



## Fort Custer Horse Friends Association

February 2018

Not too much happening in the good old month of February though I think we may have gotten off a little easier than most years. Some folks were able to make it out to the park either to ride or clear trails. Reports on trail conditions are that they are good with a few stepovers.

There were a few corrections to the calendar and I will attach another to this newsletter but you can always check for the latest on our website <<http://fchfa.org>>. Upcoming important events are the Michigan State Stallion Expo March 9-11 in East Lansing and our Annual Meeting.

Our Annual Meeting will be held March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Kal Val Saddle Club, 9853 S. 34<sup>th</sup> St., Scotts, MI. It starts at 3:00 pm with a social hour followed by a potluck dinner at 4:00 and the short meeting to follow.

Offices up for election are:

President	2 year term
Secretary	2 year term
Legal Secretary	2 year term
Treasurer	5 year term

We will need a new Legal Secretary and a new Treasurer, as Toni Hess will no longer be available to do those jobs. You must be a paid member by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> to vote.

Hope to see everyone there!!!

Our first scheduled workday is March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and our first scheduled ride/potluck is April 14<sup>th</sup>. Also mark your calendars for the Spring Campout May 17-20<sup>th</sup>. Reservation forms can be found on our website [fchfa.org](http://fchfa.org).



# 2018 Calendar

- Mar. 8-11 - Michigan Horse Council Stallion Expo at Michigan State University Pavillion
- Mar 19, Mon. - 5:00-9:00 pm - Kalamazoo 4H Tack Sale, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds
- Mar. 24, Sat. - FCHFA Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, Social 3pm, Dinner 4pm, Meeting 5pm - Kal Val Saddle Club, 9853 South 34th St., Scotts, MI
- Mar. 28, Wed. 10 am - FCHFA Workday - Meet at Equestrian Trail Head
- Apr. 4, Wed. 4:30-6:30pm - FCHFA Board Meeting - Galesburg Library
- **April 6-8, Friday – Sunday MUSH Spring Dryland Race**
- Apr. 14, Sat. 9:30 am - **Ride and Potluck** - meet at trailhead
- Apr. 18, Wed. 9:30 am - FCHFA Trail Workday and Potluck - Meet at Equestrian Trail Head
- Apr. 22, Sun. 9:30 am - **Ride and Potluck** - meet at Equestrian Trail Head
- May 2, Wed. 4:30pm - FCHFA Board Meeting and Potluck - meet at Equestrian Trail Head
- May 5, Sat. 9:00am - FCHFA Workday and Potluck - meet at Equestrian Trail Head
- **May 7th Sun. - S.W.M.M.B.A. Bike Stampede at Fort Custer - Avoid riding in Fort Custer Recreation Area (especially Historic Trail and blue multi-use trail)**
- May 16, Wed. 9:30am - FCHFA Workday - meet at Whitford Lake Special Event Area - usually done in two hours, so NO Potluck lunch
- May 17-20 - Thursday 9 am - Sunday noon - **FCHFA Spring Equestrian Campout** Whitford Lake Special Event Area at Fort Custer - more info to be posted
- Jun 2, Sat. 9:00 am - FCHFA Workday and Potluck - meet at trailhead
- Jun. 6, Wed. 4:30 pm - FCHFA Board meeting and potluck dinner – meet at Equestrian Trail Head
- Jul. 11, Wed. 4:30 pm - FCHFA Board meeting and potluck dinner – meet at Equestrian Trail Head
- Jul. 18, Wed. 9:00 am - FCHFA Trail Workday and Potluck - Meet at Equestrian Trail Head
- Aug. 1, Wed. 4:30 pm - FCHFA Board meeting and potluck dinner –Meet at Equestrian Trail Head
- Aug 15, Wed. 9:00 am - FCHFA Trail Workday and Potluck - Meet at Equestrian Trail Head
- Sep. 12, Wed. 9:00 am - FCHFA Board Meeting and Workday - meet at Whitford Lake Special Event Area
- Sep. 13-16 - Thursday 9 am - Sunday noon - **FCHFA Fall Equestrian Campout** Whitford Lake Special Event Area
- Sep. 23, Sun. 9:30 am - **Ride and potluck**- meet at trailhead
- **Sep. 30th X-Terra Bike Race at Ft. Custer - Avoid riding on the Blue and Historical Trails**
- Oct. 3, Wed. 4:30-6:30pm - FCHFA Board meeting – Galesburg Library
- Oct. 12-14 Fri. to Sun. Octoberfest at Fort Custer - come out and volunteer!
- Oct. 20, Sat. 9:30 am - **Ride and potluck** – meet at trailhead
- Nov. 3, Sat. 9:30 am - **Ride and potluck** – meet at trailhead
- Nov. 7, Wed. 4:30 pm - FCHFA Board meeting – Galesburg Library
- Nov. 11, Sun. 9:30 am - **Ride and Potluck** - meet at Equestrian Trail Head
- Nov. 14, Wed. 9:30 am - **Last ride before gun season - Ride and potluck** – meet at trailhead
- **Nov. 15-30 - Firearms Deer Season - Avoid riding at the park, especially early morning and late afternoon.**
- Dec. 1, Sat. - Annual Christmas Event - Kal Val Saddle Club located at 9853 South 34th St., Scotts, MI 49088. (between R and S Avenues). Social hour starts at 3:00 with a potluck dinner to follow at 4:00. After the meal an optional gift exchange (up to \$30) will take place - always fun!!!.
- Jan 2, 2019, Wed. - 4:3-6:30 pm - FCHFA Board Meeting - Galesburg Library