



**FLORIDA FOXTROTTER ASSOCIATION**  
**October 2020**  
**“HOT TO TROT”**



**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hello Everyone—

I trust that all of you have adjusted to a new way of doing things during our COVID19 pandemic and have had lots of quality time with your horse. Everyone is hoping that autumn weather will soon come and the hurricanes will forget that Florida exists. This year Jim and I made it to the Show and Celebration in Ava, Missouri, without having to immediately turn around and rush home to face a hurricane. Finally, I was able to show my little grey mare, Chanson. (She found out that she really enjoyed competing!) Given that the COVID19 virus was always on our mind, we felt secure enough to go with our LQ trailer, use our own stalls at the showgrounds, and be careful not to be in crowded areas. Attendance was down from previous years (as would be expected) except for the folks that showed together all summer long in the MO/AR show circuits. The usual trail rides that MFTHBA have during the show were called off. I believe we were the only folks from Florida. There were several from other states adjacent to MO – but not what we have seen in the past. Vendors were scarce. When we were not showing during the day, we watched some of the Versatility events – cattle sorting and such. The weather was wonderful there!!

While we were there, I spoke with Amber Wilson, MFTHBA BOD member, who has been working for several years with the MFTHBA to get their computer data base expanded to accommodate some new programs. One of the programs you will hear about is the MFTHBA Medal program --- a program that rewards members for their individual accomplishments with their horses -- that will be launched in January 2021. An individual member/horse team is rewarded for participation in various categories (which is not a competition with anyone else). Our FFTA BOD will be working on a FFTA program to “piggy-back” with the MFTHBA program. Unlike the MFTHBA program which is only available to registered MFT (as you would suspect), the FFTA program will be open to any MFT, non-registered MFT, or other breeds. Our FFTA BOD will manage the FFTA version and will let you know more as soon as the details are worked out. To see a summary of the MFTHBA program go to [www.mfthba.com](http://www.mfthba.com).

Finally, we would like to express our sympathy to Ross Harper upon the death of his father, Fred Harper. Ross’s mom and dad moved to Florida several years ago from Missouri to be near Ross. There were many horse shows in Missouri where we sat near the Rosses and enjoyed conversations. Fred was an avid supporter of Ross’s career with the MFT. His passing is a loss to us all. Florida loss two members of our Fox Trotter family this year – Fred Harper and Roy Mitchell. Both were remembered in the ceremony at the last day of the Show and Celebration – the ceremony where each deceased person is remembered as his/her name is called while a black riderless horse (fitted with black tack, boots in stirrups reversed) is led by a person dressed all in black. Jeannie Grace and her black horse Smoke did the honors.

Kathie

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### NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

Dear FFTA Members,.

FFTA Christmas 2020 is a GO and moving forward! Your dedicated and talented Christmas Committee of Ann Hays, Judy Mruz and Nancy Chretien have been working hard. They have developed and submitted COVID-19 protocol for "FFTA Christmas 2020" that meets the CDC guidelines. Additionally, the Committee has been working on the "FUN" part which is everyone's favorite. Additional event information will be in the November 2020 Newsletter. The Association will be treating members to Saturday's lunch, happy hour and dinner. Hope to see you there.

This year has gone so fast and it will soon be time for renewing your membership. Our dues are still only \$15 and come due January 1, 2021. If you would be so kind to send your dues anytime between now and then it would be great. There is an application included with the newsletter.

Thank you all for your support during the transition of the new officers. We have been on a learning curve. We truly appreciate each of you.

Yours kindly,

Jan



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



## **HORSE TRACKS**

### **Horse Trivia**

#### **You Know You're a Horse Person When . . .**

- You lean forward when your car goes over speed bumps.
- You yell at the kids, and the horse's name pops out.
- "Stopping by the stable" takes a minimum of two hours.
- You feel a sharp spot on your back teeth and wonder if they need to be floated.
- You find hay in your pockets and hair when you go to the grocery store.
- You cluck at your car when it goes up hills.
- You carry a hoof pick in your purse or back pocket.
- You spend hundreds of dollars to compete in a horse show for a 98-cent ribbon.
- You tell your horses you're going to put them in "time out" if they don't "play with others" better.
- Your barn medicine cabinet looks like a pharmacy and doctor's office.
- You spend more money on shoes for your horse in a couple of months than you do for yourself all year.

#### **You Know You're a Fox Trotter Person When . . .**

- You groan when people ask how many races you have won.
- You smile when you pass other horses on the trail and you aren't posting.
- You complain when you have to ride with your Quarter Horse friends on the trail.
- You groan when people ask you if you raise foxes.
- The endurance race officials say you must have cheated to make that kind of time without your horse being winded.

# FLORIDA FOX TROTTER ASSOCIATION

The Florida Affiliate of the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association

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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  
foxtrottertm@gmail.com



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**DEC 5, 2020 - FFTA Christmas 2020**



**FFTA Christmas 2020 is ON!!!**

**The Christmas Committee has been working hard  
In making “Christmas 2020” a safe and fun weekend.**

**The November newsletter will include the schedule of  
Activities and additional information.**



**FFTA Christmas 2020**  
**December 5, 2020**  
**at**  
**The Suwannee Music Park**  
**386-364-1683**  
**[www.Musicliveshere.com](http://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 29<sup>th</sup> to Ann Hays (904-468-0081) or  
[Hays5671@yahoo.com](mailto:Hays5671@yahoo.com). We will need a head count**