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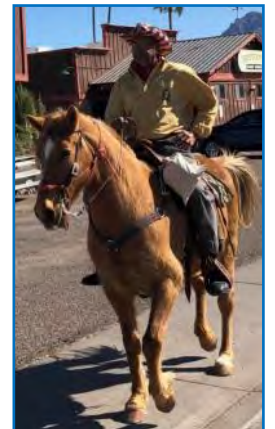
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THE SHA PONY EXPRESS

SPONSORED BY THE HITCHING POST

By Pam Gaston



The Pony Express 2024 on March 2nd was a huge success.

There were approximately 750 postcards sold and they were carried approximately 30 miles. There were 27 riders with the first leg being done by Mayor Chip Wilson and the last leg being done by Councilman Darryl Cross. All riders were sworn in on March 1st by the Postmaster General to carry the mail and no one lost a horse, a hat or had any accidents. Many thanks to Lisa Rogers, Shirley Righi, Roger Luth, Pam Gaston and our good friend Donna for being part of the ground crew and taking care of pictures, the pace car and the back vehicle. **A big thank you to the AJ Police Department for two officers in two different cars who kept riders safe and people on the streets aware of the rider coming by or handing off. A huge thank you to the Hitching Post for their sponsorship and for all the sponsors who donated to this event. We wore your placards proudly.** Everyone rode together at 2:30 pm on March 2nd from the Rodeo Grounds including Mo who rode leg 2 and also the group ride as well. Once in the parking lot of the Hitching Post, Darryl Cross handed off the mail to the Postmaster General who took it to the Post Office to be delivered. Everyone tied up their horses and had a nice cool drink in Tina's and a delicious lunch given to everyone by the Hitching Post. Everyone was given a commemorative concho and a bottle opener on behalf of SHA. It was a tremendous event, and we are already planning for next year.



SHA Board Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2024

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Wednesday, March 6th, 2024.

The meeting started at 7:04pm. Board Members of SHA who were present were: Darryl Cross, Pam Gaston, Jeanne Kennedy, Barb Houck, Roger Luth, Lisa Rogers, and Sheila Shattuck. Peggy Wilson was absent. Other SHA members were Ann Adkins, Director of the SHA Store, Cathy and Bob Diroff, Sylvia Drummond and online we had Sharna Watson.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from February 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 \$1,723,19 in it. There is \$6245.94 in the checking account. We had membership input from PayPal \$915.96 in February. Membership 50/50 returned \$20 from Bev Dougherty. There was \$27.20 paid out for Stamps. We paid Lisa \$95.46 in January for the Pony Tracks and February for \$127.28. We gave Bob Diroff \$21.48 for address labels and \$155.83 to Pam Gaston for the Chicken dinner for Best Across America. All of this equals a total

of \$477.25 that was deducted. Darryl gave Jeanne \$100 bill as a donation that will go onto next month's finances.

- **MEMBERSHIP** – Barb Houck reported there are 89 memberships which includes 123 individual members.
- **POLITICAL** – Darryl Cross stated there is a proposal in the State Legislature that allows contractors to put in high density buildings wherever they want to place them without zoning. Please contact your local legislator to put a stop to this bill.
 - ◇ Sheila Shattuck suggested we work with King Stables and the Goldfield Ghost Town, and we help them develop a corridor on BLM Land, so those businesses are NOT landlocked. It was decided that Sheila Shattuck would go to the CEOs of those businesses and see if we could advocate on their behalf with the BLM. This would be an assistance to them since we are a political organization.
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – Nothing for Equine Welfare.
- **PARADE** – Our presentation at the parade was excellent with 9 riders in the Parade unit, 7 riders in the Pony Express and 5 pooper scoopers. It was followed by a breakfast at Tarradiddles and presentation of gifts to Pam Gaston, Director, for her years of service. We are looking for another Parade Director. If you are interested, please let someone on the Board know of your intent.
- **STORE DIRECTOR** - Ann Adkins showed us the new t-shirts in sizes

XL, L, M, S, and they are \$19.50 apiece. They are bright blue with a V-neck. Ann asked the Board how much we should charge. Pam Gaston made a motion to charge \$25 per shirt and Sheila Shattuck seconded it. All were in favor.

- **AJ RODEO GROUNDS** - Jeff Watson met with Liz Langenbach and Darryl Cross mentioned having better bandwidth communication for credit card usage and communication purposes that would involve putting in another cell phone tower.
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** –
 - ◇ The Best of America will be aired the end of May or the first of June and were invited back to see us. Sheila Shattuck mentioned the website needs to be updated. She thought the picture needs to be changed and then highlight things that might "pop" more such as the Pony Express or horses on the trail with mountains and trail rides.
 - ◇ Sheila Shattuck suggested April 14th for our end of the season party. Darryl Cross suggested a big steak fry or Bar-b-que with no constraints. Discussion ensued. Deadlines on names and members only as well would be necessary. Sheila Shattuck made a motion to get the Rodeo Grounds for a party on the 14th. Pam Gaston seconded it. All were in favor. Discussion ensued about cost. Pam Gaston made a motion to put a cap on the steak fry of \$1000. Sheila Shattuck seconded it. All were in favor.

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Board Meeting Notes

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- ◇ Sheila Shattuck suggested there needs to be a Pony Express Committee that meets all year long to take care of banners, postcards, etc. The Pony Express would be held on March 1st, 2025.
- **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP** - There will be SHA General Membership Meeting at the Multi Gen Center at 7 pm on March 20st, in room 117. Tammye Staley from the museum is coming to speak about horses in the South and the history of gaited horses like Tennessee Walkers when she was growing up. She has recently written a book and hopes to have it there. Also, we will be raffling the commemorative rifle at this meeting.
- **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.
- **SECOND MEMBERSHIP** - The Second Membership Meeting was very interesting which included speaker Phil Staley and his lovely wife, Tammye. They spoke about the Superstition Mountain Museum and the history of its origination and inception.

They would like to capitalize on the Pony Express and were thrilled with our presentation at the Museum. They would like a presentation box or board made for this event.

- **PONY EXPRESS** - This Pony Express of 2024 was very smooth and was done well. Sheila Shattuck mentioned giving a scholarship through the Pony Express for graduating seniors. Discussion ensued. It was suggested that we collect all the placards and get those to the sponsors.
- **COMMEMORATIVE RIFLE** - It was decided that we will raffle the rifle at the Membership Meeting.
- **RODEO BOOTH** - A big thanks for all the people who helped especially Bob Diroff and Roger Luth for the set up and tear down. Our booth was a big success and could not have been done without all of you. It takes a village. Thank you!

NEW BUSINESS

- **ROAD CLEAN UP** - There will be a Road Cleanup on March 9th.
- **EVBCB - BUMBLE BEE RANCH;** There will be a wine ride and a scavenger hunt by EVBCB on March 23-25th at Bumble Bee Ranch.
- **HOMELESS** - Sylvia Drummond told us that the homeless are Back on the Roundabout and the step overs. That area is full of Homeless folks. Discussion ensued as to what to do about it.
- **AZ TRAIL** - Our membership with AZ Trail needs to be renewed and we need to look at our segment too.

Jeanne Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sheila Shattuck seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

March 2024

Submitted By: Barb Houck

We are almost halfway through our fiscal year (October 1 thru September 30). We continue to receive both membership renewals and new applications. Our count has now grown to 90 memberships, and includes 124 individual members.



A big welcome to our newest members:

- ◆ Steve Bondy
- ◆ Judi Hay

Hope to see you at our upcoming March 20th membership meeting.



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LOST DUTCHMAN DAYS RODEO

February 2024

SHA at the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo

By Sheila Shattuck

Superstition Horsemen's Association had the honor of opening the sold-out Lost Dutchman days rodeo all three days. Pony Express riders came into the arena with the American flag, and the SHA banner, while two of our Pony Express riders did a running hand off much to the pleasure of the crowd. This is our second year opening the rodeo which has helped increase postcard our sales. **We are honored to have this privilege!**



Photos by Photographer Lisa Manifold



SHA BOOTH PARTICIPANTS FOR LOST DUTCHMAN DAYS – 2024

By Pam Gaston

It was a wonderful Lost Dutchman Days Event with plenty of people and nice weather. We owe a debt of thanks to all the following people. First, a big thanks to Roger Luth and Bob Diroff for setting up the booth on Thursday and putting us facing the right direction in the vendor area and for tearing the booth down at the end. They also set up the tables and tablecloths and got things in order for Friday and tore it all down and put it all away on Sunday. ***It takes a village.***

On Friday, the following people worked the booth for SHA ~ Many thanks to Bev Christopher, Kathy Boron, Fran Heck, Judy Hood, Jeanne Kennedy and Judy Schmier.

On Saturday, the following people worked the booth for SHA ~ Many thanks to Billie Nisan, Melanie Floyd, Ronna Lindstrom, Gary Cooper, Anne Zika, Kim and Roger Luth.

On Sunday, the following people worked the booth for SHA ~ Many thanks to Pam Gaston, Barb Houck, Lisa Rogers, Debbie Schwartz, Mary Ann Coyne and Liz Johnson.

The rodeo was sold out all three days, so it was a busy place. ***Thanks to all of you for your commitment and your time.***

It was a great Lost Dutchmen Days – 2024!

PARADE UNIT NEWS FOR LOST DUTCHMEN DAYS - 2024

by Pam Gaston

The weather for Lost Dutchman Days - 2024 was lovely. It was bright and sunny with very little wind and a temperature of 72. The parade was well attended by the community of AJ probably because the weather was so nice.

There were 78 entries and we were entry 28 in Division 1. We were that far back because the City Council was being announced at entry 27 and Darryl Cross was announced twice in a row. The parade unit had nine members, Darryl Cross with the American Flag, Cailyn Cowart with the Arizona Flag, and Vanessa Deppisch with the SHA Flag, Sheila Shattuck with the SHA red butt banner, Lisa Rogers as honorary court, Susan Walker as a drill member, Pat Haynes as a drill member, Bev Dougherty as a drill member and Pam Gaston as a drill caller.

Behind the SHA Parade Unit, there were seven Pony Express members in uniform on horseback. They were Ted Greffe, Dan Pakes, Ann Adkins, Irv Walker, Russ Eason, Liz Eason and Tom Tuft.

Behind them there were five pooper scoopers. They were Bob Dieroff, Director, Bev Christopher, Vinnie, Gary Cooper, and Anne Zika. This gave us a total of 21 people participating in the parade on behalf of SHA.

We all went out to breakfast at Tarradiddles and since this was Pam Gaston's last parade as director, she was presented with a nice SHA cup, a necklace and a cross engraved belt buckle. She also received many hugs and thanks.

Bi-Annual Adopt-A-Road Cleanup

By Roger Luth

The A BIG THANK YOU to all 14 members who came out for the bi-annual Adopt-A-Road cleanup on Saturday, March 9th, 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, 3 tires, 1 tire tread, and 1 seat. Thanks to our members, Lost Dutchman Road looks great!



We did a nice job on behalf of SHA. It is time for someone else to step up and take the reins.

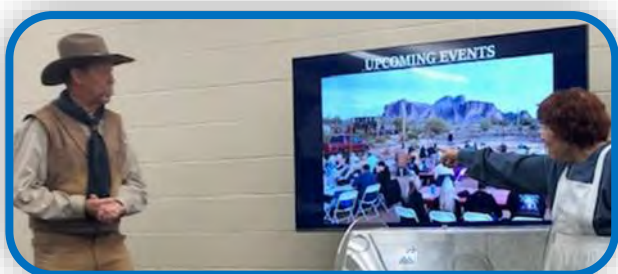


Summary of the SHA General Membership Meeting of February 21, 2024

By Pam Gaston

The General Membership Meeting was held in the Multi Gen Center, room 117, and was attended by 30 people. **The meeting began at 7:04 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a recap of the 'Best of America by Horseback' that was held in AJ.** Sheila Shattuck and Darryl Cross spoke about how well it went despite the weather and gave kudos to Del Sheilds for a great experience. Sheila Shattuck was the Ambassador for the show and led the television program to AJ and was recognized for her outstanding work.

The guest speaker for the evening was Phil Staley and his wife Tommye. They spoke about the history of the museum, how it came to be where it is located today, and some of the mysteries of the Superstitions. They shared many outstanding facts about the museum and the Historical Society that founded it along with the buildings they have on their site from Apacheland.



At the end of the presentation, Phil and Tommye gave out books and tickets. Phil and Tommye were given a \$50 gift card to Texas Roadhouse for their amazing presentation.

Darryl Cross spoke about the Pony Express, the route being able to go through BLM land, and the post card selling that is happening now.

Pam Gaston gave \$23 to Bev Dougherty who won the 50/50 of \$45. Bev donated \$20 back to the Association. Attendance Raffle tickets gave out a beautiful scarf and two \$25 gift cards to Texas Roadhouse.

There was iced water and delicious cookies from Subway.

We finished the night by 8:30 pm.

Membership Corner



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of Events

SHA General Meeting

WED March 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Meeting will take place at the Multi Gen Center



Guest Speaker will be Tammye Staley from the Superstition Mountain Museum. She will speak about horses in the South and the history of gaited horses like Tennessee Walkers when she was growing up. She has recently written a book and hopes to have it there.



We will be drawing the lucky raffle ticket winner for the collectors edition MCSO 150th Anniversary

Henry Rifle.



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

Please join us and don't miss the fun!

Mini Bio

Tommye Staley is a retired school teacher, having taught for 50 years. She was a Civil War re-enactor for several years. She has also been on stage in 20 plus plays & has had speaking roles in two movies. She also performed with an Improv company for 20 years. Her main focus in theater though, has been directing plays (which she has directed more than 30) and musicals, winning awards for two. She has recently written a novel about growing up in the deep south. She also works as a volunteer at the Superstition Mountain Museum.

Coming Soon on RFD TV

'Best of America by Horseback' TV Show

Episode: Visit to Apache Junction, AZ

* *Sheila Shattuck will keep us posted*

End of Season Party!

When: Sunday, April 14, 2024

Where: Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds

Who: SHA members only — **RSVP by April 8th**

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

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

Come sit by the fire and listen to music by Cowboy Dave! Food, Friends and Fun! BYOB!

RSVP with steak or chicken choice by email or text to [Sheila Shattuck](mailto:Sheila.Shattuck@evbch.org) or [Pam Gaston](text:602.694.1165) by April 8th

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MARCH 22-24, 2024

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- Wine Ride • Guided and Independent Rides
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INCLUDES: 2 Nights Dry Camping

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



AZCowgirls4Christ.com - 1Cor:13

COWBOY CHURCH - Every Sunday @ 10 AM

Services are held at the Superstition Mountain Museum*

Arizona Cowgirls for Christ

**see [website](#) and Facebook for schedule*

Important Dates to Remember



- **March 20, 2024** - SHA General Meeting, 7PM at Multi-Gen Center, RM 117
- **April 14, 2024** - End of Season Party, 5PM at Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds. RSVP by Apr 8th
- **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: APR 3, MAY 1 & JUN 5.** 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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