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Another Hitchrail project completed!

By Sheila Shattuck

SHA members Sheila Shattuck, Bob Diroff and Curtis Anderley installed the much needed hitchrail near the concession stand at the Apache Junction rodeo grounds.

This hitchrail has been dedicated to Bob Diroff for his many years of service to SHA.



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BOARD MEETINGS:

First Wednesday of every month at 7PM
at "BREAKFAST AT TINA'S"
on N. Apache Trail
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PONY EXPRESS 2023

Postcard Sales: \$5 each, can be purchased at Paula's Crazy Horse Saddle Shop, The Hitching Post Saloon, any SHA Board Member or any Pony Express Committee Member.

Pony Express Proceeds will Benefit Superstition Horsemen's Association of Apache Junction and the Hitching Post Saloon charity "Cowboys for Kids"

Buy your post card today — Here's how it works:

- Purchase your post card to send to family & friends.
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- Return your postcard to Paula's Crazy Horse, The Hitching Post Saloon or any Board Member or Pony Express Committee Member before March 4th.
- Your postcard will travel by horse for the thirty miles throughout the community of Apache Junction on March 4th, 2023. Each horse will travel with your postcard (*the mail*) for approximately one to two miles, where at the end of that distance they will do a running handoff to the next rider. Back in the 1800's this was the way the mail got from one destination to another, except those riders would ride a greater distance before they handed off the mail. This simulation is a commemoration for all of the brave men who braved the elements to bring us the mail.
- Pony Express Riders will deliver the postcards to the post office and pay your postage for anywhere in the world that you are sending your postcard.





SHA Board Meeting Minutes of January 31st, 2023

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's and on Zoom on Tuesday, January 31st, 2023. The meeting started at 7:04 pm. Board Members of SHA who were present were: Darryl Cross, Pam Gaston, Jeanne Kennedy online, Barbara Houck, Roger Luth, Lisa Rogers, Peggy Wilson, and Sheila Shattuck. Other SHA members were Chip Wilson, Director of Political and Equine Welfare, Ann Adkins, Director of the SHA Store, Bob Diroff, Bev Dougherty, and Tom Tuft.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from January were approved. Pam Gaston made a motion for them to be accepted and Sheila Shattuck seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **TREASURER** – The Equine Welfare Account has \$1373.19 plus \$50 that was given for donation from the Christmas Party. \$25 collected for membership, a \$30 Zelle for membership, and \$650 from the Christmas Party that was collected also.
- **MEMBERSHIP** – There are 76 memberships which includes 95 individual members.

- **POLITICAL** – The American Horse Council is showing that we all need to be involved in the American Horse Council because they are our political voice. Colorado is Rocky's alfalfa cubes that are processed in Colorado. There was botulism in these cubes that have been killing horses. Secondly, there is a bill that is working on animals being used for any type of meat. Animal rights state if you sell your horse and it is auctioned to the meat market in its lifetime, you are responsible for the life of the horse. If it is sold at auction, you can go to jail if you sold the horse and it is auctioned. Animal rights groups are working on a bill that also bans spurs, bans using the reins in a beating matter, rodeos and eventually causing people to be unable to ride horses. These bills are made by people who are ignorant regarding the horse community. It is up to us to join the American Horse Council to help them to stand up for our way of life.
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – There have been no horse issues.
- **PARADE** – On Feb. 8, 16, 21, there are practices for Dutchman Days at the AJ Rodeo Grounds in the front at 4 pm and gates open at 3 pm. The Dutchman Days Parade will be on the 25th. We will need pooper scoopers. Please contact Pam Gaston for this job at rrr97w@msn.com. Bob Diroff needs some help. He is our only pooper scooper. We will be in Division 1 and have lunch at 11 am.

- **STORE DIRECTOR** - Ann Adkins stated the magnetic signs are not available for the same price and they changed them to white with black lettering, but she will look around for perhaps some others. Ann Adkins also spoke about t-shirts and selling them including our old ones. Discussion ensued. Jackets and embroidered shirts were also discussed about their usefulness and high quality material.
- **TACK N STUFF** - Peggy Wilson stated there are 13 people/tables that are participating on Feb. 4th at 8:30 am. She is going to get Barb Houck to help her.
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** – Sheila Shattuck spoke with Curtis Anderley. Sheila Shattuck stated Curtis Anderley, from the City and also a member, and Bob Diroff, member, put in the hitching post and set it up on the north side of the bathrooms at the AJ Rodeo Grounds. Curtis Anderley painted it today and put in reflectors. Roger Luth stated he had been speaking with him about this also.
- We have a membership meeting on Feb. 15th at the Multi Gen Center, at 7 pm, in room 117. The speaker/author will be speaking about the sheep trail and has written a book titled, "Where have all the Sheep Gone".
- Tack n Stuff will be on Saturday, February 4th, and the Silent Auction will start at 8:30 am.

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SHA Board Meeting Minutes

The Silent Auction will be running for both days on Saturday and Sunday and close at 3 pm on Sunday. Members who are helping will meet at 1 pm on February 3rd for set up. We are looking for members to assist with the auction, the Tack N Stuff and the SHA booth.

- **HISTORIAN** – We are looking for a Historian. Do you like to Scrap Book? This is the job for YOU!!

OLD BUSINESS

- **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**—The last general membership meeting had 16 people in attendance and the bylaw changes were presented. Discussion ensued about when to vote on those bylaw changes. It was decided we would send out the old bylaws and the changes to the membership and then vote on it at the March General Membership Meeting.
- **PONY TRACKS** - Roger Luth stated we need 250 copies for the Pony Tracks.
- **PONY EXPRESS** – There was a meeting tonight and there will be no one using State Trust Land due to fees. Darryl thus far has 24 riders signed up and is expecting 6 more. Discussion ensued regarding if we needed to get more postcards. It was decided that after this weekend at the Fun Festival, we would probably need more.

NEW BUSINESS

- **HITCHING POST** – Jeanne Kennedy has a 20-foot hitching post to give to SHA. Darryl recommended sending it out to the membership to see if anyone has any ideas as to where to place it. Discussion ensued about Usery or the new Peralta Park. Sheila Shattuck spoke about perhaps downtown. Discussion ensued about where a hitching rail might be useful. For now, it is tabled.

Pam Gaston made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sheila Shattuck seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

SHA Historian

DO YOU LIKE TO SCRAP BOOK?

The SHA membership is looking for someone who is willing to become the new SHA Historian.

A Historian keeps track of the history of events and puts those writeups that are usually given to him/her and combines pictures of the events ‘sort of like a scrap book’ each year. The best part of the job is getting to meet all of the wonderful members of SHA and keeping track of all of the doin’s.

Please let Pam Gaston know if you are interested in becoming our valued and very much needed Historian by sending her an email to rrr97w@msn.com.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

February 2023

Submitted By: Barb Houck

Again, our membership count got a boost during the East Valley Back Country Fun Festival held at the AJ Rodeo Grounds, February 4 and 5th. Not only did SHA have a booth at this event, but our Silent Auction was held, and our Tack n Stuff drew a crowd.

Our membership now stands at 83 memberships and includes 106 individual members.

These are our new members:

- ◆ Dan and Linda Pakes
- ◆ Curtis Anderley
- ◆ Sandi Ciaramitaro
- ◆ Marla Dent
- ◆ Traci Kolpack
- ◆ Nancy and Katlynn Zeiher



2022-2023 SHA Membership
~ New and Renewal ~

Memberships in the SHA are open for the October 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2023 year.

- * Single membership \$20.00
- * Family membership \$30.00

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SUMMARY OF THE **1ST SHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

January 18, 2023

The meeting was held at the multi-Gen Center, in room 117, at 7 pm, on Wednesday night. Members signed in and received a red ticket. They could also purchase a Pony Express Post Card or a 50/50 ticket.

Pam Gaston welcomed everyone and led the group in a moment of silence for our Chairman's wife who is very ill. Everyone recited the pledge of allegiance and then Sheila Shattuck, Vice President, talked about the upcoming Pony Express, the performance at the rodeo, and the sale of postcards for \$5 that can be found at Paula's Crazy Horse, any Board Member or Pony Express Committee Member, or at the Hitching Post Saloon. She also talked about the \$500 worth of hay that is being raffled off by EVBCH from Blevins Hay Barn. There will also be an Elvis Show by Paul Hubbard on February 14th, 2023, at 2 pm. Paul Hubbard was one of the actors for the Spaghetti Western Murder Mystery Theater and the pastor for our SHA Cowboy Church at Houston Mesa. The cost is \$25 per person and all proceeds go to the Museum. Also the next SHA Membership Meeting on February 15th will be with the speaker/author of "Where Have All The Sheep Gone".

Pam Gaston presented a Power Point about the changes to the bylaws that have been proposed by the SHA Board. Some of the highlights of those changes are the following:

1. A nine-person board
2. Every person on the board will only vote once.
3. Relatives, family members, partners are discouraged from being on the board together.
4. Terms will be for 2 years.
5. Terms will be staggered.
6. When the Chairman leaves his/her post, they are asked to stay for an additional 3-month post-election.

7. There will be 4 Director at Large spots on the board.
8. Some voting will be done online.
9. Communication will take place with email or newsletters.
10. Director at Large positions are more spelled out as to specifics regarding duties.

Some other highlights regarding the evening was evident. Tom Tuft won \$36 from a 50/50 that was \$72. The first raffle ticket was not claimed but the second ticket held by Roger Luth was a handmade key hanger by Jack Berglund. The second ticket was held by Kathy Boron who also won a key hanger. That is the KEY. The KEY is we need to stand up graciously on behalf of the horse and it takes numbers to do that job effectively. There were 7 Board Members there for the meeting and only 9 SHA members totaling 16 members in all out of a membership over 80.

The meeting ended at 8 pm and we enjoyed the comradery of one another and the subway home-made cookies. Hope to see you at the next meeting.



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Hi SHA Member,

On Wednesday, February 15th, at 7 pm, at the Multi-Gen Center in room 117, SHA is having a guest speaker you will not want to miss.

Below is her biography. She will be covering the sheep industry in Arizona. Many of the trails that we ride, were and still are, sheep herder trails. We will be having a 50/50, a raffle, be selling Pony Express Post Cards and of course, refreshments. Please come and join us for an informative evening. Hope to see you there!



Happy Trails,
SHA

Dr. Barbara Jaquay is a historical geographer graduating with her

BIOGRAPHY

doctoral degree from Texas A&M University in 1997. She has a B.S. in anthropology from Kent State University, 1977, and a M.S. in geographer from Arizona State University, 1987, where she specialized in land use. Her land use and anthropological studies have helped her understand the human imprint on the earth. She has traveled extensively to all seven continents and has traveled to over 50 countries; hiking the Andes Mountains and the Bhutanese Himalayas in her quest to understand the many mysteries of the people of both regions. She has visited out of the way islands for both pleasure and to see the way peoples and animals have interacted, especially on the Galapagos Islands. She is on the board of the Arizona Farmers and Ranchers Hall of Fame, Arizona Wool Producers Auxiliary and Arizona Make It With Wool and Research Specialist for the Litchfield Park Historical Museum and Society. She has written on Cuba, Costa Rica and Arizona Native Americans in professional journals, an article in Three Rivers Historical Society *The Quarterly*, Vol. No. 16 Issue No 1, "An Early Sheep Ranching Family: The Espils; an article for *Range Magazine*, Summer 2018, "The Survivors", co-edited *Ranch*

Histories of Living Pioneer Stockmen, Vol XXIX and XXX, Arizona

Farming and Ranching Hall of Fame, Vol. 3 and a book on the sheep industry in Arizona, *Where Have All the Sheep Gone: Sheep Herders and Ranchers in Arizona – A Disappearing Industry*. Her book was given "Award-Winning Finalist in the History: United States category of the 2018 Best Book Awards sponsored by American Book Fest". Her book was chosen as the One Book Yuma All Community Read 2019.

The sheep industry in Arizona began when Father Kino first brought sheep into the Pimeria Alta in the 1690s. Sheep passed across the northern and southern portions of the state in the 1850s on their way to California. They would also be trailed back across the state in the 1860s. It was at this point the sheep industry truly began for the state. Economic and weather conditions played a role in the ups and downs of the industry as well as WWI and WWII. Various trails, including the Heber-Reno trail, were used to move sheep between their summer and winter grazing pastures. This presentation will highlight the cyclical cycle of the industry from the 1850s until present day.

** BYLAW CHANGES **

We will be sending you the old bylaws and the proposed changes so you can read them.

Please come to the third SHA Membership Meeting on March 15th, at 7 pm., and vote for or against the changes.

We will also be having a guest speaker but the voting will be done as you walk in the door on a piece of paper with "yes" or "no" to be marked. There will be no online voting.

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TACK N STUFF

By Peggy Wilson

We had the sale on Saturday February 4th at the Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds and the weather was great! We had a lot of Tack & Stuff that people brought to sell. We had enough tables and several members brought their own tables also.

Everyone had a good time selling their Tack & Stuff and had many conversations with everyone that attended. We had 15 tables to start and had several more additional tables that were covered with Stuff.



Looking forward to this again next year.



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Membership Corner



Lisa Read and David Read are the winners of the **SHA Trail Challenge** during the month of January.

- ◆ Lisa documented an impressive 123 miles in 31 days for **1st place** to win the Tough One Trail Bag.
- ◆ David rode 103 miles for the **2nd place** award of the leather tooled horn bag.

All of the miles documented were ridden on trails in Apache Junction and the surrounding area, showing us just how many trails are available to us locally.

The awards were donated by Jeff and Sharna Watson.

Congratulations Lisa and David!



By Sharna Watson

*Submit your accomplishments or stories about you to SHAponytracks@yahoo.com

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Calendar



PONY EXPRESS 2023

Next meeting: Monday, Feb 13th at 6PM at Breakfast at Tina's (Next door to The Hitching Post Saloon).

Postcard Sales (fundraiser): \$5 each, can be purchased at Paula's Crazy Horse, The Hitching Post Saloon or any Board Member or Pony Express Committee Member.



Road Clean-up

By Roger Luth

It's that time again and we will be having our adopt-a-road clean-up on Saturday, March 11th.

We will meet at the AJ rodeo grounds on Lost Dutchman Rd. at 8am. As usual we will provide coffee, donuts and water. The city provides us with vests, gloves, bags and pickers. We'll break up into groups and pick up trash between Idaho Rd. and the Apache Trail.

With lots of volunteers we are usually done within an hour. Look forward to seeing you there.



2nd SHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF 2023

The second annual SHA General Membership Meeting will be held at the Multi-Gen Center in room 117, at 7 pm, on February 15th.



There will be a 50/50, raffle tickets and refreshments.

The featured speaker is Author Barbara G Jaquay, who will speak to us about the sheepherders and ranchers in Arizona and the fact that it is a disappearing industry. Barbara Jaquay and her family drove sheep from the valley to Heber every summer and some of those trails still exist today. You will not want to miss this interesting speaker and the history that she will share of some of the trails that we ride.

Please mark your calendars and come on down for an evening of comradery.

SHA PARADE UNIT FOR 2023

The SHA Parade Unit is looking for you. We ride in Division 1, at the front of the parade, wear a uniform, black hats and white gloves, and wash and wax our horses to represent SHA to the public. **Our next parade is Lost Dutchman Days, Saturday, February 25th.**

We practice getting ourselves into suitable formations, and to desensitize our horses to chaos, noise and commotion. We want this to be a safe experience for everyone.

Our practices are at the AJ Rodeo Grounds, in the front of the bleachers on the south side next to the fence, on the following days:

- Wednesday, February 1st
- Wednesday, February 8th
- Thursday, February 16th
- Tuesday, February 21st

Gates will open at 3 pm. Practice begins at 4 pm., and usually ends by 5 pm.

If you are interested in attending, please notify Pam Gaston, 602-320-3185 or email rrr97w@msn.com

Important Dates to Remember



- **February 1, 8, 16, 21** - Parade practices at AJ Rodeo Grounds at 4PM, gates open at 3PM
- **February 13** - Pony Express meeting at 6PM at Breakfast at Tina's (Next door to The Hitching Post)
- **February 15** - Second annual SHA General Membership Meeting, 7PM, Multi-Gen Center, Room 117
- **February 25** - Lost Dutchman Days parade at 9am in Apache Junction
- **March 4** - 2nd Annual Pony Express, hosted by Hitching Post & SHA
- **March 11** - Road Clean-up, meet at Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds at 8AM
- **March 15** - Third annual SHA General Membership Meeting, 7PM, Multi-Gen Center, Room 117
- **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: MAR 1, APR 5 & MAY 3.** The Board meets promptly at 7pm. Anyone is welcomed to attend either in person or online via ZOOM and hear what they are working on and planning for the yearly events. You may volunteer to assist with upcoming events or be part of a planning committee! In person meetings are being held at Breakfast at Tina's next to the Hitching Post Saloon in Apache Junction.

NOTE: DUE TO COVID-19, ALL BOARD MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE BY ZOOM & IN PERSON. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN PRIOR TO THE MEETING IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONNECTED IN THE ZOOM BOARD MEETINGS EACH MONTH TO LISTEN IN TO THE BOARDS DISCUSSION OF OLD AND NEW BUSINESS. IF YOU DO CONNECT, PLEASE MUTE YOUR MIC.

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