



# SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

## Pony Tracks

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### BOARD MEETINGS:

First Wednesday of every month at 7PM  
at "BREAKFAST AT TINA'S"  
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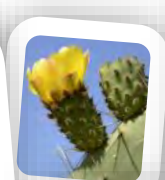
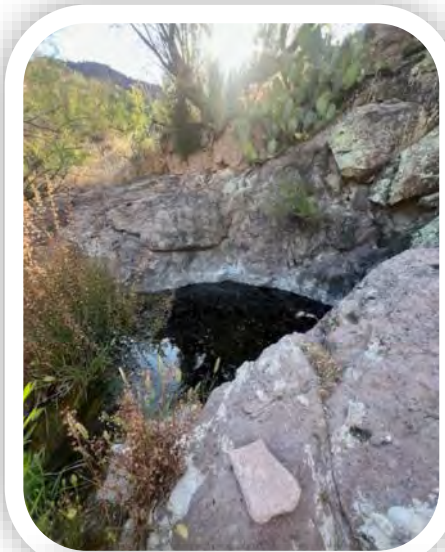
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### Cottonwood Springs Project

*By Sheila Shattuck*

**The BLM closure is still in effect along both sides of Hackamore Road.**

Hackamore road is open to the Tonto National Forest and Bulldog Canyon trailhead. There is trailer parking at the trailhead, but you must remain on the road or parking area. The area 2.5 miles past the trailhead known as Cottonwood Springs is scheduled for new pipe rail construction to protect the springs by June 3, 2024. A grant to fund this project was submitted and obtained from Arizona State Parks off roading and is being monitored by East Valley Back Country Horsemen. **The Cottonwood Springs project will be completed this summer.**





## SHA Board Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2024

**The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Wednesday, May 1st, 2024.** The meeting started at 7:06 pm. Board Members of SHA who were present were: Darryl Cross, Pam Gaston, Jeanne Kennedy, Sheila Shattuck, online, Barb Houck, Roger Luth, Lisa Rogers, and Peggy Wilson. Other SHA members were Bev Dougherty, Bob Diroff, Phil Fedor, online, and Chip Wilson, Director of Political.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from April 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 \$1773.19 in it. There is \$14,687.29 in the checking account. There was a deposit of \$559 and \$125.42 in withdrawals. There were Postage Stamps for \$29.92, \$75.50 for the Pony Tracks, \$20 to Liz Eason for a repeat membership. We deposited \$559 for donations which consisted of \$42, an ad from Tom Tuft for \$75, \$350 in memberships and \$65 for Tack-n-Stuff tables. Pam Gaston made a motion to take our long-term expiring CDs into short term CDs for 4 to 5%. Peggy Wilson seconded it. All were in favor.

- **MEMBERSHIP** – Barb Houck reported there are ninety-one memberships which includes 126 individual members.
- **POLITICAL** – Nothing for Political.
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – Mules that were brought in from the desert have a story of the owner showing proof the mules were his. Their names are Bert and Ernie. They were released by a transport who, because the owner was not home, let the mules loose. It all ended up well. There have been reports of emaciated horses in poor condition that are ill kept but the addresses are not specific enough to allow good viewing from the road. Also, there was a report from a woman who viewed a horse that was in poor condition that she saw when she was riding.
- **PARADE** – Nothing for parade.
- **STORE DIRECTOR** - Nothing for Store Director.
- **AJ RODEO GROUNDS** - The City Council voted on ways to improve the AJ Rodeo Grounds and methods to make money for funding. It will happen in three phases which is a twenty-three million expenditure for renovation.
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** –
  - ◇ Sheila Shattuck and Pam Gaston met with Rosie, who is the administrator for Project Help, for the Apache Junction Unified School District. Project Help is a program that helps poverty-stricken students who cannot afford various necessities to obtain those necessities through this program. Rosie, Sheila, and

Pam discussed the possibility of opportunities for these students such as scholarships, trips to the museum with stations for the Forest Service, The Pony Express, packing, etc. There has also been a desire to start up a reading program with a book authored around horses. Discussion ensued about ideas to help the community.

- ◇ Sheila Shattuck through EVBCH worked with the Forest Service and gives a report every month regarding Cottonwood Springs which is going to be worked on to prevent ATVs and OHVs from running through it. A grant was obtained and now in May the project will begin construction. Thank you, Sheila Shattuck, and EVBCH for your hard work.

- **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 250 copies for the Pony Tracks. Discussion ensued about leaving Pony Tracks at Kings Stables, OK Corral Campground, Superstition Stables. Bev Dougherty stated there is no place to put the Pony Tracks at those places.
- **END OF THE YEAR** - The dinner was a huge success. There were fifty-one participants, and the food was delicious. We have given \$556.57 to Darryl Cross for the dinner, \$1,279.90 for the Pony Express

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## Board Meeting Notes

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and \$846.41 for Blinky Lights for the Safe Ride Program.

- **TELEVISION SHOW** - The TV SHOW, Best in America by Horseback, which was filmed in February in AJ should be shown on May 15, on RFDTV.
- **PONY EXPRESS** - That date for the Pony Express Meeting is June 12th at 6 pm. The next Pony Express in 2025 will be on March 1st, 2025.

### NEW BUSINESS

- **HISTORICAL TRAIL** - The Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum reached out to SHA about a historical trail that runs through the museum's property that is being utilized by ATVs and OHVs illegally – discussion ensued about the trail and whether it truly is a historical trail.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.



**Superstition Horsemen's Association**

Visit our website  
<https://sha4u.org>



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 has stepped up to 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!*

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

May 2024

Submitted By: Barb Houck

Membership applications and renewals are winding down, now that activities have slowed for the summer, and the return of many to cooler climates. Our present count stands at 91 memberships and includes 126 individual members, about the same as last year at this time.

***And we welcome the addition of our most recent "new" member:***

♦ **Ann Lee**

Ann Lee, who is not really a new member, but a renewal from her membership back in the 90's. Welcome back, Ann!

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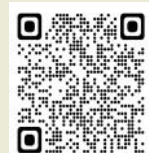
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or renew today!**

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## END OF THE SEASON GET TOGETHER

*By Pam Gaston*

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, Sunday evening at five in the evening, SHA had a social hour and then a free steak fry and chicken with baked potatoes, baked beans, rolls, salad, water, and dessert.

Darryl Cross, Chairman, made a grill with bricks and racks, and started up the charcoal and grilled 44 ribeye steaks and 8 pieces of chicken, followed by 51 potatoes that were cooked ahead of time. Sheila Shattuck introduced the SHA Board and welcomed everyone that attended. There were 49 people in attendance out of 51 who signed up for this event.

Dinner was served after a prayer at six pm., and enjoyed their large steaks or chicken, loaded baked potatoes, beans, rolls, salad, and dessert. It was all delicious and the comradery was fantastic too.

Everyone left by 8:30 pm with a heart full of gratitude and a stomach full of great food. It was a nice affair!





# SHA Nostalgia

By Barb Houck

TRAIL RIDE NEWS - June 2007

Ride Review - Arizona Trail. As in January the weather once again tried to put a "damper" on our ride on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. (And last month's ride was way too HOT!) Seven of us showed up at the Happy Camp Rd. trailhead on a cold overcast morning threatening rain. We headed north on the Arizona Trail and shortly donned slickers.....which caused the showers to cease. The slickers kept us warm though, so we left them on until lunch. It was actually a great ride. A few wildflowers brightened up the landscape, and the brilliant tips of the ocotillos were in full plumage, dominating entire hillsides. Whitford Canyon was spectacular, with cliffs and crags of colors ranging from salmon, through reds to deep purple. We returned via a dirt road which led to a long sandy wash (Rice Water Canyon), which parallels the Arizona Trail route just to the east.

Ride Preview - Poverty Draw. Come to the cool country and ride in the pines. We'll have a campout weekend ride June 22-23-24, at Poverty Draw, near Clints Well, about 20-25 miles north of Pine/ Strawberry. Specifically, take the Beeline Hwy (#87) up through Payson, Pine and Strawberry, climb the Rim and go several miles to Forest Rd. 147 (about 5 or 6 miles past the turnoff for Forest Rd. 300). Take 147 right and drive about 2+ miles to SHA sign on the left. (It will be shortly after passing signs for Forest Roads 613 on right and 612 on left). There are a few corrals at the site and a water tank. You can drive in from either the north end or the south end. "Camp" is located in a beautiful draw. East Clear Creek....a beautiful ride....is nearby. As usual, we'll have a potluck feast Saturday night, so come prepared. The Sat. ride will begin at 10:00 a.m., and on Sunday we'll ride out at 9:00 a.m., to return by noon or 1:00. HOWEVER.....if fire restrictions close the Coconino Forest, our ride that Saturday will be a moonlight ride in the Valley.

## Membership Corner



By Jeff Watson

Recently my wife, Sharna Watson, and her partner AMF RENOIRS COMET, competed at the Region 7 Arabian Horse Association Regional Championships held at Westworld in Scottsdale. It has been a challenge but her dream was accomplished. **They brought home Champion & Reserve Champion wins in Dressage Level 2 Test 3 classes.**



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

# Calendar

## of Events



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**MAY 15 on RFD TV**

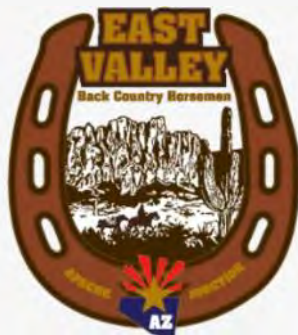
**'Best of America by Horseback'**  
Television Show

**Episode: Visit to Apache Junction, AZ**

\* Will be shown on May 15—RFD TV

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# Important Dates to Remember



- **June 12, 2024** - Pony Express Meeting, 6PM at Tina's and via Zoom.
- **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: JUN 5, JUL 3 & AUG 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: 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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