



# MYAKKA RIVER RIDERS



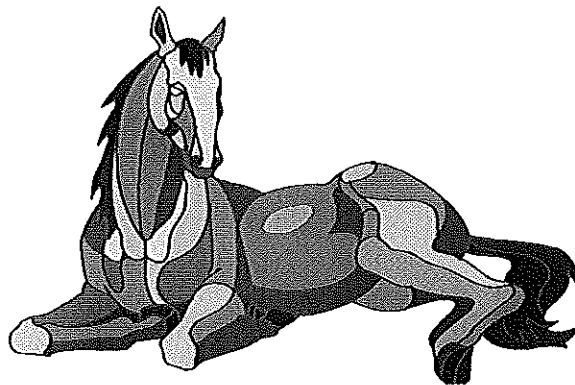
# R i d e C a l e n d a r

*NEWSLETTER*

*DECEMBER 2010*

## *RIDE CALENDAR*

- DEC 4TH MYAKKA CITY CHRISTMAS PARADE  
3:00 PM, BE THERE 1 HOUR EARLY -  
CALL ROBERTA IF YOU WANT TO RIDE
- DEC 4TH SMART WALK-A-THON 8:00 AM  
CALL SMART FOR FURTHER DETAILS  
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- DEC 11TH MYAKKA RIVER RIDER CHRISTMAS PARTY  
SATURDAY AT ALAFIA—9:30 AM RIDE—  
1 PM DINNER - BRING A DISH TO PASS AND  
BRING A \$20 FOR GIFT EXCHANGE IF YOU  
WANT TO PARTICIPATE (inside park)
- DEC 18TH DEER PRAIRIE PRESERVE - 10:00 AM
- DEC 21ST MYAKKA RIVER RIDERS MEETING  
7:30 PM - QUATELBAUM HOUSE - DAM ROAD
- JAN 2ND HARDEE LAKES—CHILI RIDE  
CAMPING IS AVAILABLE - RIDE AT 10 AM  
FOLLOWED BY CHILI LUNCHEON
- JAN 9TH PRAIRIE PINES CONSERVATION 20/20  
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CONTACT JOAN PETERSON
- JAN 15TH POKER RIDE -  
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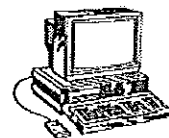
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## NOVEMBER Meeting Notes

Debbie White

Hello there,

We had a returning visitor at our November meeting. Pat Robertson with "Sun Covers" showed us her newest line of products, including a saddle cover that would hold a cell phone -JUDY!!!! Pat was kind enough to leave a "demo" saddle cover for the club so if anyone is interested in trying one out first, call Andrea for details.

Next Michelle Beviack spoke to us about "Natural Hoofs". She would like to come back and speak more about this subject. She also talked about different hoof boots we could try for our loved ones when their hoofs get sore, wet or tender-footed on the trails. Some of us have tried different boots with no luck in the fit. Well, she will come to you and fit your hoofs. She also talked about how she is learning about the feed we are giving our horses and that could possibly cause other problems. Again, some of us have been speaking to her for months and months about this, myself included. Look for my story later in the letter.

The boots are for different things. Many endurance riders have switched over to a boot designed for the bare footers. They are finding they would much prefer to use the boots vs. shoeing. There is a boot the Swiss make that you heat up and it molds to the hoof itself. Why are the boots needed? Like I said for any type of problem wet, sore or tender feet. If you ride over 'different surfaces' they help. The Easy Boot company has many different boot types to choose from. They are sold in different sizes. That makes it nice when you have a horse that is hard to fit. They are all different prices also.

Diet can be a big factor in sore feet. In the wild horses do not get grain, they only have 10% of grass daily. They are always on the move so they don't eat that much grass. As some of us know sweet feeds and grasses at the wrong time can cause problems as the sugar content is much higher at certain times. The wild horses trim their own hoofs by going over surfaces that do this for them. I vote we have Michelle back and get into this Natural Hoof thing more in depth.

We discussed the Christmas party/camp out. DON'T forget your \$20.00 present if you want to participate in the gift exchange. Neal & Don will be fixing hamburger & hot dogs, and we have included the food sign-up list in this newsletter as a reminder of what to bring for a covered dish to share. There's still time to sign-up if you would like to come.

Would like to hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with all their Loved ones. Bye for NOW! Debbie

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE TRAIL RIDING SCHEDULE

Any members planning on riding at scheduled rides, please check with Judy Yager, Ride Committee Chairperson at (941) 322-8196. Sometimes circumstances cause times and places to be changed. Just to be sure you don't end up riding by yourself **MAKE SURE TO CALL THE NIGHT BEFORE!** We all need to be helpful with new members and let them know the possibility of this happening. Thank you.

Diane Daspit

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**Prairie Pines Conservation 20/20 and Horse Park**  
**19201 Matt Rd. North Fort Myers (Lark Compisano, 239-731-3265)**  
**January 9, 2011**

#### **Directions**

175 south, exit #143, go west towards Cape Coral (right). As soon as you exit there will be a stop light, go thru on the on/off ramp light, go about 1 1/2 miles and turn right at light Slater Road. Go about 1 mile and go left at sign that says Mellow/Del Prado. Go 50 feet and make a right turn onto Matt Road (also sign that says Slater Bible Chapel at beginning of road). Matt is 1/4 mile long DEAD END road, with a cul-de-sac at end for turning. Stay on Matt Road to end, they are the last house on Matt, on the left, only white fence, only 2 story house.

**Note:** Google Prairie Pines says there is only room for 1 trailer and no turnaround, so use these directions.

## Meet your Myakka River Riders Member - Diane Daspit

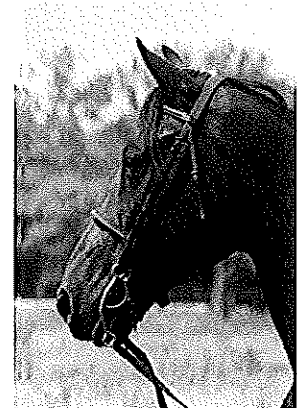
("Too Tall")



You know how little girls love horses? Well, I was one of those crazy little girls that loved looking at, dreaming about one day owning one, loved the smell of them, and just everything about them. I hated dresses - my school picture in the Second Grade was of me with pigtails, t-shirt, jeans, and cowboy boots. When I was 10 years old, my mother had told me if I saved my money and quit biting my fingernails I could buy a horse. I did, I saved \$75.00 (though never quit biting my nails). Anyway, I bought Duchess, she was a 15 year old sorrel mare non-registered and, I thought, the most wonderful horse in the world. I rode the legs off of her. We lived out Proctor Road in Sarasota, and I rode bareback as far as Osprey, Gocio Road, downtown, and anywhere else possible. I was just supposed to be home by dark as my mother said - "she doesn't have tail lights". I had her until I was 14 and discovered boys. I no longer rode her much and had to sell her to Ride Awhile Stables in Desoto Lakes.

Well, I made it without a horse until I was around 20 and was surprised at Christmas one year with an appaloosa gelding. The roughest horse there ever was. He would rather go backwards than forwards. I traded him for a quarter horse that was a little smoother and then a friend boarded a Tennessee Walker at my barn. She was a little scared of her, so I started riding her and fell in love with the Tennessee Walkers. I rode and showed a friend's "Big Lick" Tennessee Walker for a while and he found my current horse - "Pride's Lethal Weapon" (Pride). He was 2 years old and green broke and scared of everything. We worked together and now 20 years later - he is still exciting to ride (although I wish he didn't still jump at butterflies). Thanks to Myakka River Riders and Marilyn Hart for getting me out on the trails riding all over our beautiful State. I have been a member for about 17 years now!

I have had so many wonderful horsey experiences and met so many great friends over the years, including teaching my daughter and granddaughter to ride. I am particularly happy about the riding vacations I have been on - like going to Costa Rica with 7 friends and riding the horses down there on the beach, in the mountains, city, roadside, through the African Cocoa Palms; vacationing with 5 friends and riding (trotting) on the Icelandic's in Vermont's Green Mountains and then riding over the Continental Divide (10 1/2 hrs on horseback) in the Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado with 5 friends. These are some of the memories I will never forget - with many more to come!



## Thanksgiving at Marandy 2010

by Diane Daspit (Too Tall)

What a great weekend we had. Marandy was great, the outdoor kitchen worked out great for warming up food already prepared. Neal did his usual with the turkey and fixings, plus everyone else brought wonderful fattening food. We had leftovers all weekend since Neal never knows how to cook small. For Turkey Day we had Judy, Johnie Lou, Mary and Tom, Marilyn, Neal, Sumer, Hailey, Pat (Sumer's dad) friend Lyn and myself. Then on Friday Lindy, Marion, Greg and Grandson Lane, Lisa, Jimmy, Kathy, and Randy showed up.

We couldn't have asked for better weather. The first day was great riding except Mary's horse went lame while we were at Tillis Hills watering the horses and they decided to walk the horses back. Well maybe they got a little lost and walked a little more than they expected, but they did make it back safely. The next day's ride Johnie Lou took us across Stagecoach on a very beautiful trail (ssshh, don't tell, it was a hiking trail), but oh my gosh was it pretty. And then on Sunday we started out for our last ride of the weekend and got into some ground wasps (hornets?). We had horses all over stomping, bucking, kicking, running, people getting stung, what a mess. I'm really glad Hailey had her helmet on, Mystery took off and ran under a tree branch and the helmet hit the branch and luckily Hailey stayed on and didn't get a concussion, because without it she would have been hurt bad. Hailey got stung 3 times and was freaking out, but other than that she stayed on and was fine. We had someone back at the camp come pick her up and we ponyed Mystery back to camp. That was the end of our ride. So anyway, all in all we had a great weekend with good friends, great horses and good food. Thanks again Marcia & Andy for sharing your place with us!

### It's That Time Again!

The New Year is almost here and time  
for 2011 Myakka River Riders  
Dues

Single Member - \$20.00

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*Please update any ads before the next newsletter.  
These will be removed unless notified by fax, phone  
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*Thank you!!*





# Myakka River Riders Christmas Party—Pot-Luck Lunch!

Alafia River State Park—CAMPGROUND

Saturday December 11, 2010

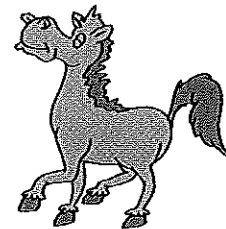
Ride-out at 9:30 AM, Lunch and Gifts at 1:00 PM

Enter through the main gate (be sure you have your Coggins with you as they will check it at the Ranger Station). Turn to the right after you go through the Ranger Station to the campground area.

We have been given permission to day-park in the area where the barn will be built, behind the campground.

Here is the sign-up list from the last two meetings. If you still want to come, please call Andrea 941-722-3690 to sign-up. Thanks everybody, looking forward to a fun time!

<u>Appetizers:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>
	Debbie White	Chips & Dip & Veggies
	Diane Daspit	Broccoli Salad
	Johnie Jamison	Potato Salad
	Patti Wade	Chili Cheese Dip
	Mary & Tom	Salami Roll-ups
	Debbie King	Macaroni Salad (Cold)
	Roberta	Salsa & Chips
<u>Main Dishes:</u>		
	<b>MRR</b>	Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Buns
	Amy Marrero	Green Bean Casserole
	Diane Popovice	Meatballs w/sauce
	Patti Wade	Candied Yams
	Lisa Pratt	Macaroni & Cheese
	Roberta	Salad
<u>Deserts:</u>		
	Johnie Jamison	Brownies
	Judy Yager	Fruit Bowl
	Mary & Tom	Heavenly Hash
	Debbie Smoot	Angel Food Cake
	Andrea & John	"Mabel" (jello) salad
	Diana Denham	Cookies
<u>Miscellaneous:</u>		
	<b>MRR</b>	Drinks
	<b>MRR</b>	Cups, Plates, Plasticware

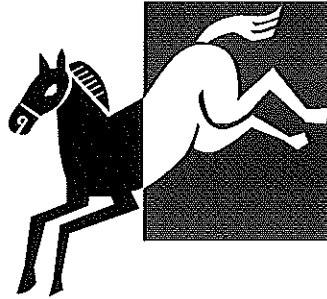




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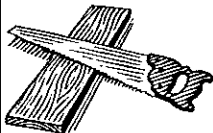
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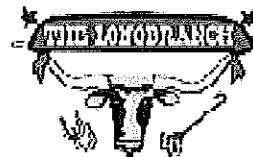
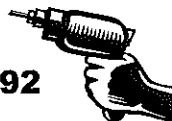
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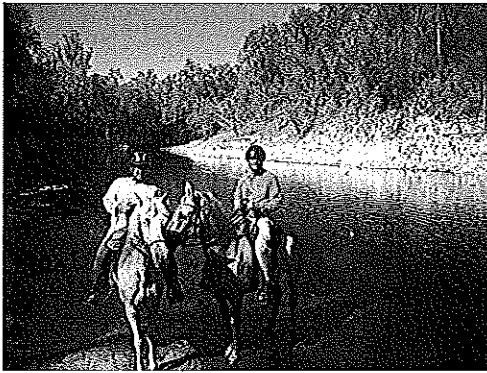
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## November Campout at 7BarL

We had a great time camping at the 7BarL and riding along the banks of the Suwanee River. There were twenty of us camping and riding together. The weather was perfect. No rain, no snow, although at night we did see a little frost! The stars were beautiful under the clear, night sky. We built some big campfires and learned a bit more about each other in a game of Scattergories. The facility is very accommodating, plenty of paddocks for the horses so they could be out all night. There is a barn but we didn't use it since the weather was so nice. Indy and Tarzan were very relaxed and content watching the cows in the field next to them. My horses always look so peaceful when they are in a good safe place that they are comfortable in. The camping was great, but the riding was spectacular. The trails followed along the river and all the trees were wearing their fall colors. It was amazing. In fact, one of the Scattergories questions that night was "name an activity that makes you feel alive"... everyone in our group agreed it was riding our horses all weekend! - Andrea



## **A CALL TO ACTION** **To all MRR Members**

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**Marandy - Thanksgiving 2010 Campout**