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## Soooo Good to Meet-n-Greet Again!

One of the great things about Meadow Wood Farms is that “community” is more than just a description; it’s what we do here. We come together in friendship to share fellowship, food, and fun. We share in many different activities, and we look out for one another and the interests of the neighborhood. You can see that over and over again by simply following some of the conversations on our Facebook pages.



It has been a while since we’ve been able to have a Meet-n-Greet (pre-COVID), so the get-together on September 18 was an extra special celebration!



Sending a big thank you to **Carolyn Camp** for the great party, to all the volunteers who helped set up and clean up (led by Ian and Karen Reade), to Jeff Rice for coordinating an impromptu car show, and to everyone who was able to make it and who shared such outstanding food! As commented by Karen Reade on Facebook, “It was so good to meet new neighbors and reach out to old friends.”

*Sydney Smith* (photos by *Jeff Rice*)

### Upcoming Events 2021

(subject to change)

#### Board Meetings

Oct 12; Nov 9

#### General Association

Nov 16; Jan 18, 2022

General Association meetings are being held at Friendship Park until further notice.

Minutes are posted on the website after all Board and Association meetings:  
[www.mwfpoa.com](http://www.mwfpoa.com)

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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## *It's Autumn and the Holidays are Coming!*

It's the 3rd week of September as I write this. As I entered a national chain store yesterday, I was confronted with a huge display of CHRISTMAS decorations. What happened to Halloween and Thanksgiving??? I must be an old-fashioned curmudgeon, but I think it's early to be pushing Christmas. I look forward to the Autumn holidays. Why do we have to rush into winter?! Oh well, I'll just sip my pumpkin spice coffee and sulk.

Your Association Executive Board has been busy. To bring you up to date, we renewed our CD for another 2 years, ordered more address signs, renegotiated our porta-john contract, and filed our taxes. (A big thanks to Lisa Yanes for doing that.) Also, congratulations to Jennie Adams, who was elected at the General meeting as our new Secretary.

Our association benefits from the generous time of so many volunteers. Thanks to Katie Tibbets for offering to be our new webmaster. We greatly appreciate Wayne Hebert for the many years he has kept our webpage up to date. Thanks also to Deb Kane and Jim Bain for again conducting our audit, finding our finances are well accounted for.

Jeff Rice did a great job herding hot rods for a Car Show on the day of our Meet & Greet. Thanks also to Eula Scott, who stepped in to cook the delicious meat dishes for that event, when our original chef had a family emergency. And kudos to Ian Reade and crew for making the park look great beforehand.

We are blessed to have folks interested in helping to make our neighborhood a great place to live. We can always use a few more. Please, let someone know if you have talents to share.

I'll see you around the neighborhood.

*Jim Thomas*

President MWFPOA

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## Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club



The September meeting of the Equestrian Club was well attended, including the addition of several new members. Hooray!

The Club is working hard to continually enhance our vendor participation with regard to discounts. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates. We're also planning lots of activities for the coming months. Mark your calendars and watch for more information:

- ◆ **Fri-Sun., Oct. 8—10:** Join "Sun Country Trail Blazers" for a Ride for the Cure (campout, poker ride, raffle and auction, and Cowboy Church)! Or just come for the Poker Ride and lunch on Saturday. Contact Marilee McGinnis for details.
- ◆ **Sat. Oct. 16:** Walk/Ride to end Alzheimer's; join the Meadow Wood Memory Walkers on foot or horseback at 8:30 at Friendship Park
- ◆ **Sat., Oct. 23:** Clinic on horse chiropractics, with Dr. Madison Burger-Reed from Ocala Equine (10 am to noon), hosted by Vickie Forget (at 7 Wintergreen Way). Bring a chair, a *signed waiver*, and a snack to share. Maybe win a free adjustment! Watch your email for more info.
- ◆ **Sat., Nov. 13 (11 to 1):** Club trail ride at the Florida Horse Park, with host and guide Frenchie Bisiaux. Join us and help celebrate Frenchie's birthday!
- ◆ **Sat., Dec. 4:** Used tack sale. Open to all residents for Sellers; open to the public for Buyers
- ◆ **Sat., Dec. 11:** "Hot Rods & Horses" Christmas Cavalcade
- ◆ **Thu., Dec. 16:** Equestrian Club Christmas Party, with food, fun, gifts, and prizes.

Have other ideas? Bring them to the next meeting on **Thursday, Oct. 19**, at 7:00 in Friendship Park. We would love to have you join in the fun!

## Meadow Wood Farms Communications

Website: [www.mwfpoa.com](http://www.mwfpoa.com)

The newsletter is available in **color** on our website:

- ◆ From the main page, click on **Newsletter**, and then select the month.

### eMail

To join the Meadow Wood Farms email blasts and conversation, send a note to [Meadowwoodfarms1@aol.com](mailto:Meadowwoodfarms1@aol.com) and ask the site master to add your email address. Please respect the rules... no politics, or religion, or any attachments or offensive material. This service is offered by a private member of the association. It is extremely useful, and we are grateful to them.

### Facebook

Ask to join our private groups on Facebook:

- ◆ **Meadow Wood Farms**
- ◆ **Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club**
- ◆ **Meadow Wood Farms Garden Exchange**

## Neighborhood Sunshine

*If you are aware of someone who could benefit from receiving a card, please notify Jennie Adams at 352-854-1914.*



Do you know of a Meadow Wood Farms neighbor in need? The Meadow Wood Farms Angels is a group of anonymous volunteers who are ready to help with those small, one-time projects that our neighbors cannot do by themselves by reason of age, illness, disability, or lack of funds.

To submit a request for assistance, email: [MWFAngels@gmail.com](mailto:MWFAngels@gmail.com) or call Jim Bain (352) 615-2572. The Angels will contact you and obtain additional information in order to evaluate the request.



## Calendar of Activities — Oct 2021

- ◆ Tuesday, Oct 12 (7:00 pm): **MWFPOA Board Meeting** (via Zoom)
- ◆ Thursday, Oct 21 (7:00 pm): **Meadow Wood Farms Equestrian Club** (Friendship Park)
- ◆ Sunday, Oct. 31: **Happy Halloween!**
- ◆ Every Tuesday & Saturday (10:00 am): **Line Dancing** (Friendship Park)



October 2021						
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If you would like to schedule an event in Friendship Park, please contact and coordinate with our Activities Chairperson, Carolyn Camp, at (352) 304-8506 or [leoarabs@aol.com](mailto:leoarabs@aol.com).

Have ideas for new things to do, please let someone on the Activities Committee know. Suggestions are welcomed!

*Do you like coordinating social activities?  
Contact Carolyn to let her know of your interest!*

Thank You



The MWFPOA held our Meet & Greet on Sat, September 18. The rain held off, the food was excellent and plentiful, and our newest residents were welcomed to Meadow Wood Farms. There was quite a bit of behind-the-scenes help that made this such a success: Ian and Karen Reade, Eula Scott, Sandy Mollberg, Jeff Rice, Marilee McGinnis, and Sydney Smith. If I missed anyone, my apologies. Thank you everyone for coming! ~ Carolyn Camp

## MWF's "Hot Rods & Horses" Christmas Cavalcade is Coming Again!



Start preparing now for the Christmas Cavalcade, scheduled for the afternoon of **Saturday, December 11**. Preliminary plans are underway, incorporating lessons learned from last year's event. (We'll let the horses and carriages lead the procession and set the pace.)

We will need volunteers on the ground for the staging areas. And we will need at least one volunteer to be a muck scooper with a golf cart.

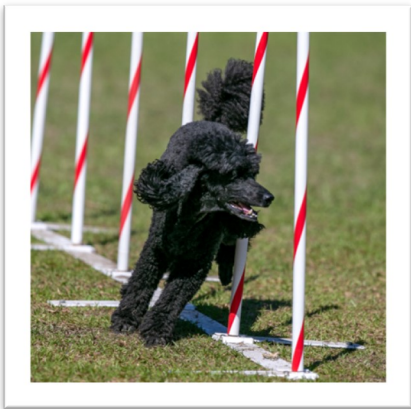
Start getting your hot rods, golf carts, and horses ready for another spectacular event.

- ◆ All hot rod drivers—contact Paul Gregorzek at 706 889-3861.
- ◆ All horse riders/carriage drivers—contact Jim Thomas at 785 691-5886.
- ◆ Volunteers—contact Dorothy Henry at 352 817-7494.



## Playing and Having Fun with Your Dog—Agility!

Mark your calendars for another cool event at the World Equestrian Center (WEC). The American Kennel Club (AKC) National Agility Championship will be held the weekend of **April 1 – 3, 2022**, and “yours truly” has qualified! I don’t have the top fastest border collie in the world, but I do plan on having fun with my standard poodle, Austin (shown in the photo on the left).



Agility was started in the U.K. in 1977 by Peter Meanwell, who was a “working dog” trainer. He was asked to come up with entertainment for spectators at the Crufts Dog Show during down times. Taking ideas from horse show jumping, he set up a course with obstacles for his dogs. It was such a hit that, in 1979, agility became a competitive sport held under the official regulations of the U.K. Kennel Club. Barnwell’s basic principle was that it should be both fun and safe for every dog. (You don’t even need to have a purebred dog. Any dog can compete by registering with an agility venue or association.)

In 1986, the United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA) was the first agility venue to be formed in the U.S., followed by the North American Dog Agility Club (NADAC) and AKC. Canine Performance Events (CPE) and U.K. Agility International (UKI) are other popular venues.

In agility, we learn to direct our dogs through an obstacle course using hand, body, and voice commands. In competition, the courses are pre-designed and timed. This sport involves both you and your dog being physically active. If your dog is a couch potato, agility may not be right for him. He should know basic obedience commands, be physically active, and be eager to learn.

Agility trials shouldn’t stop you from participating in one of the top dog sports going, whether you choose to be competitive or just learn new skills and have fun with Fido. Learning how to safely introduce your dog to obstacles is very important. We work on confidence, control, and safety. As we progress, we learn different “crosses,” turns, and challenges.

Local dog training clubs and instructors can get you safely started in the basic skills. Two nearby training facilities are **Marion Alachula Dog Training Association** (MADTA.org), located just behind PatRicks on SR40, and **Trained Dog Happy Dog** (dogagilitytrials.com), located on 150th. Marion County is also home to many agility “master” trainers. Check out Floridaagility.com for more information on local agility trials. Most of all, have fun and love your dogs!

*Leslie Pope-Hall*

### Fall is Time for Stick Bugs (Two-striped Walkingstick)



Other names assigned to these rather hideous-looking creatures include devil's riding horse, prairie alligator, witch's horse, devil's darning needle, scorpion, and musk mare. They seem to be everywhere right now and are often the subject of conversation at Friendship Park and in many of our yards.

As the name implies, stick bugs are especially talented in camouflaging themselves as - *you guessed it* - sticks. Stick bugs don't just blend in really well; they have several other characteristics that make them some of the most unique insects on the planet.

If a stick bug senses sudden danger, it will immediately fall from wherever it is perched and lay perfectly still on the ground, just like a fallen stick. This process is called thanatosis and successfully tricks prey into believing they are just a tasteless, dried stick. Clever stick bug, very clever.

A stick bug can reproduce parthenogenetically. When males are scarce, a female can produce eggs that will hatch into more females. When a female mates with a male, the offspring have a 50/50 chance of being male or female.

Similar to lizards that can regrow a lost tail, a stick bug can also lose a limb in an effort to save its life. Using a special muscle allowing the leg to break off at a weak point, it can get away to see another day and the leg will grow back by the time it molts again.

Although they don't bite, they have a nasty ability to squirt a strong-smelling spray that is painfully irritating to the eyes and mucous membranes. I have heard of neighbors' cats and dogs suffering this assault after getting too close. Whether involving pets or people, the recommended treatment is to immediately irrigate the eye with large amounts of water, followed with over-the-counter analgesics, if needed for pain. Medical attention should be sought if more severe symptoms occurs, such as decreased vision or light sensitivity.

Here's one more fun fact: a newly discovered stick insect in Borneo, recently broke a world record, making stick insects the longest insect in the world. With its legs extended, it measures 22 inches! That might make you more appreciative of the stick bugs common to our area.

Submitted by *Jan Reade*

If you ever need to know what the weather is like here in our own neighborhood, check out Weather Underground ([Wunderground.com](http://Wunderground.com)). This service provides real-time weather information for most major cities around the world, as well as local weather reports for newspapers and third-party sites. Its information comes from the National Weather Service (NWS) and more than 250,000 personal weather stations (PWS), including a PWS operated by our very own

**Bob Coveney.**



## **Middleground (April 22, 1947 – February 16, 1972)** **Bold Venture (USA) x Verguenza (USA), by Chicaro (USA)**

Middleground was bred and owned by the King Ranch in Texas and trained by Max Hirsch. He was sired by the 1936 Kentucky Derby winner, Bold Venture. Although he was somewhat small, Middleground had a nicely sloped shoulder and strong hindquarters with good muscling extending into the gaskin.

He was a consistent colt; with 15 starts, Middleground had 6 wins, 6 seconds, and 2 thirds, winning a total of \$237,725. Middleground was considered to be “right up with the leaders of his crop for as long as he lasted.”

In 1949, he was ranked second among American juveniles of 1949 by The Blood-Horse after winning the Hopeful Stakes at Saratoga and placing third at the Arlington Futurity.

In 1950, he was ranked second among American 3-year-old males of 1950 by The Blood-Horse. He won both the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont Stakes, and he placed in the Preakness Stakes. Other races that year included:

- 2nd Withers Stakes (USA, 8FD, Belmont)
- 2nd Wood Memorial Stakes (USA, 8.5FD, Jamaica)
- 3rd Leonard Richards Stakes (USA, 9FD, Delaware)

Five-time Derby-winning jockey Eddie Arcaro had the option to ride Middleground in the 1950 Kentucky Derby but opted for Hill Prince instead. Middleground finished first; Hill Prince finished second. Middleground was only the second horse to win the Run for the Roses with an apprentice (Bill Boland) in the saddle.



The problem was that Middleground had bad ankles and a tendency to bear out around the turns. He was retired after breaking a bone in one foot in the 1950 Jerome Handicap, the only time he finished out of the money. He entered stud at the King Ranch in 1951.

Unfortunately, Middleground was inconsistent as a sire, passing on unsoundness too often, and he was subfertile as well. According to statistics kept by The Jockey Club, Middleground sired 101 winners and 7 stakes winners from 130 named foals, with his fillies being better than his colts.

Middleground died in 1972 and is buried at the King Ranch near Kingsville, Texas.

*Sydney Smith*





# Dorothy Henry

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It is never easy for me to say good-bye, and that's especially true now, as David and I prepare to move to North Carolina. I love this community and have so enjoyed being a part of it!

There have been so many opportunities to connect, and I have tried to take advantage of as many as possible. Just a few that have made me feel especially welcomed include Line Dancing on Tuesdays and Saturdays with Sandy Mollberg and the regulars; Meet & Greet and other potluck style get-togethers at Friendship Park; lunch with the ladies; Board and Association meetings (both informative and fun); Equestrian Club meetings and events, especially the Greet & Rides; and simply neighbors who stop to chat as they walk, drive, ride, or bike past the house. We will miss you, Neighbors!

The last month has been a whirlwind, and it is only accelerating as we move into October. (We close on our house and turn over the keys on Nov. 4.) This has all happened so much faster than either of us could have imagined. But it is time for us to retire from farming – *truly* retire and downsize this time. I think that you will like your new neighbors, Robert and Katherine Kennedy, who are also downsizing but moving from a large farm.



So, it is time to release my “pen,” and turn it over to someone else in the neighborhood. I certainly hope that someone will quickly step in to take over this important but fun position. **Could that be you!?**

I have so enjoyed my role as newsletter editor. I truly feel blessed in having had such a perfect role in the community; it was definitely in my wheelhouse and something that was immensely rewarding for me. It has also helped me to get to know many of my neighbors, who I now count as friends.

Thank you for your support and your friendship over the past 3 years, and wishing you all bright futures here in Meadow Wood Farms.

Happy trails,

*Sydney Smith (& David Campbell)*



## **Membership Information**

If you aren't a member, we would love for you to join us. The MWFPOA provides all kinds of services for your neighborhood (including this newsletter). Please use the form below to accompany your check.

**Need to find out if you've paid?** Contact Karen Reade at 352-622-2030 or email her at [springlilacs@yahoo.com](mailto:springlilacs@yahoo.com).

*Your MWFPOA thanks you!*

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