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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

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TB Mike Maldonado.

See more inside...

IMPORTANT



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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

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www.eiahorses.org

1840 NE 65 Ct.
Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33308

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

July 2024

Tues 2- SFTR General Meeting, canceled- have a great summer!

Thurs 4- 4th of July Parade, TB Lisa Morgan 786-271-4933. Key Biscayne.
Arr 8:30am, photo at 10am, staging at 10:30am, start 11am; lunch after.

Mon 8- SFTR Board Meeting- Michelle Goostree's home;dine 7, meet 7:30.

Sat 20- Full Moon Ride, TB Martha Insignares- her farm. Arr. 5pm or after, ride 7pm,
1.5hrs. Pot luck dinner after the ride.

Sat 27- Day of the American Cowboy Ride, TB Mike Maldonado. 3053317599
Dress in your best cowgirl/cowboy or little cowpoke attire at Larry & Penny
Thompson Park (Eureka Dr/184 St & 127 Ave. Arrive 9am, cowboy attire contest
9:30am, ride 10am for about 1.5hrs. 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! Join in the fun even if you lead line
your horse or junior, or you're horseless.

August 2024

Coggins Day TBA!

Tues 6- SFTR General Meeting, canceled- have a great summer!

Mon 12- SFTR Board Meeting- Michelle Goostree's home;dine 7, meet 7:30

Jingle Bell Jaunt Needs a Volunteer to Take Over the Reins!

Looking for someone to take over the reins of the Jingle Bell Jaunt and Toy Drive.
This is a fun and rewarding event that happens every December.

I have all the information on the organizations needing donations. Also, the donation sites and contacts but

this is your chance to make the Toy Drive better.

It's very rewarding to see how excited the organizations are to receive the donations. It is the reason for the season.

Please contact: Michele Wright 305-793-1482

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hey Trail Riders,

This year we need **everyone's** help in supporting our organization. We have lots to do: trail rides, parades, public events at schools, rodeo and some new events to come! Wouldn't you like to share our love for horses and the industry with new people? Let's visit retirement homes, special needs schools and therapy programs, in addition to our rides and parades!

If you have some ideas of activities you would like to see offered, please share them. Help tell the world about how amazing the horse world is. What benefits horses have for people. Why do you think so many people smile when they see you riding down the road, or as you go by in a parade?

Your club needs your support. The next big event we have coming up is the 4th of July parade on Key Biscayne. Please come show off your horses, join the fun and share the love of your hobby. We are all part of this for a reason, come share that reason with the community. We'd love to see you at all our events, whether you ride or not – the SFTR is like family!

Thank you,
Michelle Goostree
President
South Florida Trail Riders



AROUND THE PADDOCK IT'S RAINY SEASON!

Between the days-in-a row of rain, there are sprinkled days of sunshine when we take advantage of the time with our equines. For the local SFTRs there is the July 4th Parade fast approaching, & we hope another annual Coggins & Vaccinations Day in Aug. (TBA). But even with the soggy weather, members have been active.

I, missing the Banquet for the first time in "forever", took Zelda to Arkansas to rock hop the Ozark Mountains at the Caney Mountain Spring Mule Ride. A trip of a lifetime – I'll share our adventure soon at a General Meeting. In the east, Megan, Chris & lit-

tle Connor Rego spent time hiking at Abrams Falls, Tenn. Out west, Kelly Pearce & Renee Reynolds are all smiles after Kelly rode Nichel to a double Championship at a recent Dallas Hunter Horse show. A lot farther away, Andrea Franklin has been swimming in the crystal clear sea of Mani, in Greece.

A new ride season is starting, & summer is in full swing – along with cattle sorting, cutting, roping, barrels, shows of all sorts & other family activities. Let us hear what you're doing, so it may spark an interest in a friend.

~Bonny George, Jr.

We have 254 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.

Nayda Buttner
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Miami, Fl. 33186

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Barbara Havenick
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252-1256

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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Brissa Santos
Carol Ruiz
Celi Ervesun
Craig Priest
David Rotella
Emily Soto
Geovanni Collado

Gilda Noboa
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Heather Riddle
Hector Gomez
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Jesus Sardinias
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Marsha Schloesser
Mayeling Benitez
Megan Rego
Paige Segrera
Priscilla Thompson



Future Events

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 again be at Larry & Penny Thompson Park (Eureka Dr/184 St & 127 Ave. Arrive 9am, cowboy attire contest 9:30am, ride 10am for about 1.5hrs. Lunch approx. noon.

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! 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! Remember juniors 18-under must wear a helmet, so western decorate it also! 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 & avoid the day-pass fee!

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.

~Your Board

SFTR OBSTACLE CHALLENGE – SEPT. 21 AND 22

Each year Sonny & I host a two day event at our farm – with obstacles of every kind. There are the noodles & barrels, tarps & logs, hoops & balls, ramps & bridges. We will try to make the long tent again & the suspension bridge, and like each year, have a couple of new obstacles in the planning stages! The obstacles are made for minis as well as drafts. They are designed for fun & safety, but can be quite challenging when done well. We have limited parking so big 4H or larger

rigs please come at 8:30am to park, gates open for all trailers 9am, tack up & ride as you please, until lunch (for ALL SFTR even if you don't ride) approx 12noon. Sat. is mostly for juniors & Sun. mostly for adults...but everyone & all families are welcome both days!! It's a lot of work, but so worth it to see SFTRs have a great time – so hope everyone joins in the fun!
More info: 305-431-1431.

~Bonny George, Jr.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST & RIDE

Start planning your Halloween costume for you & your horse! We will gather at Larry & Penny Park (Eureka Dr./SW 184 St & 127 Ave) on **Sat. Oct. 26**. Arrive 8:30/9am, contest starts 9:30am, ride out 10am inside the park on clear trails, lunch 11:30am (for all SFTR even if you don't ride). Dress yourself & your horse in costumes,

ride or lead-line, for the contest. Nifty prizes!!! Juniors can safely ride solo along the trails, or be on lead line. 18-under juniors must wear a helmet when riding, so work that into the costume! Come join in the fun as a solo rider, a walker or a family group – it's always a fun event for all!

SFTR CAMPING - 2024-2025 CAMPING CALENDAR

A special camping event has been scheduled for Presidents Day weekend, Feb 14-17, 2025 to Nancy Slater's Obstacles, in Lake Wales, Fla. Trailer camp with elec/water, or rent a cabin. Over 100 permanent obstacles shaded by oak

trees. Ask others who have gone, it is a great place! Plus, a ride outback & swim your horse in Tiger Lake! Info/register:Nancy Slater Natural Horsemanship on Facebook. TB Bonny George, Jr., call for info: 305-431-1431.

COME TO THE SING-ALONG RIDE!

Trail Boss Michelle McDaniel will host a cheerful ride at **Larry & Penny Park** (Eureka Dr/SW 184 St & 127 Ave), on **Sat. Oct. 12**. As we ride, or walk & lead-line your equine or junior, we'll be singing songs for all to hear. No matter how well you sing (or not), the gentle sound of hoof beats will make it sound great! The trails all loop around so long or short paths are options, & carts can find space as well. It is a safe place for newbie horses or riders, & a quiet place for

juniors (18-under must wear a helmet). Oct. is a little cooler & the shade from the pines helps as we weave along the trails. For now, arrive 9am, ride 10am, lunch approx 11:30am. If you have songs you like to sing, or hear, please let Michelle know so she can make a list/soundtrack. Let's make this Sing-Along Ride a fun event by having a great turnout! Michelle McDaniel: 305-562-0961.

WHERE WERE YOU 23 YEARS AGO ON SEPT. 11, 2001 ?

This coming September 11 we will observe the 23rd anniversary of the 9-11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the US. The Veterans of Foreign Wars in Homestead is preparing their annual Freedom Walk for **Sat. Sept. 14** - to honor the victims of that fateful day.

We can contribute our share to this year's Freedom Walk by having our biggest group in 23 years! This would include riders, and non-riders as well. Participants do **not** have to be SFTR members. The VFW invites one & all to participate in the Freedom Walk. You can ride or lead-line your horse or drive your buggy; ride a bicycle, wheel chair, or simply walk or jog the short 2 mile route. This event is suitable for juniors riding solo or on a lead-line held by a walking parent (no ponying), & families are invited to join us as well. All participants will be treated to lunch after The Walk.

Please wear a long sleeved plain white shirt, a red bandana and dark blue jeans as usual. A hat

is suggested, or a helmet; & all juniors 18-under riding **must** wear a helmet. Tasteful patriotic helmet covers, tack, etc **are** permitted. All SFTR Parade Team members are asked to participate, & assist in carrying our flags. Non-Parade Team SFTR are also encouraged to carry a flag, if their mount is capable! The schedule for **Sat. Sept. 14** is: **Arrive 8-9am** to register with SFTR & tack up (our usual place- 601 NE 2 Rd.). **VFW 9am registration. Ceremony 9:30am, the Walk starts 10am.** The VFW will provide all participants with lunch.

The VFW is looking for volunteers to assist in various duties including promoting the event with high school bands, service clubs and Jr. ROTC units. Please contact Jodi Nerney, Women's Auxiliary VFW, 305-322-6123 if you would like to assist in this year's Freedom Walk.

~Your Board

NIGHT RIDERS, LET'S GO! A FULL MOON RIDE COMING!

Here's your chance to ride your horse with Trail Boss Martha Insignares, by the light of the moon! The ride will be **Sat. July 20**, from her farm west of Krome. **Arrive 5pm** or after, **ride out 7pm**, for about 1.5hrs. The trail is quiet, clear, & junior friendly! Juniors 18-under must wear a helmet.

Bring your bug spray, a lead line to tie off your horse back at the trailer & your chair so you can join in a dinner following the ride. It will be a Pot Luck Dinner – so everyone please bring some-

thing to eat and share with the group! Maybe your favorite salad or stew, your choice chicken or beef dish, vegetable casserole, rice & beans, appetizers, dessert, etc. Water & sodas will be provided. If you don't ride, join up at dinner. An email will be sent the week of the ride with directions. Please RSVP - Call/text Martha (305-450-6410) that you will be attending. See you there!

~Martha Insignares

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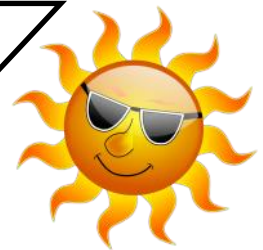
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SERVICE: Do you or your grandma have family photos on slide or negative formats??? We convert your slides or negatives into digital pictures to save forever, share and or publish on social media. visit <https://digitalphotos.watv.com/> or call 305-331-7599

FOR SALE: Saddles English and western from \$50 to \$700 call Mike 305-331-7599

SFTR Tank Tops FOR SALE!

Summer is here and it's hot outside, so call me for your tank tops!
All sizes in multiple colors available \$10 each.
Please contact Michele Wright 305-793-1482.



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Start your Hurricane Preps NOW!

Hurricane season is upon us & it's time to plan/prepare for the worst - while we hope for the best! This includes a plan not only for you, your family, & home, but also your four legged friends. Here are some reminders:

Be sure your horse is UTD with Coggins & vaccinations (tetanus, the encephalitis viruses - Rabies, Eastern, Western, & West Nile). Your horse should have two forms of identification: a Permanent Id. (microchip, tattoo, brand, etc) & a Luggage tag-type secured to the tail & halter (use a leather break-away halter). Fetlock tags are useful & can be acquired on-line or from a local farm supply store; or use a non-toxic paint stick/spray. Be sure to legibly write your name, address, & phone number (also a phone number of someone out of state, in case of phone outages). Store the record for the microchip number, E.I.A./Coggins form in an accessible location (recommend keeping a second copy with a family member/friend in a distant location, but where it will be easily accessible). If you plan to evacuate (you should ALWAYS try to do so if possible) in the event of a storm, have a destination & route(s) mapped out well in advance. It's important to evacuate your horses a sufficient distance from the coast. Arrange to leave a minimum of 72 hours before the arrival of the storm. The worst thing that can happen is to be stuck in traffic with a trailer full of horses & a hurricane approaching. Provide your neighbors with your evacuation contact information. Prepare a waterproof emergency animal care kit with all the items you normally use, including: medications, salves/ointments, vet wrap, bandages, tape, etc. Place the kit in a safe place where you can easily access it after a storm.

Start cleaning up your property now & remove all debris that may be tossed around by storm or hurricane force winds. If you plan to weather the storm at home (not usually recommended), there are some general guidelines to follow: Be careful of downed power lines that can be "live" & represent a danger to people & animals. The choice of keeping your horse in a barn or an open field is up to you. Use common sense- consider the barn structure, trees, power lines, condition of surrounding properties & the likelihood of the property/structure flooding. Farms subject to storm surge or flash flooding should turn their horses out so horses are not trapped, & thus drown. Remove all items from the barn aisle & walls, & store them in a safe place. Have at least a two to three week supply of hay (wrapped in plastic/waterproof tarp) & feed (stored in plastic water-tight containers, securing the container seams with duct tape). Place these supplies in the highest (out of reach of flood waters) and driest area possible. Fill clean plastic barrels/garbage cans with water, secure the tops, & place them in the barn for use after the storm. Have an emergency barn kit containing a chain saw & fuel, hammer(s), saw, nails, screws & fencing materials. Place this kit in a secure area before the storm hits so it is easily accessible afterward. Be sure to have an ample supply of flashlights, batteries, & non-perishable items. Listen to local radio stations in your area. If Internet access is available, access state-run websites that contain accurate status information.

Hopefully we won't have to deal with a hurricane, but waiting until the storm approaches will leave you little time for safeguarding your equines & farm animals. Start now, while the weather is calm.

~Belinda Hebert

CALLING ALL SOUTH FLORIDA TRAIL RIDERS...YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!!

The July 4th Parade times are set! This parade is on Key Biscayne and a lot of fun. We need as many Trail Riders as possible to come out & help represent our club! Remember, parades are the ONLY way the public sees us! We gain members to sustain our club, & participation in our events by our community by their seeing & enjoying our horses! Please, if you have not already signed up, get in touch with either myself or Bonny, to help get you started.

This is an **official dress** parade in full uniform, your light straw hat & band, & our star bandanas (the bandana will be provided for you on site). But please remember to **bring your slide!** Everyone riding a horse must be in complete uniform, as this event is televised!

People lead-lining animals are also in full dress - please feel free to decorate your animal (pony, horse, donkey) in the spirit of July 4th. Walkers will also be in full dress uniform. **Horses in complete official team tack!! Contact us if you need info or tack!**

We **do** need **walkers** and would love to have you; your children & grandchildren come and join us! Black pants and plain white long sleeve shirt; light straw hat if you have one, dark boots or black sneakers. **Juniors** dress the same, but **if riding**, 18-under **must** wear a **helmet** (Fla law). Walkers can do the popular Poop-Scoop Team (wear your gold SFTR T-shirt & black pants, straw hat);

carry the banner & be on TV up front or be safety walkers alongside the horses. So come out with your family & represent your club in this fun event!

The parade starts at 11:00 am. Everyone needs to **arrive at 8:30-9:00am** to tack-up & decorate. Group photo at 10, ride to our **staging area by 10:30!** I am hoping to be early in the line-up. This I have requested!

Directions to our trailer parking: Follow the Rickenbacker Causeway east & Crandon Blvd. until the Fire station on your right (across from Crandon Beach), then take the first right **after** the Fire station. You will see the trailers parked at the Calusa tennis courts. Bathroom for anyone needing to change. Water/sodas and a lunch will be provided.

I hope to see you there to join in the parade! This is a great event for seasoned horses, and for all lead-lined equines. It is especially good for members to walk & learn the ropes, so they can parade their horse next in the Homestead Freedom Walk! If you need tack or any part of the uniform, let us know and we will get this for you. Time is short, so **please RSVP** that you are **attending**, and if you **need tack or uniform NOW!**

Lisa Morgan 01lisamorgan@gmail.com or text 786-271-4933

Bonny George Jr. IdrathrBfishin6@yahoo.com text 305-431-1431 voice message 305-233-1897

Thank you for your support and I hope to see you there!!!!

~Lisa Morgan

SFSPCA Horse of the Month "Wild Dapple Annie"



Wild Dapple Annie

Breed	Thoroughbred
Sex	Mare
Year of Birth	2020
Height	16.1 hands
Arrival to Farm	October 4th, 2023

Meet Wild Dapple Annie, AKA Annie, an off-track thoroughbred. This bay beauty has a sweet disposition and is fitting right in with the SFSPCA family. Annie is currently in rehabilitation but is expected to begin the retraining process with no limitations.

Contact Laurie at

Laurie@helpthehorses.com for adoption info.

Donations can be made at
www.helpthehorses.com

Cappy, last month's horse,
was not adopted.



PARADE TEAM NEWS

Parade Season is Very Near !

Our first parade for this new 2024-2025 season is the 4th of July Parade, on Key Biscayne.

COME ONE - COME ALL!!!! Please join us for a great patriotic parade.

The parade committee of Key Biscayne has now offered us a \$1500.00 donation to our club, and as decades in the past, they report we are the only horse club they want in the parade! I am honored and humbled by this.

Parading is one of the biggest ways we publicize our club in the community. Whether you ride or walk, or just help with banner or poop scoop, your participation is very much appreciated! We are a great club and **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!** If we dwindle down to only a few horses, we can not parade. That means the community will **NOT** see we exist. The public will **NOT** know the great projects & benefit rides we do for St. Jude or special needs kids at Whispering Manes, in our community. The public will **NOT** be reminded of the beauty of horses & how our club tries to keep our green spaces open for all to enjoy. If no one sees us, if no one is reminded we are a club for all disciplines of riders, all ages & all cultures... then no one will have an interest to join. That would spell the end of the SFTR. That would be a very sad day indeed! So whether you ride or not, come join the Parade Team! Help show the community how special horses are & have some fun as well.

We really need to know in advance who is coming. Time to check your gear and if you are missing anything, please call Bonny at 305-233-1897 or text 305-431-1431; or text me, Lisa, at 786-271-4933. We have always had a great Parade Team, but with people moving out of the area, we don't always have a lot of horses. **We need you to join or return for another year, and celebrate with us in the community!**

~ Lisa Morgan



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Do not contact Alain unless a Watch is in effect.

Email Alain at Alain.capiro@miamidade.gov and/or call Alain at 786-376-6539 to let him know you will be using your stalls. Also text Debi at 305-775-1820 only if a WATCH is in effect.

Once a Hurricane Watch goes into effect and you take possession of your stall, on the 25th hour you will owe Miami-Dade County an additional daily fee of \$8.56, plus an addi-

tional fee to re-reserve your stall for the remainder of the 2024 Season.

Upon arrival, Alain will need to see your Coggins papers. **Suggested items** are flashlight, garbage can for water (muck buckets work), a fly mask, your name, horse's name and phone #'s taped to your stall doors, on halter, written on your horse, also a bale of hay to put in the stall so the horse has something to keep him busy all the hours he is there, etc.

You can't leave anything but your horse at Tropical Park.

Depending on the storm's estimated arrival, Miami-Dade County will lock the park gates.

Once the Hurricane Watch is lifted, you have 48 hours to remove your horse.

All stalls must be STRIPPED before leaving or an additional charge per stall will be applied and you will be unable to reserve stalls in the future.

Hope to see you on the trail – not at Tropical Park!

~Debi Cat-Priest



SUNSHINE REPORT



We send out our condolences to Lynda Rehse, for the loss of her handsome black & white trusty equine, Shadow. Together they explored the great outdoors all over Fla., & made memories to last her a lifetime. Shadow is running free in green pastures with Tonto, & no doubt has many adventures to tell. To Yleana Escobar we also send our sympathies for her loss of little Jossey. Rescued & then trained by the Varela Vet/FFA students, Jossey won an AKC Good Citizen Companion award, & was Yleana's brother's companion following his heart surgery. She certainly had a great home with Yleana.

We are glad to hear Michelle Goostree and Jackie Ritchie are recuperating well from their hip replacement surgeries. Wishing they great

results as they each go in for their other hip surgeries.

Welcome to the herd little Margo, Martha Insignares' new Border Collie. Look for Margo perhaps at the Moonlight Ride Martha will Trail Boss, this July 20.

Congratulations to Mitch & Olga Horn as they celebrate their 23rd Anniversary, and to Sandy & Jeff Fobb for their 26th! Also a big shout out to Victoria & Jon Dunleavy's son, Colin, on his acceptance into the Univ. of Mia. to study business & communication - AI/ ad management!

Have a great summer and stay well – and hopefully see you at the July 4th parade!

~Your Board

IMPORTANT



Please read it.

NEW SFTR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Regardless of when you joined this past season, ALL SFTR memberships must renew during Aug each summer. We generally offer renewals or new memberships at rides over the summer, to help out. Sept. is also a Grace Period – get your membership taken care of or you **will** be dropped as of September 30th. That means no newsletters, no email blasts about new rides or ride changes, & you'll be out of the loop.

At the first Board meeting for this season, the Board addressed two important issues. First, the club fee. For nearly 40 yrs. the yearly membership fee has been \$30 single and \$35 family. This helps to cover the costs of: annual insurance, newsletters & web fees, donations to our horse charities, fees for parks & beach events, storage room, reimbursement to Trail Bosses for their ride expenses (\$75 e. event with receipts), awards & prizes, banquet facility costs & amount to defray member's dinner cost, VFW contribution for our meetings, etc. Our members enjoy many diverse activities, & we strive to meet or exceed everyone's expectations. It is important to provide a variety of safe events, where all our members can enjoy time together, whether they ride or not. Everyone knows how costs have risen drastically over the last 20-30yrs. Yet the member fee remained at the low rates all that time. So, the Board passed a motion to keep the club sustainable. The **new membership dues**, starting this summer/Aug. **for the**

2024-2025 season, will be: **\$40 single**, and **\$50 family**. We think this is a small increase/fee compared to most other clubs, & yet take a good look at all the activities our club offers for your participation & enjoyment!

The second membership issue relates to the automatic payment method (called subscription on PayPal) we tried to install a year or so back. It was not manageable. However, with a slight change, we **WILL** again offer the auto-pay process for those who want their membership to auto-renew – so they never miss rides, events or special news!

The Auto-Pay (called subscription on PayPal) will only be offered as an option in August each year since that is when memberships are due.) You may go on-line to renew or join for the coming year, at any time, but the **AUTO-PAY** option is only offered on-line and **ONLY** in **AUGUST**! The Board heard the members wanted this feature, so we found a way to make it work! So if you want the convenience, please go on-line in Aug. & you will see the option. Payments can be made by mail: SFTR, PO Box 924946; Princeton, Fla 33092. On-line payments at sftrmiamidade.org .

Your Board will be handling other matters at each meeting, & remember: any SFTR member may attend and voice their interests or concerns! Get involved & help plan how the SFTR can move forward to benefit everyone.

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Must be a full paying member of Broward SFTR
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