



[ffbch.org](http://ffbch.org)

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

# FFBCH NEWS

December, 2015



**Wishing Everyone Health,  
Happiness, Family,  
Friends and Joy this  
Christmas!**



LIKE us on Facebook!

FFBCH Website: [www.ffbch.org](http://www.ffbch.org)



# Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen

Invite you to our Christmas Social on  
Thursday, December 17

Stumpknockers on the River

Social/Cocktail Hour On The Deck (Full Bar)  
By The Withlacoochee River 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner (Inside) 6:00 p.m.

*Please RSVP to [ffbch.org@gmail.com](mailto:ffbch.org@gmail.com). No obligation!*

*We just want to be able to reserve enough room.*

*As Always, Non-Members are Welcome!*

**This will be strictly a social event! There will be no business meeting or speaker! We hope you take the time to join us for the social hour and get to know each other as we have lots of new members.**



We will have a White Elephant Gift Exchange. This is meant to be fun! Bring something from your home or barn that you don't want any more - get it - "White Elephant".

**PLEASE don't buy anything!** Wrap your "gift" in Christmas gift paper. Make sure each member in your party brings a "gift". Details announced at dinner.

Stumpknockers on the River

13821 SW Hwy 200, Dunnellon, FL 34432 352-854-2288

The restaurant is located on the left IMMEDIATELY after you cross the bridge over the Withlacoochee River on Hwy 200 as you are heading toward Ocala. [www.stumpknockersontheriver.com](http://www.stumpknockersontheriver.com)

Check out their menu! Gator Nuggets, Frog Legs, Conch Fritters, Pork Chops, Steaks & Chicken just to name a few! They probably have some of the best seafood in the area!

**Please Come Join Us !**



## **January Meeting Information!**

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

**The January meeting is scheduled for Thursday,  
January 21 at Old World in Floral City.**

**We will discuss the March elections  
during a brief business meeting.**

**Our speaker will be Donnie Arnold, Certified Farrier.**

Donnie is a certified farrier (18 years) with the Brotherhood of Working Farriers Association (BWFA). Donnie spoke to us several years ago and did a great job. He is also an instructor for concealed carry licenses (CCW).

### **JANUARY TRASH PICK UP**

A work day has been planned for Tuesday, January 5, 2016 with a rain date of Thursday, January 7, 2016 to pick up trash on the forest roads. The map (on page four) has been divided into ten sections - so sign up now. There are several sections that need additional workers as indicated by the groups listed on page four. Save your feed bags and hay string for the heavier stuff and bring a supply of garbage bags. The work day is being organized by

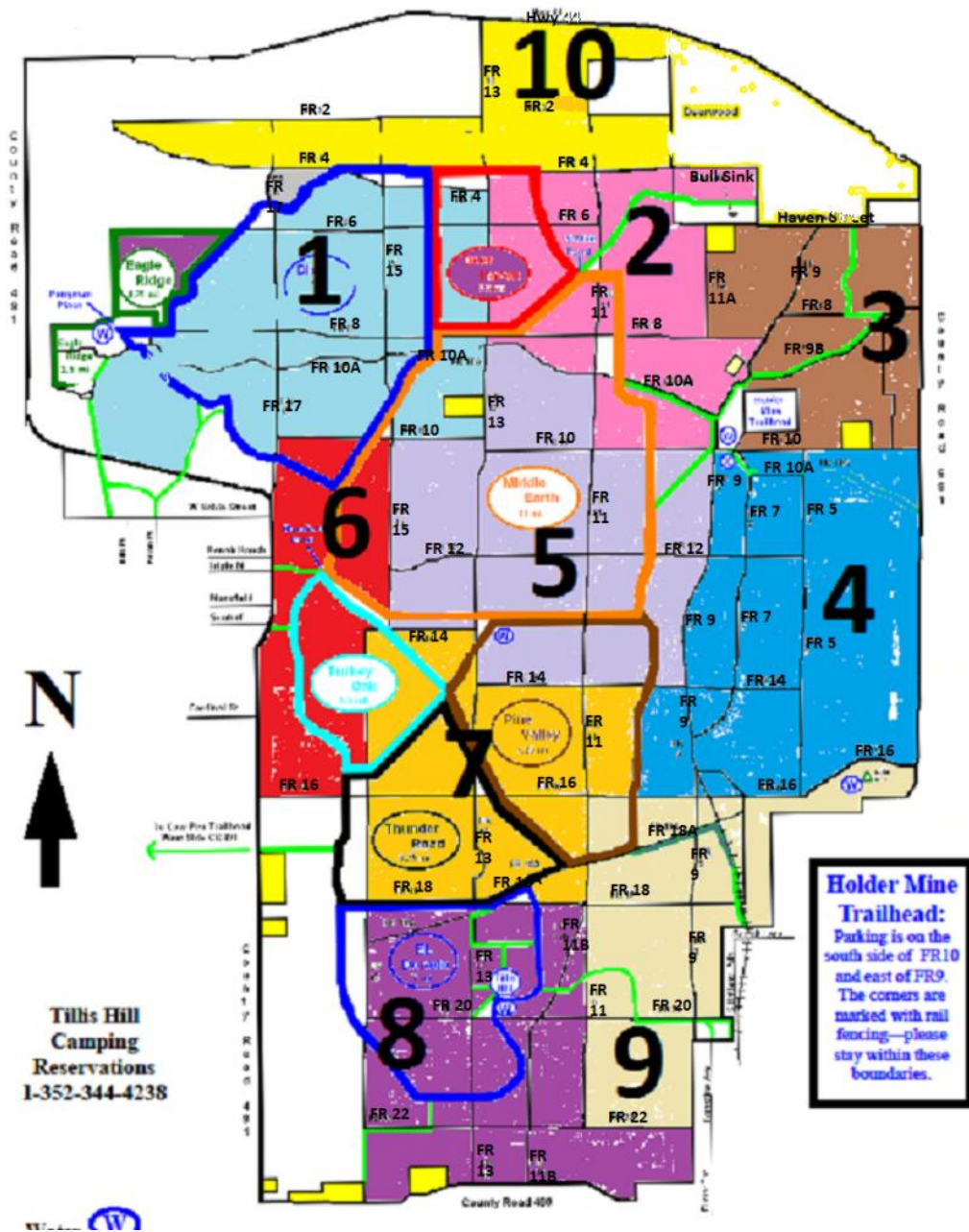
**Janet Day - 810-919-2376.**

**Please give Janet a call if you are interested in helping out.**

More details will follow via separate email.

Hope to see you there!

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
Dave Van Audrey Van Greg Murphy Karen Murphy Cal McDavid Sally McDavid Ellie Bireta Larry Bireta	Ray Durrett Fay Durrett	Steve Rossman Karen Rossman	Jeanne Damron Laura Fil Sally Ann Hardy Paul Bechtel Bonnie Bechtel Bonnie Scott Kathy Jackson	Gary Reynolds Tom Allen
Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Group 9	Group 10
Barb Porch Larry Fowler	Janet Day Ray Dodge Jean Tata	Linda Gasparioli	Fred Fulcher Becky Fulcher Barb Bellamy	Ray Durrett Fay Durrett



November 2015 FFBCH General Meeting  
11/19/2015  
Old World

Call to order 7:04 PM

Motion to approve October minutes by Janet Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sally Hardy and group approved.

Treasurer's report was presented by Gary Reynolds. Motion to approve by Jean Damron, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Murphy and group approved.

Sally has T-shirts. A good supply in a variety of sizes both men's and women's.

Janet Day presented information and sign up sheets for a forest clean up in Citrus on Jan 5. Everyone who does any kind of work in the forest needs to report their hours to Sally so we can get credit for our work.

Sally is going to organize a work day for trimming trails at Bear Hammock. Early December.

December 17 will be our Christmas celebration at Stumpknocker's on the River. Social hour at 5 PM and Dinner at 6 PM. There will be a white elephant gift exchange. Please RSVP To Sally so we can let Stumpknockers know how many seats to reserve.

Sally spoke about the red bands on trees in the forest to designate the handicap hunter areas. In one spot they overlap on one of the horse trails. If there are any issues, let Sally know.

Guest Speaker: Wayne Weyrauch Service Co-ordinator @ Como RV. He has 12 years experience in sales, service and parts. Wayne spoke about maintenance of you RV/horse trailer. Tires 4-6 years life. Be sure to note the pressure recommended on your trailer or unit. Bearings: Sealed bearings – no Maintenance. Not sealed bearings – re-grease every 2 years or 6,000 miles. Springs and shackles also have grease fittings. LQ's appliances AC filters, water heater – burner tube might check for spider webs and mud doobers. Keep clean inside/out. Refrigerators will rust internally. Need to turn on every 30 days for 5 or 6 hours.

Furnace – no maintenance. Water heaters – water lines will freeze. Anode rod – check once a year and replace every 2 years. Keeps water heater from corroding inside out. Always check for leaks. Winter – drain water out of the lines.

Leave plugged in? Check water in batteries every 30 days especially if you leave it plugged in all the time. If the battery is going bad, it will destroy your converter. Don't try to charge a bad battery. Always use a deep cycle battery. These take water and need to be checked. When you're going down the road, you are charging the battery up. Golf cart batteries are the best. They are taller and have more lead surface. Best way to go.

Refrigerator – run on gas once a month for 24 hours. Must be kept level. Let get cool before you load it up and put cold stuff in it. Wayne says you can call him with any questions.

Janet has extra copies of the forest maps if anyone wants one. 50/50 \$39

Guests: Laura , Ellie Bireta, Larry Bireta, Karen Ketchum, Sharon Day and Connie Lloyd.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 PM Motion by Dave Van 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Rossman and group approved.



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**  
**Secretary—Becky Fulcher**  
**Treasurer—Gary Reynolds**  
**Janet Day - Director**  
**Tom Allen—Director**  
**Barb Porch—Director**  
**Cal McDavid—Director**

**Florida Forest Service**  
**Emergency Phone:**  
**352-797-4100**

**FFBCH Website: [www.ffbch.org](http://www.ffbch.org)**  
**email: [ffbch.org@gmail.com](mailto:ffbch.org@gmail.com)**