



FLORIDA FOXTROTTER ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 2019

“HOT TO TROT”

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? FFTA is in serious jeopardy of dissolving!

October is the month we usually ask our members for volunteers to serve on the Board of the FFTA. As of now we need people to run for President, Secretary, and one board member.

Many members have had changes in their lives over the last few years. Some of us have had health issues, and surgeries that have limited our ability to ride and participate. Some members have changed their horse related interests and gone to other clubs and activities. Still others have had changes in their responsibilities to their families. Whatever the reason, the FFTA is in serious need of active board members to continue for the next year and beyond.

Our membership fees have not changed in years and many of our traditional events have been well attended (The Gathering, Halloween, Christmas and Carl Balyeat Ride).

So where do we go from here? We are hoping the FFTA will continue in some form for 2020.

We can't do this without the help of our members. We already have the Halloween ride, Christmas ride, and Carl Balyeat Memorial ride on the calendar for 2019-2020.

We are looking for leadership to keep this very special group active. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board of the FFTA please contact:

Nancy Chretien, nachretien@yahoo.com, text 315-730-3471, or call and leave a message at 315-730-3471. Or Pam Harrell, littmarlin@aol.com, 352-843-5315

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**

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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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FOR SALE



Sugar



Billy

Sugar is the black horse and Billy is the sorrel. Sugar is 12 years old and we are asking \$6,500 for her because of her breeding. She is very sweet and friendly. Both horses are barefoot easy keepers. Shots and coggins are up to date and both are sound. Neither one bites, cribs, kicks. Billy is 16 years old and he is very smooth, we are asking \$3,800 for him because of his age. They both load into the trailer very well and stand quiet for the farrier. We have only used them for trail riding, but they are both athletic and could be trained for any discipline a new owner would like. Neal E Young, 969 Deming Dr, Winter Haven, FL 33880 Home: (863) 294-2742 Cell: (863) 651-5842

I hope you help give these lovely horses a new forever home.

Thank you

Deep Sorrows to Chris and Terry Zack on the loss of Big Nasty”.

Big Nasty born June 3,1994 – September 7, 2019 Terry and Chris had Nasty for a little over 20 years. Besides being a great trail horse, he was Terry’ first horse. I know he will always have a special spot in their hearts and we will miss seeing him on the trail.





YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS FALL RIDE !!!

It's time to ride and we have a wonderful weekend planned for the FFTA Annual Halloween camp and ride. Mark your calendar for October 25 through 27. We are making it SIMPLE for you this year. No pumpkins to carve and no decorations to bring, or costumes to wear unless you choose to. The ride will take place at Black Horse Resort Ranch, 22647 SE HWY 42, Umatilla, FL 32784

Our hostess, JoAnn Cosgrove, has several Halloween Activities planned that weekend and she has invited us to participate in them. If you have ever wanted to go to the Land of OZ with Dorothy and her friends to experience the Emerald City and the Horse of Another color, this is your chance. JoAnn is creating a Wizard of Oz themed scavenger hunt through the Ocala National Forest that promises to be fun-filled and colorful. There is a ride open to the public from 8 until 10. They are running a second ride just for the FFTA at 10 AM. You can ride along on the "hunt" which ends up in the Emerald City, (the arena) or ride the well marked trails on your own. We need at least 5 or 6 riders for the scavenger hunt. It involves taking pictures for proof. There Will be Prizes!! After talking to her about it I am in, and looking forward to experiencing it. Keep your phone charged. You can continue to ride as long as you want after the scavenger hunt.

JoAnn has added some amenities to her facility, including a beautiful swimming pool. She said we are welcome to bring our bathing suits and enjoy it. We are hosting a hot dog and hamburger cook out in the screen room next to the pool on Friday night for those who arrive early for the weekend. Bring a snack, a chair, and your own adult beverage. (If the weather doesn't cooperate we will have it in the lounge and patio.)

Saturday morning FFTA members and guests can begin their ride with the path to OZ scavenger hunt that is on the trail through the forest, then continue to ride. The start time is 10 AM. Should you want to start earlier and still participate join us at the trail head at 10 AM. If you prefer to just ride, the trails are well marked and there are maps. We are looking into getting a trail guide.

Lunch on your own on Saturday. You can enjoy the pool, the lounge and patio or the campsite.

At 4 PM there is a fun show in the arena. I am still looking into the details but you should be able to put your horse to the test and enter some classes, or bring your chair and watch the fun, ride the trails again or just relax. I was told by a gentleman who rode last Sunday afternoon, when the temperature was 91, that the trails are mostly shaded and it was pleasant. It should be cooler by the end of October.

Saturday evening, about 6:30 we will enjoy a catered dinner on the patio. Our caterer, Carl, will already be on the grounds operating the food concession for the horse show. He can provide dinner, with side dishes, hot and fresh to us on the patio. We will supply plates, cups, utensils, a choice of cold beverages, coffee and dessert. Bring your own adult beverages.

Here is the member participation part. In honor of fall, we are having a dessert contest. Bring your best (favorite) recipe for a dessert made with Apples or Pumpkin. You will be given tickets to vote and the winner will receive a prize. Please bring the recipe so we can share it in the newsletter.

JoAnn will be having a costume contest. It does not have to be a Wizard of Oz costume. I am not sure if it is happening after the scavenger hunt or at the fun show. If you want to join in we will help you and cheer for you.

Sunday morning there should still be time for another ride. We can set a time on Saturday.

Below are the camping details:

Campsites with 30 Amp or 50 Amp power, including water and sewer are \$25 a night. We are receiving a special group rate so tell them you are with the Fox Trotter Club.

Paddocks are \$15 per horse per night

Stalls are \$20 per night per horse.

There are nice shower facilities available.

JoAnn has over 40 sites with full hookups and a couple of rental trailers available. Make your reservations early if you need accommodations or have a particular site location.

For reservations contact JoAnn Cosgrove, Black Horse Ranch Resort Ranch, 352-434-1204, or Blackhorseresort@gmail.com or www.Blackhorseresortranch.com or Nancy Chretien, 315-730-3471 (leave a message) or text or nachretien@yahoo.com

I need a head count for the caterer by October 14. Please contact Nancy Chretien

Day riders are welcome to join us at no charge. If you don't want to bring a horse, come anyway and camp and enjoy the food and festivities. As I said, we are making it simple. I hope to see many of you there.

