



## **FLORIDA FOXTROTTER ASSOCIATION**

**JUNE 2019**

**“HOT TO TROT”**



**BE CAREFUL OF THE HEAT THIS SUMMER.  
ITS HERE EARLY AND WE STILL HAVE  
MONTHS TO GO, BEFORE WE GET RELIEF!**

**MAKE SURE YOU AND YOUR HORSES ARE  
HYDRATED! HEAT STROKE CAN HIT YOU  
AND YOUR HORSE WITHOUT WARNING!**



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## **Wishing you a Happy Birthday!**

Ellie Gans	June 1
Meir Zuckman	June 3
Lori Shapiro	June 8
Teresa Mikelson	June 8
Tane Taylor	June 18
Loy Reed	June 19
Jerry Ferg	June 23
Corby Ratliff	June 25
Kelly Graddy	June 29
Dana Proeger	June 29

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## **Calendar of Events**

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

- June 15**                    **Illuminations Horse Association Horse Show**  
                                  **At Debbie Glovers – this is a planned series of 4 shows**  
                                  **June 15, July 13, August 17 and Sept 14**  
                                  **(See show billet attached )**
- August 16**                **Paddle and Straddle at the Suwannee**  
                                  **Hosted by Rebecca Morse**  
                                  **(see flyer attached)**
- December 14**            **Christmas event at the Suwannee**  
                                  **Hosted by Ann Hays, Judy Mruz and Nancy Chretien**
- Contact at Suwannee for stall and camping reservations**  
                                  **– Carol Walker 386-364-2962**  
                                  **Cell 386-365-0070**
- January 17**              **Carl Balyeat memorial ride**

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The Florida Affiliate of the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association

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## Membership Application/Renewal 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Other Family Members Wishing to Join \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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## 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.

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