



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

Road Cleanup - Roger Luth

Program Director - Sheila Shattuck

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November Fall Road Clean-up

By Roger Luth

A BIG THANK YOU to all 11 members who came out for the bi-annual Adobt-A-Road cleanup on Saturday, November 4th on Lost Dutchman Road between Idaho Road and SR 88. We were set up at the AJ rodeo grounds with water, coffee and donuts. The city provided us with vests, gloves, plastic bags and pickers. We picked up 10 bags of trash, 2 tires, a TV frame and miscellaneous items. **Thanks to our members, Lost Dutchman Road looks great!**



Thank
You!





SHA Board Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2023

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Wednesday, November 1st, 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, Barb Houck and Roger Luth. Other SHA members were Chip Wilson, Director of Political and Equine Welfare, Lori Ewing, Sharna and Jeff Watson, Sylvia Drummond, Bev Dougherty, Cathy and Bob Diroff, and Phil Fedor.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from October 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 \$7765.67 in the checking account. We had \$489 deposited in October. Part of it was the 50/50 for \$54, Bob Diroff gave back \$30, money from new/renewal memberships received was \$360. There was \$26.40 paid for Stamps, there was \$162.10 for chicken dinner. All of this equals a total of \$188.50 that was deducted .
- **MEMBERSHIP** – Barb Houck reported there are 50 memberships,

which includes 64 individual members.

- **POLITICAL** – Nothing for political.
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – Jeff Watson turned over the case of the donkeys to the police department and nothing has been heard about it.
- **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. Practices start at 4 pm and the gates will open at 3:15 pm. The parade will begin on the 11th at 9 am.
- **SHA STORE** - Ann Adkins was absent.
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** – On the 9th and 10th of November, East Valley Back Country Horsemen are having a campout to work on segment 18 and 17. Sheila Shattuck asked SHA for assistance with meals. Pam Gaston made a motion to give financial assistance of \$75 and Roger Luth seconded it. All were in favor.
- At the museum, there will be a fund raiser for The Hope Women's Center for 40 ham dinners for families for Christmas. There will be tickets for sale at the museum store and they are \$20 a ticket. This Holiday Show will be on December 1st at 2 pm.
- On December 2nd, we are having the holiday party at the Handlebar. There will be a lighting of the tree and the light parade. More information will follow.
- Membership meetings will possibly host the Buffalo Soldiers.

- EVBCH are going to be hosting the Fun Festival in January.
- Pam Gaston made some suggestions for a silent auction and for a tack n stuff. That suggestion is tabled. This would be for the Fun Festival as a vendor opportunity in January.
- 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.
- **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. Crazy Horse has a sale on the November 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th and we will put her flyers regarding her sale in our Pony Tracks.
- **Paula Childo-Smith** - Pam Gaston made a motion to make Paula Childo Smith an honorary member of SHA and Sheila Shattuck seconded it. All were in favor.
- **FESTIVAL OF THE SUPERSTITIONS** - The booth for the Festival of the Superstitions is \$65. Lori Ewing and Sharna Watson are going to open the booth and will be there from 10 until 12 pm.

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Board Meeting Notes

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- **PETE DIECHMAN** - This last Saturday we burned piles of stink net but we still have plenty to do. The fire department asked us not to do a carpet burn so we are only about a third done. This coming Saturday we will be doing more burning. Help is appreciated.
- **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 November 13th at 6 pm via ZOOM and Wednesday, December 6th via ZOOM and in person. We are looking for people to do demonstrations in trailer parks and sponsors. It is \$20 to ride if you are a previous rider and \$80 if you have not ridden in the past.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Jeff Watson:** Pam Gaston made a motion for Jeff Watson to be the liaison and committee chair for the AJ Rodeo Grounds. Lisa Rogers seconded the motion. All were in favor. This will be put into the Pony Tracks.
- **Homeless:** Discussion ensued about the homeless and their garbage and a homeless facility.
- **Sharna Watson:** Sharna Watson suggested we run a poker ride as part of a membership drive. Discussion ensued.

Pam Gaston made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sheila Shattuck seconded it. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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 thru SEPT 30, 2024**

* **Single membership only \$20.00**

* **Family membership only \$30.00**

Please see the SHA membership form on page 7 of this newsletter, or sign up online at SHA4U.org and pay online through PayPal.

That's crazy!

Less than \$1.75
a month to join



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

November 2023

Submitted By: Barb Houck

Renewals are coming in, but we are still missing many of you who haven't signed up again for our present fiscal year, which runs from October 1 until September 30. We're at about the same number as last year's totals at this time, but we'd like to keep growing. In order to continue to be a positive force in our community we need support from all those interested in maintaining horsemen's rights and privileges. Get your renewal in soon if you haven't done so, and recruit a friend or two along the way.

Our present rolls include six new memberships, and we'd like to introduce:

- ♦ Vanessa Deppisch
- ♦ Zondra Weems
- ♦ Patty Harrington
- ♦ Nancy Scott
- ♦ Deb and Roger Thompson
- ♦ Susan Sullivan and Bob Johnson



SHA PARADE UNIT IN THE VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

By Pam Gaston

On Veteran's Day, November 11th, Saturday, the SHA Parade Unit will be at the beginning of the parade that starts at Phelps Drive and goes to Gold Drive and back to Phelps. The starting time of the parade is 9 am. People riding in the parade are Darryl Cross carrying the American Flag, Cailyn Cowart carrying the Arizona State Flag, Vanessa Deppisch carrying the SHA Flag, Sheila Shattuck carrying the SHA Banner and members Lisa Rogers, Bev Dougherty and Pam Gaston all decked out in red, white, and blue. Pooper Scoopers are Bob Diroff and Debbie Schwartz.

Come and see this marvelous parade that honors our Veterans!



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!

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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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

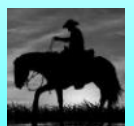
See Arizona Cowgirls for Christ website and Facebook for schedule

SUNDAY, November 12, 2023

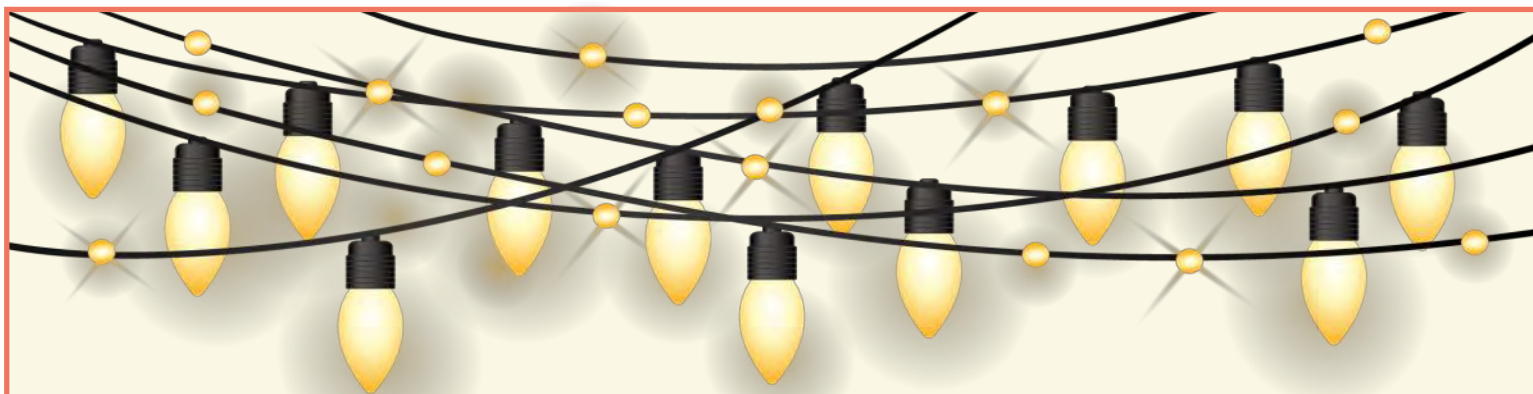
**Cowboy Church and Trail Ride
with Randy Helm and Starbuck**
at the Superstition Mountain
Museum amphitheater

Sponsored by Arizona Cowgirls4Christ

- ♦ Coffee and donuts at 9:30 AM
- ♦ Message at 10:00 AM
- ♦ Trailride at 12:00 PM



*Bring a lawn chair and a friend
and worship with us in the foothills
of the Superstition Mountains*



Superstition Horsemen's Association Holiday Party

WHEN: Saturday, December 2, 2023

WHERE: Handlebar Pub & Grill at 60 W Apache Trail in Apache Junction

TIME: Dinner will be served at 5 o'clock

We will then be participating in the tree lighting ceremony and the light parade in downtown Apache Junction.

* Cost is \$10 per person SHA members with advanced reservations only.

Please RSVP to either Pam Gaston (602) 320-3185, rr97w@msn.com or Sheila Shattuck (317) 374-4601, sheilashattuck2001@yahoo.com and let us know how many people you will have coming.

Happy Holidays !



Holiday Show

Friday, December 1, 2023 at 2:00 pm

**Elvis Chapel at the Superstition Mountain Museum,
4087 E Apache Trail**

**All proceeds to Help feed 40 families at The Hope Woman's Center,
Project Help in AJ Schools and also Genesis project!**

Come enjoy live performances by Paul Hubbard and friends as we get into the Christmas spirit bringing cheer to our community!

Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at the Superstition Mountain Museum gift shop or calling *Arizona Cowgirls for Christ* at 480-702-4636.



Calendar

of Events



Festival of the Superstitions Pony Rides

November 11, 2022 - Flatiron Community Park, AJ

SHA will again be having the free pony rides for the children. Peggy and Chip Wilson are supplying their Pony "Mr Blue" for the kids to ride. The rides will start at 10:00 AM and will continue until 2:00 PM.

FESTIVAL OF THE SUPERSTITIONS SHA Booth

On Saturday, November 11th, **SHA will have a booth** at the Festival of the Superstitions, at Flat Iron Park, starting at 10 am and lasting until 3 pm. We will be right next door to the Pony Rides, and we will be distributing membership applications, Safe Ride materials and SHA Pamphlets.

Please stop on by and bring some friends too.
SHA needs YOU!

Best of America by Horseback Television Show

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

www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com

3rd Annual - SHA Pony Express March 2, 2024

Sponsored by Hitching Post Saloon

*Contact Darryl Cross

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

Mar 23-24, 2024
Ranch Experience
Bumble Bee Ranch



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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



- **November 11, 2023**— Veteran's Day Parade, starts at 9AM in Apache Junction
- **November 11, 2023**— Festival of the Superstitions, AJ., Mr Blue pony rides & SHA booth from 10 AM—2PM
- **November 13, 2023**— Pony Express via Zoom only meeting at 6PM, and Wed Dec 6 at 6PM at Tina's
- **December 2, 2023** - SHA Holiday Party, dinner at 5PM. Please RSVP. AJ tree lighting & light parade
- **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
- **February 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: DEC 6, JAN 3 & FEB 7.** 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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