



FLORIDA FOXTROTTER ASSOCIATION

July 2020
“HOT TO TROT”

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello FFTA Members,

Another month with COVID-19 and folks seem to be settling into a “new” existence. On our farm we seem to be grudgingly getting some of those “projects” we have put off for ages – fence rebuilding, clearing vines out of the “jungle,” cleaning out the tack room, etc. Jim is now up to clearing out 180 bamboo stalks! Our routine involves getting up earlier than we would like so that we can ride and work when it is cooler. With the virus we are still pretty much isolated with only Grant, our barn help (who was tested earlier), our farrier, and our vet being our only visitors. We’re getting comfortable wearing our masks, washing hands, wiping down things, etc. Horses just wonder what has gotten into us about all the work and riding stuff. Would love to hear from you about how your life has been changed with COVID-19. Just send me an email recounting your experiences.

As some of you may already know, in June we lost one of our charter members of FFTA, Roy Mitchell. Included in this newsletter is an obit and photo of Roy, who was passionate about Missouri Fox Trotting Horses and FFTA. He knew more about MFT than most of us will ever learn about them.

In regard to the FFTA business, we are still getting in memberships. If you are one of those who has not renewed your membership, please send your money and information to Teresa Mikelson, Treasurer. It is important for us to keep the FFTA family together and communicating. Also, we have finally been able to get the FFTA accounts transferred to Teresa from the past board. Until recently the bank lobbies were closed for the virus, and we were unable to get this done. Jan, our secretary, is learning the ropes well. Soon, I hope, we will be able to have virtual Board meetings via ZOOM. Thank goodness for smart phones and computers!

As soon as possible, we hope to have some future activities planned. However, as you know, Florida has become one of the nation’s “hot spot” for the virus. Until then, it is important that we keep upbeat and forward looking.

Kathie
FFTA President

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**The Home of the Missouri Foxtrotting Horse Breed Association (MFTHBA)
Located in Ava, Missouri**

IN MEMORIAM OF ROY MITCHELL

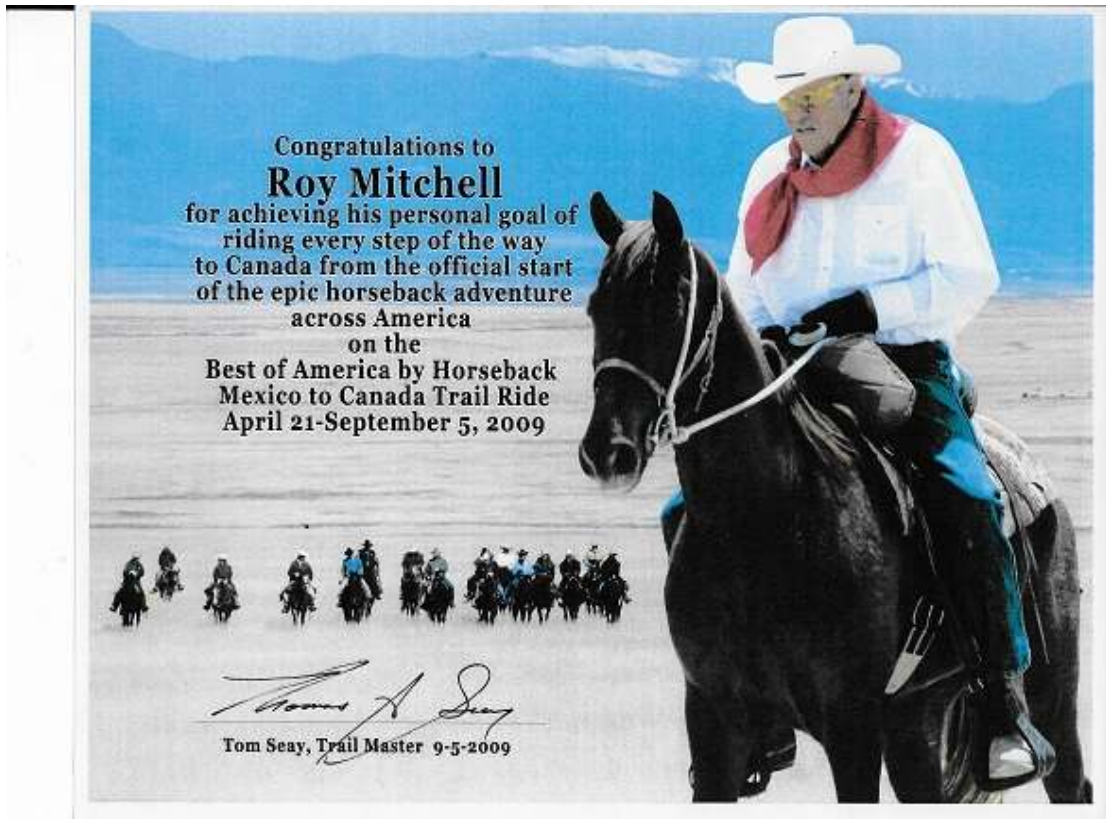
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One of our founding members of FFTA passed away on June 19, 2020, after a long illness. He was 79 years old. Roy was born in the heart of Fox Trotter country in Ebenezer, MO (which is located not far from Springfield, MO) on March 27, 1941. His final resting place will be in a family cemetery back in Missouri not far from where he was raised. He leaves 2 sons and grandchildren. While in Springfield, he worked for Foremost Dairy driving all over SW Missouri delivering milk. It was in this part of the country that Roy grew up with Missouri Fox Trotting Horses and saw the breed grow from a provincial horse breed to a national horse breed. As a young man, Roy learned much about MFT from his friends and mentors, Rex and Florene Barham in Bolivar, MO, who were some of the important breeders and trainers in the early development of the breed. It was in this part of Missouri that Roy became a part of the MFT world.

Sometime during the early 1980's Roy came to Florida and settled in the Barberville area just north of DeLand (in Volusia County). With him he brought his knowledge of the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse as well as some MFT horses, too. He was instrumental in introducing the horse to many parts of Florida. Roy's main interest was in trail riding more than in showing. However, through the Barhams, Roy did develop an eye for a good MFT horse. He knew the gaits well and how to train a MFT to do them. Never did you ever see Roy riding a MFT horse that was not well schooled in the correct gaits. It was Rex that trained and rode Missouri Traveler E (one of the most famous of the breeding sires of the MFT breed), so Roy had good teachers. Later, after Roy moved to Florida, he was able to purchase a young Missouri Traveler bred stallion - something he always wanted. One of Roy's dreams was to ride a MFT from Mexico to Canada - which he did in 2009.

In June 1995 a group of MFT owners met at Welaka State Forest's equine facility to discuss forming a Florida affiliate to the MFTHBA. Roy, of course, played a major role in this event. This group comprised of 25 or so MFT owners. We all had many, many discussions about what our horses were doing as far as the gaits were concerned. One of the main objectives of the FFTA was to promote the MFT breed (as is the goal of FFTA today). That goal meant the FFTA was involved in All-Breed Exhibitions, State Fair Shows, trail rides, campouts, our own shows, parades, etc. Roy certainly helped many MFT owners learn how to ride a Fox Trotter. Later in the development of the FFTA, Roy served as president of the Association. Despite Roy's heart problems and other conditions that he developed later in his life, he continued to be a part of the MFT world as long as his health would allow. All of us who knew and loved Roy, knew he was could be quite opinionated at times, be extremely determined to survive his heart problems for many years despite all doctor's predictions, and always loved the MFT horse.

Our sincere condolences go out to Roy's family and friends.
He was a true advocate of the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse and
the Florida Foxtrotter Association. He will be missed.



Roy Mitchell



FLORIDA FOX TROTTER ASSOCIATION

The Florida Affiliate of the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association

Membership Application/Renewal 2020

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 Teresa Mikelson
1133 Coral Farms Road
Florahome, FL 32140
foxtrottertm@gmail.com

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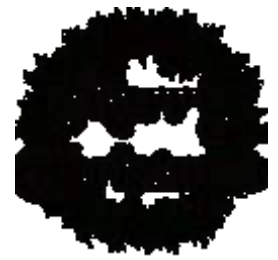
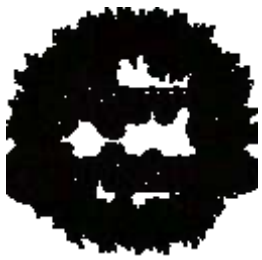
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEC 5, 2020 - *FFTA Christmas 2020 (previously named The Christmas Gathering And The Gathering 2020)

*** See Flyer – next page***

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More Events Coming Soon



*FFTA Christmas 2020

December 5, 2020

at

The Suwannee Music Park

386-364-1683

www.Musicliveshere.com

Call for reservations and let them know you are with FFTA and you'll get a discount. **Hope you can come whether you are bringing a horse or not.**

Fee's are:

Stalls: \$15.00 per night per horse

Paddocks: \$30.00 per night
(2 horse per paddock)

Full hook up \$30.00 .00 per night

Cabin – one bedroom - \$110.00 per night

Cabin – two bedroom - \$140.00 per night

Primitive camping and cabins available, call directly for price

Golf cart rental – \$35.00 per day must call directly to general store
386-364-4841

**Please RSVP by November 29th to Ann Hays (904-468-0081) or
Hays5671@yahoo.com. We will need a head count .**

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