



FLORIDA FOXTROTTER ASSOCIATION

January 2019
“HOT TO TROT”

Welcome to our new 2019 Board Members:

Pam Harrell, President
Linda Balyeat, Vice President
Peggy Litt, Secretary
Nancy Chretien, Treasurer
Marty Ratliff, Board
Sue Touchston, Board
Tammy Heaton, Board

FFTA Members, I want to take a moment to Thank You for all the support you have given me during my time as FFTA Secretary. I have enjoyed being your “ears” listening to your suggestions and being your “voice” putting the newsletter out. I have met so many wonderful people in this group and have had many happy hours on the trail. Even though I’m stepping back from being a Board member, you’ll still see me at many events and I will continue to publicize the monthly newsletter (at least for one more year). Happy Trails

Ann M. Hays

It's the MOST Wonderful Time of the Year

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

Renew your FFTA Membership and 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.



2018 BOARD MEMBERS

President:	Pam Harrell	352-843-5315	littmarlin@aol.com
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Website: www.floridafoxtrotters.org

2019 Calendar of Events

FFTA website

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

- January 19** Carl Balyeat Trail Trotter Award and ride to be held at the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Greenway Land Bridge Trailhead
Ride out at 10am and bring a sack lunch.
Award for miles ridden will be announced at lunch
- January 19** Ocala Western Dressage Series I
At Ocala Horse Park
- February 7-9** SSRMHC Gaited Charity Event
At the Florida Horse Park
See flyer attached
- February 23 & 24** Ocala Western Dressage Series II
At Ocala Horse Park
- 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

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WISHING YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tom Zimmer	January 1
Chaeley Ratliff	January 4
Nancy Chretien	Janaury 19
Jim Devine	January 25

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: December 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.