



**NEWSLETTER**  
**FLORIDA FOXTROTTER ASSOCIATION**  
**FEBRUARY 2021**  
**“HOT TO TROT”**



**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hello Everyone –

Now that February is here spring must be close behind. Lately we have had some really beautiful days for equine activities interspersed with January’s chillier days. With COVID19 becoming even more dangerous with the mutations, it is important that we remember to do activities where social distancing and open-air activities are safe. Some of you are being able to enjoy trail riding, doing obstacle challenges, and some doing a bit of dressage work/showing. At our farm, we are trail riding with a couple of groups of local gaited horse riders at various state sites – the Fechtel Tract of the Lower Wekiva State Park is one of our favorites. Our horses have been the only MFT and have generated lots of questions about their gaits and such. With this in mind, our FFTA is still in place and “chomping at the bit” to do some safe group activities. Hope is in the wind with more folks being vaccinated. Planning is in the process and we will be very cautious for whatever we do to be very safe for all.

We welcome Debbie-Hagenbuch-Reese to our BOD. She filling the position of VP vacated by Jackie Peterson.. Now that Debbie has retired from her teaching career in the St. Augustine public schools, she has agreed to be more active in FFTA. She comes with lots of ideas, energy, organizational skills, and experience with groups. She and Tucker have been active with historical re-enactment groups at St. Augustine as well as parades, trail rides, and formation riding with our FFTA folks around NE Florida. You will enjoy Debbie’s laughter and sense of humor and get-it-done personality. Tucker also has a whimsical personality. You will enjoy meeting Debbie.

As many of you all already know, we have lost one of our long-time FFTA members to COVID19. Chris Zack passed away January 13, 2021, after a prolonged battle with the virus. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Thanks to all of you who are doing what we can do during this Pandemic!

KATHIE

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# HORSE TRACKS

## Horse Trivia

### 2021 Horse New Year Resolutions

#### Matching the Horse to the Rider



From the artist Lex Graham in his series The BACK FORTY, Archer County, Texas

#### DID YOU KNOW? HORSE FACTS

##### BLOOD TYPES -HUMANS VS HORSES

Have you ever wondered whether or not horses could get blood transfusions like humans. Well, yes, but not so easily.

HUMANS: "In humans, there are four major blood groups – A,B, AB, and O – determined by the antigens on the outside of the red blood cells. There is an additional factor, called Rh, that can be positive or negative depending on the presence of another type of antigen."

HORSES: "By contrast, there are eight major blood types – A,C,D,K,P,Q and T – in horses, and more than 30 different factors for which they can be positive or negative." The combination of blood types and factors "create about a 1-in-400,000 chance of finding a 100% perfect match between 2 horses." Thus a "veterinarian will typically 'cross-match' blood from several available donor horses to find which is least likely to trigger serious side effects such as clotting. Large practices and hospitals often keep a known universal donor, usually a Morgan, Quarter Horse, or Standardbred gelding, just in case."

Source: EQUUS magazine, Spring 2020, Issue 500, page 23.

# February 2021 Birthdays

Lori Roche – 2/1

Rebecca Moore – 2/5

Liew Ellyn North – 2/6

Suzette Cooper – 2/18

Marty Ratliff – 2/26



## Secretary's Note

The months of January and February have been a busy one. There are times I have to remind myself that I'm actually re-tired. I want to let our members know that I really appreciate all the help everyone has given me during what has now been a ten month transition from the previous officers to the new ones. It seems like a long time; however it has gone very fast. Thank you all for your suggestions, patience and willingness to help FFTA move forward.

On another subject... on some of our cool, windy and/or rainy days I've been attempting to learn how to use Word 2007 more efficiently by listening to tutorials on my cell phone then practicing using mock documents on the laptop computer. The challenge is somewhat rewarding, although it's frustrating at times. Today was one of those days. I used "CTRL A" to highlight a page and delete the text on it, not realizing it was also highlighting the pages that I could not see. After tapping "delete" I proceeded to paste some new text onto the page. Then I saved it. It turns out, except for the page being worked on, all the information on the other pages was deleted and all my previous work gone...another one of life's lessons. What's important about this lesson is for me to pay attention to what it is teaching, analyze it, make a plan, change behavior, reevaluate, make another plan, change behaviors and so on. It's a constant circle. Here's hoping FFTA will be the recipient of this learning with eventually a better designed newsletter.

If anyone is planning a trail ride or equine event, I would be happy to put it in our "Calendar of Events." Give some information about it and include a contact number. It may be an opportunity for some of our members.

Kind regards, Jan

# Sale Page for Members

Offered by Judy Mruz  
\$6,000  
Text or call 863-291-4393

- Beautiful - MFT Palomino Gelding
- Chevy Silverado - 10 next April.
- Selling due to a health situation
- Lots of trail miles under his girth



Offered by Linda Balyeat  
Call 352-422-4876

Saddle - Made by Simco for Missouri  
Fox Trotters – Excellent Condition.  
\$300

Blankets - Sized for our Missouri Fox  
Trotters backs. (Blue blanket is sold)  
\$35 each

# FLORIDA FOX TROTTER ASSOCIATION

The Florida Affiliate of the Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association

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## Membership Application/Renewal 2021

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Other Family Members Wishing to Join \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Other Family Members Wishing to Join \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Other Family Members Wishing to Join \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 Jan McDougald  
17285 NE 22 Ct  
Citra, FL 32113

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

April 2021 – “The Gathering” Exact date and details to come