



The Florida Commodores Journal

LAKE BERESFORD YACHT CLUB CHAPTER HOSTS SUMMER MEETING OF 2014

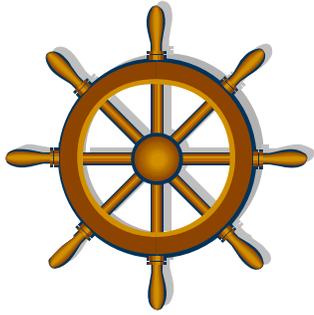
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Keepers of the Flame

Customs and Traditions of Yachting

Past, Present, Future



FROM THE HELM

Commodore John Slattery

Commodore 2013-2014



This summer Mary and I spent six weeks touring the historic mansions of England and Ireland. We also had a chance to have lunch at the Royal St. George Yacht Club in Ireland, and as you can see in the photo, I presented their **Commodore Liam O'Rourke** with an FCA burgee.

The Royal St. George Yacht Club has been around since 1838 and is a beautiful club set in an ideal setting in Dublin Bay. During a tour, I had an opportunity to inquire as to how the club is doing fiscally and regards membership. The answers reflected just what I know I would hear if I asked the same question of the majority of yacht clubs in Florida.



Let's face it - yacht clubs are not a growth industry. I'm not predicting the demise of yacht clubs but, on the other hand, we all know that there are few, if any, new clubs while many existing clubs are struggling with reduced membership and lower revenues.

I'm not trying to be the 'prince of darkness' but we, as leaders in the yacht club world, need to be involved and united in our efforts to reverse this trend. There are many factors involved besides just the economy. Changing lifestyles, changing family composition and the effect of social media have all led to change in how people spend their leisure time.

FCA is dedicated to preserving and growing the 'yacht club lifestyle' by providing its members with educational programs and the environment to allow the free exchange of information among its members in order to make our clubs more successful! At our last meeting in Lake Beresford Yacht Club, we had an excellent presentation on gaining and retaining members. Each of our meetings has a program and idea exchange to improve the clubs of our members.

However, this only works if you as members attend our meetings, contribute to the exchange of information and carry back what is learned to your clubs. Each club has to ask themselves if they can afford to miss learning something that might give their club a much needed edge.

I hate to use an old cliché, but in this instance it fits - "If you're not part of the solution - you're part of the problem!"

ARE YOU PART OF THE PROBLEM????



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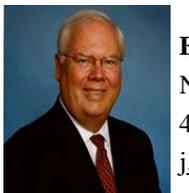
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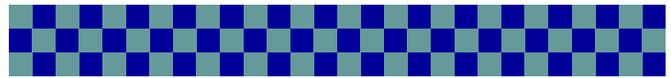


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Lake Beresford Yacht Club Patricia Wilcox Commodore LBYC



Lake Beresford Yacht Club is located on the scenic west shore of Lake Beresford, and connects directly to the St. Johns River on the southernmost part of the lake. If you are ever wandering around Central Florida in the DeLand area, take a little side trip six miles west of DeLand on SR44 West and put 1961 Hontoon Road, DeLand, Florida, 32720 into your GPS on your phone and it will take you to the club. It is 23.5 acres, mostly pristine wetlands, with a beautiful new clubhouse and a history dating back to 1941. We would love to meet you.

In 1941, five prominent businessmen purchased 21.5 acres of land on Lake Beresford. On November 21, 1944, the club obtained its charter as a Non Profit Corporation. The Lake Beresford Yacht Club was founded to promote the safe and enjoyable use of all boats, to improve fishing, protect fish and wildlife, and promote all types of social affairs desired by the members. In 1946, a dock and roadway was built to connect with the county road, Hontoon Road. By the end of that year, membership had reached 100. Early in 1947, a picnic shelter was erected and a well drilled. Construction of the club and boathouse was begun in June and completed in December of the same year.

During the next sixty years, the clubhouse, with membership numbers nearing 500 at times, flourished in this small community. Friendships were made that would last for several generations. Several of those members would remain through difficult times and they continue to maintain their membership today. Docking facilities for cruisers up to 50 ft in length are available to visitors. The docks include metered electric and water. There is an enclosed pool, showers and outside dining area poolside. Lake Beresford Yacht Club is a member of the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs.

On August 2, 2007, a fire destroyed the historic building, which would change the club forever. The next six years would be very challenging for the Board of Directors and members. A decision was made by the Board to rent a temporary facility and have it situated near the water and the enclosed pool area to attempt to maintain enough membership to keep the club operational during the rebuild time. The temporary building was in place for several years and served its purpose.

In February, of 2012, a Building Committee, comprised of several of the newly elected Board Members, was organized to begin the process again to rebuild. This plan was more cost effective and seemed workable. After several months of choosing a builder, working with all the government agencies, engineers and architect, a design was chosen and on May 20, 2013, construction began on the new clubhouse. In the second week of October, almost five months after beginning construction, the clubhouse opened to members.

Membership has grown as expected with a new building in place and plans are being made to expand the recreational area to include a pavilion, lakeside where the footprint of the remains of the historic clubhouse is located. Commodore Patricia Wilcox welcomes you to visit the club.



Lake Beresford Yacht Club Summer Meeting – A review

P/C Peter Tyson
FCA Fleet Captain

For those of us who have driven through Deland, we know and admire the beautiful oak shaded campus of Rollins College and maybe a restaurant or two downtown, but what we don't know is that just a few miles to the southwest, it's another world.

The St John's River begins its 350+ mile journey west of Vero Beach but this "river of lakes" is a full blown navigable waterway when it reaches Lake Beresford and Hontoon Island. Our regional FCA summer meeting based itself at the Hontoon Landing Resort, just a five minute drive from the brand new (dedicated earlier this year) Lake Beresford Yacht Club (a full member club of the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs).

Several FCA members including Treasurer **Robert** and Quartermaster **Beverly Plummer**, VC **June Ann** and **Bruce DeGraw**, IPC **Larry** and **Barbara Kimmerling**, and Fleet Captain **Peter** and **Jeanne Tyson** arrived a day early on Wednesday to enjoy cocktails and a pot luck dinner on the second story deck.

Everyone brought a dish or more and their own steaks which were cooked on a permanent barbecue grill at the resort. It was a beautiful evening, the rain having cleared earlier and the weather staying fine for the rest of the weekend. Thursday we rented a 24' pontoon boat at the resort, skippered by the Fleet Captain, and all aboard with three additions, P/C **John Matthews** and P/C **Bill Barnett** and his wife, **Cora Barnett**. We left the resort, cruised upriver past the entrance to Lake Beresford and on up river and around the scenic Hontoon Island – a State Park – alligators, birds and beautiful lush surroundings, and flat calm water. Our loop trip brought us back to the resort nearly three hours later and after a "pit stop," we continued downstream for lunch at the **Shady Oak Restaurant**. We tied the boat up at the restaurant "dock" and stepped into old Florida when we went inside. It was the red carpet treatment for the nine of us and the menu was varied and the food and service excellent – truly a four star experience. We reluctantly returned to the resort and planned our dinner at the Main Street Grill in downtown Deland for later that evening.



Friday meetings for the ExCom Committee began at noon with lunch being served while business was conducted. Members began to arrive for cocktails later in the afternoon and the stage was set for the Sundown Ceremony. The ceremony was conducted by P/C Wayne Stewart, P/C David Huff, P/C Chris Brown as Flag Detail and FCA Fleet Captain **Peter Tyson** as artilleryman. It was a smart gathering with all in uniform.

The ceremony was followed by more cocktails and a big buffet dinner. The Club staff was excellent and everyone enjoyed the food and camaraderie. The club house has been moved from its original location right on the lake shore, but is now integral with a large swimming pool patio and cabana. It has a large dining room, bar, patio, and several offices. The 104 slip marina is pretty full and there were some sizeable yachts tied up.

Saturday was the general business meeting followed by an excellent presentation on what it takes to have a successful yacht club by P/C Commodore Wayne Stewart from Halifax Yacht Club. After a buffet lunch, we enjoyed a very informative presentation by the "St Johns Riverkeeper." Environmental issues were discussed as well as a history of the river, the flora and fauna, topography (one of the few northerly flowing rivers in the world and over almost 350 miles a drop of only 28 feet!) The St John's River faces all the same problems other wilderness areas do today:: depleted species, dwindling numbers of animals and fish, encroaching "civilization," pollution, and with the river – a huge decline in the source of water from natural springs, like Crystal Springs – thanks to growing demands by a blossoming Florida population.



Saturday night, members were back at the bar followed by a sit down dinner of filet mignon (excellent) or grouper. Live music and dancing followed. It was a unique and memorable weekend. Our thanks to Lake Beresford Yacht Club Commodore **Pat Wilcox**, Vice Commodore **Stan Mitchell**, Rear Commodore **Steve Norgress**, and Fleet Captain **Lynne Coffin** and all the others behind the scenes and unnamed in this text. Thanks to the Club staff and kitchen for an outstanding job.



Pelican Yacht Club

**Florida Commodores Association
2014 Fall Meeting and Change of Watch
Schedule of Events**

Friday, October 24

- 0930-1430 The Adams Ranch Tour and BBQ
1530 FCA Executive Board Meeting.....Indian River Room
1700- 1900 Happy HourEscape Hatch Lounge
1830 ***Sundowners Ceremony*** - Class B Uniform with Cover (White Shirt & trousers/skirt, FCA Tie, white belt and white shoes)
1900 Dinner and Dancing..... Anchor Room or Escape Hatch Lounge

Saturday, October 25

- 0830 Continental BreakfastIndian River Room
0900-1100 Associate MembersDowntown Farmers Market
0900-0930 Registration.....Indian River Room
0930-1030 Fall Membership Meeting - Class C Uniform (White shirt and trousers/skirt, epaulets, white belt and white shoes)
1030-1045 Break
1045-1200 "Management Matters" presented by Evans Mulligan CCM
1200-1300 Buffet Luncheon
1300-1430 "Treasures from the Treasure Coast" Treasure Hunter Captain Bob will talk about his treasure hunting days with Mel Fisher and the Spanish Fleet that sunk of the coast of Fort Pierce in 1715.

Adjourn

- 1800 CocktailsEscape Hatch Lounge
1900 Dinner, Change of Watch Ceremony and Dancing.....Anchor Room (Class B uniform and Cocktail attire)



Pelican Yacht Club

Florida Commodores Association
Registration Form
Fall Membership Meeting and Change of Watch
October 24-25, 2014

Name(s) _____

Chapter/Yacht Club _____ - _____

Associate Member _____ Guest _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Registration Fee:	#Persons
\$10/person payable with registration	_____

Please make check payable to "FCA" and mail before October 17 to:
Evans Mulligan, PYC, 1120 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34949.

Friday, October 24

Cocktails & Dinner	Happy Hour 1700 to 1900	_____
	Dinner from Dining Room Menu	_____

Saturday, October 25

Continental Breakfast and Lunch Buffet \$19 / person, inclusive _____

Dinner \$34 / person, inclusive

Sliced tenderloin of beef with a cabernet reduction _____

Grouper piccata _____

We are not a "Florida Council of Yacht Clubs" member club. You may pay your bar and dining room bill with a credit card or personal check.



**Pelican Yacht Club
FCA Meeting
Suggested Hotel**



The Dockside Inn is the adjacent property on the Pelican Yacht Clubs east side. You will be able to park your car and walk to the PYC.

Dockside is giving us a 20% discount on their normal off-season rates.

Poolside.....\$97.23/night
Waterfront.....\$115.07/night

To receive this rate you must mention the **Florida Commodores Association** when booking your room.

Dockage at PYC

You may secure dockage for your boat at the PYC by calling the Dockmaster Vonnie at 772-464-1734.



Goodbye, ICA. Hello, Academy

By P/C Joseph A. Tringali

What happened to the ICA? Is it alive and well? (Answer, “No”.) How about the Academy? Will it continue? (Answer, “YES! – November 13, 14 and 15 at Pelican Yacht Club!”) Many people like those answers, but they have been asking for something Desi always demanded from Lucy: “a lotta splainen.” Here’s the “splanation”:

About five years ago, a few of us FCA members formed a new organization called the International Commodores Association. The purpose of the ICA was to take the lessons learned in forming the FCA and create similar state and local associations throughout the country. After five years of hard work and the expenditure of many personal dollars, we learned something: people don’t want additional meetings! They no longer hoard money. Now they hoard personal time and spend it carefully; and they are generally happy with life the way it is. They were not “buying into” another “club” regardless of what it is called.

At the same time, one of the ICA projects took off like a cigarette boat with the Coast Guard on its tail. It is the Academy of Yachting Officers and Professionals. Twenty-first century people live in a world that is becoming more complex every day. They want to be informed. They want answers. They may balk at the idea of an all-day “meeting,” but they’re happy to spend two and a half days learning about club taxes, officers’ liability, protocol of ceremonies, media relations and a many other subjects discussed at the Academy.

There was only one thing to do, and the ICA Board did it: we agreed to give the ICA a decent burial, rescue what we could from it, and put all of the time, energy and talent we could muster into the Academy. We accomplished that, and we are setting up programs and presenters for this year as well as for the years to come. And, because Academy programs are open to anyone, we will soon have what’s known as “section 501 (c)3 status” or “non-profit” from the IRS.

The November session will include presentations on everything from proper flying of flags to the latest laws on working with children. Everyone is invited to participate, but be warned: it is not an “on your own” shopping excursion or dinner party. And, because Academy presentations are presented “seminar style,” that is, with a lot of input from the participants, everyone must register early.

The Academy of Yachting Officers and Professionals covers many valuable subjects and provides a lot of information that is sorely needed by everyone who is a member of any kind of club, especially the Officers. Remember the dates: November 13, 14 and 15 at the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce. For more information, check out the Academy website at www.academyofyachting.org.

Summary of the Purpose Florida Commodores Association

The Florida Commodores Association provides recognition of the achievements and accomplishments of recognized yacht club commodores. It serves as a link among Florida yacht clubs and encourages the exchange of information and ideas, as well as promoting yachting customs and traditions through awareness, educational, charitable and social programs.

Nominating Committee Report

Larry Kimmerling - IPC
Nominating Committee Chair

The 2014 Nominating Committee will announce to the FCA membership the proposed 2015 slate of officers via E-Journal, thirty days (30) prior to the October membership meeting. The proposed slate will also be presented to the membership on Saturday, October 25th for their vote.

A special thank you to Nominating Committee members, PC Kay Goodman, Sarasota Yacht Club, and PC Tim Roberts, Clearwater Yacht Club, for their service and sincere interest in the Associations future.

W.A.V.E 2014 REPORT P/C Kathy Champagne

With a less than favorable weather forecast, W.A.V.E. 2014 participants enjoyed a "Chamber of Commerce" day on Pensacola Bay on August 9, 2014. Some sailors reported brief showers while on the water but they were greeted as welcome relief from the heat.

Veterans arrived at Plaza de Luna Park, downtown Pensacola and were greeted by 140 volunteers, comprised of sponsoring yacht club members and active duty from Eglin Air Force Base and Naval Air Station Pensacola. American Legion Post 48 members, under the direction of Point YC Commodore Robert Clark, was already on site, preparing their commercial grill for lunch, while continuing to stock iced coolers with soda and bottled water, a necessity under the hot August sun.

PYC staff arrived with their podium and tents, immediately directing the young active duty volunteers in the set up process. A semi-circle of tents with chairs sheltered the audience while they enjoyed a choral vocal group from NASP, prior to the Opening Ceremony.

Master of Ceremonies, P/C John Matthews welcomed our guests, "Veteran to Veteran", followed by the introduction of the Hurlburt Field Honor Guard. This was followed by the singing of the National Anthem led by a quartet of Navy Enlisted from NASP.

Guest speaker, Captain Keith Hoskins, addressed the assembly with a NASP Centennial Banner as a backdrop, welcoming and honoring the veterans, and including the celebration of the base's 100th Anniversary milestone in our festivities. Following a flying rifle demonstration by NASP Personnel, "Sail Away" was the next item on the agenda. PYC PC and FCA Chapter President Sam Foreman and PYC VC Dan Smithson (an FCA Associate Member) did a masterful job of assigning veterans and "boat buddies" to the 17 boats docked at Palafox Pier, manned by skippers and crew, eager to witness the cross-generational exchange between veterans and active duty. One skipper reported never feeling as honored as he was that day just to be in their presence.

As the boats returned, our grill masters were cooking hot dogs, served with potato chips, and "sailing chips" delivered that morning from FWYC by PC Tom Reynolds, Lynne Reynolds, and FCA 4 Star Award 2013 recipient, Phyllis Seaton. The fresh baked chocolate chip cookies were a perfect touch, reminiscent of former "care packages" from home.

Attendees wandered over to the tents, where tables had been added to the set-up, lingering over lunch, while enjoying conversation, live music from the stage, and taking in the beautiful panoramic view of Pensacola Bay. After all the staging had been taken down, and participants had left, the skies opened up with showers accompanied by thunder and lightening, which one could only view as God's blessing on our celebration of America's HEROES!



NOTICE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

The Association is in need of a volunteer to serve as the Association Historian. We have collected a tremendous amount of documents, emails, photographs and articles that tell the story of the formation and journey that the Association and its many members have made. You do not have to be an expert; you just have to have an interest in "saving and organizing" historical documents. If you have such an interest please contact one of the following by telephone or email. It is preferred that you do this before the Annual Change of Watch meeting at Pelican Yacht Club in October. Please contact VC June Ann DeGraw or Past FCA Commodore John Matthews. If you are unable to contact one of these individuals please contact any member of the Executive Committee.



WAVE 2014

W.A.V.E. 2014, "A Day on the Bay" was held on Saturday, August 9 in Plaza de Luna Park in the City of Pensacola. Over 60 veterans attended and were joined by 40 active duty enlisted sailors from Naval Air Station Pensacola. Captain Keith Hoskins, CO, NASP was the keynote speaker. The choir from NATTC performed prior to the start and sang the National Anthem. A Color Guard from Eglin Air Force Base presented the colors. The FLYING RIFLES drill team from NASP performed for the veterans. Fifteen boat owners volunteered their boats, both power and sail, to take the veterans out for a 2 1/2 hour cruise on Pensacola Bay. The FCA has been a sponsor of this event for the past 3 years.

Following the cruise the veterans and volunteers were treated to lunch and beverages supplied by the Point Yacht Club from Josephine, Alabama. Other sponsoring yacht clubs included Pensacola Yacht Club (FCA Chapter), Fort Walton Yacht Club (FCA Chapter), Navy Yacht Club Pensacola (FCA Chapter), Pensacola Beach Yacht Club and Grand Lagoon Yacht Club.

If your yacht club or chapter would like to become involved and/or support this very worthwhile event please contact the following person:

Past Commodore Kathy Champagne
Navy Yacht Club Pensacola
FCA Secretary

FCA Organization Review Committee



**Immediate Past Commodore
 Larry Kimmerling, Chair**

The Organization Review Committee has completed its review of the Florida Commodores Association's Bylaws and the Policy and Procedures (P & P) manual. The FCA Bylaws call for any proposed bylaw changes to be read at a membership meeting and voted on at the following membership meeting. Any proposed P & P changes will be sent to the FCA Executive Committee for approval.

Thank you to the following ORC members and individuals for their dedication, wisdom and contribution to this effort: Vice Commodore June Ann DeGraw, Rear Commodore Chris Snedaker, Fleet Captain Peter Tyson, Secretary Kathy Champagne, Treasurer Robert Plummer, and Commodore John Slattery.

Help!!!

Which way to go???



Hark! There they go and I must go after them for I am their Leader!!

Reflections From the Association Meeting At Lake Beresford Yacht Club

Being with friends at an FCA Meeting is a pure joy. No one has a bad time. Try it if you have not attended one.



L to R: PC Mary Slattery (HRYC), PC David Huff (HRYC), FCA VC June Ann DeGraw (Pelican YC), PC Chris Brown (HRYC), and FCA Commodore John Slattery (HRYC) enjoying a relaxing time with cocktails.

An outstanding tradition performed by the Association at every meeting is the conduct of the Sundowners Ceremony. A ceremony to honor our Nation and the FLAG.



The FCA Members and LBYC Board



The Flag Detail (HRYC) preparing to fold the FLAG.



L to R: FCA VC DeGraw, AM Lynne Reynolds, PC Sam Foreman, and FCA Sec Kathy Champagne.



L to R: PC Bill Barnett, AM Cora Barnett, AM Ken Champagne, FCA Sec Kathy Champagne, PC Jack Kennedy, AM Mary Kennedy, FCA VC June Ann DeGraw, and AM Bruce DeGraw.

Photos: By FCA Members

ST John's River Cruise Aboard a Pontoon Boat

Another outstanding tradition for FCA meetings is the conduct of a special event on the day before the meeting starts. It is a perfect event for getting to know other members better and to enjoy the special offerings available in the area of the host club. In this case it was a cruise on the St Johns River around Hontoon Island.



One of the special creatures seen on the tour. A Blue Heron



PC Peter Tyson, FCA Flt Captain skippering the pontoon boat on the cruise. AM Jeanne Tyson and FCA VC DeGraw enjoying the cruise.

Also on the pontoon boat were PC John Matthews, IPC Larry Kimmering, AM Bruce DeGraw, PC Bill Barnett and his wife Cora. All enjoying the cruise.



One thing some of us forget as preparation for the river cruise was having hats to protect our heads from the sun. However, necessity is the mother of invention and two of us found a way to protect our heads.



IPC Larry Kimmerling really got into the program of protecting his head while showing off the US Flag. It really worked.

We had the opportunity to stop for lunch at the Shady Oaks Restaurant. It was a unique experience. Further details are discussed in Peter Tyson's article on the river cruise.



FCA VC June Ann and her husband Bruce at the Shady Oaks. Great selection of draft beer. Food is GREAT!



More Reflections from The meeting at LBYC



A very warm welcome from the Lake Beresford Yacht Club.

A view of the site of the original Clubhouse. Plans are in the works to improve the site



with additional facilities for the yacht club. →



One of the key points of an Association meeting is to conduct presentations of interest to the yacht club community. Here the St John's Riverkeeper gives a detail presentation on the health of the river and the environmental impact the condition of the river has on the local area AND the State of Florida.

FCA Commodore John Slattery presenting the Host Certificate and stipend to LBYC Pat Wilcox with the LBYC Rear Commodore Steve Norgress looking on. Commodore Wilcox and LBYC Staff certainly provided outstanding support to the FCA for the meeting. →



Several members enjoying the chance to have a delicious breakfast offered by LBYC in their beautiful new dining area. Having breakfast at LBYC is certainly a treat for all visitors. ←

Just what is Yacht Club Casual??

Beverly Plummer
Quartermaster, FCA

During my 30+ years of working in the retail business I was often consulted about suitable dress for different occasions. The later years of my career I worked as a Wardrobe Consultant/Personal Shopper. So when someone asked me about yacht club casual you'd think I'd have the answer. But it's not an easy question to answer.

I've asked several people at different yacht clubs in the Florida Commodores Association for ideas of what is considered yacht club casual and here are some of the answers:

"Yacht club casual means collared shirts and slacks for men and casual skirts/pants and blouse for women if in the main club. If in the Tiki bar or specified for a special event it could include shorts."



"Yacht club casual for men-shirt and long pants (no jeans)"

"Men - long pants and collared shirts (jackets are always acceptable). Absolutely no shorts for men or women except for day time casual events. Women - long pants, skirts or dresses in good taste."

"Yacht club casual, to me means, please don't come in shorts or blue jeans. Wear what you might to visit your favorite Mother in law: be clean and smell good. Remember the type of occasion, that is, a happy, celebratory party or a memorial for a friend who has passed away. Above all, dress as though you respect yourself and others that will be in attendance."

So you can see that everyone has their own idea of what is acceptable. The thing I heard the most for yacht club casual was that men should wear collared shirts with long pants and women wear appropriate slacks/skirt and top or a dress. That's not to say that you can never dress more casual than this in certain areas of your club. Many clubs have more relaxed dress codes for certain bar areas or around the swimming pool.



Just remember, if you plan on going from one area of the club to another to be aware that you may not be dressed appropriately.



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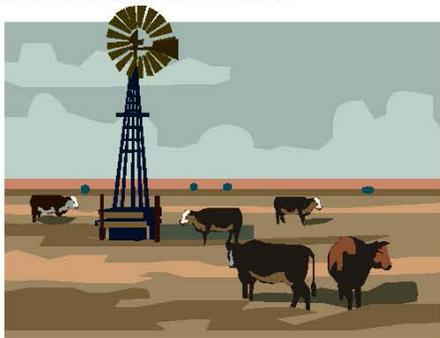
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Join us at the Adams Ranch!



Braford Cattle were developed on the Adams Ranch

The Adams Ranch

Founded in 1937, Adams Ranch is a fourth-generation cattle business operating in St. Lucie, Madison, Okeechobee and Osceola Counties, headquartered in Fort Pierce, Florida.

As developers of the Braford breed of cattle, Adams Ranch is today one of the top producing cow-calf ranches in the United States. Adams Ranch is committed to preserving the natural vegetation, wildlife and its Florida heritage through environmental stewardship and a program of total ranch management.

For more information and to confirm a space contact Pete Tyson 305-588-0466 or prtav@att.net or tyson@peterrtyson.com ASAP !

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Pasture Tour
Catered Barbecue Lunch
Ranch Museum
Wildlife
Mike Adams - host*