



FLORIDA FOXTROTTER ASSOCIATION

November 2018 "HOT TO TROT"

Ballots for The Florida Foxtrotter Association Officers are enclosed in this newsletter. Please take a moment to vote, acknowledging the members who Volunteer for this club. Please send ballots to

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It's the MOST Wonderful Time of the Year

Yes, it is and there are a few good reasons for that.

First, it is November, and thankfully, after a LOOOONG, HOT Summer it is finally cooling down enough to ENJOY riding again and not just suffering through it.

Second, it is a good time to renew your FFTA membership to continue enjoying all the fun, and informational activities we have planned for this year. The Christmas camp and ride in early December at the Suwannee is always a festive and fun weekend. Can you say Fabulous Christmas Light Show!

Third, It is the BEST time of the year to take advantage of our two for one membership sale. Spread the news to your friends. They don't even have to ride. They can enjoy camping and good food and friendly camaraderie. All new members joining from now until the end of the year enjoy the activities for the rest of 2018 and continue their membership perks through 2019.

Fourth, But not least, it's the time of the year we start thinking about Holiday gift giving. Why not give someone a gift that will last all year by gifting them a membership to the FFTA. The cost has NOT gone up in YEARS. It is still \$15 for a single membership and \$25 for a family membership. The membership pays for itself in reduced and free meal costs throughout the year.

Check this newsletter for a membership application, or contact Nancy Chretien
nachretien@yahoo.com

I am Thankful to be a part of this amazing, diverse group of people.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all



**FLORIDA FOXTROTTER ASSOCIATION
BALLOT FOR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019**

Vote for One:

President	_____	Pam Harrell
Vice President	_____	Linda Balyeat
Secretary	_____	Peggy Litt
Treasurer	_____	Nancy Chretien

Board of Director: (vote for three)

_____	Marty Ratliff
_____	Sue Touchton
_____	Tammy Heaton

Newsletter – Ann Hays

Write in vote: Name _____
Position _____

All ballots must be received by November 16th Please send ballot to:
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2018 BOARD MEMBERS

President:	Rebecca Morse	352-516-5685	imofsunnyblessedfarm@gmail.com
Vice President:	Steve Nave	352-267-5120	steve.nave@thevillages.com
Secretary:	Ann Hays	904-468-0081	hays5671@yahoo.com
Treasurer:	Nancy Chretien	315-730-3471	nachretien@yahoo.com
Board:	Marty Ratliff	727-946-7411	martyratliff@knology.net
Board:	Linda Balyeat	352-422-4876	no email
Board:	Joan Fitzgibbons	410-703-0043	jmf425@verizon.net
	Website:	www.floridafoxtrotters.org	

Check out our new updated Website!

<https://floridafoxtrotters.org>

CLASSIFIED SECTION

Ross Harper Training and Farrier Service! Specializing in Missouri Foxtrotters but can handle all breeds. Now taking new clients 352-843-3427



“ Gaits of Gold” four beat saddle, 16 inch



Original owner and in good condition. Located in the Ocala area. \$175.00

352-622-3172

Are you Looking for a Companion?

We have four adorable, sweet, quiet, Hound mix puppies available for adoption from Sumter County Florida Animal Advocates Inc., a 501c3 rescue. They will come spayed or neutered, microchipped, vaccinated and wormed. They will be medium size dogs. They are being fostered by Nancy Chretien and will be ready for their forever homes by mid November. These pups came from a poor situation and are being raised with love in our home so they will be ready to be loved in your home.

Contact Nancy Chretien- 315-730-3471 phone or text and nachretien@yahoo.com email.

Please spread the word. These pups deserve a loving forever home. Thank you.



WISHING YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Darlene Colucci	November 1
Michael O'Neal	November 5
Jon Cook	November 5
Sue Touchston	November 5
Joe Bruno	November 7
Linda Windsor	November 9
Peggy Black	November 10
Glenda Reed	November 12
Leslie Emery	November 14
Corby Ratliff	November 20
Barbara Lassiter	November 21
Janice Mitchell	November 26

2018-2019
Calendar of Events

FFTA website <http://floridafoxtrotters.org/schedules.html>

Don't forget to carry your Coggins with you on the trails

November	3	Alafia Ride – hosted by Leslie Emery Map attached
December	1	Christmas Campout at Suwannee See attached flyer
January	19	Carl Balyeat Trail Trotter Award and ride to be held at the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Greenway Land Bridge Trailhead More information to come
February		Fechtel Ride hosted by Anne Zimmer More information to come
March	2	Western Dressage for the Gaited Horse Clinic Clinician Tori Blankenship Friday night will be a round table discussion More information to come
March	16	The Gathering to be held at Black Horse Ranch Resort More information to come



Have you entered into the 2018 competition for the Carl Balyeat Trail Trotter Award?
See the attached flyer for the Second Annual presentation! Sign up sheet for logging
your 2018 miles is in this newsletter.

**If you would like to host a trail ride, please
see the guidelines enclosed.**

Trail Ride Guidelines

Host: _____

Date of Ride _____

Place of Ride _____

Directions _____

Check in time _____ Check in place _____

(check in place must check coggins and provide hold harmless form)

Fee: _____

Ride out Time: _____

Return time: _____

Lunch time _____ Supplied _____ Bring your own _____

Place of lunch _____

Other activity _____

Time _____ Place _____

FLORIDA FOX TROTTER ASSOCIATION

The Florida Affiliate of the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association

Membership Application/Renewal 2019

Name _____ Birth Date _____

Other Family Members Wishing to Join _____ Birth Date _____

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Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ e-mail _____

*****NOTE: The newsletter is sent via email. Initial here if you prefer a hard copy _____*****

Your specific interests: Clinics _____ Shows _____ Trail Riding _____ Other _____

Member of MFTHBA? Name _____ yes ___ no ___ membership # _____

Name _____ yes ___ no ___ membership # _____

Name _____ yes ___ no ___ membership # _____

DUES: _____ Single Membership: \$15.00 _____ Family Membership: \$25.00

Please make your checks payable to the Florida Fox Trotter Association. Thank you.

Hold Harmless Release

For and in consideration of the activities, services and fees paid, Participant hereby does forever and finally release, remise, acquit, satisfy and forever discharge the Florida Fox Trotter Association (FFTA) of and from all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suit, debts, dues, sums of money, bonds, billings, contracts, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which may arise for or against the FFTA for the activities of the Association. This document is meant to be a full and complete release from any and all liability that may arise from participating in the activities of the FFTA. This release is given freely and voluntarily by the Participant.

Signed (include legal guardian under 18 years of age)

Date

Other Family Member(s)

Date

Please submit this form and your membership fee to:

Florida Fox Trotter Association
c/o Nancy Chretien
2113 Jasper Way
The Villages, FL 32162

Revised: September 2018

Group Trail Riding Manners



Are you a first time trail rider? Are you riding an inexperienced horse on the trail? Is the group riding out on a chilly morning? Does your horse sometime have an attitude toward other horses? Has your horse not been ridden often because you just have time to ride it now and again? Is your horse a high energy horse that is sometimes difficult to control? Not everyone has a “perfect horse” that has hundreds of miles of trail riding under its belt. What happens when we all get together to have a group trail ride? Our first and foremost desire is for everyone to have a safe ride. Here are a few suggestions to have every ride be a good experience. These suggestions may seem like basic logic, but they are quite important.

1. Make sure each trail ride includes a trail boss (who leads and who knows the trails), a drag rider (who brings up the rear), and that all riders have a map of the trails. No one passes the trail boss and no one is allowed behind the drag rider for safety reasons.
2. Don't assume that everyone is an experienced rider and that every horse is an experienced horse.
3. Ride your horse for several days prior to the trail ride so that you know how to handle the horse. Every time you ride your horse, have some form of groundwork that you do with it – 5 - 15 minutes. That will help the horse get rid of its excessive energy before you get on him. That will help the horse focus on its job and get rid of the silly behavior that often is experienced in the first 15 minutes of the ride.
4. The group should begin the ride at a slow speed and should not leave until EVERYONE is on his/her horse and is ready to go. Whenever a group takes off at a fast speed, the horses all get excited and it could be a recipe for disaster.
5. The group should be very aware of any problems any rider is having with a horse. Everyone needs to stop until that horse and rider are comfortable with continuing.
6. Do not ride too close to other horses. (Any horse that kicks should wear a red ribbon in its tail so that others are warned of this behavior.)
7. If necessary, divide the trail group into several smaller groups. Those who want to go fast and those who are okay with going slowly and “smelling the roses along the way.”
8. Group needs to help those who are inexperienced on the trails. (For example, if a horse is reluctant to cross water, take the time to help them do it.) If the group needs to slow down, do it. Remember, safety is the first priority.
9. Although some riders do not like to wear helmets, it is the best practice for safe riding.

There are certainly other suggestions, but these are some to help us all enjoy a safe trail ride.



**FFTA Members and Guests, Please Join
us at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park
for our Annual Christmas Holiday Event on
December 1st , 2018**

Hosted by Marty Ratliff (727-946-7411)

Call Carol Walker directly at 386-365-0070 or the main number for the Music Park 386-364-2962 to make your reservations) Let themr know you are with the FFTA and get a 10% discount , Special this weekend, rent a cabin and receive free use of golf cart for the weekend. Reserve cart by calling 386-364-4841

Water and Electric hook up	\$30.00 per night
Paddock sites – includes full hook up	\$65.00 per night
Primitive Camping	\$25.00 per night
Cabins: 1 bedroom - Sleeps 2 4	\$110.00 per night
2 bedrooms - Sleeps 4-6	\$140.00 per night
Stalls	\$15.00 per horse per night

Pets allows but must be on leash and owners must clean up messes.

6:00 pm Party/Dinner at the Restaurant on site
Holiday Dinner (\$10.00 per person)
Gift Exchange (\$20.00 limit, horsey related)
Ornament Exchange Game – bring one ornament
**Fun Holiday inspired games (for people not
on horse back)**
Silent Auction (bring your checkbook)

At completion of Festivities, we can drive through the massive Christmas Light Display or you can dance right over to the club, which will have a live band.

Once you make your camping reservations, please call Marty Ratliff at 727-946-7411 to let her know how many in your party will be attending the dinner.



Recap of the Fall Ride – October 13, 2018

WE WERE A SMALL BUT MIGHTY GROUP FOR THE FFTA FALL “IT’S A CROCK” RIDE HELD AT SPOTTED DANCE RANCH IN BROOKSVILLE OCTOBER 12TH -14TH. THE WEATHER COULDN’T HAVE BEEN NICER! NOT TOO COLD NOT TOO HOT...IT WAS JUST RIGHT!

JOHN AND KYM HOLZWART , THE OWNERS OF SPOTTED DANCE WERE SUCH NICE HOSTS, HELPING US WITH ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING WE NEEDED, FROM BEING TRAIL BOSS FOR THE GROUP RIDE ON SATURDAY TO JUDGING THE COSTUME CONTEST! A BIG THANK YOU TO THEM! IF YOU HAVE NOT STAYED AT SPOTTED DANCE, DO YOURSELF A FAVOR AND PLAN A WEEKEND THERE!! WE HAD A VERY NICE GROUP RIDE SATURDAY MORNING, IN THE SADDLE AND RIDING AT 10AM. IT WAS SOOOO GOOD TO SEE JUDY CLONIGER, IT SEEMS LIKE FOREVER!! THANK YOU KYM FOR BEING AN EXCELLENT TRAIL BOSS! WE RODE FOR ABOUT 2 HOURS, PERFECT LENGTH OF RIDE. EVERY ONE STAYED ON TOP....ALWAYS A GOOD SIGN FOR A GREAT RIDE!

EVERYONE WAS ON THEIR OWN FOR LUNCH, NEXT EVENT ON THE AGENDA WAS THE COSTUME CONTEST!! THE COMPETITION WAS FIERCE AND OUR JUDGES HAD THEIR WORK CUT OUT FOR THEM. THANK YOU LINDA BALYEAT, ELLIES FRIEND DAVE AND SPOTTED DANCE KYM FOR BEING OUR JUDGES!!

FIRST PLACE WENT TO: ANN HAYS AND SUSIE OWEN AND THE LOVEY MISS KATIE THEIR COSTUME WAS TITLED- JACK AND THE BEANSTALK AND THE GOOSE THAT LAID THE GOLDEN EGG....IT WAS AMAZING!!

SECOND PLACE WENT TO: NANCY CRETAIN AND HER SIDEKICK MUFFETT THEIR ENTRY WAS LITTLE MISS MUFFETT COMPLETE WITH TUFFETT!!

THIRD PLACE WENT TO: CALI AVERA AND SADIE...THEY WERE “WOLF PACK”!!

AFTER THE CONTEST, IT WAS TIME TO GET READY FOR DINNER AND THE FIRST EVER “IT’S A CROCK” BEST CROCK POT RECIPE CONTEST! WE HAD 6 ENTRIES, EACH ONE BETTER THAN THE NEXT!! AFTER EVERYONE HAD TIME TO SAMPLE EACH ENTRY THE VOTES WERE CAST. FIRST PLACE: ANN HAYS AND HER YUMMY APPLE DESERT

SECOND PLACE: SUSIE OWEN AND HER CROCK POT BEEF STROGANOFF
SEE THEIR RECIPES BELOW....

APPLE DESSERT FROM ANN HAYS

2 CANS APPLE PIE FILLING, DUMP INTO BOTTOM OF CROCK POT

1 BOX WHITE CAKE MIX DUMP ON TOP OF APPLE FILLING

SPRINKLE WITH CINNOMON

CUT ½ STICK OF BUTTER INTO SMALL DABS AND LAY ON TOP OF CAKE

MIX

COOK FOR 3 – 4 HOURS ON HIGH

SERVE WITH WHIP CREAM OR VANILLA ICE CREAM

BEEF STOGANOFF FROM SUZIE OWEN

1 pkg McCormick’s slow cooker stroganoff mix (follow recipe on back of package

Or

2 lbs stew beef

1 cup water

8 oz of mushrooms sliced thin

1 onion chopped

8 oz sour cream

Cut beef into 1 inch cubes, put beef, onion and mushrooms in crockpot. Pour prepared seasoning mix over top. Mix well. Salt and pepper to taste. Cover and cook for 8 hours on low or 4 hours on high. DO NOT OPEN TOP DURING COOKING! Once cooked stir in sour cream and continue to cook on low for 10 minutes.

Mix in egg noodles or serve over cooked egg noodles.

AFTER DINNER OUR BELLIES WERE FULL, HOWEVER...CAMPING ISNT COMPLETE WITHOUT ROASTING MARSHMELLOWS OVER THE BON-FIRE. WE FINISHED THE DAY LAUGHING AND SHARING

STORIES AROUND THE FIRE! ONE BY ONE, FOLKS TRICKLED OFF TO BED, CALLING IT A NIGHT.
 ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FFTA FALL RIDE!!
 SUNDAY AM SOME RODE SOME DIDN'T!
 I HOPE ALL ARRIVED BACK HOME SAFELY THAT DAY.
 A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED PULL OFF THIS EVENT! ANN HAYS, NANCY
 CRETIAN, LINDA BALYEAT, STEVE NAVE, REBECCA MORSE, JON COOK, KELLY GRADY AND JOHN
 AND KYM HOLZWART !



The Cowboy cabin Ann Hays and Suzy Owen stayed in



Cali Avera carving pumpkins



Saturday morning group ready for the trail



Steve Nave



A little Dusty?



Flower Power



Break Time



Ann Hays waving at Judy Cloninger,
 Thank you for letting me take the Chevy out!



Cali tangled up in leashes.
We can see who is walking who!



Queen Rebecca and King Steve reigning over the Costume Challenge
and opening Ceremony!



The Judges are poised and ready for the
competitors
David, Kym _____ and Linda Balyeat



Nancy Chretien with Little Miss Muffet



Cali Avera leader of the wolf pack!



Jack galloped up the beanstalk and stole the Goose who laid the Golden Egg



Winners Suzy Owen and Ann Hays




Crock pot deliciousness!



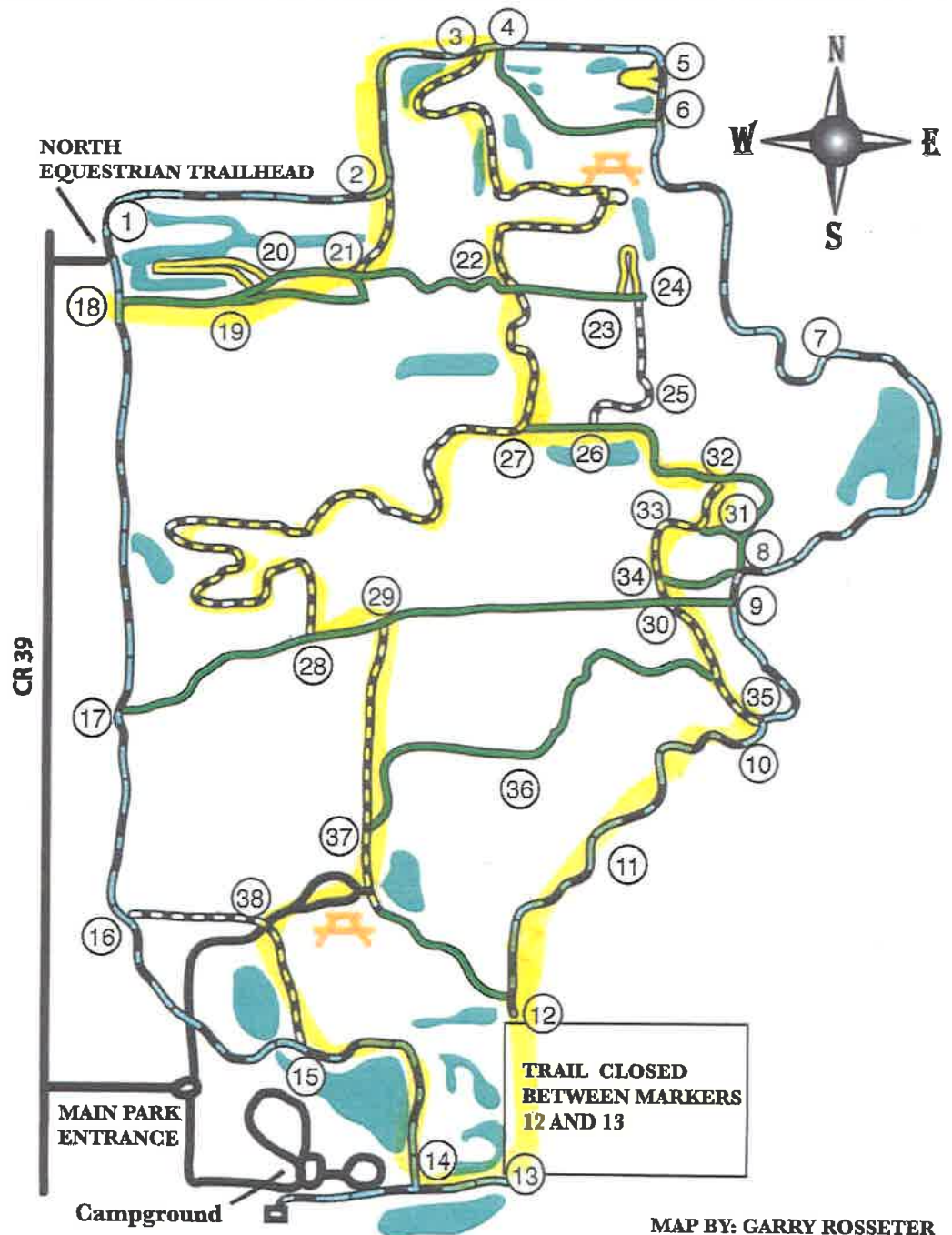
Alafia River State Park

Equestrian Trail Key

-  PARK ROAD (PAVED)
-  BLUE TRAIL (PERIMETER)
-  GREEN TRAIL (EAST TO WEST)
-  WHITE TRAIL (NORTH TO SOUTH)
-  YELLOW TRAIL (ISLAND LOOPS)
-  PICNIC TABLES
-  LAKES

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL HORSE TRAILS
ARE MARKED WITH COLORED ARROWS.**

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL:
RANGER OFFICE - (813) 672-5320
EMERGENCY RESCUE - 911**



MAP BY: GARRY ROSSETER