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Pony Tracks

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First Wednesday of every month at 7PM
at "BREAKFAST AT TINA'S"
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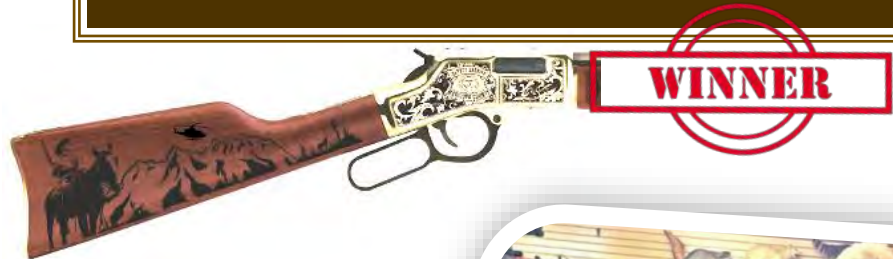
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Superstition Horseman's Association
raffled off the collectors edition
Henry Rifle on March 20th, 2024



Winner: Michelle Slack

BIO

Born and raised in St. Maries, ID.
Happy to still live there 2 or 3
seasons. Now spending winters
in Arizona and love riding our
horses there.

Married to Arlo Slack for 38 years.
6 beautiful children and
17 grandchildren.

Retired. Owned and managed
retail stores in St. Maries for 33 years.

I've had a horse, actually a burro first since I was 6 years old. We raised Tennessee walkers for 20 years. Currently riding 2 amazing Rocky Mountain horses. Also have 3 Icelandic horses, a retired walker and a Tennessee/Ice horse. Hopefully will ride forever.

We love our community of horse friends and neighbors in Apache Junction and hope to spend many more winters there.

I couldn't be happier to have won the Henry rifle at the drawing. It is a beautiful gun. We really appreciate all the hard work your organization has done in keeping the Arizona trails open.

Thank You,
Michelle Slack



Presented by Pam Gaston (Right)
To Michelle Slack (Left)



SHA Board Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2024

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024. The meeting started at 7:04pm. Board Members of SHA who were present were: Darryl Cross, Pam Gaston, Jeanne Kennedy, online, Barb Houck, Roger Luth, Lisa Rogers, Sheila Shattuck and Peggy Wilson. Other SHA members were Cathy and Bob Dieroff, Chip Wilson, Director of Political, and Sylvia Drummond.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from March were approved. Sheila Shattuck made a motion for them to be accepted and Pam Gaston seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **TREASURER** – The Equine Welfare Account Account has \$1773.19 in it. There is \$14,253.71 in the checking account. There was \$100 given with \$50 to the membership and \$50 to Equine Welfare, membership was \$20, postcards were \$3103, the rifle was \$4000, rider applications were \$670 and sponsorship was \$1950 which equals \$9863. There was \$350 to Ann Adkins, \$29.24 for stamps, Barb Houck was given \$72.24 for stamps and envelopes. There was \$145.51 for the Pony Express and \$50 to Equine. There was \$95.46

to Lisa Rogers, \$104.10 for the AZ Trail, \$1000 for Cowboys for Kids, insurance for the Pony Express was \$145.51 and \$8.70 because we deposited so much cash so we gave out \$1055.23. There was a deposit of \$9863 and \$ 1855.23 withdrawal.

- **MEMBERSHIP** – Barb Houck reported there are 90 memberships which includes 125 individual members.
- **POLITICAL** – The Governor vetoed 2570. This is good for Apache Junction.
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – Nothing for Equine Welfare.
- **PARADE** – Nothing for parade.
- **STORE DIRECTOR** - Nothing for Store Director.
- **AJ RODEO GROUNDS** - Nothing for AJ Rodeo grounds.
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** –
 - ◇ We have 31 people signed up for the steak dinner. We will have live music. We will have steak, chicken, baked potatoes, salad, beans, and desserts. This will be at the Rodeo Grounds on April 14th. If you want to come, please RSVP Sheila Shattuck at Sheilashattuck2001@yahoo.com by April 8th. Everyone needs to bring a chair to sit in.
 - ◇ There is going to be a meeting with the BLM, Kings Stable and Gold Field GhostTown to discuss a corridor through the BLM.
- **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 275 copies for the Pony Tracks.
- **THIRD MEMBERSHIP** - Pam Gaston has written an article regarding the 3rd General Membership Meeting for the Pony Tracks.
- **PONY EXPRESS** - The only thing left to do is to rectify expenses between Darryl Cross and Sheila Shattuck. Discussion ensued about postcards not making it to their destination. It should be noted that a return address should be included in next year's postcards. Sheila Shattuck brought up pictures that might be selected by the membership. Discussion ensued. Darryl Cross mentioned having the photographers' pictures at our displays next year. Darryl Cross also suggested we take out a half page advertisement thanking our sponsors and put it in the Pony Tracks as well as put it on our website and put it on Facebook too. The first Pony Express meeting needs to be the second Wednesday in June. That date is June 12th at 6 pm. The next Pony Express in 2025 will be on March 1st, 2025.
- **COMMEMORATIVE RIFLE** - Michelle Slack won the rifle and picked it up at AJI Sporting Goods on Tuesday, March 24th, from Pam Gaston.
- **HOMELESS** - Apache Junction is still working on helping the homeless. Discussion ensued.

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Board Meeting Notes

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NEW BUSINESS

• NO NEW BUSINESS

Pam Gaston made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Roger Luth seconded it. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

SHA Pony Express 2024

Thank You!

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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!



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

April 2024

Submitted By: Barb Houck

Again, this year, our member numbers have increased over the last year's numbers at this same time. Presently our membership stands at 90, and includes 125 individual members, 32 of which are new members as of this fiscal year.

And we'd like to introduce our most recent new members:

◆ Michelle and Arlo Slack

Michelle and Arlo Slack recently joined SHA after Michelle was the winner in our recent raffle drawing for the MSCO 150th Anniversary Henry Rifle. **Congratulations, Michelle, and welcome to SHA!**

We're looking forward to the continued support we receive from our membership throughout the year.

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



SHA Pony Express 2024

By Darryl Cross



This year's Pony Express was a big success. I would like to personally thank everyone that participated and helped with putting everything together. We all had a great and safe time.

New this year we conducted several running hand-off demonstrations at a few of the local mobile home parks. This brought a bunch of smiles to the faces of our seniors that live throughout our city. We were able to demonstrate the "running handoff" and then share a little history about the Pony Express. Everyone loved the ability to pet the horses; talk with the riders; and get some great photos. The best part was the sale of our post cards. **Our senior community really stepped up and supported us by purchasing lots of post cards. We thank all of them for their support and we really hope to visit them along with others next year.**

Our Honorary 1st rider this year was Apache Junctions Mayor Chip Wilson. Most everyone knows that Chip has been a big supporter of all things equine here in AJ and around the state. He has been an active member of SHA for many years and also served as Chairman for a while.

He is also active with the East Valley Backcountry Horsemen, and the Arizona Horse Council. Chip is running for Mayor here in AJ as his current term is ending. Please know that he will always be supportive of our equine passions so let's give him our support. On his ride this year, I had him make a detour into the Lost Dutchman Mobile Home Park. He rode to the Rec. center where he picked up over 200 postcards with live music, food trucks, and fan fair! Everyone was really excited to see him get the mail on horseback.

Once again this year, we had the honor of being able to show off at the Lost Dutchman Rodeo. We had 4 riders demonstrate the Pony Express running hand off in front of sold-out crowds on all 3 days. Lots of cheers and whistles as our riders put on their demonstration.

We had 2 opportunities this year to demonstrate for grade school kids from the East Valley over at the Superstition Mountain Museum. The kids really liked being able to see the horses up close. A lot of them had never even touched a horse before. Maybe a few of them will be members of SHA somewhere down the road.

This year we had 19 sponsors which brought in \$1975.00.

I would like to thank all of them for their support of our Pony Express! Additionally, once again, the Hitching Post Saloon was our main Sponsor. Mo and Tina have been *thank you!* awesome in allowing us to use their building for all of our meetings. They have also provided us with our celebration meal. At this year's finale, we were able to present Mo and Tina with a check for \$1000.00 for their "Cowboys for Kids" charity. With any luck, maybe we can double that next year. **Thank you Mo and Tina!**

As for Post Cards, this year we sold over 700 cards! This is a phenomenal accomplishment. **Everyone that helped promote and sell cards.... THANK YOU!** We should all be proud. Next year, our goal will be a solid 1000.

We plan to start meeting again on June 12th via Zoom for 2025's Pony Express. If you would like to help out, watch for the link in an email that will go out to all members. We can sure use the extra help in promoting and coming up with more ideas.

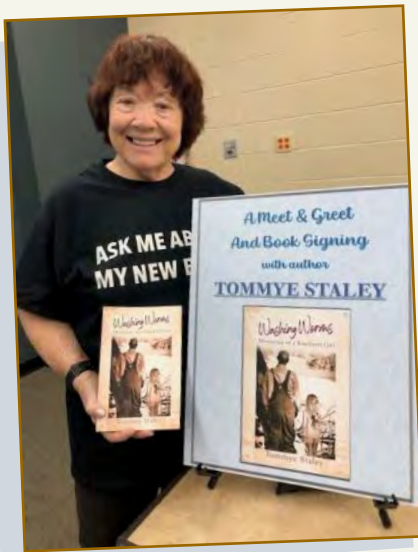
Thanks Again Everyone.... Ride Safe

Third SHA General Membership Meeting on March 20th, 2024

By Pam Gaston

The third SHA General Membership Meeting on March 20th, 2024, was held in room 117 at the Multi Gen Center in Apache Junction. It started at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and there were 20 people in attendance.

The speaker for this meeting was Tommye Staley, who has been an educator for 50 years and has recently written a book entitled, "Washing Worms".



She wrote this book about growing up in the deep south and about the horses she had along the way growing up. She spoke about the animals and the people that impacted her life and made a difference for her. This book is book one of a series of four and it can be found on Amazon. It is written for everyone's enjoyment and her presentation

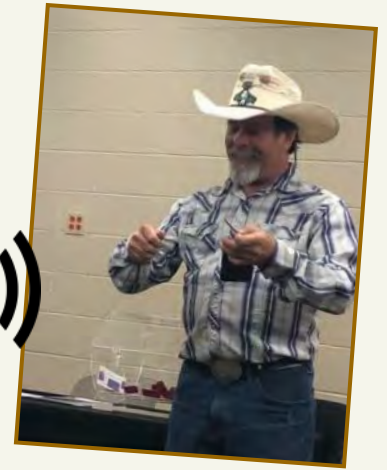


was humorous and interesting. Tommye was presented with a thank you card and a \$50 gift card to Texas Roadhouse.

After the guest speaker, tickets were drawn for the raffle. The first ticket was for Chip Wilson whose wife took a lovely scarf. The second ticket was drawn by Bob Dieroff whose wife took a lovely scarf. The third ticket was drawn by Sylvia Drummond who also took a lovely scarf. **The scarves were donated by Jeff and Sharna Watson.** The final ticket that was drawn was a \$25 gift card to Texas Roadhouse and Tommye Staley gave it to Lilliana Gordon, a granddaughter of Harvey and Kathleen Chamberlain.

The 50/50 was \$33 and we gave \$15 to Bev Dougherty who had the winning ticket. **Bev donated back \$10 to the Association.**

Darryl Cross spoke about the Pony Express and touted the successes of



the event and the planning that has already started for the next one. There were 750 postcards that were sold and approximately 50 that were given to children at Western Days at the Museum. It was a very successful event.

Pam Gaston began to rotate the hopper for the last event which was to draw out a ticket for the commemorative MCSO rifle. Lilliana Gordon came up and did the draw and Michelle Slack won the rifle. **Darryl Cross called Michelle Slack and informed her of her winning ticket and she was excited to win the beautiful gun.** The transfer of ownership will take place on Tuesday, at 2 pm, at the local gun shop on the trail.

Phil Staley ended the meeting by putting down people's names and phone numbers for Tommye's new book and will deliver them on April 14th at the end of the year party.

Refreshments were served and people enjoyed the comradery. This is the final meeting besides the end of the year party for this season.

Calendar



End of Season Party!

When: Sunday, April 14, 2024

Where: Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds

Who: SHA members

Time: Happy Hour at 5PM, dinner at 6:00 PM

Members will be treated to a Steak or Chicken dinner complete with baked potato, beans, salad and dessert.

⇒ **Please bring a chair and your own beverage.**
Their will be bottle water available.

Food, Friends, Campfire, Live Music and Fun!

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Episode: Visit to Apache Junction, AZ

** Sheila Shattuck will keep us posted*

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Apache Junction, AZ



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Important Dates to Remember



- **April 14, 2024** - End of Season Party, 5PM at Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds.
- **June 12, 2024** - Pony Express Meeting, 6PM via Zoom
- **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: MAY 1, JUN 5 & JUL 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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