



SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Pony Tracks

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BOARD MEETINGS:

First Wednesday of every month at 7PM
at "BREAKFAST AT TINA'S"
on N. Apache Trail
next to Hitching Post Saloon

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Parade - Pam Gaston

AJ Rodeo Grounds - Jeff Watson

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SHA Holiday Gathering

By Sheila Shattuck

Superstition Horseman Association, Christmas party was Saturday, December 2 at the Handlebar in Apache Junction. Buffet meal consisting of Southwest chicken, pulled pork, asparagus beans, corn was provided. We had 51 guests in attendance. Door prizes were won by 7 people.

Members that were present donated a total of \$453 that was given to the Genesis Project. Following the meal, Mayor Chip Wilson and members of SHA did the tree lighting ceremony for the city of Apache Junction and members of SHA attended the light parade.

A wonderful evening was had by all!





SHA Board Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2023

The SHA Board Meeting was held on ZOOM on Wednesday, December 6th, 2023. The meeting started at 7:02 pm. Board Members of SHA who were present were: Darryl Cross, Sheila Shattuck, Pam Gaston, Jeanne Kennedy, Lisa Rogers, Peggy Wilson, and Barb Houck. Roger Luth was absent. Other SHA members present were Sharna and Jeff Watson, and Gary George.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from November were approved. Sheila Shattuck made a motion for them to be accepted and Jeanne Kennedy seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **TREASURER** – The Equine Welfare Account has \$1723.19 in it. There is \$7760.31 in the checking account. We had \$345 deposited in November. Part of it was the money from new/renewal memberships received was \$270 plus a \$10 donation and a \$65 fee that was refunded for the table at the Festival of the Superstitions. There was \$26.40 paid for Stamps, \$75 to Sheila Shattuck, \$95.46 for Pony Tracks to Lisa Rogers for November and \$87.50 for October. All of this equals a total of \$349.36 that was deducted.

- **MEMBERSHIP** – Barb Houck reported there are 68 memberships including honorary memberships which includes 95 individual members.

- **BANNER** - Sheila Shattuck made a motion for a 6 foot by 3 foot banner to have "the logo and SHA" made for SHA. Pam Gaston made the motion to second it. All were in favor.

- **CHRISTMAS DINNER** - Sheila Shattuck reported there were 53 participants and 50 people showed up. There were 7 door prizes and plenty of good food and \$453 given to the Genesis Project. It was very successful.

- **ROAD CLEANUP** - It was a success with 13 people coming and helping to clean up the roadway.

- **POLITICAL** – Nothing for political.

- **EQUINE WELFARE** – Sharna Watson stated the donkeys are looking better except for one.

- **PARADE** – The Veteran's Day Parade was a big success, and we gave the crowd a good presentation and were well received. The Lost Dutchman Days' Parade is coming up. Pam Gaston will be entering the SHA parade unit tomorrow for the parade.

- **SHA STORE** - Ann Adkins was absent.

- **PETE DICHMAN** - Chip and Peggy have taken numerous loads of weeds to the dump.

- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** –

- * Festival of the Superstitions could have been better especially with a banner.

- * Membership meetings will possibly host the Buffalo Soldiers. We may also get a presenter from the museum.

- * Sheila Shattuck made a motion to get a booth at the EVBCH, Pam Gaston seconded it. All were in favor.

- * EVBCH are going to be hosting the Fun Festival in January 20-21.

- * Pam Gaston made some suggestions for a silent auction. The Board agreed. This would be for the Fun Festival as a vendor opportunity in January on the 20th and the 21st.

- * On February 9th, 10th and 11th there will be a television show, Best of America by Horseback, there will be numerous events including Darryl Cross and Chip Wilson being involved in a ride on Sunday. A day's event would be \$125 per day for riders, and \$425 for each double in one trailer or single in one trailer for \$475. This is a tremendous event for Apache Junction. Sheila Shattuck brought up the idea for a chicken dinner by our members at the TV Show for Sunday evening around 4:30. Pam Gaston made a motion for SHA to provide a chicken dinner for the show and Sheila Shattuck seconded it. All were in favor. Discussion ensued regarding members who do not ride could be a part of this.

- * Sheila Shattuck asked if we are getting more hitch rails prior to the Pony Express? Darryl stated there would be no hitch rails at the Post Office.

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Board Meeting Notes

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

OLD BUSINESS

- **PONY TRACKS** - Roger Luth stated we need 300 copies for the Pony Tracks.

NEW BUSINESS

- **PONY EXPRESS** - We are looking for people to do demonstrations in trailer parks and sponsors and sell postcards. It is \$20 to ride if you are a previous rider and \$80 if you have not ridden in the past. We need to get more banners made. We also need to Kick Off in January with advertisements and radio.

Darryl Cross made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Lisa Rogers seconded it. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

WANTED SHA HISTORIAN

We need an SHA Historian to keep our history alive through pictures and write-ups. You will notice on the front page that we have removed the Historian label because no one seemingly wants to step up and do this job. If you like to scrap book or keep memorabilia, this is the job for you. If you are interested, please notify Pam Gaston, Secretary. We need a Historian desperately. Someone please step up and do this job!

SHA SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Advocating for Western lifestyle
and humane treatment
of horses 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. Our horse activities and get-togethers are also fun, and make for enjoyable and educational times with like-minded individuals.

Membership Renewal

Please join
or renew today!

SHA Membership Year
OCT 1, 2023— SEPT 30, 2024



SINGLE membership
only \$20.00

FAMILY membership
only \$30.00

Get one-on-one help with your Medicare questions.

Take the confusion out of Medicare, Get help comparing plans, Receive one-on-one service, Make enrolling in a plan easier.

I'm Thomas Tuft, a licensed sales agent in Gilbert. I know the ins and outs of Medicare and I'm ready to help you find a plan that fits your needs.



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

December 2023

Submitted By: Barb Houck

Our membership count is now at 68. This includes 95 individual members, a little ahead of where we were last year at this time.

Remember, our fiscal year always begins October 1, so renewals are due at that time.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, and want to continue to receive the Pony Tracks newsletter plus email notices of our events and happenings, go online to SHA4U.org and sign up through the PayPal link, or print out the membership form and mail it to our P.O. address. If you do pay through PayPal do not forget to fill out the membership application form on that site.

To those who have not renewed yet, we miss you, we need you, and want you back!

And we are happy to introduce our latest new members:

- ♦ Linda Polka-Pierce and David Pierce
- ♦ Sarah and Peter Benedikt
- ♦ Dorothy Coia
- ♦ Lori Morgan
- ♦ Jan and Ed Kramer



VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

By Pam Gaston

It was a beautiful day for a parade and SHA was number six in the line up with a host of participants including four pooper scoopers. Our unit stood right next to the band as they played The Star-Spangled Banner with drums and cymbals during the staging plus a fly over of F35s and a P-38 bomber. I am happy to say our mounts all stood quietly through it all.

We walked single file all the way to Gold Ave. and then did a square 90 degree turn twice and came back to Phelps. During that time the unit stayed in formation, waved, and talked to the crowd, and presented themselves professionally on behalf of SHA.

People who participated were Darryl with the American flag, Cailyn with the Arizona Flag,

Vanessa with the SHA Flag, Sheila with the SHA Banner, followed by Lisa, Bev and Pam. Pooper scoopers were Bob, Bev, Debbie, and Vinnie.

After a marvelous presentation and a great parade, those that had time were treated to a breakfast at Taradiddles. A big thank you to all who participated. It takes a lot of work and an early morning plus practice to make a presentation like this happen.

Thank you to all of you for your commitment.

Our next parade is Lost Dutchman Days. If you would like to join our unit, please let us know. You can call Pam at 602-320-3185 or email her at rrr97w@msn.com and she will tell you when and what you need and when our practices will happen.





Festival of the Superstitions Pony Rides

Thank you to all my volunteers that helped me with Blue my pony, for pony rides at the Festival of the Superstitions. We had 97 kids riding Blue. One girl rode Blue 7 times. She just loved Blue. I want again to Thank everyone who helped me with the pony rides and also Blue is thanking everyone too.



Membership Corner



Hay pallets to give away

Nancy Koerner 480-982-3020

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

SILENT AUCTION AT THE EVBCH FUN FESTIVAL

The Superstition Horsemen's Association will be hosting a two-day Silent Auction:

January 20 and 21st, 2024

**at the AJ Rodeo Grounds
for the EVBCH Fun Festival**

Auction Items Needed



We need your donations for this event.

You can bring them to Barb Houck's home at 1505 South Sixshooter Road in AJ, by January 15th or notify Pam Gaston and she will come and pick up whatever you have for the auction generally on a Sunday.

We will also be looking for people to run the auction too so even if you do not donate, you can assist SHA by giving of your time. A time commitment sheet will come out in January.

Thank you for your help!!



**SUPERSTITION
HORSEMEN'S
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

SHA Use Only

Date:

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ PayPal

☐ New ☐ Family ☐ Full Year

***** 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

Calendar

of Events



Mark your calendars for SHA General meetings:

7pm at Multi-Gen Center, RM 114

- WED, JANUARY 17th
- WED, FEBRUARY 21st
- WED, MARCH 20th



Best of America by Horseback Television Show

Coming to Apache Junction, AZ
February 9-11, 2024

www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com



AZCowgirls4Christ.com - 1Cor:13

COWBOY CHURCH

All services are currently held in the amphitheater
at the Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum
in Apache Junction @ 4087 East Apache Trail, AJ, 85119

Every Sunday

*See Arizona Cowgirls for Christ
website and Facebook for schedule*

ROCKING K STABLES
APACHE JUNCTION, AZ

BOARDING

Now Accepting Boarders • Daily, Weekly, & Monthly Rates
Jim Leslie (480) 331-9118 ★ 1276 N. Wickiup Rd., AJAZ 85119

3rd Annual - SHA Pony Express March 2, 2024

***** Post Cards Sales coming soon*****

Sponsored by Hitching Post Saloon

*Contact Darryl Cross

CRAZY HORSE SADDLE SHOP
Craig & Paula Smith L.L.C.

New & Used Tack

1484 W. Apache Trail #3
1/2 Block East of Ironwood
Apache Junction, Arizona 85120

(480) 671-0381

Jan. 20-21, 2024
EVBCH Festival
AJ Rodeo Grounds

Mar 23-24, 2024
Ranch Experience
Bumble Bee Ranch



**East Valley
Apache Junction,**

To learn more about EVBCH
visit our website at EVBCH.org

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Important Dates to Remember



- **January 3, 2024** - Pony Express Meeting at Tina's (with Zoom option), 6PM
- **January 17, 2024** - SHA General Meeting, 7PM at Multi-Gen Center, RM 114
- **January 20-21, 2024** - EVBCH Festival, with SHA Silent Auction & Booth at AJ Rodeo Grounds
- **February 9-11, 2024** - Best of America by Horseback Television Show coming to AJ Rodeo Grounds
- **February 21, 2024** - SHA General Meeting, 7PM at Multi-Gen Center, RM 114
- **February 23-25, 2024** - Lost Dutchman Days at AJ Rodeo Grounds
- **March 2, 2024** - Third Annual SHA Pony Express, sponsored by Hitching Post Saloon
- **March 20, 2024** - SHA General Meeting, 7PM at Multi-Gen Center, RM 114
- **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: JAN 3, FEB 7 & MAR 6.** 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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