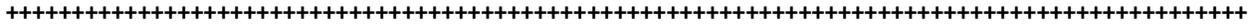




Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

2077 W. Lake Hamilton Drive, Winter Haven 33881

February 2017



Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

All club rides begin at 9:00 am. unless otherwise noted

- **Saturday, February 25, 9:30am:** Joint ride with Triple B at Lower Green Swamp; Karen Turbeville, trail boss
- **Saturday, March 4, 9:00am-12pm:** Pony rides at the "Day without Disabilities, Bunch Ranch (4641 Hancock Ave. SE, Lakeland
- **Saturday, March 11:** Club field trip to Herrmann's Lipizzans, Myakka City (see details below)
- **Monday, March 13, 11:30am:** Club lunch at Lang's Sun Country "Taste of Florida" café. 5900 US Highway 17 92 W, Haines City, FL 33844
- **Saturday, March 18, 9:30am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa. Mike & Barbara Charron, trail bosses
- **Monday, March 20, 7:00pm:** Monthly meeting, St. John's Methodist Church, Winter Haven, Room 206
- **Sunday, April 2, 2017 (1:30-3:00pm):** "Get to Know Colt Creek" pony rides

Please RSVP Barbara Lassiter for club rides! If nobody responds by the Thursday night before the ride, it will be cancelled.

- email her at barbgeiger123@comcast.net
- Call her at 863-534-3459
- Keep up with the club rides and "join" via our Facebook Page (Events section).

Those wanting to ride other days—please contact Barbara Lassiter and/or Karen Turbeville, or email club members directly.

If you need more information or directions for any of the rides, contact Barbara. You can also check the "Upcoming Events" section of our web page at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>, or the "Events" section of the Florida Sport Horse Club's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FloridaSportHorseClub>.

Dedicated to trail riding and the preservation of the many riding areas in Central Florida.

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News

Our NEXT club dine-around lunch will be 11:30am **Monday, March 13** at **Lang's Sun Country "Taste of Florida Café**, 5900 US Highway 17 92 W, Haines City. Donna Fellers has recommended it, so it must be good! **RSVPs are strongly encouraged by Friday, March 10 to Janet Schneider (863-858-6848 or jm_schneider@msn.com)**.

Herrmann's Royal Lipizzan Stallions' training sessions are open to the public every Saturday at 10:00am till April, at 32755 Singletary Rd, Myakka City. A \$5 donation per person is requested. A field trip is planned for **Saturday, March 11**. We'll be organizing carpools, probably leaving Winter Haven/Lakeland around 8:00am. Please contact Janet Schneider to save your spot!



A cheaper alternative to a ready-made **picnic table** has been found. We've purchased kits that provide extremely heavy-duty legs and braces, and all we have to do is add the pressure-treated lumber. Rather than \$500+ per table, these will cost the club about \$215 each. Two kits have been received. Marshall Hampton Reserve does not want picnic tables placed along the new Panther Point Trail, fearing it will encourage people to sit and feed their leftover food to the wildlife as well as pose some trash disposal issues. Karen Warren at **Lower Green Swamp** may be able to use one or two tables; Karen Turbeville is following up. Another option is to ask permission to place a table along the north loop at **Tenoroc**. We'll get all options firmed up by next meeting and vote on final placement in March.

Save the date! The next **"Get to Know Colt Creek"** event will be held Sunday, April 2, 2017. Club members again voted to hold "pony rides" from 1:30 to 3:00pm as we have done for the last 3

years. We have a few horses already lined up, but can always use more. And we need LOTS of help on the ground, to get forms signed, direct kids to helmets and horses, mounting, and leading. The park will be providing a free lunch, so come early to eat before the rides begin. We'll need a head count of helpers, so please let us know if you plan to come.

We're **revising our membership form** to include a space for **cell phone numbers AND emergency contacts**. We hope there will never be a need for it, but if somebody is injured during a club ride we'd like to be able to call your designated contact for you. If you'd like to get your information on the club's roster now, send it to Judy Cloninger.

The club received thanks from **Osceola Wagon Train** for placing an ad in the event's program guide. And we found out that **Richard Jones** has been on the organizing committee for 28 of the event's 29-year history!

The Cloningers and Janet Schneider recently attended the annual **public meeting of the Friends of Colt Creek**. Horse people made up three-quarters of the public in attendance, showing our interest in and support of the Park's services and programs. Thanks, as always, go to Karen Turbeville, our horse representative on the Friends' board.

We also need to offer thanks to **Judy Cloninger** who, when discovering that clubs could also join the Friends' organization, promptly used her own funds to purchase the **first year's membership** for FSHC. Not only does it support the Friends, but the club will receive the newsletter and receive emails of activities and events at the park.



Tips & Activities by Members:



Congratulations to **Donna Coquyt**, who has not one but TWO horses of her own! The pair was sold by an older lady who is no longer up to riding. Donna's chosen mount is a 17-year-old Foxtrotter named Senator. She'll be looking for a new home for the younger, 16.1 hand registered Thoroughbred. Next for Donna: a horse trailer of her own!

Congratulations also to **Richard Jones**, who just bought "Chief," an 11-year-old Spotted Saddle Horse.

The **Charrons** are celebrating the arrival of their new (very fancy) 2017 Ford F-250 Super Duty **truck**. Among other things, it has 6 cameras—including one that will be placed on the back of the horse trailer. Mike and Barbara will be able to see EVERYTHING around their rig as they maneuver.

Barbara Lassiter has a new granddaughter! Maxine came into the world on February 21.

Laura Branch and Donna Fellers had fun at the Hunt Ball at the Tampa Yacht Club in Tampa.

A few folks went to the State Fair. **Rae Gayer and Cathy Botts** saw the draft horse pull and were impressed by the "Bearadise" (grizzly bear) show. **Barbara Lassiter** got to ride on the new huge Sky Eye Ferris wheel.

Rae Gayer, Cathy Botts and Donna Fellers were thrilled to see an otter cross the trail in front of them at Tenoroc. They also got a very close look at a bald eagle!

Join the club! Meet some great people who love their horses. What are YOU doing? Let us know, and send us pictures--we'd love some action shots of you and your horse! Send to jm_schneider@msn.com. Follow us on Facebook, and visit us online at Facebook <http://www.flahorse.com/fshc/>. Happy Trails, where we hope to see you soon!