



FLORIDA FOXTROTTER ASSOCIATION

November 2019 “HOT TO TROT”

We have a Board for 2020, let me introduce them:

**President – Pam Harrell
Vice President – Linda Balyeat
Treasure – Nancy Chretien
Secretary – Dana Proeger
Board – Marty Ratliff
Board – Tammy Heaton
Board – Sue Touchton**

Note from Newsletter Editor: It is wonderful that the Florida Foxtrotter Association has been in existence for 23 years. Unfortunately, due to lack of new membership and member participation this will be the last year this club will be in existence. We will still have three definite events this year 2020 (The Gathering, Fall Ride and Christmas) maybe a few more will be filtered in, but by December 31, 2020 this club will dissolve. We hope to make this a blow out last year and hope to see you at one of the functions.

Starting January 2020 the newsletter will be sent every other month.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the Board if you have any questions or concerns. I've met lots of great people through this club and I plan on staying in touch with you even after the dissolving.

Ann M. Hays

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2020

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

2018 BOARD MEMBERS

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Wishing you a Happy Birthday!

Darlene Colucci	November 1
Jon Cook	November 5
Michael O'Neal	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 III	November 20
Barbara Lassiter	November 21
Janice Mitchell Cannon	November 26

2019

Calendar of Events

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

December 14	Christmas event at the Black Horse Ranch Resort See Flyer attached
January 11	Carl Balyeat Memorial ride At Colt Creek State Park hosted by Rebecca Morse and Linda Balyeat

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

FOR SALE – SADDLE



Imus 4 beat Saddle, 17 inch seat. \$800

For more information text 352-551-4362

Change of Christmas Venue

Dear Friends of the FFTA,

Due to scheduling conflicts, there was not enough room for us to have our annual Christmas Party Camp and Ride at the Suwannee Music Park. The event has been relocated to the Black Horse Ranch and Resort in Umatilla. JoAnn Cosgrove has many hookups for RV's with 30 and 50 amp service including water and sewer. We will have our dinner and festivities in her lounge and pavilion. Please join us on December 14 and 15. There will be a Christmas Scavenger Hunt trail ride and our usual activities. See the attached flyer for details.

News from the FFTA Fall Camp and Ride



Group riding out on Sunday morning



Cooling off at the pool



Dinner Saturday night

There are two things you can always count on at the FFTA events. We have fun and plenty of food. That's what happened the weekend of October 26-27 at the annual Fall/Halloween ride held at the Black Horse Ranch Resort. JoAnn Cosgrove is always a gracious hostess.

Some members got there in time to ride on Friday afternoon. We all met up at the Pavilion on Friday night for snacks and hot dogs and hamburgers grilled by chef Ron Chretien. Linda Balyeat, Kelly Graddy, and John Cook came over after work to join us for dinner.

We rode out in small groups on Saturday morning. Judy Mruz rode her new horse Dash on the trail for the first time. They make a beautiful picture gaiting along with us. Dash is a Tennessee Walking Horse and he is well named as he loves to Dash down the trail.

We opted not to participate in the Wizard of Oz Scavenger hunt through the forest. We did pass some interesting objects along the trail like the Wizard's Hot Air Balloon and the Poppy Field. We saw Dorothy and Glinda on horseback completing the course. Ann and Tom Zimmer were able to follow the course and got several pictures of the event. It looked like so much fun we decided we are going to participate in the Christ-

mas Scavenger Hunt. (I am not going to volunteer to be the "Grandma who gets run over by the Reindeer.")

We ladies took a dip in the pool to cool off after the ride. It was totally refreshing. After a relaxing lunch break, we headed out for an afternoon ride, featuring another FIRST. Ann Hays, only 5 weeks post knee replacement surgery, gave her knee a test ride on her horse Katy. Her smile expressed her joy of being on a Fox Trotter again.

At 6:30 we went back to the Pavilion for a barbecue dinner prepared by our caterer, Karl. Karl is a skilled chef and perfectionist. We were treated to plenty of delicious food. Before dinner we had a Champagne toast to Judy Mruz and her new horse Dash, wishing them many years of happy trails together.

After dinner, we took a break before dessert with a Halloween memory game created by Judy Mruz. We had a few people with exceptional memories; Susie Owen, Ron Chretien and Ellie Ganz.

Our members always rise to the challenge. Everyone had a plate full of desserts created by attendees. We had to taste them all to determine the winner of our dessert contest. First place went to Susie for her pumpkin and Apple cinnamon rolls. Tied for second was Ann Hays who brought pumpkin snicker doodles cookies, and Anne Zimmer's delicious and almost lethal Bourbon balls. We enjoyed the evening laughing and chatting. No one went home hungry and there were leftovers to take home for Sunday dinner.

We were able to enjoy one more ride Sunday morning with the whole group. It was the perfect way to complete the weekend. Those who attended are looking forward to coming back in December and riding the Christmas Scavenger hunt through the Ocala National Forest.

I want to thank all who came. I'll see you in December.

Submitted by Nancy Chretien



Look closely and you can see the Wicked Witch



Dorothy's house flying in the wind



Dorothy's hot air balloon



Ellie Gans "Mom"



Anne Zimmer in the poppy field



The Tin Man's Diploma



A Toast to Nancy for putting this all together



Suzy and Katy



Judy and new horse Dash



**FFTA Members and Guests, Please Join
us at the Black Horse Ranch Resort
for our
Annual Christmas Holiday Event on
December 14, 2019**

Call Joanne at Black Horse Ranch Resort 352-434-1204 or blackhorseresortranch.com to make your reservations)

Full hook up	\$25.00 per night
Paddock (one horse per)	\$15.00 per night
Stalls	\$15.00 per night

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

9:00 ride out on own

1:00 Christmas Scavenger Hunt this is open to the public put on by Joanne owner of Black Horse Ranch Resort But FFTA has our own time. There will be a fee, but unsure At this time of what it is. Prizes will be issued.

Bring a string of Christmas lights to hang on your campsite

6:00 pm Party/Dinner at the pavilion
Holiday Dinner (\$10.00 per person)
Gift Exchange (\$20.00 limit, horsey related)
Ornament Exchange Game – bring one ornament
Fun Holiday inspired games
Silent Auction (bring your checkbook)

Once you make your camping reservations, please call Nancy Chretien at 315-730-3471 or Linda Balyeat 352-422-4876 to let her know how many in your party will be attending the dinner.

