10:00 am. We were underway into the trail head entering the Frog Pond area through Pump House D-322D. The Frog Pond area is nowadays available to equine use, thanks to the So. Fla. Water Management District (SFWMD). While contemplating the scenery we watched an abundance of birds and waterfowl. Also, we spotted several white tail deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) throughout the journey. What a great day to enjoy a ride with family and friends!

As we were riding throughout the area we spotted several "Snake Hunters" who assist the SFWMD and the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission in their effort to capture and eradicate the Burmese Pythons and other snakes

which pose a serious threat to the ecosystem. The ride qualifies for the "Redland 100" series, and the route for this ride was previously scouted and plotted to cover approximately 7 miles. However, the great weather encouraged us to continue enjoying the scenery in this pristine public land for approximately 15 miles.

Folks enjoyed the ride and upon return into the staging area, there was an ample supply of ice cold water & snacks for all the participants! Riding the trails in the Frog Pond area, while contemplating the scenery from the back of a horse and enjoying the great outdoors was a wonderful experience without any incidents or mishaps. Therefore, I would like to echo my sentiment of gratitude to the fellow Trail Riders who assisted before, during and after the ride: Gisela Alvarez, Augie Saavedra & Bonny George Jr. Also, my gratitude to Schnebley's Winery, who granted us access to the designated parking area.

Before the hot and humid days of the South Florida summer, I encourage everyone to explore the Frog Pond Area every opportunity you can. Remember... "Sit tall in the saddle, hold your head up high. Keep your eyes fixed where the trail meets the sky, and live like you ain't afraid to die. And don't be scared, just enjoy the ride." ~ Chris Le Doux

Happy trails to you all!

~Domingo Hernández



FUTURE EVENTS

THINK AHEAD NOW . . . WHO WILL YOU NOMINATE?

As we move into spring rides & camping, Rodeo events & Beach rides...our current season will close with the annual SFTR banquet on Saturday, May 16. So, it's time once again to think about who you would like to nominate for officers & the Board for the SFTR for the 2020-2021 year. Nominations will be taken through March, after which the nominees will be asked to confirm they are willing to run; with voting done at events in April & May. The new officers & Board will be sworn in at the banquet.

It is important that each member consider the future of YOUR club – what you want to continue doing in the next year, what changes you'd like to see occur, rides or events you'd like to do, projects you'd like to participate in with your fellow members, and so on. Then think of members you would like to see move our club forward into 2021.

People who would seek to improve the club, try to include more members in our variety of activities, and keep our horses out on our open green spaces.

The elected would serve the club as: President, Vice Pres, and 7 Board members (2 of which are alternates). You may nominate **yourself** for a position, or another member. It is important for everyone to talk to each other, and when an email goes out in Feb asking for nominees...reply on-line or fill out the form & send it in! We need more new people to help lead our club so we have a good cross-section representing the many interests of our club members. If you have an interest, get involved! Start thinking now...

~Bonny George, Jr.

ANNUAL ST. JUDE RIDE IS COMING – Mar. 7, 2020

Each year we each solicit donations for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, & then have a short ride to enjoy the company of local riders who are joining forces to collect these donations to fight childhood cancer. Domingo Hernandez has volunteered to Trail Boss the St. Jude ride on Sat., Mar. 7. Meet at Robbie's Feed & Supply (22390 SW 177 Ave/Krome Ave) at 8:30/9am. Register & turn in your donations starting at 9am, & ride-out will be at 10am. This is an **open event** in which anyone in the community may ride with us! Tell your horse riding & cart driving

friends what we are doing, and have them help us with this most worthy fund raising event! Because we want **every** rider in the area to join us, the ride will be an easy 1.5 hrs in quiet areas. The ride is also suitable for junior riders (18-under **must** wear a helmet, Fla. law) – so bring them along for the experience. Water will be provided, and a light snack at the end of the ride. Donation forms will be available at the SFTR general meeting & on our web page. Let's show our community we care – let's do this for the kids of St. Jude!

RIDE UP THE DEER MOUNDS . . . IN THE EVERGLADES PINE LAKE RIDE

On Sat. Feb. 15, Colby Stroud and I will Trail Boss a Redland 100 ride (approx. 10mi, or about 3 hrs) as we ride the Pine Lake trails inside the the Everglades Natl. Park. The ride will start at Pine Lake and go from the pine woods out into the grasslands. From there the trails will take us over the high deer mounds and old python graveyard. The last leg of the ride will be along a narrow trail through a thick forest of tall pines, palmetto & holly bushes, and back to the lake.

Directions: After you pay the **toll** & get a **map** at the Everglades Park entrance, drive approx. 9 miles and begin looking to your left for a gravel rock road. Drive slowly at the 9mi mark so you do not miss the road, as there is no place to turn around safely if you pass it! Drive along the rock road and you will see the lake. Go to the lake and turn around. Do **NOT** park **by** the lake, as it will block others from being able to turn around! If you would like to caravan with the rest of us, meet at the **Robert Is Here** fruit stand (corner of SW 192 Ave & 344 St.) . Use US1,

Krome Ave, 187Ave/Redland Rd to go south and make a right onto 344 St/Palm Drive. Go west to 192 Ave. and turn left. We park along the road just past the Robert Is Here stand. Be there between 8-8:30am. We will **leave at 8:30 sharp.**

You will be in the Everglades, so pack your own water, snacks, bug spray, etc for the ride and have whatever you want to eat with you for lunch after the ride. Water & sodas will be provided.

Share a ride with someone who has a National Parks Pass, and save on the admission to the park!

Hope we have a good turnout for this amazing area few are able to see. Please RSVP so we know who to look for in the caravan and to plan the drinks. RSVP text/call or Fb-PM:

Mike Maldonado 305-331-7599

or
Colby Stroud 786-521-5213.

IT'S MARDI GRAS TIME!

Here's your chance to dress up & celebrate Mardi Gras....Trail Rider style! On Sat. Feb 22, Judy Arcia and Dennys Cabrera will Trail Boss a Redland 100 ride to Black Point marina. To make the event special for the holiday, everyone is asked to dress up - in their best Cowboy or Cowgirl outfit, since we will be riding approx 10 mi (3hrs) through rural & urban areas. We can show off our western style to everyone along the way and at lunch at the Black Point Ocean Grill.

Meet at 9am at Larry & Penny Thompson Park (SW 184 St & 127 Ave) at the mango grove. We will ride out at 10am sharp. The group will tie off the horses at Black Point & eat lunch at the grill. Bring your own water, snacks and \$, or lunch food if you wish. Lunch should be at approx. 1pm, and all SFTR are welcome to come join the herd as we graze – just try to dress Cowgirl / Cowboy also! At

about 2pm the group will mount up for the return ride to Larry & Penny. If you ride the entire Mardi Gras ride you will do 20mi. For those riders who wish to only ride the first 10 mi to Black Point, we will have shuttle cars available to get you back to your trailer at L&P, so you can drive to Black Point & pick-up your horse. The horses will be watched during lunch.

Come ride the open greenways & thrill the people along the way by dressing up in your best western outfit. Mardi Gras only comes once a year, so let's make this a great ride. Call to RSVP to Dennys Cabrera (786-208-6001) or Judy Arcia (786-734-9472), or Fb-PM. We need to know how many people are joining us for lunch at the grill so we can reserve tables, and so we can arrange the shuttle cars for the one-way riders. Let's do this!

~Judy Arcia

RIDE THE 31ST ANNUAL OSCEOLA WAGON TRAIN & TRAIL RIDE

< This is **not** a SFTR event, but many SFTR do attend. >

Attend a week of horseback riding, native Florida scenery, & a variety of entertainment in a family friendly atmosphere in Deer Park, Fla. The Osceola County Wagon Train & Trail Ride, Inc. is a corporation, not-for-profit, composed completely of volunteer members. The mission of the group is to promote the appreciation of & preserve the heritage of Osceola County, Florida - through horsemanship, education, fellowship & reverence for the land.

The **week long** event runs **Mar. 12 - 20, 2020**; or a **weekend package** from **Mar.12-15**. There is also a **day-rider's** rate. Registration / check-in time begins at 1:30pm on Thurs, Mar 12 for all guests. **Please do not arrive prior to this time as you will not be admitted.** You must check-in, register and receive your armband when you arrive.

Weekly rate is \$145.00 per person 18 yrs. or older and \$85.00 per child (11-17yrs & must be accompanied by a

paying adult). Children under 11 yrs. free with a paying adult. The **weekend package rate** is \$85.00 per person, 18 yrs. or older and \$55.00 per child (11-17 & must be accompanied by a paying adult). Children under 11 yrs. free with a paying adult. **Day-rider rates** are \$45.00 per person / per day. Day riders please call ahead the day prior to make entrance/check-in arrangements. Call Chuck Capps at 407-241-9606 or Donna Park at 407-701-7234.

You must provide & care for your own horse & provide your own primitive camping arrangements on site. There will not be any horses available for lease or rent by the Osceola County Wagon Train & Trail Ride, Inc. Mail registration packets & payments to PO Box 702513, St. Cloud, FL 34770. All registrations are non-refundable and non-transferable. You may contact us with any questions at ocwtrr@gmail.com.

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

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 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!



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PARADE TEAM NEWS

I am so proud of the SFTR Parade Team & club members who participated in the Rodeo Parade. The banner carrying family (Deborah, Gloria, Savannah & Kaitlyn) exemplify one of the core ideas of the Trail Riders – family first! The Lauzurique family came to drive our truck & support their son, FFA/SFTR Jason, as he helped as a safety walker. Augie & granddaughter Hannah showed how whether walking or riding, we are all together as family. Thank you to the amazing flag carriers: Heidi, Colby, Barbara, & Mike; & to riders Dennys, Lynn, & JC - we looked so sharp in the photos. Thanks to Michelle for the safety truck, & for leading Abby; to the other safety crew Vicky and Richard - who was with wife Jessica as she & Patricia did Poop-Patrol. We also appreciate Deda for getting the pizza for everyone. Thank you all for making this last parade of the season a success. Bonny heard some HRA riders talking later at the Rodeo grounds "the Trail Riders looked good & they had so many horses"... nice to overhear a comment which reflects how hard we all work to dress & parade our horses with pride and share our passion with our community!



As we wrapped up our 2019-2020 SFTR Parade Team year, I would like to sincerely thank all our veteran members for their continued loyalty & support, and our new members who have given their patience & enthusiasm as well. It takes all of us to produce such a grand spectacle of our equines, and I could not do it without everyone's help! Thank you all so much.

We are also grateful for Miami Medical Consultants for again being our Parade Team sponsors for this season. Their funding helps us keep our flags & tack in good repair and lessens the cost of equipment to our participants. They support our club as we promote the concepts of service to community, junior involvement, the preservation of open green spaces, & the many worthy projects of the SFTR. We have been proud to have their logo on our banner, & appreciate their continuing support.

Our next parade will be the 4th of July event on Key Biscayne, and will start our 2020-2021 season. For now, please check your tack and order what you need. The new breast collars are in, & we will contact everyone who needs the gold trim on their tack. Check your uniform parts (bandana, slide, etc). We will be ordering more shirts, so if you need one, let us know asap! Remember juniors 18-under need a helmet (black cover preferred), and black slacks with a long sleeved button down plain white dress shirt – try Goodwill. This is a good time to do the St. Jude ride and get your black gloves (adult & kids), light straw hat (Twister?), boots, or other gear at Robbie's! For those who lead-line, stock up on your holiday color halter/leads, and our traditional black combo.

Thank you all again, and see you on the trail soon!

~Lisa Morgan

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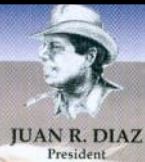
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