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SFTR BEACH RIDES



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SFTR COUNTRY FEST 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

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See more inside...

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Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital **561-383-5437**
5320 South Shore Blvd. Wellington, Fla.

Palm Beach Equine Clinic **561-793-1599**
13125 Southfields Rd. Wellington, Fla.

HORSE CHARITIES

The SFTR donates to these charities once a year. These charities are badly in need of donations. Please try to send what you can to help them. Thanks from the SFTR.

South Fla. SPCA

www.helpthehorses.com

P.O. Box 924088

Homestead, Fl. 33092

Horse Protection Association of Florida

www.HPAF.org

20690 NW 130 Ave.

Micanopy, Fl. 32667

F.R.I.E.N.D.S.

www.eiahorses.org

1840 NE 65 Ct.

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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.



2024

Dates and Places

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

2024



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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Sun 12 - *Mother's Day! Also last day to buy Banquet Meal Tickets!!*

Sun 26- Our SFTR Banquet!!!!!! Olga's Banquet Hall. Arr. 6:30pm, Opening & dinner 7pm. Dancing, raffles, awards to 11pm.

JUNE 2024

June 4 -General Meeting Homestead VFW

June 11-24 - Camping: Buffalo River, Tenn. TB Renee Reynolds. 305-338-8192.

June 15 - Pre Father's Day Ride TBs Mike DaCunha for SFTR Dade and Joel Goldmacher for SFTR Broward at Tree Tops Park



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

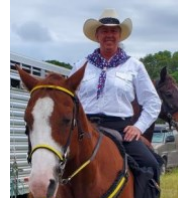
Hello Trail Riders,

I want to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to be President of this wonderful club. I am truly grateful to you as members who trusted me – I did my best. I do want to apologize for the emergencies in my personal life, as well as the deaths I did endure this year. I certainly did not expect any of that. The Board was good enough to cover me in events I had to miss, and reported back. We did accomplish several things this year and I know the new Board will continue moving forward to make us great.

I want to thank the Vice President, Mike Maldonado, for always stepping up to the plate and carrying out whatever mission he was sent on. I fully intend to continue my support of the SFTR and get back in the swing of things (rides and whatever else I can help with). I think it is important for each of you, as members, to come to a Board meeting and be part of planning the direction of this club. We need you to help guide the SFTR on its way to into the future. We need to forget 20 years ago and look to what is the best way to support and continue the club moving farther forward toward our 50th. Times are different and so should be the club's business. Again, this club is always open for suggestions and new trails, we just need people to stand up and help. IS THIS YOU??

All the years I have been a member of this club, I have been fortunate to get guidance from others. I want to give guidance to new members and try to get them to try something new. You never know how much you love doing something until you do it with your horse and good friends! Thank you to all the new members who joined us this year. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all and spending good quality time on the trails and many events.

I hope to see you all out there as tragedies no longer shadow me, and I can't wait to join you all in events!



Lisa Morgan

Thank you,
Lisa Morgan
President
South Florida Trail Riders



SUNSHINE REPORT



We wish to convey our sympathies to the entire Sixto family for the loss of their nearly 100yr old matriarch, Carmen Sixto. Carmen knew the value of hard work, being kind & honest, humble & loving. Carmen fled Castro's Cuba with her 5 children & nephews after the govt. confiscated the family business. Reuniting in America, she founded Sixto packaging – molding a legacy of innovation & quality to continue their family unity. May Carmen's spirit always guide the Sixto family.

Finally a joyful day for Lisa Morgan, as her son Ryan & his lovely Danielle were married! We've heard she is a keeper – lucky Ryan, & they plan to live in Homestead. Means lots of great family times to be shared in the years to come. Happy tidings to Barbie & Angel Gonzalez as they toasted their 29th anniversary, & Andrea Sante & Jack Cook celebrated their 41st with a long road-trip vacation.

Congratulations to Anne-Marie Morgan Myers as she & hubby Wayne welcomed their baby girl, Josie. Cheers to Cheryl Quintana who has rescued & adopted a new 4-legged son, a cute tri-color pup

named Sailor.

Wishing Jackie Ritchie well as she has dropped 50lbs in preparation for her upcoming hip surgery. Reflecting on our pets, we hope Melissa Sandness' horse, Spruce, recovers well from his recent eyelid surgery, for the removal of a squamous cell carcinoma. We also hear Cristy Torres' horse, Lightning, is improving with the recent laminitis treatments. Want to also wish BB well, as the high neck abscess Mike Maldonado found on her was masterfully dealt with by Dr. Diaz. Everyone, please send a positive thought to Ray Edge for her horse Daisy. Sadly, it seems Daisy's cancer is spreading.

Keep a happy thought & if you hear of a member who could use a ray of Sunshine, please let any Board member know. If someone would like to help out with this column in our newsletter, it would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are always well received!!

~Your Board

We have 230 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year.

Welcome New Members

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

Jesenia Collado and
Walter Gomez
Miami,Fl. 33187

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Hallandale,Fl. 33009

Teresa and
Claire Rodes
Coral Gables,Fl. 33156

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Rolando Rivera
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Jaxon Goldberg-Vivanco
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Alex and
Clarimar Zeledon
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Mary Lane
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Jan Rivera and
Genesis Collado
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-1/2 Page Ad \$40.00 per issue
-1/4 Page Ad \$30.00 per issue

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247-1256

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7650 S.W. 117 Ave. Kendall

271-0341

The VetteSmith Inc. Body shop

10750 SW 188 Street. Miami

252-1256

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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George Johnson

Luis Valdeon

Shawn McClelland

Christian Castro

Guido Gonzalez

Mandy Restrepo

Valerie d'Arbelles

Claire Rodes

Hailey Crowley

Margie Brett

Wayne Hershberger

Daniella Nario

Jacky Shaw

Marie E. Valens

Wendy Stamatyades

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Deimante Malinauskaite

Jeff Frantzman

Renee Reynolds

Desiree Hrachian

Juana Cabrera

Robert Rodriguez

Dianna Saavedra

Julie Margolis

Samir G.Jerez

Eddy Gonzalez

Linda Lundstedt

Sandra Fobb

Gabriella Pagan

Lourdes Castaneda

Sarah Castle



Future Events

HURRY – GET YOUR - BANQUET TICKETS NOW!!

On Sunday, May 26 our club's 46th year-end banquet will be held in a new location, at a beautiful banquet hall on Coral Way, across from the Youth Fair grounds. Tables & chairs draped in our club colors & a nice dance floor will accent the free open bar & a great meal served at your seat. Dinner will be: bread & butter, salad, one main entree (Chicken Marsala or Eye Round Roast) & 2 sides, dessert; a professional DJ for music & all included with beverages & open bar. See your email for a link to order your meals & pay. There are NO walk-in-and-pay the night of the banquet.

LAST DAY TO BUY MEAL TICKETS IS MAY 12.

Arrive about 6pm for free cocktails approx. 6:30pm, & our event will start at about 7pm. Dinner will be served, and comments & awards will lead into dancing and raffles!!! Dress evening casual or country, be sure to wear your dance shoes & remember we will have awesome raffles set up by Deborah Brunson! **Please call Deborah with your donated raffle items**, gift cards, company services gift certificates. 786-916-9422. She needs this information **now** so she can set up space for all the raffles!

The venue & included amenities will be a pleasant change from past locations – so mark the date & let's try a new place.

~Your Board

CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO ON KENNY'S RIDE

Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo on a fun ride with new Trail Boss, Kenny Zapata, as he leads us through the shaded trails at Oak Hill, in Davie, this coming **Sunday May 5. Meet at Oak Hill at 10am, ride at 11am** for about 2hrs. The event is junior friendly – all juniors 18-under **must** wear a helmet. This will be a combined ride with our sister club: Broward SFTR!

The riding is easy, lots of shade and new for many of us – making it a nice day out on horseback exploring. Kenny will TB us for Dade SFTR, (with his right hand man, his son, Mason) & Kathy Cox will TB the Broward club – but we will all ride together, sharing the trail with old & new friends of both clubs.

After the ride there will be a feast to celebrate the day. Kenny will bring the main taco meat dish, & water/sodas for us. Riders & guests/family please bring a side dish to complement the meal: dips, guacamole, Tex-Mex salad, cut fruit, container of diced tomatoes or onions for the tacos, taco shells or wraps, refried beans or black beans, shredded cheese, your favorite specialty dish, desserts, etc. We will enjoy all the foods we bring and share with our

Broward friends. They will do the same. This way we will all have a wonderful lunch under the trees – so bring your chairs! All SFTR are invited for lunch, even if you don't ride.

Oak Hill – from down here most of us will take Krome north to US27, turn left/north. Turn right on Griffin Rd., heading east. Turn left at the light at Flamingo Rd. Stay in the left lane and turn left on SW 36 Ct. The road will bend to the right and turns into SW 130 Ave. Continue ahead, just past 33 Dr. & on your right will be the entrance to Oak Hill Equestrian Park.

Wear your favorite color SFTR T-shirt to let other riders see who we are, bring your chair and a dish to share. Please Dade SFTR please **RSVP now** to Kenny Zapata at: 786-393-1776

and Broward SFTR please **RSVP now** to Kathy Cox at: 954-593-6478

They will note foods to be donated, & phone numbers in case of rain cancellation. See you this weekend!

~Your Board

RIDE & CONTEST TO CELEBRATE THE AMERICAN COWBOY

Each year, Mike Maldonado Trail Bosses a ride to commemorate the history of the American cowboy. Dress in your best cowgirl/cowboy or little cowpoke attire & join in the Day of the American Cowboy Ride on **Sat. July 27**. This year it will be at Larry & Penny Thompson Park (Eureka Dr/184 St & 127 Ave- enter & park at the mango grove). **Arrive 9am**, cowboy attire **contest 9:30am, ride 10am** for about 1.5hrs. Juniors 18-under must wear a helmet.

Carry your favorite western gear on your saddle (even if you ride English!). Dress in authentic cowboy/cowgirl attire & bring along the little cowpokes for the contest too! You can join in the fun even if you lead line your horse or junior, or you're horseless. Open to **all** SFTR members, there are several great awards for best dressed, so start gathering your outfit now for the big event! Day rider

passes (\$5) to cover insurance, and club T-shirts will be on sale. You can also renew your club membership for the coming year at the same time!

Mike will make his famous chili for lunch at 12noon for **ALL** SFTR members to come & enjoy– everyone please bring a side dish to share: chips, dips, fruit salad, cut veggies/cheeses, desserts, etc. Water & sodas will also be provided. Restrooms in the park.

We encourage all SFTR to ride (or lead line a newbie horse or a little junior), even if you don't dress up. Trails loop & you can always cut back to the trailers. So bring your chair to sit at lunch & a dish to share – it is a short, easy fun ride with a feast after! Please RSVP to Mike 305-331-7599 or on Facebook, in case of rain issues.

~Mike Maldonado

CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY ON HORSEBACK

Michael Da Cunha of our Dade SFTR will co-Trail Boss this 2nd Annual Father's Day event with Joel Goldmacher of the Broward SFTR, as they did last year. Trailer to **Tree Tops Park in Davie**, on **Sat. June 15**. Arrive **10am**, ride **11am**, lunch approx. **12:30pm**.

This will be a combined event with our northern friends, & will feature riding under a canopy of big old oak shade trees, a giant hill, a burrowing owl nest area, past an apiary and more! There is a playground for the kiddies. The shade & variety of trails is well worth the ride, and meeting with our sister club is always great! There will be hamburgers & hot dogs, sodas, & water. Riders are asked to please bring sides to fill out the meal: chips, dip, guacamole, cut fruit, salads, your special picnic dish, dessert, etc.

Since this is the day before Father's Day, bring the family to ride & celebrate – even if you don't have kids. SFTR guests are always welcome for lunch, so even horseless members can come enjoy pleasant conversation under the trees (remember your chairs).

Please RSVP for Dade SFTR members to Michael Da Cunha at : 786-308-8082 and Broward SFTR please RSVP to Kathy Cox at : 954-593-6478

. Our Trail Bosses need to know you are coming so they can plan the main food & anticipate donated sides; also in case of rain issues.

~Your Board

SFTR GENERAL MEETING - TUES. MAY 7 - INVASIVE SPECIES

We would like to thank Lt. Chris Pecori, of the Venom 1 unit, for an amazing presentation about the work being done by our famous MDRF Venom 1 unit. The April discussion had both visual info & live snakes, & was packed with information for our club's great turnout. Some of our members also had a chance to handle non-venomous snakes after the meeting!

Our next General Meeting will be **Tues. May 7**, during which we will hear all about the invasive snakes, lizards, spiders, other critters you might see while riding in our locale. Scheduled to speak is Dr. Mary Yong Cong, a biological scientist specializing in invasive species, through the Fla. Dept. of Agriculture. Dr. Cong will explain how to identify creatures that we would most like encounter. Info also on signs & symptoms if you or your horse are bitten, & treatment options. So do your part to help save our na-

tive flora & fauna - come to this meeting to learn what you can do to stop invasive species that threaten our native creatures.

Remember, we meet on the **first Tuesday** of each month, so our next **General Meeting** will be **Tues. May 7**, at the **Homestead VFW** post. The VFW is where we park for the Veteran's parade: 601 N.E. 2 Rd. (Campbell Dr./312 St. & then go south at the light at 1st Rd.; east of Krome, just west of US1). Dine **7pm**, meeting **7:30pm**- the room is spacious, the food is good & very reasonable. Bring your friends, we welcome them to come meet our great club members, hear about our up-coming calendar of events (including the Banquet) & learn important environmental info. Come support your club & get involved – see you there!

~Your Board

SFTR Camping Only Summer Trip Left: Tennessee

June 11-24, Buffalo River, Tenn. If you want to camp in Ala. on your way to Tenn. this summer, you **need to register now** for our annual SFTR big club camp out! Renee Reynolds will TB the trail ride through the hill country dotted with beautiful water crossings. Camp with good friends in the SFTR, the full trip will be for about 2 weeks, but you can join for any portion of the adventure. You can even stay longer at Buffalo River, as daily rates apply.

The first night together will be in north Fla (details coming). Then on to Camp McClellan, in Ala. We'll ride the next day, & then the following morning continue north. On the return trip we will again camp & ride at Camp McClellan and in no. Fla. (details coming).

Buffalo River Trail Ride - 5929 Bromley Cemetery Rd. - Waynesboro, TN 38485

Camp McClellan Horse Trails Campground - 150 Mud Hole Road - Anniston, AL 36205

You have had the dates for Buffalo River, so if you call now there may be spots open. We will be in the river campground in the horseshoe. When you call to make your reservations, leave a message with your name and number, you will be called back – 931-722-9170 or 877-654-3164. In your message, tell them you want to be near Renee, Dana, or Karen, with the SFTR! Then **if** you get a spot, be sure to call Renee Reynolds 305-338-8192 so she can add you to the contact list for details!

~Your Board

Black Horse Ranch

I've wanted to camp and ride the Black Horse Ranch and finally got my chance. As it turns out many of our SFTR members have moved to that area. Marsha Schlosser, our founding SFTR president, suggested we gather for dinner at the indoor pavilion at Black Horse, we agreed, and Marsha passed the invitation to those in the area. It was so great getting together with former members, several I had never met. Each person shared their story of what initially brought them to the club, some were very funny stories. Jackie Richie, Sandy Fobb, Jan and BJ Linville, Kathi and Woody Charles, Martha's boyfriend, David, all came for dinner. Becky and Larry Swerdloft came for the day, Becky rode with us, and both joined us for dinner. Black Horse Ranch borders the Ocala National Forest. The forest is known for its low hills, pine, and scrub oak, good thing the area we rode was mostly pine. The trails, for the most part, avoided deep sand and were well marked in the area surrounding camp. Hooking up to electric and water at the camp sites was quite nice.

If it's raining you'll need your four wheel drive in camp. However, the area quickly drains and becomes easily accessible. Some of the horse pens were mucky, but Barbie Gonzales solved that by moving the 4 panel pens to higher ground, Barbie is very strong.

Aria, Barbie's 5 year old granddaughter, was our young-

est rider, she has an enthusiastic attitude, she keeps up, and she loves everything horse!

We had 10 riders on Saturday and rode 12 miles. We happened to meet Julia Cesary at camp, she knew the trails and was happy to lead us on the trails. Good thing because maps were hard to find, even on-line. The campground owner did give me one paper map. Wendy and Stephanie Abbott explored some different trails on their own.

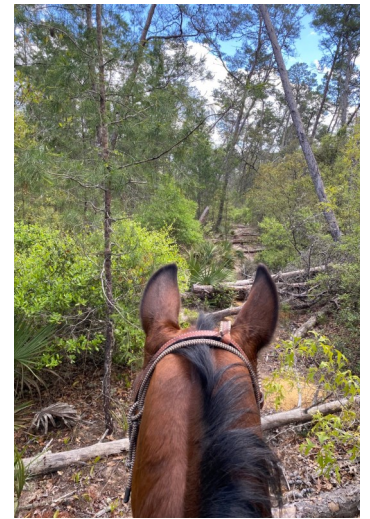
On Sunday, when the rest of the group of riders headed back to camp, Debi Caterineau Priest and I continued and did some of the trails we weren't able to do with the larger group. One trail being "Cavaletti Trail", Cavaletti lived up to its name. Trees that were broken and bent over across the 2 mile wooded trail made for very nice "Cavaletti's". The horses had to pick their way over the "Cavaletti's". It was quite fun.

"Duck and Dive" was described to us as a trail where you had to duck and dive to avoid branches a lot. However someone must have manicured the trail, we weren't ducking or diving. The challenge of that trail was gone, but it was a nice ride.

After our ride Luis Valdeon & Yoly Castillo suggested a restaurant on Lake Eustis for dinner. After a fun and delicious seafood dinner we headed back to camp and enjoyed a nice camp fire before heading south on Monday.

All in all a great time with great people and great horses.

Renee Soucy



Emergency Management - Hikers, Bikers and Horses, Oh My!

As we all are getting back on the trail as vacations from school & jobs begin, and with hiking & biking becoming much more popular, our trails are becoming a bit busier with folks who don't live in rural areas. Here is how to share the trails with equines in a manner that is safe for everyone.

Often a non-confident rider will seem grumpy, but that is sometimes simply because they are nervous about an encounter on the trail. Remember, the trail etiquette is that horses/mules ALWAYS have the right of way. But non-equestrians often show their ignorance of this law, assuming any trail, paved or not, belongs to them. It is possible for everyone to have a fun, safe hike, horseback ride, or cycle trip on the same trail, with a little courtesy & understanding. Last, but not least, respect each others trails. Hikers/bikers do not enjoy trails churned up by hooves or poop & most horse trails must be shared, so courtesy goes both ways.

Hikers: If you see a rider coming, step to the side of the trail & turn to **face** the trail. Do **NOT** hide behind a tree or bush. Horses are prey animals & think you are waiting to pounce on them! If you have a back-pack, your pack should face **away** from the animal & try not to move a lot, so that the pack does not "wave" at them. Speak to the rider. Say anything - talk about the weather, the trail, how pretty the horse/mule is, whatever. This lets the animal know you are a human & not a predator. Listen to the rider & assume all horses/mules could be ter-

rified of you. Many are not, but that one anxious equine could hurt both the rider & potentially the hiker. If it is safe enough to do so, hikers should step to the low side of the trail. In the instance an animal spooks, there is less chance of the rider/horse going over the edge (into a canal, into a roadway, etc). If an animal is afraid of the hiker, it is not going to hit the hiker, but a person above their heads (up on a rock, hill, etc.) becomes a predator. Also, if you have hiking poles, place them in one hand, if possible, & try not to "talk with your hands"! Waving poles are like whips that are often used in training. Such aids ask the animal to move & that's **not** always what we're going for in an encounter on the trail.

Bikers: Most of the time if a cyclist simply stops, that is ok. Many bikers will not only stop, but dismount as well. There have been very conscientious bikers with dogs step way off of the trail, set the bike down & make the dogs lay down as well. Again, listen to the rider, & bikers should follow the hints for hikers.

Enjoy the outdoors! Also remember, if you use the bathroom out in the great outdoors, either pack out your toilet paper or bury it. No one likes to see it on the trail. Stuff it in a used baggie & throw it away at the trail head if you cannot bury it. You will not die doing so. If you find it that disgusting, you do not belong out in the great outdoors. Sharing the trails with courtesy & respect for others and for Nature, will help to maintain equestrian use of such trails for us all.

~Belinda Hebert

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Vote - While There is Still Time

If you vote, more of your ideas will be heard. Your Board works for the whole club, not individuals – so everyone (13yrs or older) needs to vote so the SFTR can represent all our diverse members.

You can vote **only once** – and voting runs from Apr. 1 to **May 19**. You may either use this ballot at a General Meeting, **or** at a local ride/event, **or** you can mail it in (deadline for posted mail Sat. May 11). Email reminders have been sent out with the vote-on-line link, using the same Election runner process as previous years.

SFTR Ballot for 2024-2025 Officers & Board

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Vote Your Approval: Place an **X** next to the name.

Names is alphabetical order.

President - Michelle Goostree _____

Vice-Pres.- Susie Randolph _____

Treasurer - Michele Wright _____

Secretary - Helve Longoria _____

Board: Vote for **5** for the Board. Place an **X** next to the name; in alphabetical order:

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Sex Gelding
Year of Birth Est. 2009
Height 14.3 hands
Arrival to Farm November 20, 2016

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Laurie@helpthehorses.com for adoption info.
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Cappy, last month's horse, was adopted.



PARADE TEAM NEWS

Parade Team, it is that time of year again to get started on preparing for our parades!!!! We will have a Desensitizing Parade Practice with obstacles tentatively on Sun. June 23. This practice is for all returning Parade Team members and ALL SFTR who want to join the parade unit. The desensitizing is for seasoned & new horses, & allows the returning team members to help the new participants get in the swing of things. Come One ... come all! Juniors who ride lead-line or solo are very welcome, walkers with lead-line newbie horses or ponies are encouraged to attend, & cart drivers too!



It is time to look at your tack & uniform to see what you are missing or what needs repairs. Most of all - see what we can do for you to get you coming out with us in the parades. Remember, this is one way we as a club get ourselves out there to be seen by the public. It is a lot of fun with good friends. If you are new or want to join, call/text Bonny George, Jr 305-431-1431 or text me, Lisa Morgan 786-271-4933, and we can get you set up. Need help let us know! Uniforms are the same: black slacks/pants & our team's white long sleeve western shirt (on hand for sale); black or brown boots. We do have our Parade Team hats for sale, if you need one. All juniors 18-under must wear a helmet when riding (black cover please). Parade Team tack is specific, & we have it on hand to sell. Contact us asap for sizing.

July 4th is our first parade & will be held on Key Biscayne. Remember, lots of food & drinks will be served! This parade is a major one, with many people watching & television coverage. If you want to walk, be part of the Poop-Team or carry the banner, let us know - help is always appreciated! Come join us. I will have a list of parade dates for the season in the June newsletter.

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~Lisa Morgan

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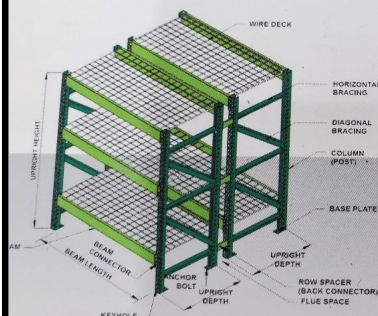
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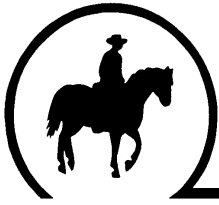
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