



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

FFBCH NEWS

September 2015



MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

The September meeting is scheduled for

Thursday, September 24

The Old World Restaurant

8370 S Florida Ave, Floral City, 34436

352-344-4443

Dinner 5:30-7:00 business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Speaker will be Colleen Werner, Withlacoochee

**State Forest biologist. She will be bringing
samples of exotic invasive plants and hopefully**

**Creeping Indigo. If you have a plant you are
concerned about, please bring it.**

**Colleen is very knowledgeable and can probably
identify it and advise if it is toxic.**

Non-Members are WELCOME!

Please come and join us!



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FFBCH Website: www.ffbch.org

We have two speakers planned for the **October** meeting - the Parts & Service Director and the Parts



Manager for Nick Nicholas Ford. Mr. Baker will speak about general maintenance for today's diesels. Mr. Werner will discuss the pros and cons of which tires (size, type, side-wall, age, etc) to use for both

our tow vehicles and horse trailers.

In **November**, we plan to have a representative from one of the larger horse trailer service departments in

Ocala talk to us about maintenance on our horse trailers. For those with living quarters you have the added issues of water



heaters, A/C and furnace, refrigerators, CO2 detectors, Invertors and a variety of other parts and pieces that can ruin a camping trip if it isn't working properly. Simple annual maintenance is often invaluable in keeping everything running smoothly.



ALZHEIMER'S BENEFIT POKER RIDE

SPONSORED BY **SUN COUNTRY TRAIL BLAZERS**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015

Land Bridge Trailhead

(475A) 11100 SW 16th Ave, Ocala, FL 34480

Registration starts at 8:30 AM. Ride at will, and return at noon for BBQ lunch and awarding of prizes.

Bring your friends, your horse, and enjoy the poker ride. A negative Coggins is required. Non-riders are welcome to participate.

Registration fee of \$25 includes the ride and lunch. Poker hands may be purchased for \$5 each. Raffle tickets are \$3 each or 5 for \$10. Prizes for the winning poker hands are: 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, and 3rd \$25.

All proceeds and donations will go to the Alzheimer's Association.

Many families have been touched by Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. Another person is diagnosed with Alzheimer's every 67 seconds. Please join us in this effort to make a difference in their lives, and help bring an end to this devastating disease.

For additional ride information, contact Sun Country Trail Blazers at suncountry123@gmail.com, or Nancy Alford (352) 245-2837. For information regarding the Alzheimer's Association or donations, contact Ed Hancock (352) 362-1617, Board Member, Alzheimer's Association Central and North Florida Chapter, or visit alz.org.



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
"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!***

Prices:

Full Ticket:

For the 3 days with Tom Seay and the film crew including the reception, rides, seminars, banquet, and booths = \$175.00 plus camping fee. (You get a \$10 discount off this particular ticket for paying by check instead of online.)

Camping is \$25 per night.

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

Children ages 3-12 are 20% off all the above fees. Children under age 3 are free.

More Information and to Book your Spot!

Go to <http://www.greenwayequestrians.org>

Call Jessie Barnard at 352-843-1700 (cell) or 352-693-3850 (home) or email at barnardjessie@yahoo.com for reservations and information.

August 2015 FFBCH General Meeting
8/27/2015
Sonny's BBQ

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM

Guests: Jolyn Walker, Betty Lewis, Charlotte Huston and Jessie Barnard.

June 2015 Minutes: No amendments. Motion to approve by Calvin McDavid 2nd by Barb Porch and group approved.

Gary Reynolds gave treasurer's report. Motion to approve by Fred Fulcher 2nd by Jean Damron and group approved.

Jessie Barnard VP of Greenway Equestrians spoke to promote activities on the Greenway. A moonlight ride on August 29, Oct 10 Sun Country ride for Alzhiemer's and Nov 20-22 Ride with "Best of America by Horseback" TV Show on the Greenway.

There was some discussion on Creeping Indigo.

The AERC ride that was to take place Oct 2-3 has been cancelled. We were looking forward to helping with that ride. Maybe next year.

New Barn at Tillis Hill. We have been asked to help with water, electric and stall building. They will let us know what and when.

We need ideas to get more people involved with working on the trails. Possibly have neighborhoods adopt a section to clean up dead fall. Maybe 6-8 crew leaders. Jessie Barnard suggested contacting school boards to enlist Seniors who need community service hours. Andy Michele suggested that tractors with bush hogs would make it a lot easier to clear trails.

We will try to get back to Bear Hammock this year as well. Wilbur responds quickly if there is a report of something big down on the trails.

Business cards, see Sally if you need more. We also have most sizes of T-shirts at \$15 each.

Suggestions for future speakers: Trailer maintenance, horse nutrition, first aid and horse hydration, plants in the forest. Just a few ideas mentioned.

Christmas will just be a fun meeting like last year.

50/50 won by Lillian Baner.

Meeting adjourned 8:04 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!**



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