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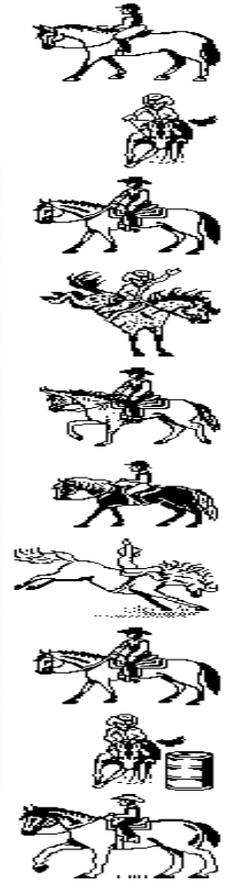
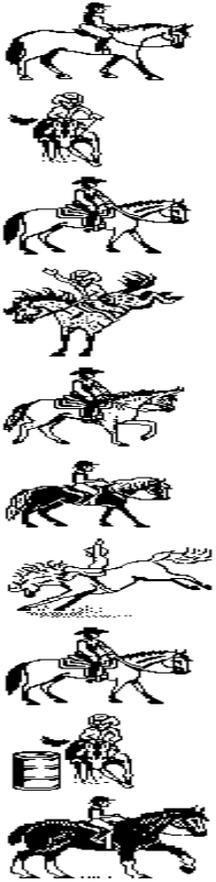
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PHIL'S BERRY SHAKE RIDE



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

March 31st - Sunday - Easter Sunrise Ride.

TB: Manny Alvarez

April 6th - Saturday - Autism Benefit Ride.

TB: Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez

April 14th - Sunday - SFTR Exhibition at the Cattle Show

April 20 thru 22nd - Alafia Campout

April 27th - Saturday - Sam & Philly's Ride

TB: Richard & Cathy Dunmoyer

May 4th - Va. Key Beach Ride (Last one!)

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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.

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www.helpthehorses.com

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Miami Lakes, Fl. 33016

Horse Protection Association of Florida

www.HPAF.org

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Micanopy, Fl. 32667

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www.eiahorses.org

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TRAIL MANNERS

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

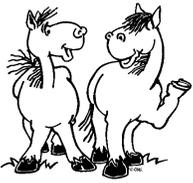
- **UNDER 16 MUST WEAR A HELMET.**
- Be aware of the effect **your** actions have on others, their horses and their property.
- Do not upset your co-rider's horses.
- Ride at a quiet, controlled pace.
- **NEVER PASS OTHERS AT A GALLOP.**
- Keep a safe distance... don't crowd others.
- **STAY WITH A DISMOUNTED 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.

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

INFORMATION HOTLINE

446-7737
305-4-HORSES
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246-0003

SFSPCA: Laurie Waggoner
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Dates and Places

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

2013



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 31 Sunday - SUNRISE EASTER RIDE.** TB's: Manny Alvarez, Augie Saavedra. Where: Meet on the east bound lane on Campbell Dr. (312 St.) near the entrance to the rodeo grounds at 5:00 AM (sharp, since the sun will not wait for us). We should be leaving back for home at approximately 9:00 AM. We will drive together to the trail head near Biscayne Bay. We will ride our horses the rest of the way to the shores of the bay from where we will watch the sunrise. Bring a flashlight since we will be riding for about an hour in the dark, and you will be tacking up your horses in the dark as well. Call Manny at 305-469-1742 or email redlandtrail@aol.com
- March 31 Sunday - Youth Fair Parade Team Intro.** 2:00 PM. Gates open at 11:00 AM. Contact Richard or Joann Dunmoyer at 305-546-0994 for more info. We would love to see you all there!
- April 1 Monday - General Meeting at Golden Corral.** 33525 S. Dixie Hwy. 7:00 PM dinner, 8:00 PM meeting. Meeting room is to the right when you go in. If you are eating, pay for your meal then go to the room.
- April 6 Saturday - Autism Ride.** TB: Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez & Renee Reynolds. This fundraiser for Villa Lyan School's Hippo-therapy program will be held at Brian & Renee Reynolds Flying Horse Ranch on 154 Ave & 237 St. There will be a BBQ lunch, raffles and prizes. Requested donation \$35. Registration 9:00 AM Ride out at 10:00 AM. Contact Sylvia for more info at 305-479-6640.
- April 8 Monday - Board Meeting at Wendy Lewit's home.** 8:00 PM meeting. 17265 SW 299 St. Please RSVP to Wendy at 305-248-4858. It is Wendy's birthday!!
- April 14 Sunday - Miami Dade Cattle Show SFTR Grand Entry.** We will be kicking off the horse activities for the day. Be at Tropical Park by 11:00 AM. You **MUST** have a current original coggins or you will be turned away at the gate. Dress code is "Cowboy". Contact Manny Alvarez for more info and to join at 305-469-1742.
- April 20 - 22 Saturday thru Monday - Alafia Campout.** Reservations are full but sometimes people cancel, so keep checking ReserveAmerica.com for spots. Call Andrea with any questions 305-216-2461.
- April 27 Saturday - Ride out of "SAM & PHILLYS".** TB: Richard & Cathy Dunmoyer. 16790 SW 177 Ave. at 10:00AM for a 2 hour ride Parking will be in the back in the field (SFTR sign will be posted) bring money for after the ride for milk shakes, roasted corn & boiled peanuts. They have wonderful fruit & vegetables to buy also. Call Cathy if you have questions @ 305-608-8685.
- May 4 Saturday - Va. Key Beach Ride.** This is the LAST ONE until November. 35 trailer max.
- May 6 Monday - General Meeting at Golden Corral.** 33525 S. Dixie Hwy. 7:00 PM dinner, 8:00 PM meeting. Meeting room is to the right when you go in. If you are eating, pay for your meal then go to the room. **VOTING TONIGHT! If you want to vote anonymously you can come to the meeting and vote.**
- May 18 Saturday - SFTR Annual Banquet at Redland Country Club.**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Wow, those of you that didn't get to the Reunion, you guys missed a fantastic SFTR weekend at Picayune State Forest! The weekend was cool and breezy. The trails, although a little dry, were great. The camaraderie was phenomenal. Everyone had a wonderful time. The campfires at night, the entertainment, the jokes pulled on people and more. I don't think anyone wants Augie to trail boss a ride there again though. :-) He had riders dropping left and right on the long rides. I think our trail riders like short, slow rides the best. A lot of people rode on their own and as far as I know, no-one got lost and I don't think we had any rough riders either. All in all it was a super weekend. We will get a detailed article and pictures in the next newsletter.

I can't thank people enough for all the help I had putting on the Reunion. Everyone jumped in and did what needed to be done at Picayune and I really appreciate your efforts! I can't wait to see what another 5 years brings.

I attended the Phil's Berry Ride and rode from my house to Sandy's down the busway with Augie & Linda. It was a great ride to Phil's. Sandy had picked a good route and had some real nice back trails I didn't know about. The shakes & hot chocolate were good and Phil had hot food for us to buy also as it was chilly outside.

I had an impromptu Chili Ride from my house as the Trailer Rodeo fell though. We had a great 4 hour ride along the Greenways by Black Point Marina and back thru some tree farms. Great chili, great people to ride with.

We are in the process of contacting members for the SFTR Nominations. I hope you accepted your nomination for office. We need you to continue the efforts of our club. Our club is the strongest in Florida by numbers and we hope to keep it that way. People come up to me and say that we do so many events that it is hard for them to choose what they can do and they want to do it all! We have people joining from all over Florida just because of our trail rides, camping, website and our Facebook page. It is great that we are that well liked as a club.

We have one last Va. Key Beach ride coming up on May 4th. I hope you all get in on the action now that we are finally back on the beach. It has been over 10 years since we were able to ride on this beach. Augie & I have worked very hard to have this happen again. We have a large area to park and picnic with a short ride to the beach area. You can also picnic on the beach as it has a few picnic tables by the water.

The Black Creek Trail System is almost complete. The County put a nice asphalt walk way from Larry & Penny Thompson Park all the way to Black Point Park. Eventually it will have grass along side of the walk for us to ride but we ride it anyways! This trail is planned to continue to Biscayne National Park with lookouts to the water. This means we will have this multi-use trail available to us. I plan on bicycling the whole path soon and hopefully horseback ride it soon too! See you on the trail.

Andrea Sante



SFTR FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATE

The Facebook page continues to be the most effective public relations tool in the club's history. We have loyal followers, and we continue to add new readers every week. This past week we reached 3,989 people !

We presently have 744 loyal "friends" who follow us regularly. If you all were to invite your FB friends to visit our page, we would exceed 1000 followers.

Manny Alvarez

Facebook Page Administrator

Contact for State of Florida Division of Animal Industry

“In Case of Horse Theft”

They will contact the Ag stations across the state with your information.

(850) 410-0900

(850) 410-0946 FAX

Another website to keep handy is the Stolen Horse Intl website:

www.netposse.com

Keep these important numbers handy.

Put on your fridge!

We have 244 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year. Thank you very much!

Welcome New Members

Susan Campbell
Miami, Fl. 33183

Tim & Vivi Streeter
Homestead, Fl. 33031

Joann Gonzalez-Goigou & Gustavo Nogueira
Miami, Fl. 33170

Laura & Felix Diaz
Homestead, Fl. 33031

Alicia Vives
Naples, Fl. 34120

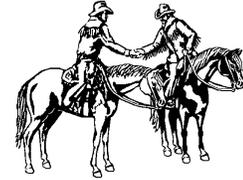
Member cards take
6-8 weeks to process.

Michelle & Marilyn Horne
Miami, Fl. 33189

June Warner
Miami, Fl. 33176

Gary & Tracey Jones
Eustis, Fl. 32736

Mike Suarez & Elizabeth de la Rosa
Homestead, Fl. 33030



DISCOUNTS ARE OFFERED TO SFTR MEMBERS BY THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES.

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Sunset Feed & Supply	7650 S.W. 117 Ave. Kendall	271-0341
Sunset Country	16300 S.W. 296 St. Homestead	245-2935
Silver Palm Feed	15585 SW 232 St. Miami, Fl.	245-0048
Toddler & Rider Paso Fino Equipment	24500 S.W. 197 Ave. Homestead	242-1444
Robbie's Feed and Supply	22390 SW 177th Ave. (Krome) Miami	247-1256
VetteSmith Inc. Body shop	10750 SW 188 Street. Miami	252-1256
A-Quality Mowers		242-0440
Reins of the Night Reflective Gear - Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez	sylvia@reinsofthenight.com	479-6640

NEWSLETTER AD RATES
"Members Only"
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Deadline for all articles & ad copy
is the 10th of each month!

Always ask Proprietor for amount of discount & availability.

PHIL'S BERRY RIDE

The day was cold and cloudy. Twelve riders set out from the Fobb farm. Only two returned. Northwest we rode, through avocado groves and alongside country roads. The gang turned back east, riding canal side and bushwacking through tall cane grass.

All twelve riders arrived at our destination, Phil's Berry Farm, after about two hours of riding. Hot food and cold milkshakes awaited us. We tied our mounts and enjoyed our meal and then the gang split up.

Some rode east, some rode west. Only one rider remained by my side as we turned toward home. This was one of our newest members, Sue Campbell, riding her pretty paint mare, Jasmine.

We hope they will join us for many more rides. This was a nice ride and Phil's had some good food and a nice spot to eat and rest. I think we'll do this one again! *Sandy Fobb*



NOMINATIONS

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If you see your name here and do not want to run, please contact Andrea or Wendy OR if you would like to run for a position please call us.

VOTING WILL BE AT THE MAY MEETING.

Contact: Andrea Sante (305) 258-7780 or
pasocorto@aol.com

Wendy Lewit (305) 248-4858 or
wlewit52@aol.com



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Frank

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Susan Campbell

Nari Bauta

Lydia McDaniel

Zalman Peles

Agustin Saavedra

Ralph Jordan

Jose Vidal

Chris Steers

Barbara Nelson

Rosalyn Garcia

Vivi Streeter

Lincoln Iturrey Jr.

Isabel Lama

Guy Diaz



SUNSHINE REPORT

A Sympathy Card was sent to Lulu & Zack Franklin for the passing of Lulu's mother.

And for those who camp know Debi & Craig's Great Dane, Crissey, who was humanely euthanized due to renal failure.

Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sunshine Committee

"Nicole's Law"

Effective October 1st, 2009

This law requires any child under the age of 16 years and riding an equine on any public lands, roads, or trails to wear a certified helmet

DETERMINING the WEIGHT of YOUR HORSE ...or MULE !

You need a fairly accurate weight of your horse for several reasons such as: dosing medications, worming treatments, monitoring weight gains/losses for health reasons, feed or supplement measurements, and more.

The most accurate way to get the correct weight on your horse is to use a calibrated weight scale. Most of us do not have a scale to use so we depend on other methods. The method most often used is a height and weight tape, which is used to measure the heart girth (around the horse's body at the withers). This tape does not take body length into consideration and we all know that a tall horse can be short backed and a short horse can have a long body. There are also different tapes specifically for ponies, horses, and drafts.

Another way to get an estimated weight on your horse if you do not have a scale is the method shown below. This method is a little more complicated, but results have been found to be closer to the horse's actual weight.

Exhibit A - First, measure your horse's heart girth in inches. This would be from the base of the withers around the belly a few inches behind the front legs and up the other side to meet the tape at the withers. The tape should run at an angle, as shown on Molly. Molly's heart girth measures 80 inches.

Exhibit B - Measure your horse's body length in inches. Measure from the point of the shoulder to the point of the hip. The tape should run at an angle as shown on Molly. Molly's body length measures 68 inches.

Multiply the heart girth by the heart girth

$$80 \times 80 = 6400$$

Multiply the above result by the body length

$$6400 \times 68 = 435200$$

Divide the result by 300, then add 50

$$435200/300 = 1450 + 50 = 1500 \text{ lbs}$$

Use the internet address below for a short video on how to get a weight estimate on your horse. It also contains a calculator so you can just fill in the numbers and get the weight results.

<http://www.thehorse.com/Tool/Weight-Calculator.aspx>

Note that using either method gives you an estimate. If you need an accurate weight you must use a scale.

Susan Boyd



Exhibit A



Exhibit B

SFTR on FACEBOOK

Visit our Facebook Page

Search for South Florida Trail Riders and click on "Like" and you will have access to photos and information on all club activities and current events.

Post your comments, rsvp to rides, and find friends.

If you have photos of SFTR rides, make an album and upload them to the page.

This is a great place to see what's happening in the SFTR world.

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May 2013

CHILI RIDE

Beautiful day for a ride. We had a total of 12 riders. We left on time and met up with AnnLouise. We were riding down the canal when I get a phone call from Ciro. He thought the ride started later. He & Laida caught up with us pretty quickly.

We rode the loop that takes us thru a mitigation area near Black Point Marina. A few people spotted a Bald Eagle flying above. It was beautiful. I scared a 2 foot alligator out of the grass and it jumped into the canal, then it turned around in the water and looked up at us. It was funny, it was like he was saying "Who are you guys??" Then Augie spotted the big momma alligator on the other side of the bank. She didn't stick around too long and thrashed into the water.

We rode by the north side of Mt. Trashmore, then stopped for a 15 minute break to eat some snacks. Crossed over the road into some tree farms, then along side the turn-pike and out onto 248 st and back home. The ride was excellent and everyone had a great time.

We arrived home to hot chili, and thanks to Wendy we had fresh rice too! Lots of side dishes to eat and we got to see Ben's new pickup truck.

Hope to see you all on the trail again soon.

Andrea Sante



6th Annual Miami International Agriculture, Horse, and Cattle Show

By: *Manny Alvarez*
redlandtrail@aol.com
(305) 469-1742

Once again the SFTR have been invited to perform in the Miami International Agriculture, Horse and Cattle Show. This year the show will take place on April 12, 13, and 14. Our performance will take place on Sunday April 14 at 12 Noon. Meet in the warm- up arena outside the main covered arena, ready to ride and in full gear no later than 11:00 AM.

We will be the Grand Entry group kicking- off the horse activities for the day. That will include the Presentation of the Colors and leading the audience in the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and National Anthem. This year for the first time the SFTR Parade Unit will be joining us. They will carry the flags for the opening ceremonies and will be in formal parade uniform and tack. All other riders will dress cowboy/ cowgirl. Helmets can be worn in lieu of cowboy hats, and all riders 16 or younger must wear a strapped helmet as required by the State Statutes.

Our "Tribute to the American Cowboy" is a crowd favorite. They enjoy watching the horses in western tack and accessories such as ropes, whips, saddlebags, wild rags (scarfs), chaps, spurs, canteens, vests, etc. Go through your closets and tack rooms and bring any such accessories you may have at home. A mounted shooting demonstration will be part of our performance.

Ruben Abella, the Horse Shows coordinator for the Cattle Show, has informed me that the Cattle Show will donate \$500 to the SFTR for our participation, so it's important we have a good turn-out.

I will supply you with more details, such as where to park, which gate to enter, i.d. bracelets, and a release form to sign, etc. You must also bring your current Coggins. Agriculture Dept. inspectors will be on hand, and in the past they have turned back horses without Coggins.

Contact me if you can join us. If you are part of the Parade Unit contact Richard or JoAnn to let them know you are coming and for any special instructions. This show is always a lot of fun and you are welcomed to stay after our performance and see the other events such as jousting (Medieval Times), cutting, reining, Andalusian Horses, Paso Fino Exhibits, Wild West shoot-out, Wellington Polo Exhibit, plus the cattle and agricultural exhibits.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH TROPICAL PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER?

Dear South Florida Trail Riders,

I just wanted to write a few lines to update you on the Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center Council. (RRECC) As many of you already know, the County Commissioners approved the construction of two additional cover arenas for the equestrian Center.

This achievement came about through the efforts of a group of Horse enthusiasts, horse owners and horse club members throughout Miami-Dade County. Two of the most influential members of that particular effort are Trail Rider members, Manny Alvarez and Ruben Abella.

The RRECC was formed with the idea that each Horse Club in Miami-Dade County and the Horse related Industry, could benefit by having a truly Competitive Equestrian facility right in the heart of town. Once the facility is completed in mid-September, it will allow major Horse Shows and activities (including other animal shows) The Equestrian Center will be inaugurated with the Paso Fino Mundial in early October of this year. The Mundial is one of the most prestigious Horse Show in the Country, and the Premier Paso Fino Show in the World, representing twelve countries and over 800 of the best Paso Fino horses anywhere.

The RRECC created four committees with the purpose of advising and promoting the facility and thus make it a profitable center, with the further idea to keep improving it and making it a World Class Facility, where ALL Horse Shows from all Horse disciplines could use the facility for their particular shows. We, the Miami-Dade horse community should be very proud to accomplish this effort, especially during the difficult economic times of late. Congratulations to all of you!!!

Please let us know of ANY ideas you may have as to promote and enhance our Center, we will welcome them and see if they can be of value. I will be updating the Trail Riders (I am proud to be a 25 year member and past Board member and receiver of your " Galloper Award!)

Yours Sincerely,
Ruben Abella
RRECC Chairperson.



**SOUTH FLORIDA
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SOUTH FLORIDA TRAIL RIDERS
Annual

AUTISM RIDE

Saturday, April 6, 2013

Registration: 9 AM Ride out: 10 AM

Brian & Renee Reynolds Ranch
154 Ave & 237 St
Redlands, Florida 33170

Requested Donation \$35

Proceeds benefit Villa Lyan hippo-therapy program.

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**** BBQ Lunch, raffles & prizes ****

Trail bosses: Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez & Renee Reynolds
Information: 305-479-6640 or horsbuf@aol.com

GLADES TO BAY

Our Glades to Bay Adventure began with a quiet stillness, heading into the fog filled Everglades. The trailer ride over to Glenn Garrett Memorial Park was just an added bonus. The countryside was covered with a blanket that the sun could barely break through. When we reached our starting point, a beautiful hammock that deceived with a bit of muddy muck, a taste of the Everglades, horses were saddled and riders and trailers had already begun to be shuffled to the halfway point of the Homestead Rodeo Grounds. The sun continued to push through the mist and soon we were all ready to begin our journey from the Everglades to Biscayne Bay.

We headed East on Ingraham Highway and then our journey truly began. We were a group of about 25 riders headed into the Homestead countryside. Our landscape was beautiful rows of future crops and the grins of farmers probably praying that we wouldn't damage any of their work. They could breathe easy as it was a smooth ride through the fields. However we did have one intense moment, when a U-turn was required as our fearless trail boss decided on a different course. One of our youngest riders, at age eleven, and also my niece was riding her grandfather's beautiful Paso Fino, Bud, was bumped and lost her seat and fell under her horse's feet. The oxygen was sucked out of the air as all who watched thought it was the end of this ride and might end in tragedy. Amazingly, and perhaps the work of guardian angels, her horse skipped over her and her trusty helmet protected her. She got to her feet with the help of her grandfather and uncle and continued the ride. A true roughrider if I ever met one!

The rest of the ride was quiet, with the exception of picking up a mascot along the way, a black lab that stayed with us till the end. And of course, with some moments of, only in Florida! We rode down a canal which borders private property and as one looked over the fence we saw lions, tigers and bears; never a dull moment when riding with the South Florida Trail Riders! After a couple of hours of riding, we soon reached the city of Homestead and the fun really started. People started to come out of their homes and businesses and the smiles came out too. It's amazing how horses and the people who ride them can bring joy to so many by doing something they love. The police escort began here, since we would have to cross US1 to get to the rodeo grounds. Everyone survived the first day.

The next morning was equally beautiful and breezy. We had a smaller group, which included our roughrider, Hannah Saavedra. She was a bit achy but ready to go! The ride was quiet as the people rubbed their eyes in disbelief. Are those really horses? With a second look they realized they weren't dreaming. We were headed to the bay and we couldn't have asked for a lovelier day. The ride was slow and steady, and the sea was in the air. After a few hours of riding on the canal, we reached the bay, and the horses seemed to enjoy getting in the water and cooling off. We took a group picture (still smiling) to capture the moment of a journey that began with the River of Grass and ended with the salty Biscayne Bay!

P.S. The black lab did get home again, but of course, it was an adventure on its own!

Mayra Saavedra



VA. KEY BEACH RIDE
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013
MUST ARRIVE BY 10:30AM TO GET IN.
HORSE POOL IF YOU CAN / WE ARE LIMITED TO 35 TRAILERS.

Riders names: _____

Riders names: _____

Riders address: _____

Riders phone number: _____

Riders e-mail address: _____

Registration fee per horse: \$20.00

Number of horses attending: _____ @ \$20 each = _____

Total due: _____

Vehicles with no trailers will pay a separate fee of \$6 at the gate.

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 trail safety rules and give consideration to my fellow riders.

Signatures of all people attending:

You will be asked to leave if you do not follow these rules.

RULES:

- 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, a small one is available for our use.
- No doubling
- State requires Helmets **MUST** be used for children under 16 years old
- Clean up any trash or manure around your trailer
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Host a ride from your barn or favorite spot. Call Augie (305-582-1557) to select a date & time, and he can also assist you in planning the ride if you need help. You can supply food, have a bring-a-dish ride or no food at all (just a ride). Your expenses for food/supplies are covered by the club up to \$50 (receipts always required). Anything other than food expenses must be submitted to the Board for prior approval. Drinks and coolers are provided by the club.

Remember we are all friends out to enjoy the day on our horse or mule and riding in a new location is always fun. The ride can be short or long, through fields or the 'burbs...it's all good on horseback!

So call and Trail Boss a ride that is convenient and familiar to you, and invite the rest of us to enjoy your trail too!

PARADE TEAM NEWS

Hi everybody,
Just a short note on upcoming parade news...

March 31, 2013, Sunday – “YOUTH FAIR AGRICULTURE TENT”

The parade Team in full uniform will be presenting the colors, starting off the activities for the day starting at 2pm. Come by & see us.

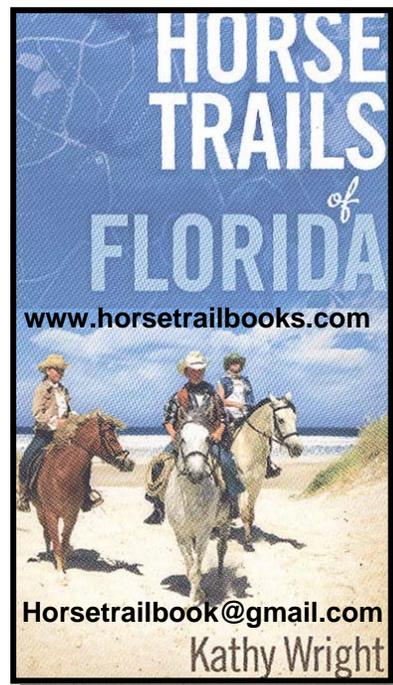
April 14, 2013, Sunday – “THE SOUTH FLORIDA CATTLE SHOW at Tropical Park Equestrian Center”
The Parade Team will be presenting the colors, again to start off the horse actives – time will be announced at a later date.

July 4, 2012, Thursday will start off the 2013-2014 Parade Season... Time & list of all Parades will be given out at a later day.

Again, we can always use additional members for the team and it doesn't matter if the horse can carry a flag or not...All you need is the Parade uniform & tack.

We show off our horses & have lots of fun....So think about it....
Look forward to seeing everyone....

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ANNUAL AUTISM RIDE APRIL 6

By: *Manny Alvarez*

The SFTR Annual Autism Ride will take place this year on Saturday, April 6. Registration will be at 9 AM and the group ride out at 10 AM. Trail Bosses for the ride will be Renee Reynolds and Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez. We will leave from Renee and Brian Reynolds' Flying Horse Ranch, located at the corner of SW 154 Ave and 237 Street in the Redland. Renee's beautiful and shady avocado grove was also the site of last year's Kentucky Derby ride, and this year's half way stop for the St. Jude's Ride. There are some great trails near there that we will be riding.

Like all SFTR rides, there is no charge for attending the ride. Donations to the Villa Lyan School for Autistic and Special Needs Children are voluntary. There is no minimum donation; however, those donating (or collecting) a minimum of \$35 will receive a free BBQ lunch with all the trimmings, a beautiful commemorative bandana, in-store discounts at Robbie's Feed Store and a free raffle ticket.

We will be selling food and baked goods. Sodas and water will be free as usual. Once again we will have an auction. If you can donate any items that can be auctioned or raffled, please let us know. Villa Lyan is an I.R.S. approved 501 3 (C) nonprofit corporation and all donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to Villa Lyan Inc.

Villa Lyan is a pioneer in Miami Dade County in the use of horses as part of their therapy protocol for children with autism. All the therapists involved in the Hippo-Therapy Program are certified by PATH (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship). Since hippo-therapy is not covered by all insurance companies, your donation will benefit the horse therapy program for the children. All children are accepted regardless of economic situation. Their mission is to make sure no child is turned away for lack of funds. The use of horses in treating autism and various types of special needs has been shown to enhance the quality of life for patients.

You can learn more by visiting our website at www.villalyan.org. We hope you can join us. Remember you can collect small donations from other people to reach the \$35. Prizes will be awarded to the top collectors. Contact Sylvia for a collection sheet at 305-479-6640 or horsbuf@aol.com



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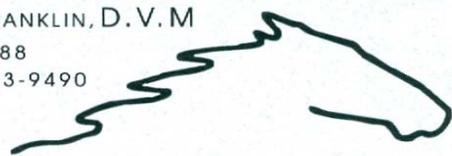
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