



Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen, Inc.
Preserving our equine cultural heritage on public lands for today and tomorrow.

FFBCH NEWS

July-August 2015



MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!
The August meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, August 27
Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q
750 W Main Street, Inverness.
352-341-2686

Dinner 5:30-7:00 business meeting at 7:00 p.m.
No speaker this month. We will have a round
table discussion and will be looking for ideas
and suggestions for speakers, meetings and club
projects. The last roundtable generated ideas
for our business cards, tee shirts and Horsey
Yard Sale! Y'all Come!

Non-Members are WELCOME!
Please come and join us!



LIKE us on Facebook!

FFBCH Website: www.ffbch.org

Protecting Horses from Creeping Indigo & Other Toxic Weeds

**Mark Shuffitt, Extension Agent, UF/IFAS Extension
Marion County**

**If you would like to register for this FREE
event, copy and paste the link below into
your browser.**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/protecting-horses-from-creeping-indigo-other-toxic-weeds-tickets-17986196197?aff=es2>

Or call 352-671-8400

This event will be held at the

**Southeastern Livestock Pavilion
2232 Northeast Jacksonville Road
Ocala, FL 34470**

Tuesday, August 25, 2015 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM (EDT)

**See the agenda on the next page. This event
notice has also been shared on our facebook
page with links!**

UF/IFAS EXTENSION

University of Florida

Refreshments/Snacks - Sponsored by Seminole Feed

Agenda:

6:00 PM – Local Situation – Mark Shuffitt,
Livestock Agent

6:15 PM – Toxicity and the Equine
Amanda M. House, DVM, DACVIM
UF College of Veterinary Medicine
Course Director, Practice Based Equine

7:00 PM – Creeping Indigo and Other Poisonous Weeds
Jay Ferrell, PhD., Associate Chair
UF Agronomy, Department
Extension Weed Specialist

FREE REGISTRATION

Please RSVP:
Eventbrite

or

Call: 352-671-8400



WARNING: Under Florida Law, an equine activity ride sponsor or contact is not liable for an injury to, or death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from inherent risks of equine activities.

The Levy County Horse Club
Presents the 15th Annual
Breast Cancer Awareness Trailride
At
Tidewater Trailhead in Goethe State Forest
Located at the south end of CR 337 in Levy County
*In conjunction with **Forest Awareness Month** and **Greenways***
and Trail Month

- Date:** **Saturday, October 24th, 2015**
- Time:** All day, ride at your own pace!
- Cost:** \$30.00 Registration fee per rider includes 1 free lunch ticket. Registration starts 8 a.m.
- Fun:** Poker ride Saturday 9 a.m. for \$10 donation with a \$50 winner. Lunch at 12:30 p.m., followed by fun raffles.
- Food:** Lunch free with registration, or available for \$8.00, includes choice of BBQ or Lemon Pepper Pork with green beans & potatoes, whole kernel corn, rolls, dessert and a drink.

Overnight camping is available for those who would like to come in on Friday or stay over till Sunday. Water for horses and bathroom facilities will be available, no electric available. This is a NO hunting date. Trail use and camp fees waived for this benefit event. Current coggins will be checked.

Come join us for a great time to benefit a great cause!
All Donations go to benefit local breast cancer patients.

Check out the web page at www.levycountyhorseclub.com for info, or email levy2@flahorse.com



Ride with the "Best of America by Horseback" TV Show on the Greenway

November 20-22, 2015

The Cross Florida Greenway Equestrians are hosting
"Best of America by Horseback" Televised Trail Ride
at Shangri-La Trailhead on the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway!

Please join us for an exciting weekend as we film the TV show. Book your spot now!

Weekend camping & riding \$175.00 each plus camping fees.

Day rider fees \$65.00 per day

Non-rider fee for the weekend \$65.00

For more info & reservations contact:

Jessie Barnard 352-693-3850 or 352-843-1700

Or go to: <http://www.greenwayequestrians.org/> and follow the link at the bottom of the page.

We are very excited to be hosting this 3-day weekend event. Our purpose is to get country-wide recognition for how great the Florida Greenway is for equestrians. We need people to come ride our trails and use the campsites and facilities in order to ensure that they stay open for horses. Come enjoy this weekend with us; we need you!

Everything must be paid for in advance. We don't know if there is room for you for each event if you do not pay at least by Nov. 13th. Full details of the schedule and events will be posted on this site in about 2 weeks or as we get them. Information for volunteers and vendors will also be posted here.

Ala Carte:

- Day fee for Friday or Saturday for participation in rides, seminars and booths -- \$65.00
- Reception and music fee for Friday -- \$20.00
- Banquet and concert fee for Saturday -- \$35.00
- Non-rider fee for 3-day event – Attend seminars, stay in camp and reception and banquet -- \$65.00
- Non-rider fee for Friday only, includes reception -- \$30.00
- Non-rider fee for Saturday, no banquet -- \$25.00

About Best of America by Horseback

"Best of America by Horseback" television show has been broadcast weekly on RFD-TV since 2005. Hosted by outdoorsman, Tom Seay, and cowboy singer/songwriter, Del Shields, this series captures the beauty of America by horseback. Each episode features a riding destination where viewers can go with their own horses, or to locations that provide guests with horses. The show covers all the details you would want to know before you visit yourself, such as the trails and terrain, lodging and accommodations, camping facilities and ease of access with large rigs.

www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com

June 2015 General Meeting
6/24/2015
Sonny's Bar B Q

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM

May 21 minutes: No amendments. Motion to approve by Cal McDavid, 2nd by Sally Hardy. Group approved.

Treasurer's report by Gary Reynolds. Motion to approve by Dianne MacDonald, 2nd by Calvin McDavid. Group approved.

50/50 won by Gary Reynolds.

Guest Speaker: Officer Nancy Suto, Citrus County Sheriff's Office.

Officer Suto is the Crime Prevention Officer for Citrus County. She speaks to groups and assists both business owners and residents on making their business/residence as safe and secure as possible.

She is available for premises inspection and will offer suggestions to help you improve your security. With the rash of break ins at farms in the Ocala area and the increase in horses being stolen from pastures, take advantage of this FREE service! She may be contacted via the Sheriff's Office at 352.527.3703; cell 352.422.4397 or email: nsuto@sheriffcitrus.org.

Officer Suto spoke on a variety of topics, from home security to personal safety when shopping – with some interesting information about gas pump skimmers.

You can anonymously report suspicious activity or crime by calling 1.888.ANY.TIPs (269.8477) or text "Citrus plus your tip" to 274637 (Crimes).

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM



Want to help? Can't find the time to work on the trails? Can't always make the meetings? That doesn't matter! You can show your support by joining Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen (FFBCH). Individual memberships = \$20 and Family memberships = \$25. Or, make a donation!

Every member of a local chapter is automatically a member of the Back Country Horsemen of Florida AND Back Country Horsemen of America. Not in the Citrus County area? Then join Back Country Horsemen of Florida as an at-large member until a local chapter is developed in your area. Don't forget Nature Coast Back Country Horsemen serving Hernando, west Sumter and northeast Pasco Counties.

There are many issues facing equestrians today. Help us to preserve the trails we have. Add your voice to those of more than 15,000 of your fellow American horsemen and women. **You only have to look at the Croom and the Citrus Tract of the Withlacoochee Forest as an example of what can be accomplished when we work together and with our land managers!**



Current Officers and Directors

President—Sally McDavid
Vice President—Fred Fulcher
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Treasurer—Gary Reynolds
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Barb Porch—Director
Cal McDavid—Director

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