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NIGHT!**

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at 94th Aero Squadron.**

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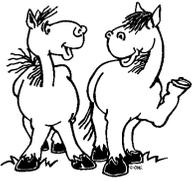
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TRAIL MANNERS

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

- **UNDER 16 MUST WEAR A HELMET.**
- Be aware of the effect **your** actions have on others, their horses and their property.
- Do not upset your co-rider's 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 ON ANY SFTR EVENTS.**

REMEMBER! If you mind your manners others won't mind when you and your horse return to ride.



2016

Dates and Places

2016



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

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

- April 30** **Saturday - Va. Key BEACH Ride!** It is finally here. All riders must be **PREPAID** to be able to go on this ride. Please fill out the form in this newsletter and mail in with your payment of \$20 per horse. Cars pay at the gate. Everyone **MUST be a SFTR member before this ride.** It is too confusing to try to collect money and memberships at the beach. Your name will be on a list at the gate to let you and your horses in. Bring your current coggins with you. Please do what you can to keep your horses under control. Any questions, please call Andrea 305-216-2461 or Augie 305-582-1557. You can go to sftrdade.org and go to memberships, then you can pay by PayPal. **If you have anyone going that is not a member, they have to join BEFORE the ride.**
- April 29 -** **Friday thru Sunday - Heartland Horses & Handicapped Ride-a-thon.**
May 1st www.heartlandhorses.org or call 863-452-0006 to get more info on this ride and campout. (not a SFTR ride)
- May 2** **Monday - General Meeting at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St.** Come on out and meet with the club. 7:00 PM dinner, 8:00 PM meeting. **VOTING TONIGHT!**
- May 7** **Saturday - Tree Tops Ride.** Mothers day weekend ride out of Tree Tops Park. A nice afternoon ride, meet at 2:00PM, ride out at 3:00PM. TB: Carolina & Nelson Rodriguez 305-431-1895.
- May 9** **Monday - Board Meeting at Bonny George Jr. home** 16990 SW 170 Ave. 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting. RSVP to 305-233-1897.
- May 14** **Saturday - Tradewinds Park Ride.** TB: Gail Dixon. Meet by 10 am and ride out 10:30 am. \$1.50 park entrance fee, covered dish lunch, drinks provided by trail boss. Ride the local equine neighborhood and shady fern covered trails in the park. TB will bring water for horses, but bring some if you can as well. Please RSVP by text or call 954.464.5426 or email duniorwy@msn.com Gail Dixon
- May 21** **Saturday - SFTR Annual Banquet at 94th Aero Squadron.** 1395 NW 57th Ave. 6:00 PM - Cash Bar. 7:00 PM - Buffet Dinner & Awards. 8:30 PM - Dancing. Come and join us. **You can reserve by the table if you want all your friends with you.** Send in the form located in this newsletter. **RSVP to Andrea at 305-216-2461 or pasocorto@aol.com**
- June 6** **Monday - General Meeting at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St.** Come on out and meet with the club. 7:00 PM dinner, 8:00 PM meeting.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As we close out this club year and reflect on all the activities, it can truly be said that it has been an amazing year. There have been some events with records being set for attendance at rides and money raised for charities. Yes, there have been some sad and difficult times as well. All in all, it has been a great year. Thanks to all of our club members and governing board for all the work, time, and dedication invested this year. To my wife and I, all of you have been more like family than fellow club members. This is a very selfless organization and that is just one of the qualities that make this club special.

Moving on, let's look at some recent events. If you missed the beach ride, you missed a great time. There were 21 rigs, many horses, and a wonderful time. The tide was high, the waves were crashing onto the beach, and the horses were very apprehensive to test the water at first. After a short time they decided it would not hurt them and took the plunge. We also had a professional photographer present to take hundreds of pictures. Thank you, Augie, for all your hard work in preparing for this ride. Another record breaking event was the autism ride. Sylvia, J.C., and Domingo, you were astounding trail bosses. To put together an event on that scale and achieving the results we saw is truly remarkable.

Some upcoming activities include another beach ride on April 30th, the last chance to vote for your new governing body at the May 2nd general meeting, a trail ride at Tradewinds Park in Broward County on May 14th, and the annual banquet at 94th Aero Squadron on May 21st. Make plans now to attend each of these activities.

The SFTR board voted to send Whispering Manes a one-hundred dollar donation to help sponsor their 4th Annual Ride for the Roses Student Horse Show. This show will occur on May 7th. Whispering Manes provides a therapeutic riding program for challenged adults and children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board members for all their hard work and support. You have truly lightened my load and it is greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work. Ronald Reagan once said, "There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit." Every board that I have had the privilege to preside over has had that attitude and it is greatly appreciated. I hope the new board will give your new president elect the same consideration and support.

Happy Trails



Passing the Baton

For nearly a decade, Debi Catarineu-Priest has generously given her time and kind thoughts, in delivering Sunshine cheers or condolences to our members. We sincerely thank Debi for her service to the SFTR, as she now passes the duties to Cathy Rosenberg – who has cheerfully volunteered to be our new Sunshine Chairperson! Cathy, and husband Jeff, live in Miami and have been SFTR members for about 5 years. You've probably seen Cathy riding her Paso Fino, "Pasajero", at Virginia Key, Wolf Lake, obstacle & trail rides..



So if you know of a member having happy or sad times, where Cathy could spread some Sunshine...text or call her at 305-915-2856, or try Facebook. Maybe catch her along the trail and share the news – you'll always be greeted by a friendly, warm smile!

~ Bonny George, Jr.

We have 300 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year. Thank you very much!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MEMBER CARDS TAKE 6-8 WEEKS TO PROCESS.

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SFTR ANNUAL BANQUET RESERVE YOUR TABLE!! 94TH AERO SQUADRON ON MAY 21, 2016.

The cost will be \$35 per person.

Tables of 8, 9 or 10 (your decision) will be available for reserving. Table must be paid for in advance. Get your family & friends together and get a table! See RSVP form in this newsletter.

Only 7 tables will be reserved.

This year we will have a great buffet along with an array of salads, veggies & desserts.

We are starting to collect items for the raffle. Please contact Debbie Brunson if you have something you can donate.
305-505-7103.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Congratulations to Wayne and Carrie Hershberger on their son's recent wedding – be sure to wish Eric and Vanessa well when you see them!



Congratulations also to Gina Milhet and her niece, Amanda Milhet! Amanda is graduating at the top of her class from the prestigious law school of Georgetown University.

Also some sad news this month, for which the club sends its condolences:

A sympathy card was sent to Tyra Hearn for the passing of her father, following a period of declining health.

Bonny & Sonny George, Jr. lost their mule, Molly, after a prolonged illness.

Gina Mihlet said farewell to her cat, Sebastina: and Beverly Shank said goodbye to her chinchilla of 21 yrs., Bean. ~Cathy Rosenberg

Please email Cathy Rosenberg at cathyrosenberg@comcast.net or text her at 305-915-2856 if you need a card sent to a SFTR member.

Cattle Show 2016

If success is measured by the excitement of the audience then our cattle show presentation of the colors was a tremendous success.

Our Vice President Nelson Rodriguez did a great job playing of the National Anthem on his trumpet. Flags were carried by Domingo Hernandez , J C Vina and Alexis Diaz joined by riders Lynn Vina, Miriam Mendez, Lynn Stine, Ellen Peaceman, Amanda and Olivia Kardol , Denys Cabrera, Justin de Jesus and me. The ground crew consisted of Bonny George Jr., Tony Kardol , Juan Cabrera, Nicole Cabrera. Carolina Puig and Deda Maldonado.

Special thanks to Bonny for scouting for riders securing and bringing flags and drinks and helping with sign in and ground work on site.

We all had fun! ~ Mike Maldonado



BIRTHDAYS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Last month we missed some birthdays. Belated happy birthday to them as well. So sorry.

Ameenah Aljabry
Allison Chesney
Eduardo Cutie'
Donna Evans
Barbara Nelson
Darlene Perets
David Ruiz

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

James Acosta
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McKenna Andris
Walter Anon
Michelle Bock
Wendy Sue Brecker
Mindy Cohen
Kathy Cox
Sandy Dunn

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THE BAREFOOT HORSE – A LIFESTYLE

As mentioned in previous articles 1 and 2, “The barefoot horse” is not just a description of a horse without shoes nor is it just a description of the hoof condition of a horse. Rather, it is a description of a **lifestyle of a horse**. The lifestyle of a barefoot horse includes:

A free choice, forage based diet which is low in sugar, low in starch, and balanced to have the correct amount and ratios of vitamins and minerals for type of hay being fed.

Living conditions and environment which allow for and encourage movement over several different types of terrain including grass, gravel, and rock.

Daily exercise that includes walking, trotting and galloping. Horses in open range situations will travel 15 or more miles a day.

A proper barefoot trim every 4 to 6 weeks. Some horses can go longer if the environment promotes some self-trimming.

This is the third in a series of articles that will define ideal conditions listed above that are important for the development and maintenance of a healthy barefoot horse and give you some reasonable and practical options.

Article 3: Daily exercise that includes walking, trotting, and galloping. Horses in open range situation will travel 15 or more miles a day. We have all heard the saying “Use it or Lose it” and common sense tells us that to develop and maintain a healthy body, we have to use the muscles, tendons, ligaments, and bones to keep them strong and working well. Weight bearing helps keep our bones strong and it is no different with the equine hoof. Science tells us that stress or pressure (impact, flexion, distortion) and release is the stimulus that

causes growth of the hoof and also helps with circulation. Along with a proper diet and environment, the hoof needs exercise to develop and maintain health. **The ideal situation would be for a horse to travel a minimum of 10 miles a day which would include approximately 30 minutes of trotting and galloping.** The most successful rehabilitation protocols for hoof ailments are now including ways to keep the horse moving and the hoof active. Wild horses living in a herd with large open spaces on a variety of terrains encourages this kind of movement. For those of us who do not live in a place like Big Sky Montana where herds can move across a huge range of land, there are **some acceptable options**. Spend as much time as you can working or riding your horse. Track systems (like Paddock Paradise – google it) can be used to encourage horses to move when you cannot ride every day. The most inexpensive (and portable) systems use electrical tape to create the track (maybe around the perimeter of a paddock) and then hay dropped around the track to encourage the horses to move. Personally, I follow the suggestions from an independent equine nutritionist and I exercise my horses by getting them moving together as a small herd at a combination of walk, trot, and gallop for 30 minutes almost every day. And as just a reminder here...be sure they have a little hay on their stomachs (not grain) before any exercise and always pick their hooves before you get them moving. As always make your changes slow and never force a lame horse to move. If your horse is not used to exercise like this, start out hand walking and use boots if they are tender footed.



*Written by Susan Boyd
Edited by Zachary Franklin, DVM*



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ELECTION 2016 - 2017

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Manny Alvarez (unopposed)

Treasurer

Wayne Hershberger (unopposed)

Directors (Choose the names from the list below)

Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez	My votes are: 1)
Juana Cabrera	
Sandy Fobb	2)
Bonny George Jr.	
Domingo Hernandez	3)
Carrie Hershberger	
Ginger Krenz	4)
Leyanes Lopez	
Vicky Maitland	5)
Deda Maldonado	
Mike Maldonado	6)
Carolina Rodriguez	
Augie Saavedra	7)

Must be RECEIVED no later than May 2, 2016. Mail this BALLOT to:
SFTR P.O. Box 924946 Princeton, Fl. 33092

Signature:.....

Print Name:.....

If Family Membership; list primary member's name

**If you would like to VOTE anonymously please attend the
SFTR General Meeting on May 2, 2016.**

SFTR AUTISM RIDE

Dear Trail Riders,

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the **6th Annual Autism Ride** this year to benefit the Villa Lyan School therapeutic riding program. We had over 90 riders this year and hundreds of family & friends came for the show, lunch and raffle/auction. Our diligent trail boss, **Domingo Hernandez**, was hard at work months before the date, soliciting raffle & monetary donations, inviting friends and doing some serious PR. He truly takes his leadership position to heart and his efforts paid off, as he brought in over \$5000 in monetary donations alone not to mention all the great raffle prizes! He & **JC Vina** decided that our menu needed to be "kicked up a notch" this year. **JC** kindly donated ALL the food necessary and arranged for Latin Cafe 2000 to cook a traditional Cuban meal for all to enjoy. As if that wasn't enough, Domingo also had empanadas generously donated by Delio Medina & Sergio's Restaurant. His wife, Rosa was gracious enough to pick up the huge order of 300 empanadas and they were all served at lunch. **Denise Bourgoignie-Kanke** did a great job taking over the food court. We had some food leftover, so **Carol Hill Weng**, took it over to the local homeless shelter and they were extremely grateful for such a wonderful surprise dinner.

This year, I had so many volunteers, that I actually had to turn down help. My barn buddies **Megan Barnes & Michelle Carroll** took the day off, as did **Carol Hill Weng**. They showed up at Ranch Believe by 8:30 to help me load up 80 chairs & 15 long tables into her trailer. We then headed out to White Star to start setting up the staging area & all the other preparations. They were by my side both days until the bitter, exhausting end....**JC Vina & Domingo** came over to scout the trail for holes & safety. They timed the ride to an exact 2 hours. Then they set up the picket lines between the trees under the shade so the horses that rode in can be tied and owners could enjoy lunch and festivities. **Megan, Michelle** & I camped out at White Star and were ready to start the day. The FFA students from Felix Varela were there bright & early to work all over and where needed. **Carolina Puig, Nelson Rodriguez & Carol Hill Weng** arrived bright and early to help with parking, and many other duties. Carolina made over 100 different flavored and colored puzzle piece cookies for the bake sale!

We had a great mix of riders, lots of faces from the roping community, even some of the adoptable horses from the SFSPCA, **Laurie Waggoner** brought her group and they were all well behaved. I must give **Susie & John Randolph** some kudos for making numerous trips in 2 rigs to bring all her students and friends from her ranch. They dropped them off, threw the saddles on the ground and took off for the next group and all made it in time to be saddled up and ready to ride by 10. These efforts are greatly appreciated!

I had so much help this year, it would take pages to explain how much each one did to help. Here is an attempt to make it "brief"...a list of those who helped make this event run like a "well oiled machine"...

DOMINGO HERNANDEZ: Trailboss, public relations, solicit & gather donations & raffle items, set up hi-ties, scout the trail route for safety, acquired coffee vendor, etc, etc, etc!!

ROSA BAZO: pick up & deliver 300 empanadas from Sergio's

JC VINA: donated food, arranged for cooking & delivery, p/u Florida Lumber donation bench, scout the trail for safety, set up hi-tie lines

ANDREA SANTE: arrange for use White Star, p/u goods from BJ's & Shiver's, direct parking

MEGAN BARNES: load tables & chairs, help set up & clean up, secretary for raffle/auction, all around help, TOO MANY DUTIES TO LIST, KEEP ME SANE & ORGANIZED!

MICHELLE CAROLL: load tables & chairs, help set up & clean up, assistant to Megan, & same as above all around help

CAROL HILL WENG: right there next to Megan, Michelle & me from beginning to end & sold lots of baked goods!

CAROLINA PUIG: baked puzzle piece cookies, helped set up raffle, clean up, & most difficult task...**GET NELSON UPEARLY!**

NELSON RODRIGUEZ: brought BBQ grill, got release forms signed, parking attendant, clean up

JUANA CABRERA: banker, keep money organized, sign in table, count \$\$ after event

BONNY GEORGE: collect donations, sell raffle tickets, baked goods, provided extra coolers

SONNY GEORGE: baked goods, grilled hot dogs, provided extra coolers

DENISE B. KANKE: organized food area, served lunch, helped with clean up, donated raffle prize

CHAD KANKE: helped with clean up crew

MIKE MALDONADO: raffle prize announcer & auctioneer

DEDA MALDONADO: photographer

DANNY MEDINA: photographer, provided elegant chafing dishes for lunch

GREG SMITH: photographer

ANNA KLEINHOLZ: sign in table, raffle ticket sales

ANNA LUDMILLA: sign in table, helped serve lunch

DIANNE PELES: sign in table, baked goods donated raffle items

CARRIE HERSHBERGER: food ticket sales

JENNIFER GOODWIN: raffle donations, release forms & parking assistant

DAVID RUIZ: brought in raffle items from Sonny's, Shiver's, Keg South, Hoagie Bear Subs

LOLA REYES (Villa Lyan Parent): helped set up, donated & set up raffle prizes

KARINA LUDWIG (Villa Lyan Parent): helped clean up till the end

This year we had the Club Hipico Mexicano-Americano do a beautiful folkloric dance with girls in typical ethnic dresses and gorgeous Spanish and Friesian horses. They did an amazing job in the semi shady area close to the waterfall with their music. The crowd took their chairs under the trees around the area and enjoyed every minute of the dance!

Billy the Marlin made his appearance again and hung out with the kids, watched the show, helped out in the kitchen and played by the pond. The Miami Marlins have been big supporters and have maintained a great partnership with Villa Lyan through the years. They very generously donated \$3000 again this year!

It was difficult to get a count of how many guests we had this year. The food area was full, all 175 chairs were occupied and there were more guests sitting around in the coral, natural seats under the scenic landscape. Once everyone was done with lunch, we proceeded to move the crowd to begin the raffle. It bears mentioning that thanks to **Domingo & JC** setting up the hi-ties in the "forest" close to the raffle area, all the riders were able to relax, knowing that their horses were safely tied up. They did a great job. We had over 60 items in our raffle/auction, everything from reflective halters, special hand braided rawhide articles, cowhunter whip (congrats, **Bill Guzman**), to purses, wine, cigars and even a German Shepherd puppy donated by **Danny Medina**. Our long distance members **Leo & Gina Perez** came all the way from Indiantown to bid on it and they won! We also had another member come all the way from Sebring just for this event, thank you **Ramon Gonzalez** for making the trip and **Carolina & Nelson**, for accommodating him & his mare!

This event has really grown with the years. This time, at White Star, the location we had in front of the waterfall, could not have been more perfect. Thank you, **Andrea Sante**, for making this possible. The Stearns family is very generous in welcoming us back a 2nd year. This will truly be a hard act to follow with all its beauty and grounds that allow for so many rigs, horses and people to be safe and enjoy this special event.

At this time, our efforts have resulted in a grand total of just over \$16,500. Again, on behalf of Villa Lyan School, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your support. This is a joint achievement and it will get bigger and better. The students of the school love and benefit greatly from the therapeutic riding program and it would not be possible without this event. Blessings to all...see you on the trail!!

Best regards,

~ Sylvia M. Cruz-Alvarez



South Florida Trail Riders 2016

Annual Banquet

May 21st, 2016

Saturday evening at 94th Aero Squadron

1395 NW 57th Avenue - Miami

6:00 PM - Cash Bar

7:00 PM - Dinner & Awards

8:00 PM Dancing to the tunes of
"DJ Bert"

Buffet Dinner \$35

Child's Meal (10 & under only) \$15

****RAFFLE WILL START AT 9:00 PM****

RSVP - Deadline May 15th, 2016

Call Andrea (305) 216-2461 for full table rsvp's

Mail the form below with your check made out to:

SFTR - P.O. Box 924946 - Princeton, Fl. 33092

Name _____ Telephone _____

No. of dinners \$35 - Buffet - Reserve 1 table \$280 for 8, \$350 for 10.

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Tradewinds Park Ride By Gail Dixon

I had a request from some members to host a trail ride at Tradewinds Park in Coconut Creek (Northern Broward County), so I hope you guys are up for driving up here. The ride will be on Sat May 14th. Since it is a bit of a drive, I would like for everyone to try and arrive by 10 am and ride out by 10:30 am. There is a \$1.50 fee on weekends to be paid as you enter the park.

After you pay, continue on the paved road and follow it around as it goes past one pavilion and parking area. Just beyond is a nice shaded area that we can park on the grass and in the shade. Please park your trailers close so we can fit everyone in. I will have my blue Dodge truck there and my bay and white SSH horse, Rico to help show where to park. There is also an open field, but it will be hot in May, so the earlier you get there, the more shade you get.

We will first head out of the park to ride some trails in the local equine neighborhood (I board my horse literally across the street from the park) and then head back in to the park to ride their shady trails. They opened up a brand new area recently that we will ride as well as other trails that have been here for 30+ years. After about 2 hours, we'll return to the trailers. I will bring water for the horses and have it in the bed of my truck, but if you can bring water also, it is recommended.

We'll eat lunch in the shade (bring tables & chairs if you can). I will provide cold water, ice tea, chicken salad and bread for sandwiches. Please bring a dish to share. I would like to have an idea of who is coming so I can prepare enough chicken salad and have enough drinks. Please email me at duniorwy@msn.com, text, or call me at (954) 464-5426.

Directions: Take the turnpike north to Sample Rd exit and turn left onto Sample Rd. Drive over the turnpike and the park entrance is on the right. If you come up I95, exit on Sample Rd and head west, crossing the turnpike and turn right into the park.

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SFSPCA Horse of the Month "Dodger"



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Dodger was the second horse rescued in 2015, brought in by Laurie on January 7, 2015. Likely dumped, Dodger was scared out of his wits and really did not want to be caught. Once Laurie had him he relaxed, and he was very happy to have that first dinner in a nice safe stall at the ranch! Other than being underweight, he was fine otherwise.

As you can tell from the photos, he has regained his weight and health.

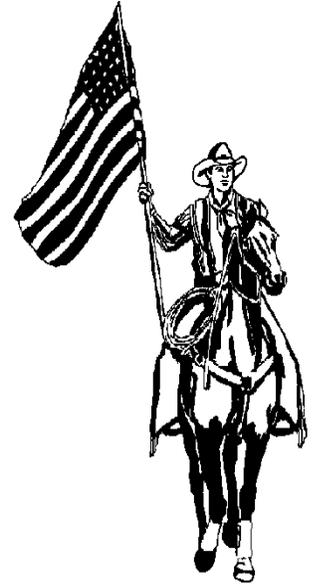
4/14/2016 : Dodger has filled out beautifully and is absolutely magnificent! We have tried him under saddle and he's very green, still learning to trust. We're giving him a lot of ground work to establish that, and he's getting some quality time in with our professional trainer. He's going to make a great horse for the right adopter.

Contact Laurie at Laurie@helpthehorses.com for adoption info. Donations can be made at www.helpthehorses.com

**UPDATE ON APRIL
HORSE OF THE MONTH, "Sambuca"
STILL LOOKING FOR A HOME!**

PARADE TEAM NEWS

Our first parade of the 2016-17 season will be the July 4th Key Biscayne Parade.



If you think you might be interested in joining our Team just let us know and we'll help make it happen! You'll need to order your shirt and tack, so don't procrastinate and come help promote your club, enjoy your horse, and have a great time! We look forward to welcoming you to our Team!

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And the Students Cheered!

The students came in wheelchairs, using walkers or supported by their caregivers, some so physically or mentally challenged it seemed they would not appreciate the event. But a very progressive and caring Principal of Neva King Cooper Elem., Ms. Tracy Roos, would not let any of this stand in the way of providing a unique equine encounter for her students! Ms. Roos contacted Sandy Fobb and asked if there was a chance the special needs students could meet and touch some horses, as part of their annual Country Jamboree Day. The volunteer group became: Sandy Fobb, Mike Maldonado, and Bonny George, Jr.

Mike, dressed in full cowboy attire, boldly riding in on Buddy, circling several times & thrilling each of many classes – while Sandy led the children in their loud gleeful cheers : “Go, Buddy! Go, Buddy!” Those students who could walk, spent individual hands-on time meeting Cherry Bomb, as Sandy helped them understand how gentle horses can be. For those in wheelchairs, Bonny lead Zephyr beside each child, & helped them touch the soft hair & smell the fluffy mane. How wonderful, as we all witnessed students who could not communicate, or see, begin to glow with a smile from ear to ear!

So worthwhile was the event, that we will try to incorporate it into the First Touch school visitations next year. Our thanks to Ms. Roos for allowing the SFTR to participate in the growth and experiences of her students, her staff for their great assistance, and to Sandy Fobb for organizing such a worthwhile event.

~Bonny George, Jr.



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