



# 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

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Political** - Darryl Cross

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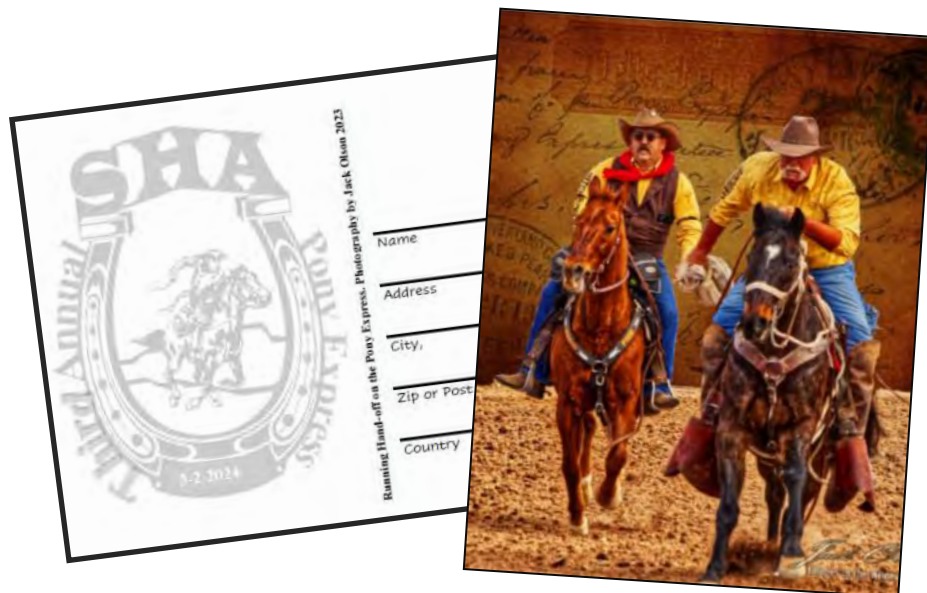
## 3rd Annual - SHA Pony Express

Saturday, March 2nd, 2024

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THE SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN MUSEUM  
OR FROM A PONY EXPRESS MEMBER



## SHA Board Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2024

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024. The meeting started at 7:02 pm. Board Members of SHA who were present were: Darryl Cross, Pam Gaston, Jeanne Kennedy online, Peggy Wilson, Barb Houck and Roger Luth. Lisa Rogers and Sheila Shattuck were absent. Other SHA members were Chip Wilson, Director of Political and Equine Welfare, Sharna and Jeff Watson, Bev Dougherty, and Bob Diroff.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from December 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 \$8016.44 in the checking account. We had \$453 + 190 membership + \$663 deposited in December. There was \$26.40 paid for Stamps, zelled for the Christmas Dinner \$274.01, \$10 AZ Corporation Report, \$2 AZ Sales Tax license, and \$95.46 for Pony Tracks to Lisa Rogers. All of this equals a total of \$407.87 that was deducted.
- **MEMBERSHIP** – Barb reported there are 73 memberships which includes 103 individual members.
- **POLITICAL** – Nothing for political.
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – Nothing for Equine Welfare.
- **PARADE** – We will be riding in the Lost Dutchman Days Parade in Division 1. A practice schedule will come out in the next two weeks.
- **SHA STORE** - Ann Adkins was absent.
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** –
  - \* EVBCH are going to be hosting the Fun Festival in January on the 20th and 21st AJ Rodeo Grounds.
  - \* 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.
  - \* Pam Gaston mentioned on behalf of Sheila Shattuck, the 150th commemorative rifle from MCSO for raffle. Discussion ensued. Roger Luth made a motion to purchase the rifle to be raffled at \$20/ticket with no more than 200 tickets to be sold. Peggy Wilson seconded it. All were in favor. Pam Gaston will purchase the rifle.
- **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP** - There will be a SHA Membership Meeting at the Multi Gen Center at 7 pm.
- **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.
- **PONY EXPRESS** - It is \$20 to ride if you are a previous rider and \$80 if you have not ridden in the past. Our Pony Express postcards are not correct. Darryl Cross explained borders were necessary and because of that the printing managed to make the first batch take off the printing...the second batch, ended up with the postcards being too small. Discussion ensued.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Tack N Stuff** - Peggy Wilson made a motion to have a Tack n Stuff on February 17th from 8-12. Roger Luth seconded it. All were in favor. Tables will be \$5 per SHA member, and we will have to find a place to hold it. Any suggestions? Call Pam, 602-320-3185 .
- **Road Cleanup** - There will be a Road Cleanup at 8 am on March 9th.

Pam Gaston made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Roger Luth seconded it. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 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



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only \$20.00

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only \$30.00

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

January 2024

Submitted By: Barb Houck

Our membership count now stands at 73, and includes 103 individual members. So far this year 21 new members have joined our group. If you still haven't renewed your membership and want to continue to receive your Pony Tracks newsletters plus email notices of our events and activities, go online to SHA4U.org and sign up through the PayPal link, and be sure to complete our membership form.

*We extend a warm welcome to our most recent new members:*

- ◆ Kathleen and Harvey Chamberlain
- ◆ Gary and Glenna George
- ◆ Marjorie Gilmore
- ◆ Lori Morgan
- ◆ Harold and Lorna VanderVliet
- ◆ Lori Ewing

Hope to see you at our upcoming events.



**Superstition Horseman's  
Association will be raffling off  
the collectors edition Henry Rifle  
\$20.00 a chance!**

**Visit our SHA booth at the East Valley Back  
Country Festival on January 20 & 21 or our  
SHA booth at the Lost Dutchman Days  
February 23-25.**

Sha4u.org



**MCSO 150th Anniversary Rifle**

\$2,000.00

This Maricopa County Sheriff's Office 150th Anniversary Commemorative Rifle includes rifle, custom engraving, sales tax, transfer fees, and delivery to our FFL partner. A Donation to the MCSO Memorial Fund is also included.

The West may have been tamed and fenced long ago, but its unbridled spirit lives on in this line of traditional big-boy Henry rifles.

**Henry Repeating Arms, Big Boy, Lever Action  
Rifle, 45LC, 20" Barrel, Brass Receiver, Walnut  
Stock, Adjustable Sights, 10Rd.**

- Made in the USA
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**SHA SILENT AUCTION  
at the EVBCH FUN FESTIVAL  
ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
JANUARY 20 & 21, 2024**

*By Pam Gaston*

SHA is holding a SILENT AUCTION at the AJ Rodeo Grounds at the EVBCH Fun Festival on 1/20 and 1/21/24. **The Silent Auction needs items from you.** If you want to donate something, please contact Barb Houck (623-694-2603) or Pam Gaston (602-320-3185). We are housing Silent Auction items at 1505 South Sixshooter Road in Apache Junction, 85119. If you have items, please drop them by before the 18th of January.

**We are also looking for people who want to run the Silent Auction beginning on Saturday through part of Sunday. It takes a village.**

**See the schedule below and please volunteer.**

Please email me at rrr97w@msn.com. We will have an SHA Booth right next door and we need volunteers for it as well. The booth requires 2 people.

**SILENT AUCTION**

**Saturday – 1/20**

8:45 to 11 am – **1 person**  
11 am – 1 pm – **1 person**  
1 pm – 3:15 pm – **1 person**

**Sunday – 1/21**

10 am – 12 pm – **1 person**  
12 pm – 2 pm - **filled**



**SHA BOOTH**

**Saturday – 1/20**

8:45 to 11 am – **filled**  
11 am – 1 pm – **filled**  
1 pm – 3:30 pm – **filled**

**Sunday – 1/21**

10 am – 12 pm – **filled**  
12 pm – 2 pm - **filled**







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

## Membership Corner



Our next Parade  
is Saturday  
February 24th

\*Submit your accomplishments or stories about you to [SHAponytracks@yahoo.com](mailto:SHAponytracks@yahoo.com)

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## SHA PARADE UNIT

TO RIDE IN THE LOST DUTCHMAN PARADE  
ON FEB. 24TH, 2024

**The SHA Parade Unit is looking for more riders and if you are interested, please contact Pam Gaston at 602-320-3185 NOW!**

We will be in **Division 1** on **Saturday, February 24th, 2024**, in the Lost Dutchman Parade.

Practices are at the AJ Rodeo Grounds on:

- \* February 1st, Thursday
- \* February 7th, Wednesday
- \* February 14th, Wednesday
- \* February 20th, Tuesday

We will meet at the back side of the bleachers next to the traffic on Lost Dutchman Blvd., and enter this area at the far west gate. The gate will open at 3 pm and practice starts at 4 pm and ends at 5 pm. We will NOT practice in inclement weather, but practice is important to desensitize your horse to other horses in the group and different stimuli. Please attend all practices to keep you and your horse safe.

# Calendar

## of Events



Mark your calendar for SHA General Meetings:

7pm at Multi-Gen Center, RM 114

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



## SHA General Meeting

WED January 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Meeting will take place at the Multi Gen Center

Guest Speaker will be Officer Clint Bradshaw from the Maricopa County Sheriff Mounted Patrol. He has lots of great stories to tell! We will be kicking off the raffle of the 150 year anniversary of the Henry Rifle.

We will also be taking donations for the silent auction to be held at the East Valley Back Country fun festival held on January 20 & 21.

We will be discussing the upcoming Pony Express, having a 50/50 drawing, signing up new members and enjoying snacks !

Please join us and don't miss the fun!

Sheila Shattuck



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

Mar 23-24, 2024  
Ranch Experience  
Bumble Bee Ranch

To learn more about EVBCH  
visit our website at [EVBCH.org](http://EVBCH.org)



East Valley  
Apache Junction, AZ

## Best of America by Horseback Television Show

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

[www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com](http://www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com)

Bring your horses and come ride with us in the beautiful Tonto National Forest area of Apache Junction.

All ride reservations must be made by phone.  
To get more information or to sign up, please call 620-433-1819

## 3rd Annual - SHA Pony Express March 2, 2024

\*\*\* Post Cards for sale \*\*\*

See front page for details

Sponsored by Hitching Post Saloon

\*Contact Darryl Cross

\* More Details to come  
in next month Pony Tracks

## SUGGESTION FOR "TACK N STUFF"

By Pam Gaston

The SHA Board put Tack n Stuff on February 17th and unfortunately there are several problems with that date and no other dates to utilize; therefore, I have a suggestion to those of you who want to sell your Tack n Stuff this season. **The EVBCH FUN FESTIVAL is**

**coming up on the weekend of January 20 and the 21st.**

If you and perhaps two to three others of you would like to sell tack, become a vendor at the FUN FESTIVAL at \$50 for a 12x12 area for two days, create your own hours and sell your wares. **As of now, The Tack N Stuff SHA Event for FEB 17 is cancelled.**



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HORSEMEN'S  
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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**Date:**

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☐ 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](http://www.sha4u.org) via PayPal
- Mail to SHA at PO Box 2120, Apache Junction, AZ 85117

# Important Dates to Remember



- **January 17, 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, parade on Saturday 24th
- **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: FEB 7, MAR 6 & APR 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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