



Fort Custer Horse Friends Association

July-December 2021

It was a long hot summer with a lot of bugs. Seems like everyone agreed they were really bad. I know it cut back on my riding. The campsites saw little use during the hot weeks but picked up in the fall some.

Our annual meeting was held in July. Nancy Simmonds remains President and Judy Johnson remains Communications Secretary.

The Fall Campout was a great success even though it had to be restricted to Members Only because of our new cheaper insurance. We just were able to recruit new members and that was a bonus for all.

Membership Dues

Dues for the coming year are due now. Our membership year runs from January – December. A membership form can be found on our website <fchfa.org>



Electricity at the Campsites???

The park management has put forth the possibility of bringing electricity to the present campsites at the trailhead. There was also the possibility of developing the Special Event Area where we have our annual campouts into an equestrian campground. After considering present usage of the sites we have and the prohibitively expensive cost of developing the Special Events Area (without even including electricity), the board has decided to improve the sites we have with electricity and perhaps enlarging the campsites further into the trees for some shade, or planting some trees. This of course will take some time to come to pass but it's on the table!

New Members Only Link

Many members have asked about finding riding partners at the park or selling items and our ace IT person Sandy Mobley came up with a solution. She created a **Members Only** page.



The Members Only area has a form for riders to request a ride partner, a form for riders to post when they are riding if they are willing to let others ride with them, a form to post an item for sale, and a list of the sale items available.

It may take awhile to get things rolling, especially since few of us will be riding during the winter but check it out now and see what's there and how to use it and we'll try to get it moving more in the spring. While you're there explore



the rest of our website. There are all sorts of good stuff there including an equestrian map and pics from the campout and the park. If you have some great pics from the park send them along to sandy Mobley

webmaster@fchfa.org



Continuing Fund Raisers

If you use Tribute Feeds please save the proof of purchases on feed bags and contact Wayland Funk funkyfam@yahoo.com about getting the proofs to him.

Each one is worth \$.25 for the club and could provide a small but steady source of funding for the club.



(Proof of Purchase from any Tribute feed bag is eligible. These are examples.)

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If you don't have an Amazon account I assume you would have to do that first.

Happy Holidays!!

Here's hoping we all have a Merry Christmas and a great New Year filled with lots of horsey stuff. And though it doesn't appear that Covid is going away maybe we can continue to adapt and still have plenty of club activities next year.