



FLORIDA FOXTROTTER ASSOCIATION

August 2020
“HOT TO TROT”



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone—

Wow, these are certainly exciting times to be living in Florida! Everyone will remember the year 2020! We have COVID19 virus, earlier than usual hurricane season beginning, and hot steamy summer weather. Because of the Pandemic we are all having to adjust our whole way of living. In a time where folks are restricted to living in more isolation, have to be careful not to infect anyone else or get the virus ourselves, do a whole lot more cooking at home, visiting with Zoom or Skype, and watching lots more old movies, DVDs, Netflix etc. because organized sports and socialization is restricted. Aren't we fortunate to have our horses for companions, recreation, and a way to enjoy the outdoors!

In our family of 14 MFT, we are still training our show horses in hopes that we can take them to Celebration, although I suspect that this may not come to fruition given the virus and such. For the last 2 years we have made the trek to Ava only to have our participation thwarted by hurricanes. One year we were able to show in one class before dashing home. Last year we got to Ava and the next day turned around to drive straight back home before the hurricane hit! This year— who knows, virus and hurricanes may ground us once again! Our trail horses just look at us and say they would rather stay home under a fan until things cool off! Sassy, our 2-year-old filly, thinks it funny to get our attention by shaking her head and flapping her lips. Now she has improved on that by using her lips to make a popping sound. They keep us sane and entertained.

We dream of visiting with our horse friends, going on trail rides, participating in shows, horse campouts, enjoying clinics, and such. At this stage in our world's journey to deal with the virus, the FFTA board is using those dreams to be ready to enjoy those activities as soon as it is safe to do so. All of us were hoping for those opportunities to come in early autumn, but, alas, Florida has a way to go to get to that point. However, we will be ready when the time comes. We would love to learn what you are doing with your horses during this time. Some of you have journeyed outside your isolation to do some things. Nice to follow you on Facebook. Jan, our Secretary, is proposing some ways for FFTA members to communicate to share experiences on our Facebook page. Look in this Newsletter for more information.

Stay safe and sane. Kathie

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

HORSE TRACKS



Interesting Facts About MFT and Horses

Since the MFTHBA Show and Celebration is coming up in September during the week of Labor Day at the showgrounds in Ava, MO, there are some interesting stories passed around if you are there to listen. One such story involves a super little chestnut mare, Travelin' Suzi (whose sire was Missouri Traveler E.)

Back in the days when the amateurs and professionals competed head to head in the same classes, Travelin' Suzi (owned and ridden by Frankie Phillips of Buffalo, MO) was considered by some to be one of the best foxtrotting show horses in the breed. Suzi was short in stature and long in determination. That she loved to show was an understatement. Before she was to go into the showring, she was already showing off – maybe doing a little bucking and rearing. She hit the arena with energy and precision. At this time the horses were ridden 45 minutes in the World Grand Championship stake class. (Endurance was part of the competition.) When Suzi and Frankie won the World Grand Championship in 1982, Suzi still had energy to go many more rounds! She loved the showring! Not too long after that championship, the lore goes that the professionals insisted they not show with amateurs anymore. Hmmm. (Source: "Fox Trot Trackings: History and Legend of the Fox Trotting Horse" by Nadine Moeller published 1986 published by LIGHT Graphics)

Did you ever wonder what a Fox Trotter's gaits should look like? Below is a link to a YouTube video that the MFTHBA uses in their explanation of the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse's gaits. You may either click on the link or copy it and paste it in your browser.

<https://youtu.be/XdfF7-4J4F8>

Florida Fox Trotter Association Facebook Page

Did you know that the Florida Fox Trotter Association has our very own Facebook page? Our Facebook page is a good way to share with our members events, experiences and information about life with our Fox Trotters.

If you already use Facebook do a search for “Florida Fox Trotter Association or click on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/175257659278200> . You can then start sharing with our like minded members. It will keep us connected through our passion for the Missouri Foxtrotting Horse. This is especially true during this time of reduced activities and socialization due to the COVID-19 crisis.

If you don't use Facebook, and want to, you will have to download the app from your device's “app store” or Google it on-line.

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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
foxtrottert@gmail.com

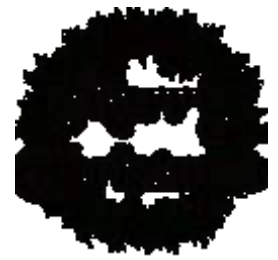
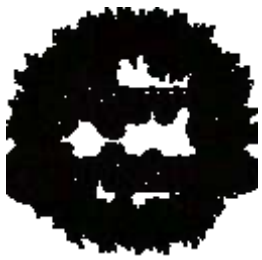


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

*** See Flyer – next page***

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*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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