



# 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

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## Jim Swanson

*By Pam Gaston*

Jim Swanson, a founding member of SHA, has recently passed away after a lingering illness. Jim and his wife, Betty, gathered a nucleus of folks to found SHA in 1980. Jim was a Social Studies teacher in Apache Junction. One of his students had a horse and was getting unwarranted complaints from a neighbor, although horse ownership was permitted in the local zoning. This was the impetus that inspired the small group of folks to organize their efforts to promote horse ownership and the humane treatment of horses and the acreage they are allowed to have in the City of Apache Junction.

Jim and Betty have been active over the years as volunteers at the Superstition Mountain Museum. In past years, Jim was incredibly involved in riding his horse in the Superstition Mountains and studying the history of those who had come before: Native Americans, explorers, ranchers, miners, etc. He and Tom Kollenborn, a local historian, since deceased, co-authored, "Superstition Mountain: A Ride through Time." Jim authored, "In the Shadow of the Superstitions: The History of Apache Junction" sometime later.

Jim and Betty Swanson were recognized by SHA in 2020 for SHA's 40th anniversary and were presented with a bronze plaque for their great work with SHA and our community. This plaque can be found at the horse area of Prospector Park underneath the hitching rails.





## SHA Board Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2024

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Wednesday, August 7th, 2024. The meeting started at 7:06 pm. Board Members of SHA who were present were: Darryl Cross, Pam Gaston, Jeanne Kennedy, Roger Luth, Lisa Rogers, Peggy Wilson and Barb Houck and Sheila Shattuck were online. Other SHA members were Bob Diroff, Tom Tuft, and Chip Wilson, Director of the Political Committee.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from June were approved. Pam Gaston made a motion for them to be accepted and Peggy Wilson seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **TREASURER** – The checking account has \$11,149.92. The Equine Welfare has \$1773.19. Deposits for the month were \$0 and withdrawals were \$79.20 for the Pony Tracks to Lisa Rogers.
- **MEMBERSHIP** – Barb Houck reported there are 96 memberships which includes 127 individual members. Renewal memberships will be in the Pony Tracks in September and October.
- **POLITICAL** – Congratulations to Chip Wilson for becoming the mayor once again of Apache Junction.

**EQUINE WELFARE** – There was a call concerning some horses looking emaciated. Chip Wilson went and looked at the horses and took Jeff Watson as well. The consensus was they appeared to be fine. During a bad windstorm, a shade blew down and Chip Wilson assisted the owners to remove it. There was a repetitive phone call to the Department of Agriculture and there were seven more calls regarding these horses. The Department of Agriculture came out and did not see a problem as well. Their warning to us is that repetitive calls create desensitizing and become a habitual nuisance; therefore, it is important for people to call SHA, and we will look at the horses that are a concern.

- **PARADE** – Nothing for parade.
- **STORE DIRECTOR** - Nothing for Store Director.
- **AJ RODEO GROUNDS** - There is nothing for the AJ Rodeo Grounds although the AJ City Council approved the ground work such as water, electrical, etc.
- **ELECTION** - There will be three incumbents returning. They are Sheila Shattuck for Vice Chairman, Lisa Rogers for Director and Peggy Wilson for Director. Roger Luth will not be returning for personal reasons as a Director. These are the positions that are available. Discussion ensued. The election will be held online on September 20, 21 and 22. Paper ballots will be sent out by request only.
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** –
  - \* We are planning the Holiday Party and looking at possibilities.

Discussion ensued about the Handlebar as we did last year but not on a light parade day. There was a mention of a late lunch and a possibility of caroling or utilizing a different day such as a Friday. Senior homes were a suggestion as well as horse camps such as The OK Corral and Brookdale was also mentioned.

- \* Party from the SHA Best of America by Horseback. Darryl Cross recommended utilizing the Election Meeting for a showing.
- \* Trail Rides have not been attended well. There were some suggestions of Horse Bingo.... Poker Rides.....etc. Darryl Cross suggested having one big ride. Discussion ensued.
- \* The BLM closure is still in place, and it will be there for two years. Darryl Cross asked about the Pony Express coming across that land and obtaining permission.
- \* Sheila Shattuck suggested another rifle raffle. Pam Gaston suggested a commemorative rifle to repeat what we just did last season. Discussion ensued.
- **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.
- **PONY EXPRESS** - The next Pony Express meeting will be on September 5th at 6 pm.

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## Board Meeting Notes

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### NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

Pam Gaston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeanne Kennedy seconded it. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

**We would like your ideas for our SHA website updates and changes**

**We are looking into improving our SHA website; easy to use and eye-catching!** Please share other horse websites that you like, and specifically 'what' you like about them.

Submit your suggestions and ideas to Darryl Cross, SHA Board of Directors Chairman.  
*Thank you!*



**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

August 2024

Submitted By: Barb Houck

We're nearing the end of our fiscal year, and our numbers stand at 96 memberships, and include 127 individual members. We even have 4 members already signed up for the coming year. And we are pleased to report a count of 25 new memberships.

We hope you all will continue to enjoy our activities and become involved in active participation. And we all need to be thinking about including our like-minded friends as new members when our events start up again in September. We always need to keep growing our membership.

## SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

### Membership Renewal

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or renew today!**

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OCT 1, 2023— SEPT 30, 2024

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## SHA ELECTIONS FOR 2024-2025

\*\*\* Bio due by Sept. 1st



We will be having an election of four positions for the year 2024-2025 for the Superstition Horsemen Association. **Those positions are Vice Chairperson, and three Directors at Large.** There are three incumbents returning to run for their positions; however, you are welcome and encouraged to run against any incumbent by doing the following things:

1. **Submit a letter of interest in the position that interests you.**
2. **Submit a bio about YOU pertaining to the position that interests you.**
3. **Email your letter of interest and bio to [rrr97w@msn.com](mailto:rrr97w@msn.com) by September 1st, 2024. Late entries will not be accepted.**

The following incumbents are returning to run for their positions. Those positions are:

- **Vice Chairperson** – Incumbent Sheila Shattuck
- **Director at Large** – Incumbent Peggy Wilson
- **Director at Large** – Incumbent Lisa Rogers
- Roger Luth will not return to his position as **Director at Large**; therefore, **there is no one currently that is running for this position.**

Again, if you are interested in running against an incumbent or filling our vacant Director at Large position, please follow the directions above.

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## DIRECTIONS FOR VOTING

(By Pam Gaston)

**These are the directions for voting for the SHA Board.** I will be sending out the Bios for each individual candidate in the next month. Here is what I need from you. Below are the directions for electronic voting. Some of you in the past have not wanted to vote electronically; therefore, if some of you would rather submit a paper ballot even though you have an email in the system, please notify me now by replying to my email ([rrr97w@msn.com](mailto:rrr97w@msn.com)) and I will see that a ballot will be mailed to you. **The electronic voting will take place on the third Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of September which is the 20th, the 21st and the 22nd of September.** Mail-ins will need to be in the SHA Mailbox by the 25th of September.

**Here's how online voting will work for members who have provided SHA with their email address.**

1. You will receive an email entitled "Your Invitation to Vote in the Election: SHA Board Election" from SHA via [noreply@electionrunner.com](mailto:noreply@electionrunner.com). It will tell you when the voting period is and give you a Voter ID and Voter Key.
2. Click the button that says "Click Here to Vote".
3. Enter your Voter ID and Voter Key on the webpage to open the ballot.
4. Fill in the ballot.
5. Click "Submit Ballot".
6. Confirm you want to submit the ballot.

**Note:** If your membership includes multiple people using the same email address, the ballot system can send multiple emails to the same email address, and each email will contain its own Voter ID and Voter Key. But each member needs to use only one Voter ID and Voter Key to submit their ballot.

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By Barb Houck

Another blast from the past...



Annabelle Richards sits tall in the saddle atop her horse, "Golden Cactus." She is half Arabian and half Quarterhorse.

by Eugene McLaughlin

Ananelle Richards, 72 years old, horsewoman, Senior Citizen, is very active in anything pertaining to the riding of horses.

She came from Wenatchee, Washington where her husband was a gold miner. In 1960, they came to the Valley to see if they would like to move here when he retired. "We came to just look around," Annabelle says. When Mr. Richards retired in 1960 they came back and bought a piece of property where, and she smiles, "We could have horses and a place to ride."

While here, she rode with the "Copper Country Mountaineers," where she "saw a lot of Arizona from the back of a horse." She also worked for the forest service clearing trails around Payson, where she rode on the "High Line Trail." This is a trail that runs just under the rim and comes out at Pine. It is a hiking and equestrian trail. She says, "I spent

the better part of two summers in that high country."

She is the Trail Ride Chairman of the Superstition Horsemen's Association. One of her duties is to pre-ride the trails, clear, and mark the way with ribbons. When this is done, a time is set for the ride. She also acts as the guide. There are anywhere from eleven to forty riders that go when they meet at least once a month. When asked how she finds a trail, she said, "There are usually three to six of us and we just find a wash and follow it and branch off on a cow path or maybe a game trail."

"On one ride to the 'Coke Ovens' it required crossing the Gila River. It wasn't too deep but the water was moving. My horse slipped on a rock and went down. I lost my camera and field glasses. It turned out to be an expensive trip, but I was the only cool person on that ride."

## Membership Corner



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

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4th Annual  
SHA Pony Express  
SATURDAY  
March 1st, 2025



# Calendar

## of Events



### ELECTION POTLUCK CHICKEN DINNER AND MEETING



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH**

There will be an ELECTION POTLUCK CHICKEN DINNER AND MEETING on September 28th at the AJ Rodeo Grounds. The Dinner will kick off at 5 pm and you are asked to bring salads, desserts and appetizers. The SHA Board will supply chicken for a chicken dinner plus plates, utensils, water and napkins. You need to bring your dish to share, a drink if you do not want water and a comfortable chair if you do not want to sit at the metal picnic tables.

#### Our agenda looks like this:

- 4:45 PM - Set out the food, plates, etc.
- 5:00 PM - Prayer
- 5:05 PM - Let's eat and chat about life
- 5:45 PM - Presentations
- 6:00 PM - Election results - introductions
- 6:10 PM - What is planned for the year thus far for SHA
- 6:30 PM - Clean up
- 7:00 PM - We're outa there

***We hope to see you there!!***

### SHA Election Information for 2024-2025

See page 4 in this news letter



AZCowgirls4Christ.com - 1Cor:13

### COWBOY CHURCH - Every Sunday @ 10 AM

Services are held at the Superstition Mountain Museum

See Arizona Cowgirls for Christ  
website and Facebook for schedule

Website: [AZCowgirls4Christ.com](http://AZCowgirls4Christ.com)

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# Important Dates to Remember



- **September 1, 2024** - SHA 2024-2025 Election Bio's due by September 1st
- **September 4, 2024** - Board Meeting, 7PM at Tina's and via Zoom
- **September 5, 2024** - Pony Express Meeting, 6PM at Tina's and via Zoom
- **September 20-22, 2024** - SHA 2024-2025 '*electronic*' Election Voting takes place
- **September 25, 2024** - SHA 2024-2025 '*mail-in*' ballots must be in the SHA Mailbox by September 25th
- **September 28, 2024** - Election Potluck Chicken Dinner and Meeting, 5PM at AJ Rodeo Grounds
- **March 1, 2025** - SHA 4th Annual Pony Express
- **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: SEP 4, OCT 2 & NOV 6.** 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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