



Web address: [www.sftrdade.org](http://www.sftrdade.org)



SCAN ME to view online

## SOUTH FLORIDA TRAIL RIDERS, INC.

P.O.Box 924946 Princeton, Florida 33092

VOLUME XLVIII

ISSUE VII

March, 2025

### EVERGLADES RIDE



## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

Sat 1- St. Jude Ride, Robbie's Feed & Supply

Tues 4- SFTR General Meeting, Homestead  
VFW. Dine 7pm, meeting 7:30.

Sun 9- Broward SFTR Fun Show, Davie, Fla.

Fri 14-17- Camping – Withlacoochee Forest  
TB Debi Catarineau-Priest.

Sun 16- Frog Pond Ride  
TB Amanda Borque.

Sun 23-Beach Ride #1, Va. Key,  
TB Mike Maldonado.

*See more inside...*

## OFFICERS

ALL AREA CODES ARE 305 UNLESS STATED

<b>President</b> Michelle Goostree	546-5678
<b>Vice President</b> Susie Randolph	323-4038
<b>Treasurer</b> Michele Wright	793-1482
<b>Secretary</b> Helve Longoria	378-6829
<b>Board of Directors</b> (in alphabetical order) Kim Cates	495-8820
Mike Da Cunha	786-308-8082
Belinda Hebert	786-298-7044
Mike Maldonado	331-7599
Lisa Morgan	786-271-4933
<b>Alternate</b> Holly Thommes	338-4192

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

<b>Camping</b> Renee Reynolds	338-8192
<b>Emergency Management</b> Belinda Hebert	786-298-7044
<b>Funnel Cakes</b> Open	
<b>Historian</b> Mike & Deda Maldonado	331-7599
<b>Hurricane Stalls</b> Debi Catarineau-Priest	775-1820
<b>Membership</b> Andrea Sante & Bill Guzman	216-2461
<b>Merchandise</b> Deda & Mike Maldonado	331-7599
<b>Newsletter</b> Deda & Mike Maldonado <a href="mailto:sftr@watv.net">sftr@watv.net</a> Bonny George, Jr. & Carol Hakanson	331-7599
<b>Parades</b> Lisa Morgan	786-271-4933
<b>Programs</b> Ben Kroner	245-2403
<b>Public Relations</b> Ra Schooley	801-9662
Megan Barnes-Rego	304-0680
<b>Sunshine</b> Open	
<b>Junior Members Activities</b> Bonny George, Jr	233-1897

SFSPCA: Laurie Waggoner 825-8826

## These are the two closest equine hospitals:

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](http://www.helpthehorses.com)

P.O. Box 924088

Homestead, Fl. 33092

### Horse Protection Association of Florida

[www.HPAF.org](http://www.HPAF.org)

20690 NW 130 Ave.

Micanopy, Fl. 32667

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

[www.eiahorses.org](http://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.



2025

## Dates and Places

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

2025



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

### MARCH 2025

Sat 1- St. Jude Ride, Robbie's Feed & Supply, 22390 SW 177 Ave.  
(use west entrance on 223 St.) Arr. 9Am, ride 10am, 1.5hrs.

Tues 4- SFTR General Meeting, Homestead VFW. Dine 7pm, meeting 7:30.

Sun 9- Broward SFTR Fun Show, Davie, Fla.

Mon 10-SFTR Board Meeting- Zoom 7:30.TBA- SFTR Varela Scholarships

Fri 14-17- Camping – TB Debi Catarineau-Priest. Withlacoochee Forest  
(see article).Call Debi fast before sites fill up:305-775-1820.

Sun 16- Frog Pond Ride- TB Amanda Borque. Meet 8am, ride 9am, 1.5hrs.  
(see article)

Sun 23-Beach Ride #1, Virginia. Key. TB Mike Maldonado. 305-331-7599. Arr 10am,out 3pm.

### APRIL 2025

Tues 1- SFTR General Meeting, Homestead VFW. Dine 7pm, meeting 7:30.

Mon 7- SFTR Board Meeting- Zoom, 7:30pm

Tues 15-29 – SFTR Camping Trip, TBs Andres Prida & Leo Perez;  
Bryson, NC & Jamestown, Tenn.

Sat 26- Beach Ride #2, Va. Key, TB Mike Maldonado. Arr 10am,out 3pm.

Sat 19 - Autism Ride. TB Robin Bramson. Location TBA, arrive 9am, ride 10am, for 1.5 hrs

## NOMINATIONS TO OPEN FOR SFTR OFFICERS & BOARD FOR NEXT SEASON

**Remember:** Check our [website to submit nominations](#) (or use regular email to: [nominations@sfrtdade.org](mailto:nominations@sfrtdade.org)). Start thinking about who you'd like to see represent your ideas & lead your club!

~Your Board

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Trail Riders,

The beginning of the year has been a productive & busy one. Some of this is a recap from last month, but with new info.

We finished our parade season with our first ever MLK parade, in partnership with the National Church of God, of Perrine, & Bishop Lawrence Smith. They were so kind to surprise us with a \$500 donation to the Trail Riders for our participation!

Funnel Cakes was another huge success, thanks to the efforts of Kim Cates & her awesome crews! This is our biggest & most labor intensive fund raiser of the year stretching 3 days. Thank you to all that helped coordinate, set up, cook, sell, breakdown & do so many other aspects of such a demanding event.

We have several fun events coming up, starting with our first Beach Ride of the season on Mar. 23. Be sure to keep an eye out for the sign up, via email. Space is limited so don't delay!

Our annual year end Banquet is coming up fast this May 18th. Make sure to save the date to join us for our end of year awards, along with the announcement of next years officers & Board members, - not to mention good food, lots of raffles, a great time dancing and just cutting loose!

We hope you can join us for our upcoming events. This club can't do it without your participation! We want to continue to be able to bring fun events & great causes to our community and members. If you would like to host a ride, or have a suggestion of a new event we'd love to hear from you!

Hope to see you on the trail!!!!

Thank you,  
*Michelle Goostree*  
President  
South Florida Trail Riders



*Michelle Goostree*

*Michelle Goostree*

## MAKE YOUR IDEAS COUNT – VOICE YOUR INTERESTS JOIN THE BOARD

Each May at our end of the year banquet, the new officers for the new season are installed. Right now is the time to volunteer **yourself**, or a **fellow SFTR member**, so your ideas & choices can count! If you have interests that would further the club & our members, activities you'd like the SFTR to do, projects we can do or trails we can open or maintain for riding...now is the time to run for **office** or the **Board of your club: the SFTR**. Each Board tries very hard to continue the traditional rides, camping, and charitable activities that have made the SFTR a great club. We have been changing & really moving forward with more inclusion, variety, and reflection on the desires & needs of the membership. We have been listening to our fellow members, trying different concepts (some worked & some didn't), revamping the ways of the past & seeking to gain more participants in SFTR activities.

Nothing changes unless you, the individual member, will volunteer a little time and thought to the process. If you, or a friend you'd like to nominate, can spare just one night a month

for a Board meeting, then we need you! If you have ideas you have long wanted our club to try...we need you! If you want the club to reflect all its members...then we need you!

So, please contact Andrea Sante, [pasocorto@aol.com](mailto:pasocorto@aol.com), to volunteer or nominate someone for this very worthwhile position. Each nominee will then be contacted and asked if they will honor us by running for office (Pres. or V.P., Sec. or Treas.) or the Board. After that, a ballot will reflect the names of those accepting to run, and it will go out to the entire membership via email for voting in late Apr. & May.

The SFTR Board wishes to thank the membership for allowing us to serve you, and we encourage every member - whether you ride, or own a horse or not, to volunteer. Every member deserves to have their ideas represented, so please volunteer or nominate someone.

*~ Your Board*

## A SFTR / FFA JUNIOR HAS ASKED FOR OUR HELP!

Isabella Altamirano, one of the Felix Varela High School students in the Pony Crew who has paraded with our club for years, has asked our club to help her with her FFA project. She has raised an Angus/Simmental steer, #2, for the past seven months. The steer has far surpassed the minimum weight requirement & has been fed the highest-quality honor show feed, to ensure optimal meat quality. The proceeds from this sale will support Isa-

bella's future FFA & post high school educational goals. She is seeking buyers, or sponsors, to support her efforts. Details about the events at the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair, a buyer's package, & an add-on option can be found at: [exhibits@fairexpo.com](mailto:exhibits@fairexpo.com)/ buyer flyer, or call Isa for pdf info 786-245-9950. Isabella has been enthusiastic & so helpful with our parades, & now we have a chance to help her. Your support would be greatly appreciated!!

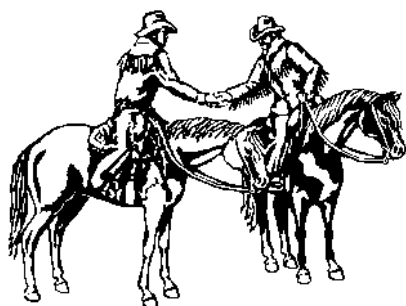
*~Bonny George, Jr.*



We have 193 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.



Jesse Roth  
Miami, Fl. 33133

Isabella Simo and  
Wilber Sosa  
Key Largo, Fl. 33037



## PRICES FOR ADS ON OUR NEWSLETTER

### Camera Ready Material

-Business Card size  
\$60.00 per year

-Full page Ad \$80.00 per issue  
-1/2 Page Ad \$40.00 per issue  
-1/4 Page Ad \$30.00 per issue

### DISCOUNTS ARE OFFERED TO SFTR MEMBERS BY THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES.

Always ask Proprietor for amount of discount & availability.

Robbie's Feed and Supply  
The VetteSmith Inc. Body shop

22390 SW 177th Ave. (Krome) Miami  
10750 SW 188 Street. Miami

247-1256  
252-1256

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Agustin Saavedra  
Aysha Del Modal  
Barbara Havenick  
Cindy Proietti  
Eddy Ruiz  
Eduardo Cutie'  
Elizabeth Hames  
Elliot Soto  
Emily Morgan  
Gloria Hall  
Kalina Burre

Kim Cates  
Lydia Michelle McDaniel  
Miriam Wohlers  
Nari Bauta  
Pedro Brito  
Sloane Segrera  
Susan Martell  
Yari Delaney  
Zalman Peles  
Zoe De Varona



## Future Events

### VIRGINIA KEY BEACH RIDES – GENERAL INFO

Each year we have the privilege of being the only horse club to ride & swim at Virginia Key beach. Why? Because we conduct ourselves in a safe & friendly manner, clean up after ourselves, we take care around native plants and trees & respect the rules of the park. This season there will be tentatively 2 beach rides: Sun. Mar. 23 and Sat. Apr. 26. You **MUST** be a **SFTR member** to **enter & participate** in this event. Club members already on our member list get first dibs, anyone joining now just do the beach events will be added at the end of the list. A notice will be sent via email to all members to reserve for the event. Do **NOT** call or email at this time – the sign up window for the Mar. 23 date is **NOT** open. The email you will receive will be out approx a week prior to the event. There are **NO early sign-ups!!!**

To have a nice, safe day, there are rules to follow. Some are for insurance reasons, and **MOST** are the **PARK RULES!** Break the rules & you will not be allowed to participate in the future! So please respect the rules or we will have to ask you to leave the park. **Stay inside our area. Do not go out to the public or give rides to non-members.**  
**Do not go past the caution tape.**  
**Do not use the large pavilions. We have a small pavilion that can be used.**  
**No riding double.**  
**State law requires that Helmets MUST be used for**

**children under 16 years old.**

**Clean up any trash or manure around your trailer, whether it is yours or not.**

**Board Members have the final say! Listen to them.**

Your trailer & horses **MUST** be pre-registered and pre-paid as you cannot get thru the front gate without your name on the list (everyone in your car must be a SFTR). You must stop at the guard shack to get your parking pass.

If you are going in a separate vehicle than the trailer, they will charge you their regular entrance fee at the gate. Again, members only.

**The beach ride times will be 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. You need to arrive by 10:00 AM at the guard gate, as they have other events going on in the front and there will be a lot of traffic after 10:00 AM.**

Once you arrive at the guard shack you will continue driving to the back of the property staying on the road you entered on and bear to the left at the end. We will have signs posted as you get to the back of the property.

**Everyone must be cleaning up and preparing to leave by 3pm and LEAVE by 3:30 PM.** The park wants our entire area empty by 4pm so their park staff can close the area. All areas need to be spotless when you trailer out. We want this place cleaner than when we got there. Thanks!

*~Your Board*

---

### ART IN BLOOM FESTIVAL

The **Fruit and Spice Park** located on SW 248th Street and 187th Avenue is holding the **Art in Bloom Festival** on Saturday March 22nd and Sunday March 23rd from 10:am to 5:pm.

Deda Maldonado will have a booth selling her art crafts and plants , stop by and say "Hi" maybe you will like something.

### **CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS**

**FOR SALE:** Used farm supplies - Telephone pole gate posts, 10Ft security gates and corral panels with/ without gates. Everything for sale 50% off of new purchase price. Contact Amaris 786-226-3963

Stalls for rent half board \$235.00 per month in Homestead. No stallions. Contact Carol 305-498-6278

*Classified ads are free for SFTR members, Rules: 2—3 lines, no photos, will be published in 2 consecutives newsletters, ,must have members phone number to contact.*

## THE FROG POND RIDE IS COMING!

Here is another great ride in the east Everglades area, which has been a favorite for quite a while. Join Trail Boss Amanda Bourque as she leads the herd into the outback on the Frog Pond Ride, **Sun. March 16.**

No shade, so the ride will start early & be short. **Meet 8am** at the Frog Pond to beat the heat, **ride 9am sharp!** Ride will be a slow & easy 3.25mi loop – or about 1-1.5hrs. If anyone wants to ride the longer loop, go for it - but Amanda will be sticking to the shorter loop!

Directions to the Frog Pond: Go south on 217 Ave. & turn right onto Ingraham Hwy/ S.R.9336/SW 392 St. The entrance to the Frog Pond is 1.07mi west of

that intersection, immediately **after** the canal, on your right. There is a fenced parking area for equestrian use – last trailer in, close the gate!

This is a peaceful ride into the edge of the Everglades, with wide open spaces dotted with waterfowl, deer & other wildlife. The trail is gravel, shoes or boots suggested. Although the rainy season hasn't kicked in yet, there may be some small water crossings.

Bring sunscreen, bug spray for you & your horse, and your own water & snacks. Cold drinks will be provided after the ride. Please **RSVP to Amanda Bourque 305-962-9910.** RSVP is important in case of a rain issue or cancellation! Make this your special ride before our summer monsoons begin!

*~Your Board*

---

## CALLING ALL JUNIORS COME TO AN OBSTACLE EVENT ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!

Mark your calendar now for **Saturday, May 3** – and come to an obstacle course designed for all levels and all ages of juniors! There will be noodles & tarps, poles & water to cross, weave cones & poles, and bridges & ramps! The obstacles are safe for mini horses & drafts, QH, Paso, mules & donkeys. So bring what you have & let your junior equine enthusiast participate.

The event will start with **in-hand Showmanship**, so everyone (regardless of age, ability, or disability) can lead their equine & stand it for the judge to grade. Yes, we will have kind judges on all the over 15 obstacles! The second stage will be **In-hand Obstacles** – the junior walks & leads their equine through the course. The last stage is the **Riding** portion, where riders maneuver their equine again through the course.

**Note:** For the **youngest** age group in **all 3 stages**, a parent **may** walk with the junior **to assist** (but not

“do” the obstacles). A parent may **walk** with their junior in the **older age groups**, for **safety** purposes. We want everyone safe & having fun! Ribbons will be awarded for each age group in many obstacle categories – to make it fair & fun for all the juniors.

The event will be at a local farm off 168 St & Krome Ave, and will **start at 9:30/10am.** A lunch with water & sodas will be provided. Restroom avail. Please plan to trailer pool if possible. Parents are encouraged to come to this **Junior Year-End Obstacle Challenge**, & take lots of pics! SFTR members & their families/ juniors are free (insur. covered by their membership). Non-SFTR participants must pay \$5 per whole family (includes the juniors) to cover insurance. So save the date & look for details on the actual obstacles in the April newsletter, so you can practice!

*~Bonny George, Jr.*

---

## SAVE THE DATE - SFTR ANNUAL BANQUET SET FOR SUNDAY, MAY 18

On **Sunday, May 18** our club's 47<sup>th</sup> year-end banquet will be held 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 served at your seat, & a professional DJ will handle the music. You can **not walk-in & pay** at the door, so when the menu arrives in your email, respond quickly!

After cocktails approx. 6:30pm, our event will begin at about 7pm. Dinner will be served & 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 – so mark the date! Watch your email for more info so you can reserve your dinner early at a discount!

*~Your Board*

## SFTR AUTISM RIDE TO BENEFIT WHISPERING MANES EQUINE THERAPY FACILITY

Each year the SFTR rallies our riders for two benefit rides, helping our community in different ways. Although our club mission involves keeping our trails & green spaces open, it has long been felt that nurturing worthy local groups helps develop those venues, which in turn have a positive effect on the children involved.

Our annual **Autism Ride** is scheduled for Sat. April 19. The donations brought in from this event go to Whispering Manes in the Redlands – for therapeutic riding lessons for children with Autism & other challenges. This will be our 14<sup>th</sup> yr. sponsoring this ride, so please plan on participating.

Robin Bramson will be our site Trail Boss. At a local farm in the Redlands, we will **meet at 9am**, which gives everyone time to sign in & register their collected donations. All donations

are tax deductible. Tack up & be ready to **ride at 10am**, for approx. **1.5hrs**. This is a local **open event**, in which **anyone** in the community may ride with us! Tell your horse riding & cart driving friends what we are doing, & have them help us with this great fund raising event! Because we want **every** rider in the area to join us, the ride will be an easy 1.5 hrs in a quiet area. 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, & a light lunch with sodas at the end of the ride.

Help the local children with Autism & other challenges enjoy horses, as they ride to improve their well-being! Your donations help each one change their life for the better. Mark your calendar, & see you there!

~ Your Board

---

## SFTR 2024-2025 CAMPING CALENDAR

**Please RSVP/Call/Text** as soon as you can to reserve your spot in these camp outs. It is critical to be able to confirm SFTR participation at these sites, or events may be canceled for lack of riders. Let's not have this happen! Sign up now and call the Trail Boss. You can always cancel later.

**April 16<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025** - Andres Prida & Leo Perez will Trail Boss an excursion into the wild mountains of No.Carolina & Tenn. **Deep Creek, in Bryson City, NC has a limited number of sites.** Imperative you reserve **now**. The owner requires a deposit, but if you reserve & then change your mind, you should be able to find someone from our club looking for a space. For more info, contact Camping Chair. Renee Reynolds [Cocconut\\_ldy@hotmail.com](mailto:Cocconut_ldy@hotmail.com)

Itinerary: **April 2025:**

16th, Wednesday - drive to a layover spot - TBD  
17th, Thursday-drive to Hard Labor Creek, Ga.  
18th, Friday- ride  
19th, Saturday -drive to Deep Creek  
20th, Sunday -Ride, Easter Dinner TBD

21st, Monday-Ride & 22nd, Tuesday -Ride  
23rd, Wednesday-drive to Timber Ridge  
24th, Thursday-Ride - 25th, Friday-Ride & 26th, Saturday-Ride

27th, Sunday Drive to TBD

**Hard Labor Creek, 5 Hard Labor Creek Rd.; Rutledge, Ga. 30663**

(706) 557-3001 or (706) 557-3002

Reservations: Hard Labor Creek State Park, Reserve America (800) 864-7275.

[reserveamerica@reserveamerica.com](mailto:reserveamerica@reserveamerica.com)

**Deep Creek, Bryson City, NC**

(828) 736-1270 or (828) 488-6961

<http://deepcreekhorsecamp.com> or [james28713@aol.com](mailto:james28713@aol.com)

**Timber Ridge Horse Campground, 1426 Darrow Ridge Rd.; Jamestown, Tenn. 38556**

Ride the Big South Fork National Recreation Area  
Timber Ridge Horse Campground & Cabin Rentals

931-310-1530 Office (reserve by phone)

[www.timberidgehorsecampground.com](http://www.timberidgehorsecampground.com)



## DUPUIS CAMPING WITH THE SFTR – LIFE IS GOOD!

The following was an email sent by Cathy Orban, about the recent DuPuis camp out:

Hello from your Oklahoma trail friends! We're having a blizzard & temps in the single digits. Thank goodness I have my great memories & photos from my horse camping vacation with the South Florida Trail Riders at DuPuis. Renee Soucy was sharing my favorite unicorn, named Captain, with me. Captain earned his unicorn status when we rode the OTL in 2022.

I flew to Miami on the last Wed. in Jan. & Renee collected me from MIA. We had time to catch up while we shopped for essentials and did some camp prep. Thursday morning we packed up the ponies & headed north to DuPuis wildlife area, in Martin County, Fla. After letting the horses settle in & sharing lunch with the other early birds, we had a beautiful 2 hr. late afternoon ride.

Then some campfire action in the cool of evening.

We started our Friday ride with a large group, lead by Donna Hakanson. Our wonderful camp host, Julie, took a few group photos as we headed out. We rode over 15 mi. down to the pier where we stopped for lunch, & visited Group Camp before heading back to our camp. Captain continued his exemplary unicorn behavior & we had a lovely ride. Our group shared appetizers around the campfire.

Saturday's 15 mi. ride to Rabbit Lake included a cameo by the Goodyear blimp & views of Cyprus swamp air plants. Captain Unicorn took care of me, & my riding companions had ponies

almost as fabulous. Back in camp we shared pot luck & a campfire.

Ahhhh.

Our last riding day at DuPuis was Sunday. We took a different route to the pier for lunch & then went back to the group campground for a couple of wild sour oranges brought by the Spaniards from Seville. Partly cloudy turned to nice rain & we encountered some ultra marathoners running for the 2nd day of Death at DuPuis. Ended the day with a smaller group around the campfire.

Monday morning my sister Trisha came to camp for breakfast & brought farm fresh eggs. After loading the horses for Renee to head back to Miami, Trish & I headed to Grant. My Fla. vacation continued with family on the east coast. My niece is susceptible to equine obsession, so Renee brought Captain Unicorn to Grant for a visit at the hacienda for Valentine's Day weekend. Captain gets around!

Many thanks to my South Florida Trail riding friends at Dupuis 2025! You guys & your horses made my weekend: Renee Soucy, Wayne & Carrie Hershberger (only with us for one night since Carrie was picking up her new ride in Miami), Debi Caterineau Priest, Wendy Abbott, Karen Galipeault, Donna Hakanson, Eddie Caballero & Jasmine, Leo & Andrea, Michelle Byriel, Carol Hakanson, Ricky de Velasco, Marcia Mazucco, Diane Denny & our biker friend Jose.





## PINE LAKE EVERGLADES RIDE – NEVER A DULL MOMENT!

It was a beautiful day for an Everglades ride, with perfect weather; & Ben Kroner brought donuts for our 9 riders. We had a great ride, although not uneventful. Ok, don't panic, nothing drastic, nobody hurt, but slow going!

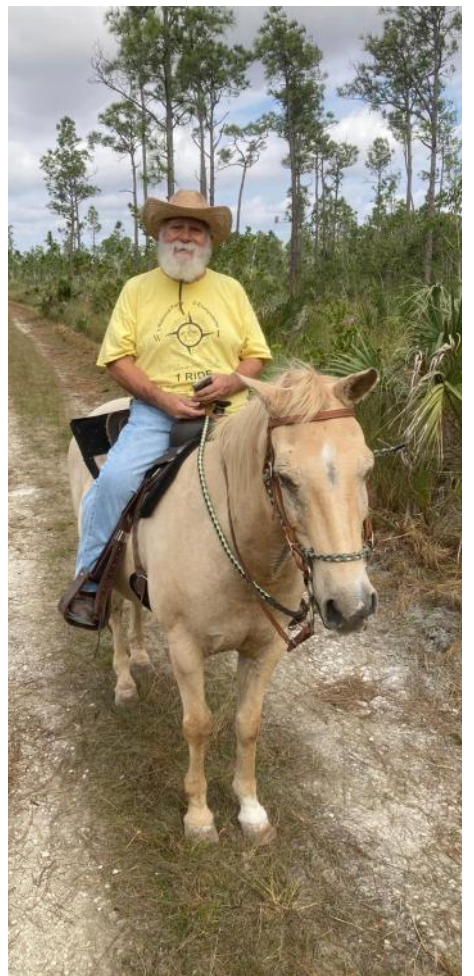
Driving-in at Pine Lake I hit a big deep pothole & lost the elbow of my black tank, oh well!! Debi Catarineau Priest's Morgan dropped his boot, twice, & Natalie Perlin had a tack malfunction (small adjustment, but her "never did a trail ride "

mare behaved like an experienced trooper!) The worst, although not that bad, Bo went sideways at a big hole, slid & layed down. Mike DaCunha went down too, but neither got a scratch. The bit broke on one side, so Mike rode the whole rest of the ride with one rein on the bit & the other clipped to the halter - and all went great!!! Of course as I've been known to do, we got lost and 2.5 hours became 3.5 hours!! Great ride with good friends.

*~Mike Maldonado*









# SFSPCA Horse of the Month "ODELL"



## Odell

Breed : Standardbred  
Sex : Mare  
Year of Birth : approximately 2008  
Height : 16 hands  
Arrival to Farm  
August 7, 2024

Odell was found abandoned on August 7th near the canal levy in southwest Miami-Dade. She was found with another horse, a gelding, now named Ranger, who is also at South Florida SPCA.

Odell is confirmed pregnant. She is expected to foal in February 2025. Anyone interested in adoption will be thoroughly screened for their ability to take care of a mare in foal, the birth, and the foal and mother once the baby arrives. At this time, please do not inquire about the foal or the mare separately.

Contact Laurie at [Laurie@helpthehorses.com](mailto:Laurie@helpthehorses.com) for adoption info.  
Donations can be made at [www.helpthehorses.com](http://www.helpthehorses.com)  
RANGER , last month's horse, still not adopted.



Please remember to  
send your classified  
ad before the 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of each month.

Submit your  
information here:  
<http://sftmiamidade.org/newsletter>

**Business Card Ads**  
**\$60 per year**  
**This card could**  
**be yours!**

**CHARRR CONSTRUCTION LLC**  
Tree Service

- Tree Trimming
- Reasonable Rates
- Residential & Commercial
- Licensed & Insured

**Carlos Galo (305)394-1959**  
**(305)562-8293**

  
GLOBAL LUXURY REALTY, LLC

**Susie Randolph**  
Broker-Associate

Bringing Buyers and Sellers together since 1992!  
305-323-4038      [spete305@comcast.net](mailto:spete305@comcast.net)



Patricia Arosemena-Romero  
Office Administrator

4950 Le Jeune Road, Suite H  
Coral Gables, FL 33146

One Andalusia Avenue  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

Office 305.669.0690 parosemena@MiamiMedConsult.com  
Fax 305.669.8856  
Cell 786.202.0155  
www.MiamiMedConsult.com

## Robbie's Feed & Supply, Inc.

22390 SW 177 Avenue | Miami, FL 33170  
www.robbiesfeed.com

**Jamie Addison**  
President

(305) 247-1256 Phone  
(305) 247-9856 Fax

office@robbiesfeed.com  
jamie@robbiesfeed.com

## EQUINE INSURANCE



JUAN R. DIAZ  
President

- Mortality & Theft
- Stallion Infertility
- Major Medical
- Payment Plans

Toll Free 800/880-7743

ensurgroup.com

LAW OFFICES

**WALTER A. AÑÓN, P.A.**

**WALTER A. AÑÓN**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
ABOGADO

ROYAL OAKS OFFICE PARK  
7975 N.W. 155th STREET  
SUITE A  
MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA 33016

TEL: (305) 821-5419  
FAX: (305) 821-7178  
e-mail: walteranon@anonlawfirm.com  
www.lawtrusttitle.com

## REDLAND EQUESTRIAN CENTER, INC.



FARM & HORSE TOURS  
BOARDING & TRAINING  
SALES & LEASING  
ESTABLISHED IN 1999  
15300 SW. 258 ST.  
HOMESTEAD, FL 33032

REDLANDLIFE.COM 786-650-6173

## Sunset FEED & SUPPLY

COWBOY BOOTS, HATS & CLOTHING  
EQUESTRIAN APPAREL & RIDING EQUIPMENT  
PET & LIVESTOCK FEED & SUPPLIES

7650 SW 117 AVE. • MIAMI, FL 33183 • TEL: 305-271-0341 • FAX: 305-271-4919  
www.sunsetfeed.com

## ON-SITE TRAILER REPAIR

### SERVICES...

- REGULAR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE
- TRAILER REPAIRS
- EMERGENCY ROAD SIDE SERVICE



WE COME TO YOU...HOME, OFFICE OR MARINA

SEAN SALAZAR 305.216.4932



Whispering Manes  
Therapeutic Riding Center  
Building Abilities. Empowering Lives.

Offering Therapeutic Riding  
Lessons and Horsemanship in  
the heart of Horse Country

Currently welcoming  
new riders and volunteers

305-596-4204  
info@whisperingmanes.org

6105 SW 125 Ave., Miami, FL 33183 | www.whisperingmanes.org

## ECR

Equitable Co. Realtors

5600 SW 135 AVE. Suite 206  
Miami, FL 33183  
www.ECRREALTORS.com

**Karen Crowley**  
Realtor®  
Mobile: 305.910.1582  
Email: kcr305@yahoo.com

**MLS**   
Office: 305.408.8401  
Fax: 305.408.8402



## EXCEL EQUINE

Cell: 813-393-7015  
Store: 502-587-6606

**Paula Dysle**  
Florida Sales  
pdysle@excelequinefeeds.com

165 N. Clay Street  
Louisville, KY 40202





WWW.ROBBIESFEED.COM

22390 SW 177 Avenue, Miami, FL 33170 | 305-247-1256  
 Store Hours: Monday - Saturday | 8:00 am - 5:30 pm

# ROBBIE'S FEED & SUPPLY

*Serving Our Community Since 1975*

Proud Dealer of  
 Nutrena, Purina, Kalmbach, Seminole  
 Triple Crown Feeds

Ariat, Wolverine & Caterpillar Boots  
 Riding Helmets, Western Hats & Gifts

Feed & Supplies for  
 Pets, Birds, Exotics, Small Animals  
 Fish, Horses & Livestock

Hay & Shavings  
 Posts, Wire & Gates | Farm & Ranch Supplies



May 2025



**Build better, Build greener**



## FLORIDA LUMBER

carries a large selection of  
 Pressure Treated Lumber &  
 Timbers in **STOCK** and offers  
**FREE DELIVERY!!!!**

Our **STOCK** dimensions are  
 1" to 6" in thickness, 4" to 12"  
 in width, and up to 24' in  
 length.

Give us a call or visit our  
 website for the complete list  
 of sizes we carry.

**Florida Lumber**  
MORE THAN JUST LUMBER  
[www.floridalumber.com](http://www.floridalumber.com)

CALL • QUOTE • PAY ONLINE  
**305-635-6412**

**2431 NW 20th St.**  
**Miami, FL 33142**

Sept. 2025

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**SOUTH FLORIDA TRAIL RIDERS, INC.**

(A NOT-FOR-PROFIT, ALL VOLUNTEER, EQUESTRIAN ORGANIZATION)



**SOUTH FLORIDA  
TRAIL RIDERS**

DON'T FENCE US OUT!

TELEPHONE # 4-HORSES  
(446-7737)

- NEW MEMBERSHIP**
- RENEWAL**
- ADDRESS CHANGE / FILE UPDATE**
- FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$50.00 PER YEAR)**
- SINGLE MEMBERSHIP (\$40.00 PER YEAR)**  
(Applicant Must Be 18 Years Of Age)
- DUAL MEMBERSHIP (\$25.00 PER YEAR)**  
**Must be a full paying member of Broward SFTR**  
Membership runs from Sept. 1st through Aug. 31st of each year.

NAME (1) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ NAME (3) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (2) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ NAME (4) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (CELL) \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ DO YOU WANT YOUR PHONE NUMBER PUBLISHED?  Y  N

NAME & DATE OF BIRTH OF ALL FAMILY MEMBERS 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_

HORSE INTERESTS:  TRAIL RIDING,  PARADES,  CAMPING,  SHOWS,  BREEDING

REFERRED BY? \_\_\_\_\_ HOW MANY HORSES DO YOU HAVE? \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE A TRAILER?  YES  NO, IF YES, WHAT IS THE TRAILER CAPACITY? \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP TRANSPORT OTHERS?  YES  NO

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING ON A COMMITTEE?  YES  NO

DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?  YES

Warning: Under Florida Law, An Equine Activity Sponsor or Equine Professional Is Not Liable For An Injury To, Or The Death Of, A Participant in Equine Activities Resulting From The Inherent Risks of Equine Activities. (Florida Statutes 773.01 - 773.05). I will abide to club safety rules and give consideration to my fellow club members.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant must be 18 years of age or older.  
All listed names above must reside at the same address.

PLEASE MAIL TO:  
**SOUTH FLORIDA TRAIL RIDERS, INC.**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**P.O. Box 924946**  
**Princeton, Florida 33092**

\*\*\*\*\*

PAYMENT TENDERED:  CASH  CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNTS \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



SOUTH FLORIDA  
TRAIL RIDERS

DON'T FENCE US OUT!

South Florida Trail Riders, Inc.  
P.O. Box 924946  
Princeton, Florida 33092

Visit us at:  
[www.sftrdade.org](http://www.sftrdade.org)



SCAN ME  
To view our newsletter online

