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First Wednesday of every month at 7PM
at "BREAKFAST AT TINA'S"
on N. Apache Trail
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RODEO GROUNDS

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP CELEBRATION

City Officials, Parks and Recreation, Land Management and many officials that have worked hard for this event to happen were present among many other different organizations that have utilized this facility and hoped for this transfer to take place.

Friday, October 6, 2023, at 6 pm, Chip Wilson, Mayor, welcomed everyone and set the stage for the amount of work that has taken place throughout the years to be able to purchase the Rodeo Grounds from the BLM. He was followed by the City Manager, Bryant Powell, who gave more history and recognition to people who have worked hard to make this event happen. He was followed by Liz Langenbach who also gave more recognition and history regarding the events that have been

happening in the Rodeo Grounds for years and the people that have made that happen.

The "key" presentation took place between a representative of the Bureau of Land Management and the Mayor of Apache Junction, Chip Wilson. It was a joyous occasion.



Amongst SHA, there were five Board Members present and a good representation by members at this event. Also, East Valley Back Country Horsemen were there as well. **Hooray for the horse community!**



There was live music and plenty of great food and drink to go around. It was a nice event!





SHA Board Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2023

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's and on Zoom on Wednesday, October 4th, 2023. The meeting started at 7:03 pm. Board Members of SHA who were present were: Darryl Cross, Sheila Shattuck, Pam Gaston, Jeanne Kennedy, Barbara Houck, Lisa Rogers, Peggy Wilson, and Roger Luth. Other SHA members were Chip Wilson, Director of Political and Equine Welfare, Susan Sullivan and Bob Johnson, Sharna and Jeff Watson, Bev Dougherty, Bob Diroff and Ann Adkins, Director of the SHA Store and Phil Fedor and Barb Houck online.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes and addendum from September were approved. Pam Gaston made a motion for them to be accepted and Roger Luth seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **TREASURER** – The Equine Welfare Account has \$1723.19 in it. There is \$7465.17 in the checking account. We had \$0 deposited in September. There was \$176 for two years for Post Office Box fee. There was \$26.40 paid for Stamps, and \$68.64 at Office Max by Lisa Rogers for September. We spent \$32 for the rental of the Rodeo Grounds total. All of this equals a total of \$303.04 that was deducted.

- **MEMBERSHIP** – Barb Houck reported there are 36 memberships which includes 47 individual members.
- **POLITICAL** – There is nothing City wise. On the National Level the EPA is trying to remove drugs for killing rodents and they want it to be more regulated because raptors and other animals are eating these dead poisoned rodents and the poison is killing those animals as well.
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – Maria Jones has passed away and Chip Wilson reported the animals are still being properly taken care of on a regular basis. There were some open code violations regarding people living on the property in RVs which is illegal. The property has 40 horses living on two plus acres and the Department of Agriculture is going to keep a close eye on the situation. This will probably end up in court. Discussion ensued.
- **PARADE** – The SHA Parade Unit will be in the Veteran's Day AJ Parade. There will be four rehearsals at the AJ Rodeo Grounds on Oct. 17, 26th and November 1st and the 7th. Practices start at 4 pm and the gates will open at 3:15 pm. The parade will begin on the 11th at 9 am. Discussion ensued about including the Pony Express and it was decided that Lost Dutchman Days would be better parade to include Pony Express Riders.
- **SHA STORE** - Ann Adkins stated she sold three SHA shirts for the Rodeo Grounds Event on Friday. Ann Adkins went to a business in town and gave the Board some samples for perusal. We must order a

minimum of 12 items per order. Discussion ensued about what to do with left over old SHA t-shirts.

- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** – Sheila Shattuck reported that SHA has been busy with other groups. There is a group in Payson called PATS, and START and LOST in the Superior area. On November 12th, there will be a Trail Ride after Cowboy Church and Randy Helm will be preaching. On February 11th, Randy Helm will be preaching at Cowboy Church and there are multiple trail rides on the 9th and 10th that are sponsored by Best of America by Horseback, a well-known television show. Sign-ups are already available. It costs \$500 for a total weekend camping at the AJ Rodeo Grounds including meals, trail rides and tours in and around the City of AJ. Discussion ensued about a hitching rail at the Post Office. Sheila Shattuck suggested that SHA provide the meal for Sunday Evening for the television show. Sheila Shattuck made a motion that SHA provide the meal Sunday evening and we will go forward as we find out the cost. Pam Gaston seconded it. All were in favor. The Superstition Horsemen's Association will be sponsoring the Sunday evening dinner for the end to this event.
- **AMERICORE** is doing trail maintenance and work and there will be camping on November 8th, 9th and 10th at Haunted Canyon. Sheila Shattuck suggested that SHA could assist in the endeavor by perhaps providing food. We all agreed we would be ready at the next meeting for perhaps ideas for

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Board Meeting Notes

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providing a Wednesday meal.

- On December 2nd, there will be a downtown Christmas event and the Electric Light Parade. Jeff Watson suggested that we use extra money that was used in the past for member presents and take it and donate it to a Veteran based horse therapy group such as Bravehearts and Ride to Zero. Discussion ensued. Darryl Cross suggested that we all look around as to where we can spend that money on a horse-based children and veteran's program. The last two years we have donated money at Christmas to the Hope Women's Center and the Genesis Center.
- Ideas for Guest Speakers are welcome for January, February and March. Please give your ideas to Sheila Shattuck. Sheila Shattuck mentioned the Maricopa County Mounted Patrol might be something that would be interesting to SHA. Discussion ensued about hitching rails or posts at the Museum and around the AJ Rodeo Grounds. Jeff Watson spoke about Horseshoe Park and Friends of Horseshoe Park who raise funding for different events. Jeanne Kennedy stated her daughter could write a grant. Discussion ensued.
- Mo and Tina of the Hitching Post have been very helpful to SHA. Tina needs to have help cleaning up Breakfast at Tinas as she is laid up. Discussion ensued.
- **HISTORIAN** - We are looking for a Historian. Do you like to Scrap Book? This is the job for YOU!!

OLD BUSINESS

- **ELECTIONS** - Everyone was re-elected. The new bylaws passed by 98%. The Corn Hole Tournament winners were Gary Cooper – Anne Zika - 1st place, Nick and Darryl Cross – 2nd Place and Teri Neeley – Ann Adkins 3rd Place .
- **PONY TRACKS** - Roger Luth stated we need 275 copies for the Pony Tracks.

NEW BUSINESS

- **FESTIVAL OF THE SUPERSTITIONS** - Sheila Shattuck made a motion to give Peggy Wilson insurance for November 11th where Peggy will be doing Pony Rides. Pam Gaston seconded it. All were in favor. This will be at Flat Iron Park starting at 10 am and ending at 2 pm. Peggy needs volunteers to assist with pony rides. We need to order bands for visibility and new brochures for SHA and the SAFE RIDE Program.
- **PETE DIECHMAN** - Pete has five acres full of stink net. She is in trouble with the city for those weeds. We are going to help her, and we are going to need a burn permit and a water wagon or mule to make sure we can get most of it while remaining safe. Bob Dieroff has volunteered his tractor and Chip Wilson has volunteered his dump trailer. Darryl Cross believes the CDC will need to be contacted so October 28th would work out the best. Start time will be 8 am .
- **ROAD CLEANUP** - There will be a Road Cleanup on November 4th at 8 am at the Rodeo Grounds .

- **PONY EXPRESS** - There will be a meeting on October 25th at Tina's at 6 pm.
- **MEMBERSHIP** - Jeanne Kennedy stated she needs help with ideas to increase membership. Discussion ensued. New brochures were suggested plus finding ways to reach the public such as glad bags or using our backpacks with goodies in them.

Pam Gaston made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sheila Shattuck seconded it. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Addendum Changes to the Minutes of Sept. 6th, for Political

SHA Chip Wilson reported on October 6th, The City of Apache Junction will host an event that is like a ribbon cutting celebration. The City of Apache Junction will be official owners of the Rodeo Grounds. A diverse group will be invited to include SHA, plus Legislators and State Representatives. Come out and help celebrate the official change of ownership to the City of Apache Junction. A diverse group will be invited to include SHA, plus Legislators and State Representatives. Come out and help celebrate the official changing of ownership to the City of Apache Junction.

The City of Apache Junction is working on this retention basin on Weekes Wash and the city is working

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with the Pinal County flood control, Maricopa flood control district to construct and develop this retention facility. The Bureau of Land (BLM) and State Land are the landowners, and we must perform a complete NEPA study for BLM land to include a complete Archeological study. Currently BLM will not allow the city to perform any core samples to see what is below ground to help with cost estimates. Also, the Salt River Project has the right of way over this area for future power lines and we also must work with them to address this problem. The city just received the notice that we were awarded a 44-million-dollar grant from our Federal Government to install this retention and that will be about 1/2 the estimated cost. We are working with Pinal County Flood control and Maricopa Flood Control District on this important structure.

THE SHA ELECTION DINNER ON OCTOBER 1st, 2023

At 5:15 pm, at the Rodeo Grounds, Darryl Cross, Chairperson, talked to the group of twenty-eight about what SHA has done for this last year and what is coming up. Sheila Shattuck, Vice Chairperson, also spoke about Cottonwood Springs, working with the Forest Service with PATS, START and LOST and working in Superior and Houston Mesa in Payson.

At 5:40, Pam Gaston presented the awards for the Cornhole Tournament and then the 50/50. Bob Diroff won \$53 from the 50/50. At 5:45, a prayer was said over the dinner which consisted of fried chicken, cole slaw, potato salad, beans, rolls and fruit fantasia. We had plenty of desserts and water to drink. It was yummy!

It is important for us to work on our membership. Please begin to solicit people to join us as we work on keeping Apache Junction a Horse Minded Town as it grows.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

October 2023

Submitted By: Barb Houck

Membership renewal time!

October 1 always begins our new fiscal year, and we're hoping our current membership will continue their support of the western lifestyle here in our community. Over the last 43 years SHA has been instrumental in establishing the current conditions favorable to horse ownership here, and your support is always important in that endeavor. And besides, our horse activities and get-togethers are fun, and make for enjoyable and educational times with like-minded individuals.

Currently, we're counting 37 memberships, including 48 individuals. Many of you have not yet submitted your renewals. We're waiting to hear from you! Fill out the form included in this newsletter (page 7), or sign up online, through PayPal, at SHA4U.org. Stay tuned, for upcoming events.



Join now

NEW SHA Membership Year

OCT 1, 2023 - SEPT 30, 2024

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AZCowgirls4Christ.com - 1Cor:13

COWBOY CHURCH

at Superstition Mountain Museum
currently held in the Elvis Chapel
Every Sunday

See [Arizona Cowgirls for Christ website](#) and [Facebook](#) for schedule

SHA CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

The annual SHA Cornhole Tournament was held at 3:30 pm, on October 1st, 2023, at the AJ Rodeo Grounds at 3:30 pm. There were nine teams that competed for the prize money and the bragging rights. Teams that participated were Anne Zika and Gary Cooper, Darryl and Nick Cross, Ann Adkins and Teri Neeley, Roger and Kim Luth, Jeanne and Kirk Kennedy, Jenean and Preston Nelson, Peggy and Chip Wilson, Bob Diroff and Barb Houck, and Sharna and Jeff Watson.

The tournament was Round Robin, and everyone played everyone else. This took a little over an hour with 7-minute rounds. At the end,

- * **1st Place:** Anne Zika and Gary Cooper, \$25 each
- * **2nd Place:** Nick and Darryl Cross, \$15 each
- * **3rd Place:** Teri Neeley and Ann Adkins, \$10 each

It was a nice day, and everyone had a wonderful time!





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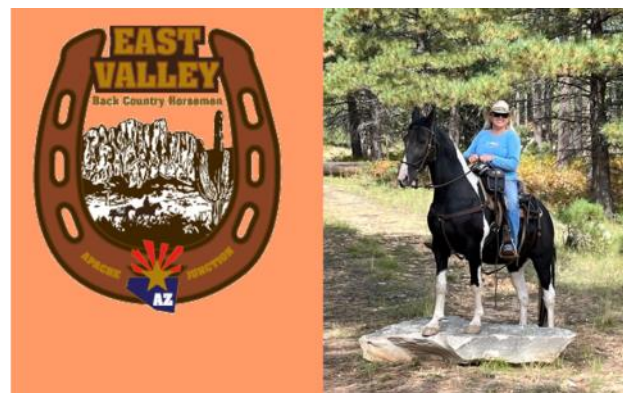
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East Valley Back Country Horsemen (EVBCH) Buckle Series Obstacle Challenge



1590 E Lost Dutchman Blvd, Apache Junction
Rodeo Grounds

November 4th & 5th 2023

Early bird: MEMBERS \$20; NON- MEMBERS \$25.00 per day
president@evbch.org or srighi76@gmail.com
Ride Orientation Begins at 9:00AM
Ride Begins at 10:00AM

Day of Event: MEMBERS \$25; NON- MEMBERS \$30.00 per day
REGISTRATION 7AM- 8AM



Calendar

of Events



November Fall Road Clean-up

It's that time again and we will be having our Fall adopt-a-road clean-up on **Saturday, Nov 4th.**



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.



Festival of the Superstitions

November 11, 2022

at Flatiron Community Park, Apache Junction, AZ

SHA will again be having the free pony rides for the children. Peggy and Chip Wilson are going to need assistance during this event. They will be supplying their Pony "Mr Blue" for the kids to ride, just need people to walk beside the pony and someone to lead the pony on the short course at Flatiron Park.

The rides will start at 10:00 AM and will continue until 2:00 PM. If possible we will set up one hour shifts so we need 8-10 people to help out.

Please call Peggy to help out (602) 510-9398. This is a fun time for everyone because you get to talk to the kids as they experience the opportunity to ride a horse.

IT IS TIME FOR A PARADE

Parade season is upon us, and our first parade is **November 11th, for Veteran's Day.**

As per usual, all people are welcome to participate. We do have four parade practices set up already at the AJ Rodeo Grounds and we will meet in front of the backside of the bleachers, facing south. The gates will open at 3 pm and practice starts at 4 pm. Most generally our practices last an hour. I am looking for someone to carry the SHA Flag. If you are interested, please let me know. How we present ourselves to the public speaks of who we are and what we represent. Apache Junction is headed toward new growth and it is our job to make sure that growth does not kick the rural lifestyle to the curb.



The dates of the practices are **October 17th, October 26th, November 1st and November 7th.**

3rd Annual - SHA Pony Express March 2, 2024

Sponsored by Hitching Post Saloon

*Contact Darryl Cross

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***** MEMBERSHIP FORM *****

OCTOBER 2023 – SEPTEMBER 2024

I hereby make application/renewal to the Superstition Horsemen's Association, Inc., and in so doing agree to abide by SHA's Mission Statement.

Mission Statement

The Superstition Horsemen's Association, Inc. is a group of concerned citizens formed to ensure the rights and privileges of horsemen; to promote humane treatment of horses; and to actively pursue favorable legislation concerning the above.

I further agree to abide by the bylaws of the Association (copies are available upon request). I strongly desire to maintain the western lifestyle in this community.

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of my/our Membership and participation in all events sponsored by the Superstition Horsemen's Association, Inc., (SHA) of Apache Junction, Arizona, the undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges the SHA for any claim or demand for personal injuries or property damage occurring while participating in any event sponsored by SHA, and the undersigned hereby further agrees to indemnify the SHA (including all officers and members, and all property owners upon whose property the various events take place), and save them harmless from any claims, demands or judgements which may be asserted or rendered against them by any person whatsoever for death, personal injury or property damage occurring during any event sponsored by the SHA, including the reasonable value of the services of attorneys retained by the SHA in defense of any claim of action arising there from.

Date of Application: _____ **New Applicant:** _____ **Renewal:** _____

Name(s): (1) _____ (2) _____
Print Name Print Name

Signature(s): (1) _____ (2) _____

Winter Address
Dates: _____ Street (Please include apartment and/or space number.) _____

City State Zip Phone

Summer Address
Dates: _____ Street (Please include apartment and/or space number.) _____

City State Zip Phone

Email Address _____ ☐ I would prefer to receive my newsletter via email

Areas of Interest: *I am interested in the following committees:*

☐ Trail ☐ Activities ☐ Parade ☐ Road Cleanup ☐ Political ☐ How can I help? Call me.

MEMBERSHIP FEES: \$20 Single Membership, \$30 Family and Associations

All fees must be paid in U.S. Currency. You can pay online or by mail.

- Online at www.sha4u.org via PayPal
- Mail to SHA at PO Box 2120, Apache Junction, AZ 85117

Important Dates to Remember



- **October 25, 2023** - Pony Express planning meeting at Breakfast at Tina's at 6 pm.
- **November 4, 2023** - Fall Road Clean-up, 8AM at Rodeo Grounds
- **November 11, 2023**— Veteran's Day Parade, practice Oct 17, Oct 26, Nov 1 & Nov 7
- **November 11, 2023**— Festival of the Superstitions, Mr Blue pony rides, need volunteers from 10AM-2PM
- **December 2, 2023** - SHA Christmas Party, save the date and stay tuned for more details
- **January 20-21, 2024** - EVBCH Festival at AJ Rodeo Grounds
- **February 9-11, 2024** - Best of America by Horseback Television Show coming to AJ Rodeo Grounds
- **Februray 23-25, 2024** - Lost Dutchman Days at AJ Rodeo Grounds
- **March 2, 2024** - Third Annual SHA Pony Express, sponsored by Hitching Post Saloon
- **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: NOV 1, DEC 6 & JAN 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

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