

# FLORIDA CRACKER CATTLE ASSOCIATION

## 2011 NEWSLETTER (SEPTEMBER 6, 2011)

**Greetings to all members and others! The Annual Florida Cracker Cattle Association GATHERIN' and SALE will be held on OCTOBER 21-22, 2011 at the Withlacoochee State Forest Training Center near Brooksville, Florida.**

We are looking forward to another great Gatherin' and Sale this year. These events can be fun and informative if you will participate. You can also help by letting others know about these events! We will begin with a FCCA Board of Directors Meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon. The Friday evening program will include the artist's presentations, the Association's Annual Business Meeting, election of officers and a review of FCCA activities. The Friday evening auction will be held again this year, so please bring some "Cracker stuff" to contribute.

Producers wishing to consign Cracker Cattle or Cracker Horses to the sale should contact Stephen Monroe immediately. See additional details on the following pages. This sale is not the dumping ground for every calf raised. It is every consignor's responsibility to recruit potential buyers and bring them to the sale. No one should breed animals without first developing a market.

After much work, Cracker Cattle once again graze on the historic Bullfrog Creek Preserve in Hillsborough County. This is public land and we are proud of the recognition of Cracker Cattle by the County. We are planning to host an event on site in the spring of 2012 to showcase FCCA.

The Florida Cracker Cattle and Florida Cracker Horse Associations were formed in 1988 and both groups have done a lot to educate many Floridians about our history. Many feel that FCCA FCHA efforts have inspired other current efforts to preserve and celebrate our culture. Events like the Great Florida Cattle Drives of 1995 and 2006 had origins amongst our group. We claim partial ownership to the "*Florida Cattle Ranching – Five Centuries of Traditions*" exhibit which has been a great success. The FCA Ranch Rodeo Finals & Cowboy Heritage Festival is another event where we have tremendous impact. This great event will be September 30- Oct 1, 2011 – check this event out at [www.floridacattlemen.org](http://www.floridacattlemen.org) and plan on attending.

HELP! If you've helped with registration, sale ring, sale clerks, signs, logistics etc., we thank you and please jump in and help again this year. ... We need some new volunteers too! This is your Gatherin' so please get involved. We extend our thanks to all members who have participated in the sales by consigning and/or purchasing stock and by working to make the sale run smoothly. We look forward to another great Cracker Gatherin'. . . let us hear from you! We want to plan for you and we need your involvement to make this event successful. Please RSVP - don't assume that we know your plans - call or e-mail Stephen!

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Division of Forestry are our hosts at the Withlacoochee Training Center and P.K. Ranch. We enjoy these facilities and we appreciate Commissioner Putnam's support in the preservation of Cracker Cattle and Horses.

Our Best Regards,

Joe  
Joe Sumner,  
President

Stephen  
Stephen Monroe,  
Executive Director

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## MEETING DETAILS

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### RSVP:

**You must RSVP** so that we can prepare meals lodging, etc. **Registration (pay on site) is \$30.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child (12 and under) and includes meals Friday evening through Saturday at noon. Lodging in the Withlacoochee Training Center is \$30.00 per adult.** It has been the tradition of the Association that lodging for children (16 and under) is complimentary. The facilities are dormitory style but we manage to accommodate most requests. Please call so that we can prepare for your arrival. PLEASE CALL AND LET US KNOW YOUR PLANS. Don't assume that we know what your plans are - call us! Many enjoy the camaraderie of stayin' in the forest. There are hotels in the area if you need to stay with 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 October 7. All stock must be registered or eligible for registration if weanlings. Registration paperwork must be presented to sale staff before cattle are unloaded! Consignments should be top quality representatives of the breed and in good condition. We will only accept a limited number of bulls. The Association reserves the right to screen all consignments. Animals that are in poor body condition or extremely small relative to their age will not be accepted. Each animal must have a current health certificate from a licensed veterinarian. Top cattle and horses will be consigned from Department of Agriculture herds as the Department's goal is to share this stock with others who are interested in the preservation efforts. We will have consignments from the Payne's Prairie State Preserve and expect consignments from private producers as well. Sale Fees are 10% of gross sale. The No-Sale fee is \$20.00 and full commission is due on any animals which are sold outside the ring.

### Dues:

The Secretary reports that many of us need to pay our annual membership dues. Please settle up with Mrs. Pauline Lipe. 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:** North of Brooksville on US 41 about 1.5 miles north of the intersection of US 41 and SR 476. The Center is located on Childs Road on the west side of US 41 and marked by Division of Forestry signs.

**Saturday – P. K. Ranch Sale Site:** Located at 8132 Croom Rital Road, Brooksville, Florida at P. K. Ranch. Directions: Go East 1 mile from Interstate 75 on Hwy 50, then 2 miles north on Croom Rital Road. The P. K. Ranch entrance is on the East side of the road and will be marked.