

FLORIDA CRACKER CATTLE ASSOCIATION

2023 NEWSLETTER (AUGUST, 2023)

Greetings! Our 36th Annual FCCA Gatherin' and 34th Annual Sale will be held OCTOBER 6 & OCTOBER 7, 2023 respectively. Please see details below:

The October 6, 2023 Gatherin' will be held at the Withlacoochee State Forest Training Center near Brooksville, Florida. We will begin with a FCCA Board of Directors Meeting at 3:00 on Friday afternoon. The Membership Dinner is at 5:15 pm. The Friday evening events will include the Association's Annual Business Meeting, election of officers, a review of FCCA activities and an educational and informative program. Don't forget to bring some exciting "Cracker Stuff" to contribute to the Friday evening auction. We need things to have on hand that evening AND we need big ticket things like hunts on your ranches and stays in your cabins or cottages.

The October 7, 2023 Horse and Cattle Sale on Saturday will be held at the Sumter County Livestock Market in Webster, Florida. This is a good venue for offering these "living links" to Florida's rich agricultural heritage to the public. Viewing of the sale stock will begin at 10:00 a.m. The *Florida Cracker Feedlot Restaurant* will be as open on site and we have asked them to be ready to accommodate our crowd. The Sale will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Producers wishing to consign Cracker Cattle or Cracker Horses to the sale should contact Stephen Monroe immediately. See the details on the following pages. We have had strong demand for our horses cattle at the past sales. It is every consignor's responsibility to recruit potential buyers and bring them to the sale. Developing additional markets should be a priority for all producers.

We are accepting applications for the FCCA Mike Duane Memorial Educational Scholarship. This represents an opportunity to help students to be successful and the application is posted on our website at www.floridacrackercattle.org.

The Florida Cracker Horse Association always has a lot of good stuff going on to promote Florida's Heritage Horse Breed. Check their web page at www.floridacrackerhorseassociation.com.

HELP! If you can help with registration etc for the Friday Gatherin', or Sale Day Registration, signs, logistics etc. we ask that you please jump in and help! This is your Gatherin' so please get involved. . . let us hear from you! We need your involvement to make this event successful. **RSVP is required for the Friday Dinner and/or Lodging at Withlacoochee Training Center.** Please call Stephen Monroe at 850-510-5419 or e-mail us at fcca@crackercattle.org. to make your reservations. Please help us to spread the word about these events!

Our Best Regards,

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OCTOBER 6 – 7, 2023

MEETING DETAILS

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RSVP:

You must RSVP so that we can prepare meals, lodging, etc. **Registration (pay on site) is \$35.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child (12 and under) and includes Friday evening Prime Rib Dinner and Breakfast on Saturday. Lodging at the Withlacoochee Training Center is an additional \$30.00 per person.** Note that lodging for children 16 and under is complimentary of FCCA. **THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE TICKETS SOLD FOR THE FRIDAY EVENING MEAL.** Lodging is dormitory style but we manage to accommodate most requests. Please contact us so that we can prepare for you. PLEASE CALL STEPHEN to let him know your plans. Don't assume that we know what your plans are – call. Many enjoy the camaraderie of stayin' in the forest. There are hotels in the area for the "city-slickers."

Consignments to the Sale:

Producers wishing to consign Cracker Cattle or Cracker Horses to the sale should contact Stephen immediately. The sale catalog deadline is September 26, 2023.

All stock must be registered or eligible for registration if weanlings.

Registration paperwork must be presented to sale staff before cattle are unloaded!

Horses must have current proof of a negative "Coggins" test.

All Consignments should be top quality representatives of the breed and in good condition.

Animals that are in poor body condition or extremely small, for their age, will not be accepted.

We can only accept a limited number of bulls.

The Association reserves the right to screen all consignments.

Seller commission is 10% of gross sale. The No-Sale fee is \$20.00.

Full (10%) commission is mandatory on any animals that are sold outside of the sales ring.

Dues:

The FCCA Secretary reports that many of us need to pay our annual membership dues. Please settle up with Angela Pridgeon. Dues are \$25.00 per year unless you are a lifetime member. Only paid members are eligible to vote on association matters.

Locations:

Friday - Withlacoochee Forest Training Center: The Center is located at 24059 Childs Road, Brooksville, Florida. This is North of Brooksville off of US 41 about 1.5 miles north of the intersection of US 41 and SR 476.

Saturday - Sumter Co Livestock Market: 524 N Market Boulevard, Webster Florida, USA.



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2023 GATHERIN' & SALE
AGENDA

FRIDAY, October 6, 2023 at the Withlacoochee Training Center

- 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Receiving of Sale Cattle (at the Sumter Market)
- 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Set up Auditorium for Registration
- 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. FCCA Board of Directors Meeting - (Training Building)
- 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. Prime Rib Dinner - (Dining Hall)
- 7:00 - 7:10 p.m. FCCA Gatherin' & Opening Remarks - (Training Building)
- 7:10 - 7:45 p.m. Program on Merchandising Heritage Beef
- 7:45 - 8:15 p.m. FCCA General Session & Business Meeting
- 8:15 p.m. Fundraiser Auction of "Cracker Stuff"
- Even Later Gatherin' Around the Campfire

SATURDAY, October 7, 2023

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.** Breakfast at Withlacoochee Training Center Dining Hall
(All personal belongings must be out of dorm rooms by 8:30 a.m.)

Move to Sumter Livestock Market

- 10:00 - 11:45 a.m. Viewing of the Horses and Cattle for Sale
- 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration of buyers and membership sign-up
- 12:00 noon Lunch On Site
- 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. SALE of Horses & Cattle
- Immediately Following the Sale Settling with Sale Clerk
=> Sellers and Buyers Exchange Registration Paperwork prior to Load-Out of Sale Stock

Load-Out of Stock. Load-out will be in the order that buyers paid for their stock. Don't put your trailer in line until you have your receipt and paperwork in hand.

Buyers should not leave the premises until they have the paperwork that goes with their stock!

