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Happy Holidays

HOT RODS AND HORSES CHRISTMAS CAVALCADE

Calling all Hot Rods, Golf Carts, Riding Horses and Driving Horses
We hope everyone will join us for our 2nd MWF Cavalcade December 11, 2021. We are still signing up participants. If you are interested in joining in please reach out to one of our volunteers listed below.

Spectators, we are asking you to all line the road on the opposite side that the Cavalcade will proceed in. Please follow COVID-19 guidelines and keep at least 6 feet away from other groups. We will not be closing off any roads so the cavalcade will need to stay in the lane & not the middle of the road. I am including a map for reference. Cavalcade route will be as follows:

Starting point is Friendship park at 1 pm. Participants should arrive by 12:30. Riding Horses and Driving Horses will lead the way going North on Lake View Dr E., followed by Golf carts, Hot Rods & military vehicles. The Cavalcade will turn right onto Northern Dancer Dr., onto Needles Dr., turning right onto Hill Prince, right onto Nashua Way and then right back onto Lake View Dr E.



Hot Rod or golf cart participants call Paul Gregorzek 706 889-3861
Carriage driver and horse riders call Jim Thomas 785 691-5886
Anyone wishing to volunteer call Dorothy Henry 352 817-7494



Upcoming Meetings

(subject to change)

Board Meetings

Dec 14

General Association

Jan 18, 2022

General Association meetings will be meeting once again at St. John's Church.

Minutes are posted on the website after all Board and Association meetings:
www.mwfpoa.com

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Greetings Neighbors

It is amazing how quickly things change sometimes. This time last year many of us were wondering how we could possibly enjoy the holiday season while keeping our distance from each other due to the COVID pandemic. Well, here we are again, deep in the middle of the holiday season. The airwaves are full of holiday music, red and green decorations abound, and the sales tempt us to get the perfect gift. And yes, hooray!!! this year we are getting out and about seeing our friends and family, enjoying time together. It is a blessing that we can return to gathering with those we love. This year we are blessed to have our children and grands coming to visit us the last week of December. They didn't dare do that last year. Unfortunately, we still have elder family in a senior care facility, but thanks to technology we will share our holiday memories.

I guess that is the important thing to remember, taking the time to appreciate the blessings we do have and the ways we can share the goodness of the holidays with friends and family. We are blessed to be living in such a beautiful, friendly neighborhood. For the most part, our neighbors care about each other and are willing to reach out a helping hand to those who need it. So, as we continue to venture out of our pandemic isolation, let's look around and see if we have friends or neighbors who don't have anyone to share the holidays with. Strike up a conversation and ask them to join in your fun, and maybe, just maybe, you will make some great memories for everyone.

Gail and I wish everyone a truly blessed and wonderful holiday season.

I'll see you around the neighborhood.

Jim Thomas

President MWFPOA

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Community Matters

Writers, Photographers, and Social Butterflies— Your Input is Needed and Always Welcome:

Our neighborhood continues to see a lot of transition and growth, with many new residents joining us in recent months. To that point, we would love to have one or more people interview new (or not-so-new) neighbors, so that we can highlight the many talents, hobbies, and interests that we have here in Meadow Wood Farms.



Meadow Wood Farms Communications

Website: 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 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 or call Jim Bain (352) 615-2572. The Angels will contact you and obtain additional information in order to evaluate the request.



ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

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Calendar of Activities at the Park — Dec 2021

- ◆ **Tack Sale hosted by the Equestrian Club—postponed**
- ◆ **Saturday, Dec 11: MWF's 2nd "Hot Rods & Horses" Christmas Cavalcade**
- ◆ **Tuesday, Dec 14 (7:00 pm): MWFPOA Board Meeting (via Zoom)**
- ◆ **Thursday, Dec. 16: Equestrian Club Christmas Party**
- ◆ **Saturday, Dec 25: Merry Christmas!**



- ◆ **Every Tuesday & Saturday (10:00 am): Line Dancing**

| <i>December 2021</i> | | | | | | |
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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 leorabs@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!*

Twas the night before Christmas and
all through the barn,

All the horses were sleeping, there
was nary a yawn.

The stockings were hung on each
stall door that day,

With hopes that on Christmas they'd
get more than hay.

The barn cats were nestled all snug
in the straw,

They just had their dinner but were
dreaming of more.

And I in pajamas, quite tired indeed,
Had just settled down with a good
book to read.

When out in the barn there arose
such a chatter-

I ran to the door to see what was the
matter.

I flew out of the house, could it be a
sick horse?
I didn't know the real reason of
course.

The moon lit the way; it was quiet and
calm,

As I ran through the grass on my way
down to the barn.

When what to my wondering ears
should I hear?

But the sound of some voices, and
they were quite near!

I heard them so close, I realized in
fright-

Was there someone inside, stealing
my horses this night?

Then I thought to myself, don't be so
naïve-

For at that exact moment, it was not
Christmas Eve.

It was midnight at Christmas when all the animals speak,
I inched close as I could to take a quick peek.

Midnight at Christmas- all the animals can speak!
But some things they said- well I can't quite repeat.

There was Buttons the pony who's gotten quite fat,
He's been on a diet and is mad about that.

And Jester the gelding, well he hates dressage,
And Rosie the new mare, who wants a massage!

And then in a twinkling I heard in the barn,
One of the gray cats spinning a yarn.
I slipped in unnoticed, so I could hear more-
But it all became quiet when I closed the door.

I dared not move, I wouldn't turn around.
But from inside the stable, there wasn't a sound.
I waited for ages it seemed at the time.
But the voices were stilled; I finally found mine.
I turned on the lights and questioned each horse.
Was it you I heard speaking? No answer of course.
They all stood there blinking with nary a peep
Whatever was said, well they wouldn't repeat.

I blinked and just shrugged, checked their buckets for water,
Tossed them some hay, shut the door like you oughta.
But I heard them exclaim as I walked out of sight-

Merry Christmas to all and to all a goodnight!!

By

Pat Van Nostrand

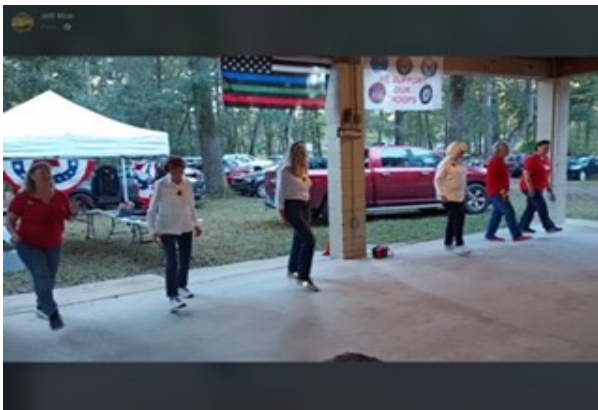
ANNUAL BBQ



There are many reasons to be thankful for the veterans and first responders in our neighborhood. First and foremost, they provided us with a safe environment for us to live in. We would not be able to enjoy our freedoms, our way of life, without the hard work and sacrifice that our soldiers and first responders have made for us and our great nation. In honor of them, MWF hosted it's 8th Annual MWF Veterans and 1st responders Appreciation BBQ on November 13th at Friendship park. This family friendly event was well attended and plenty of fun, food and most importantly, friendship was shared by all.



Everyone enjoyed watching a great demonstration of the skills of the line dancers of MWF. Thanks to everyone who contributed and especially Virginia Bisaux "Frenchie", for organizing this wonderful event.



Gena DeCamella

HALLOWEEN

Halloween's origins can be traced back to the ancient Celtic festival known as Samhain, which was held on November 1 in contemporary calendars. It was believed that on that day, the souls of the dead returned to their homes, so people dressed in costumes and lit bonfires to ward off spirits. However, in MWF we celebrated another way. The afternoon started with a classic car show, some spirited enough to dress up in costumes, followed by trunk or treat.





Dorothy Henry

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My name is Patty Salazar and I have lived here in Meadow Wood Farms for more than two decades. I've been making Soap as a hobby for the last ten years and now I've decided to start selling my Beautiful Bubbly Creations! I have many lovely gift boxes of my Goats Milk soaps, 100% Coconut oil Soap (30% Superfat for Moisturizing benefits), Coconut oil/ Olive oil& Shea Butter Moisturizing Body Bars & Gem Stone palm soaps available for purchase for this Holiday Season! You may customize your own gift box with an array of fragrance choices ranging in price from as little as \$8.00 up to \$35.00. My Soap Collection includes Fragrance choices, such as: Hawaiian Tropic Sun-tan Lotion, Rose Essential oil, Love Spell, Magnolia Blossom, Chanel NO. 5, TeakWood, Patchouli Essential Oil, Lavender& Rose Essential Oil, Light Blue Christmas Pine, Cashmere Glow & Roses with Oat-meal & Honey. All my Soaps are made in small batches Ph tested. Please email me at: thesoapcellar4@gmail.com
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I love the holiday season. It reminds me of the things for which I am so thankful, the genuine goodness of mankind, and the chance to spend some time doing the things I like to do with the people I most enjoy – my family and friends. One of those things is shooting handguns. As a hobby of sorts, it is both challenging and a good stress reliever. It requires skill, training, patience, practice, and more practice. Yes, it may have some more benefits in terms of self-defense, but that is a discussion for another time. For me, it's simply a hobby.

Much like golf, shooting is as much mental as physical. And much like golf, it requires regular and consistent practice to build your skills and keep them sharp. But where? Out & About of course. There are a couple of indoor ranges in Marion County but our preferences have focused on Harry Beckwith Gun Dealers and Indoor Pistol Range (HB) in Micanopy and/or Shooters World in the Brownwood area of the Villages (SW). The trip to HB is about 45 minutes from MWF while the trip to SW is about an hour.

HB is a small, family owned operation that has been around for years. If you have an interest, Google "Harry Beckwith incident" to learn more about the history of the shop and the 1990 real life shootout that took place there. It's right out of the movies.

SW is a larger and more upscale operation and features a 100 yard indoor rifle range as well as a very nice pistol range. Both stores/ranges offer retail sales of weapons, ammunition, accessories, and more. Both ranges focus on safety first, offering group and private lessons for all levels of shooters, including beginners. Both offer Concealed Carry classes if that is your aim (pun intended).

While these two ranges are very different in many ways, they each have their merits. You can enjoy the more relaxed atmosphere at HB (safety is still paramount), or the more polished feel of SW. Both have extremely friendly and knowledgeable staffs. Memberships are available at each and are fairly priced. The choice between the two could well just be based on your preferred style. We like them both.

Aside from the slightly longer drive to Shooters World, a major advantage in our minds is the proximity of the many restaurants and shops in Brownwood. We tend to go down on Monday mornings, as women shoot for free, and follow that up with lunch before our drive home.

The downside to any indoor range, HB and SW included, is that, for safety reasons there are limitations to the things you can do from a training standpoint. Rapid fire, drawing from a holster, shooting while moving, and more are all prohibited. If you are fortunate enough to have a good instructor and access to an outdoor range, these things can be worked on there. To complete your shooting skill set, practice time at both indoor and outdoor facilities is necessary. As most outdoor ranges are private, you may have trouble finding one locally, but it's worth the effort.



So, enjoy your holidays. Enjoy the company of your family and friends. Enjoy your hobbies. And enjoy being Out & About.

Jim Bain





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.

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