



# NEWSLETTER

## FLORIDA FOXTROTTER ASSOCIATION

### MARCH 2021

### “HOT TO TROT”



#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone –

It's difficult to believe that it has been a whole year since our nation has been stricken by a pandemic – something that most of us never envisioned could happen to our country. Combine that with political turmoil that threatened the threads of our democracy. What a year! We are still surviving! Thank you all for hanging in there with the FFTA and being super careful not to get the virus. The FFTA is getting some tools (like Zoom) where the BOD can begin to plan some COVID19 safe activities. Perhaps we can reach out to the membership with Zoom to have our FFTA membership meetings. We are in the planning stages now and will send out to you some initial calendar dates soon.

We are aware that while some members have received their COVID vaccines, others have not yet had the opportunity to do so. Additionally, we recognize that the COVID virus is a deadly one as well as quite contagious (especially as the virus continues to mutate). With this in mind, the BOD members who plan and run the activities are urged to follow CDC recommendations. Following are some recommendations for holding COVID safe activities:

- Activities which allow ample out-door environments – such as trail rides, individual participation obstacle course, picnic-type lunches eaten outdoors, etc
- Socially distancing and wearing masks when in close quarters. If an event is held indoors, it must be large enough keep all people 6-8 feet apart and meet sanitation standards.
- Meals should either be provided by the participant, or if a caterer is used, each meal should be individually packaged.
- Folks should 6-8 feet apart (unless you reside in the same household), hand sanitation a must, restrooms need to be cleaned after use with virus sanitation products, etc.
- Outside activity should be designed to be fun for all to enjoy no matter what the experience of rider or horse .
- Affordable for everyone (If any cost, it should be shared by the participants and be nominal.)

If you would like to be a part of a planning committee, please let us know! Contact Kathie (president), Jan (secretary), or Debbie (vice president). Just call, send a text, or email.

Looking forward to seeing you soon. Kathie

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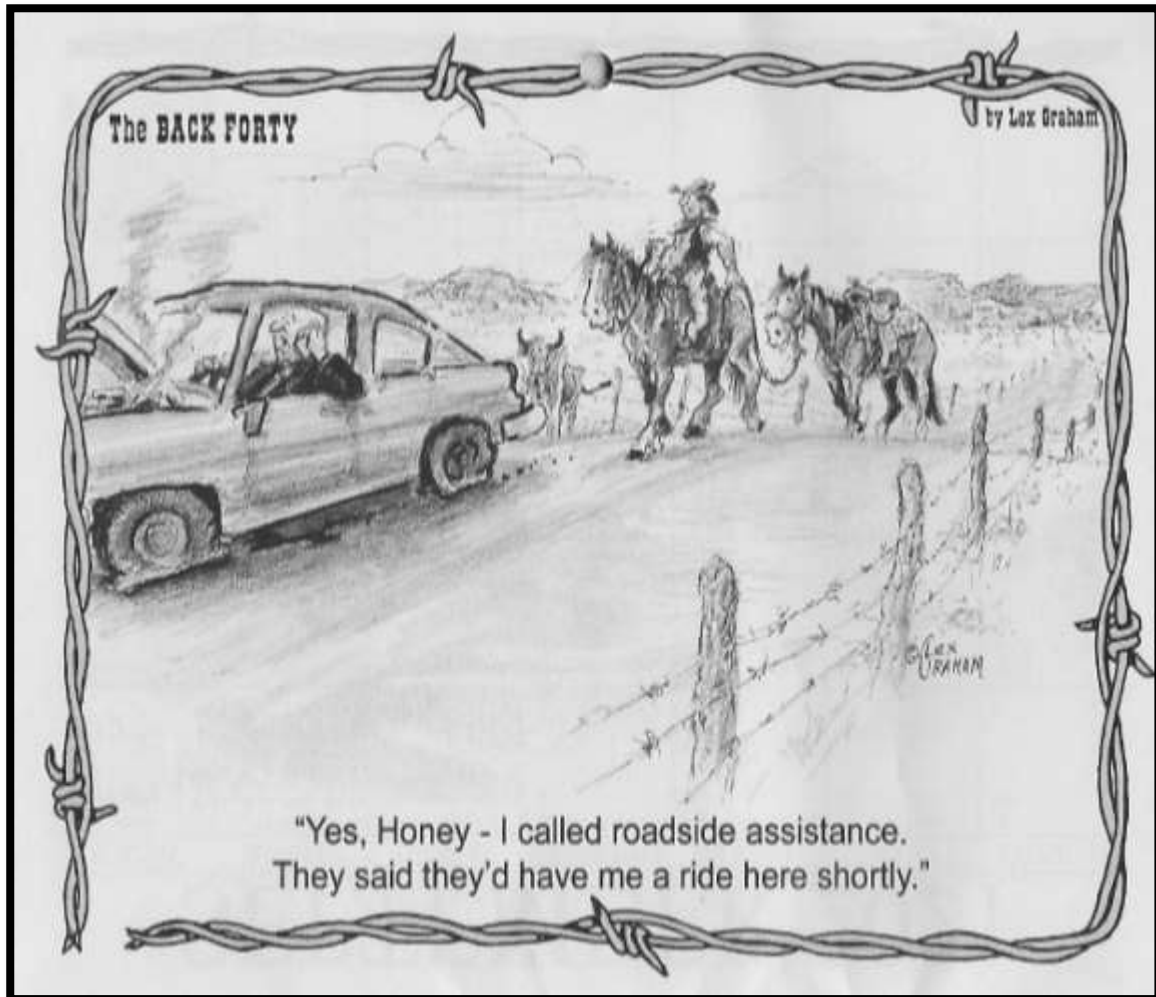
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## HORSE TRACKS

### Horse Humor

A NEW KIND OF ROAD SERVICE



### DID YOU KNOW?

NEW MEXICO: Women who ride horses in public have to wear corsets.

IOWA: It's illegal for horses to eat fire hydrants.

TEXAS: No one can take pictures of horses on Sunday. (Fine is \$1.50)

WASHINGTON: It's illegal to ride an ugly horse.

GEORGIA: Horses can't "neigh" after 10:00 p.m.

## **March 2021 Birthdays**

**Dusty Bruno - March 25**  
**Harriet Cooksey – March 23**



**Happiest of Birthday to Our Members Born in March!!!**

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### Travels from Ann Hays and Judy Mruz:

Judy Mruz and Ann Hays traveled to Ocala for a week to farm sit for Jon and Kelly Cook. Of course, we spent much time riding and visiting with friends. But one day we had an impromptu ride with Eli Gans, Teresa Mikelson, Bob and Judy Bell, and Jan McDougald. We all met at Ross Prairie and Eli became our trail boss as she knows the trails well. There is always entertainment when we ride. There was one moment Teresa was going down when her horse decided she wanted to roll in the sand. Fortunately, Teresa was able to step right off unharmed and with no sand all over her. Judy was using a new bit on her horse and he didn't like it, and he argued with Judy the whole ride. If you wanted a free horse, Judy was trying to give him away by the time we got back to the trailers. Judy and Dash finally had an understanding on our next ride and he behaved like a gentleman.

We had an opportunity to have lunch with Judy and Charlie Cloninger. This is the first time in 55 years she hasn't had a horse. Fortunately, Chevy was sold to a wonderful home in the Ocala area, and Judy even paid for the 2021 FFTA membership for the new owner. Hopefully we will meet Chevy's new owner soon. Nancy bought Judy's trailer, Judy Mruz got a great helmet and Ann got a saddle. Many items will be at the next FFTA auction.



One evening we attended "Painting with a Twist". The canvas is already sketched out and then we put the paint to it. It was amazing we were all painting the same thing, but they turned out so differently. Judy's horses looked like cross between a horse/donkey/alpaca. But in our eyes they were all Picasso's.

We caught up many times with Peggy Graddy, Kelly's mom. She took us too many of the best restaurants, and invited us to her family breakfast on Sunday. Yumm! Jon and Kelly went to Ohio to visit family but were happy to get back to Florida. It was too cold for Kelly.

P.S. Judy's horse Dash is still for sale!



# Sale Page for Members



\*2-Horse Aluminum Slant Load LQ  
\*Built by TG Custom Trailers Inc  
\*20' box 28' total – always under cover  
\*Rear tack – Walk thru – Refrigerator –  
\*Stove – Sink – Cowboy Shower – Porta  
\*Potty – Queen bed – Awning – Dinette –  
\*Call for more details – 561-386-1608  
Being offered for \$15,000  
by Judy Spillman



Offered by Linda Balyeat  
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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





## **\*EQUINE ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO FFTA MEMBERS**

April 10, 2021

Florida Walking and Racking Horse Association is putting on a fun show at Black Horse Horse Ranch. For those that don't show you can have fun watching the show and/or bring your horse and trail ride the many miles of trails. Kathie and Jim Woodward will be there showing and/or trail riding as will Jan McDougald.

Following is a link for FWRHA: <https://www.fwrha.org/calendar> . Additionally is a link for the Black Horse Ranch: <https://www.blackhorseresortranch.com>

**\*If our FFTA members know of any equine activities that may be of interest to our FFTA members please email the details to Jan McDougald at [jmaviatrix@gmail.com](mailto:jmaviatrix@gmail.com) The activity should follow CDC guidelines as reasonably as possible for the safety of everyone.**