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3rd Annual SHA Pony Express March 2, 2024

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◆ Where do I purchase the 3rd Annual Pony Express Post Cards and where do I return them?

SHA booth at rodeo grounds during Lost Dutchman Days, at the Hitching Post Saloon, Paula's Crazy Horse Saddle Shop, Superstition Mountain Museum, or from an SHA Pony Express member.

◆ Cost of Post Cards?

Only \$5 each. We will add the stamps and mail them anywhere in the world.

◆ What is the date and time of the 3rd Annual SHA Pony Express?

Saturday, March 2, 2024 in Apache Junction, AZ. We begin the Pony Express ride at 10:00 AM and end at approximately 2:00 PM.

◆ Where can I watch the Pony Express horse and riders?

Map Route and Legs (25 horse & riders with point A to point B listed with estimated time frame for 'hand-off') are posted on our SHA Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SHAofArizona

◆ Is my Post Card(s) being carried by each horse & rider?

Yes, your post card(s) are in the mailbag being transferred to next horse & rider during the 'riding hand-off'. 25 riders, 30 miles.



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SHA Board Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2024

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Wednesday, February 7th, 2024. The meeting started at 7:04 pm. Board Members of SHA who were present were: Darryl Cross, Pam Gaston, Jeanne Kennedy online, Peggy Wilson, Barb Houck, Roger Luth, Lisa Rogers and Sheila Shattuck. Other SHA members were Chip Wilson, Director of Political and Equine Welfare, Jeff Watson, Bev Dougherty, and Bob Diroff, online we had Phil Fedor, Ronna Lindstrom, and Sharna Watson.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from January were approved. Roger Luth made a motion for them to be accepted and Pam Gaston seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **TREASURER** – The Equine Welfare Account has \$1723.19 in it. There is \$5807.23 in the checking account. We had \$1228.50 and \$60 deposited for Pony Express in January. There was \$1148.50 deposit for \$821.50 for the Silent Auction and Membership was \$140, 50/50 returned by Roger Luth \$40 and a donation from Richard Stern for \$100 donation and \$40 from David Read for 50/50 from EVBCH. There was \$26.04 paid for Stamps, we zelled Pam Gaston \$2000 and \$100

for the rifle and for the booth for EVBCH Fun Festival Booth. We paid for \$1057.80 for Insurance, Divine Signs for Pony Express was \$250.87. All of this equals a total of \$3437.71 that was deducted.

- **MEMBERSHIP** – Barb Houck reported there are 82 memberships which includes 114 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. Pam Gaston will be attending a meeting on Feb. 21st to determine what number the SHA Unit will be. There are two practices left before the parade on the 24th of February. It is hoped the Pony Express riders will ride with the SHA Unit.
- **SHA STORE** - Ann Adkins was absent.
- **AJ RODEO GROUNDS** - There was a meeting tonight that was presented what AJ is going to do with the Rodeo Grounds this evening. Improving the infrastructure was the first item to address such as more power to the AJ Rodeo Grounds plus bigger grandstands. Also Hitching Rails in an enclosure that would allow people to park their horses in an area that is enclosed in case one of them gets loose. Jeff Watson has tremendous knowledge regarding facilities on what to do and will be put in by him on behalf of SHA and AJ. He recommends solar panels for federal funding assistance.

• **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** –

- * 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.

People will be coming in on February 8th. There are three rides planned and there are also chuck wagon dinners as well. Liz Langenbach and Riley King have helped a great deal from the Parks and Recreation Department. There are 30 riders coming from all over the US. Friday is a trail ride to Treasure Loop and then going to the Hitching Post with a special commercial followed by a chuck wagon dinner. Saturday, there is a Chuck Wagon Breakfast, The Deer Tanks ride, gun fight at Goldfield Ghost Town, followed by a chuck wagon dinner. Sunday there will be Cowboy Church with Randy Helm that is open to all, Chip and Darryl are leading a trail through downtown, and SHA is sponsoring the chicken dinner at 5 pm.

- * There will be a handoff on February 17th at the museum and a table from 10 to 2 pm. For Western Day, the Pony Express Members are going to do a running handoff on February 21st, for the children that are being brought by the schools.

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Board Meeting Notes

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- **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP** - There will be SHA Membership Meeting at the Multi Gen Center at 7 pm on February 21st. Phil Staley from the museum is coming to speak about the museum and the history of the Superstitions.
- **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 400 copies for the Pony Tracks.
- **FIRST MEMBERSHIP** - The first Membership SHA Meeting was a huge success with Clint Bradshaw who was interesting and funny.
- **EVBCH** - This was a huge success with \$821.50 brought in for the Silent Auction and \$40 from David Read. The Silent Auction only lasted one day because of weather. We sold Pony Express Post Cards and Rifle tickets for the commemorative rifle .
- **TACK N STUFF** - It was a success and people sold their tack n stuff and we also sold post cards by Pony Express and rifle tickets too plus we gained several members.
- **PONY EXPRESS IN THE PARK** - We are doing running handoffs in parks and the handoff at Chapparal went well.
- **PONY EXPRESS BANNERS** - Those are all put out at the Museum, at the Ghost Town, at the Hitching Post and Paula's Crazy Horse.

- **PONY EXPRESS POST CARDS** - Those Sales are behind. We need to sell post cards.
- **COMMEMORATIVE RIFLE** - We have sold 106 tickets thus far.
- **RODEO BOOTH** - This is being taken care of by Pam Gaston and is being circulated through the internet.

NEW BUSINESS

- **ROAD CLEAN UP** - There will be a Road Cleanup on March 9th.
- **EVBCH – BUMBLE BEE RANCH** - There was a flyer and it was approved and brought to us by the Editor, Lisa Rogers.

Pam Gaston made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sheila Shattuck seconded it. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

February 2024

Submitted By: Barb Houck

We are pleased to report a steady increase in our membership rolls. We are now at a count of 83 memberships, which include a total of 115 individual members. This is a little higher than the count reported in last year's February Pony Tracks.

And we continue our count of new memberships with this month's inclusion of:

- ♦ Bob and Laura Dobbe
- ♦ Patricia and Vic Haynes
- ♦ William Lauf

Welcome! We hope to see you at upcoming SHA events.



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

Please visit our SHA booth at the Lost Dutchman Days, February 23-25 at the Apache Junction rodeo grounds. **Only 200 tickets will be sold*

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MCSO 150th Anniversary Rifle, \$2,000.00

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office

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**TACK N STUFF SUMMARY
FOR FEBRUARY 3rd, 2024**



Tack n Stuff this year started to be scheduled on February 17th, and then had to be rescheduled due to facilities. **Thankfully Mo and Tina let us have our TACK N STUFF on February 3rd, in their parking lot by the Western Village.** There were six SHA members who sold their wares until 1 pm and were happy with their sales. There was also a booth with MCSO Rifle Raffle tickets and Pony Express Cards for sale, SHA Brochures, Safe Ride Brochures, pens and reflective bands for free. We also were able to sign up two more memberships for SHA. **It was a good day and many thanks to those who participated as buyers and sellers. Also thank you to Bob Diroff and Roger Luth for helping folks get their tables.**

**Summary of the SHA General Membership
Meeting of January 17, 2024**

By Pam Gaston

The SHA General Membership Meeting was held in the multi-Gen Center, in room 118, and started at 7:11 pm. There were thirty-three people in attendance. **The guest speaker was Clint Bradshaw, from MCSO, (Maricopa County Sheriff's Office), who is a deputy for the Mounted Patrol and has been employed by MCSO for 22 years.** Officer Bradshaw showed us his 150-anniversary commemorative rifle made by Henry that he shoots with and then told us he has one that is on display in his home that is number 54 in a succession of four hundred being made only. The one he shoots with is number 368. The stock of the rifle is made from walnut. As he showed the rifle, he commented that part of the stock is fashioned after him as a model for the cowboy and horse that are depicted on it. Officer Bradshaw then told the group some remarkably interesting search and rescues and stories that he has participated in around the river area and the Superstitions. He stated the "wild horses" are doing well now and the javelina and deer population is increasing. It was a very interesting presentation and Officer Bradshaw was given a gift card to Black Angus in thanks for his time. His story is on the SHA Facebook page.

The results of the 50/50 were \$24 won by Roger Luth. Roger donated the money back to SHA and so there was \$48 total. The raffle for being there were three wild rags and one gift card. The first wild rag was won by Lori Morgan, the second wild rag was won by Melonie Floyd and the third wild rag was won by Glenna George. The \$25 gift card was won by David Read.

Officer Bradshaw stayed afterward and answered questions and showed the rifle; meanwhile, tickets for the rifle were being sold by Lori Morgan at \$20 cash per ticket. We are only selling two hundred tickets and then we are done with the raffle. Lisa Rogers was also selling Pony Express Postcards for the Pony Express that takes place on March 2nd.

There was coffee, water, and cookies at the end of the meeting. The meeting ended at 8:30 pm.



'Best of America by Horseback' Television Show visits Apache Junction

By Sheila Shattuck

Superstition Horsemen's Association hosted 'Best of America by Horseback' at the cities newly purchased Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds. The 3 day event featured 3 trail rides, chuckwagon meals, live entertainment, a clinic by Randy Helm and Cowboy church. The shows host Del and Shevan Shields were such a pleasure to work with. We are proud of our city and equestrian community... Where can you ride your horse to work, stores, restaurants, bars, and church! We even had our Mayor and City Councilman join us on our rides. We rode to the Superstition Mountain Museum, the Hitching Post Saloon and City Hall. We love Apache Junction and our horse friendly community.

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SUMMARY OF THE SHA BOOTH AND THE SILENT AUCTION

By Pam Gaston

The East Valley Back Country Horsemen Fun Festival was a success in spite of the rain on Sunday, January 21st. **The Superstition Horsemen's Association took part in it with two booths.** One was to sell Pony Express Post Cards, Commemorative rifle tickets, hand out pens and reflective bands with brochures for the Safe Ride Campaign, and brochures for SHA, with our mission statement and what we have accomplished in hopes for new members and renewals. It was a grand success as many Pony Express Post Cards and rifle raffle tickets were sold, plenty of pens and reflective bands were given away and three new memberships were also obtained. **A big thank you to all of you who assisted with the booth – it takes a village and you are very much appreciated.**

The SHA Silent Auction next door was a great success as well on January 20th. There were 43 items and most of them obtained a bid. The Silent Auction only ran for the day as rain was predicted the next day. The auction earned \$821.50 plus David Read gave half of his 50/50 EVBCH winnings to SHA which brought the total to \$861.50 for the day. **Thank you to all of you who participated in the auction either through donation, set up, or buying. All of you are very much appreciated.**

A special thanks to Lisa Rogers, Bob Diroff and Roger Luth for help with setting up and tearing down. Again, it takes a village.

Membership Corner



CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA PARADE UNIT RESIGNATION

My name is Pam Gaston and I have been the SHA Parade Unit Chairperson for over ten years. Before that, I had another Parade Unit called "Triple R Riders" and we rode for ten years. The day has come for someone else to step up and take over as I am retiring from this position.

We have three flags, a butt banner and uniforms if someone chooses to utilize them. I will not call that equipment in. As a new Parade Unit Chairperson, the sky's the limit for your ideas on how to present SHA's Parade Unit to the public. *Please step on up and take the reins....this cowgirl is done. It has been my pleasure to serve you!*

Pam Gaston

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

Presents

FUNDRAISER AT BUMBLE BEE RANCH

MARCH 22-24, 2024

Available Activities

- Wine Ride • Guided and Independent Rides
- Scavenger Hunt • Band Saturday Evening

INCLUDES: 2 Nights Dry Camping

- Friday Dinner – BBQ Pork Ribs and Chicken • Saturday Breakfast
- Saturday Dinner – Ribeye Steak, Chicken, or Salmon • Sunday Breakfast

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Calendar of Events



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SHA General Meeting

WED February 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Meeting will take place at the Multi Gen Center

Guest Speaker will be Phil Staley from the Superstition Mountain Museum. He will speak about the museum and the history of the Superstitions.

We will have raffle tickets for the collectors edition MCSO 150th Anniversary Henry Rifle available, as well as the 3rd Annual Pony Express post cards for purchase.

There will be a 50/50 drawing, signing up new members and enjoying snacks!

Please join us and don't miss the fun!



Mini Bio

Phil is a retired Director of Technical Affairs for an international veterinary vaccine manufacturing company. He played keyboards and performed in bands for over 50 years and got interested in theater almost 30 years ago. Since then he has performed in over 20 plays, both comedies and dramatic musicals, most notably, Civil War: the Musical which was directed by his wife Tommye Staley in Delaware. He also worked behind the scenes in theater, designing, building and decorating sets, playing in the pit orchestra, stage managing, and running tech. He was also in a Civil War re-enacting group for several years and regularly performs with a wild west re-enacting group, the Superstition Mountain Renegades. He has also been in three independent films before coming to Arizona and now has been in three western movies in Arizona: Atonement, Wescott Showdown, and Gunfight at Silver Creek

SHA PARADE UNIT NEWS

The SHA Parade Unit is once again riding in the Lost Dutchman Days Parade in Unit 1 and they will also have Pony Express Riders with them.

The parade is on the **morning of February 24th, 2024**. Please come and support your SHA guys and gals as they represent SHA in the parade.



COWBOY CHURCH - Every Sunday

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Important Dates to Remember



- **February 17, 2024** - SHA postcard & raffle raffle ticket sales at AJ Museum, Western Cowboy Day
- **February 20, 2024** - Parade Practice, 4-5PM, AJ Rodeo Grounds, Gates open at 3PM
- **February 21, 2024** - Pony Express Meeting, 6PM at Multi-Gen Center, RM 114
- **February 21, 2024** - SHA General Meeting, 7PM at Multi-Gen Center, RM 114
- **February 23-25, 2024** - Lost Dutchman Days at AJ Rodeo Grounds, with SHA booth each day
- **February 24, 2024** - Lost Dutchman Days Parade, SHA Unit riding in Unit 1. Saturday at 9AM
- **March 2, 2024** - Third Annual SHA Pony Express, sponsored by Hitching Post Saloon
- **March 9, 2024** - Road clean-up, meet at Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds at 8AM
- **March 20, 2024** - SHA General Meeting, 7PM at Multi-Gen Center, RM 114
- **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: MAR 6, APR 3 & MAY 1.** 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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