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First Wednesday of every month at 7PM
at "BREAKFAST AT TINA'S"
on N. Apache Trail
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Mustangs in Need of Fostering/Adoption

By Sheila Shattuck

Several weeks ago, three very malnourished horses were voluntarily surrendered. The Mustang gelding and two mares were vet checked, had their dentals done and their hooves trimmed. They are very herd bound and not broke to ride but are very friendly and pretty gentle. They have been getting an unlimited supply Bermuda hay as well as Alfalfa hay and Total Equine as recommended by the veterinarian. The mustangs spent several weeks at the AJ rodeo grounds. The gelding has been fostered and soon to be adopted. The two mares are still looking for homes, first fostered with hopes of being adopted in the near future. If interested, please contact SHA.





SHA Board Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2024

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Wednesday, December

4th, 2024. The meeting started at 7:03 pm. Board Members of SHA who were present were: Pam Gaston, Jeanne Kennedy, Judy Hood, Lisa Rogers, Peggy Wilson, and Sheila Shattuck. Jan Kramer and Darryl Cross were absent. Other SHA members were Chip Wilson, Barb Houck, Bob Diroff, Cheryl Davidson, Jeff Watson, Joan Bartz and Roger Luth.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from November were approved. Sheila Shattuck made a motion for the minutes to be accepted, and Pam Gaston seconded it. All were in favor.
- **TREASURER** – The checking account has \$5,881.97. The Equine Welfare Account has \$1773.19. Income for the month is \$270 for membership and \$401 for Bingo equals \$671 for income. Expenses were \$160.48 for Bingo Cards, Stamps were \$36.50, Pony Tracks was \$258.72, Flyers for the gun was \$11.33. Expenses for the horses was \$485 for the vet, \$737 for supplies and dentist, total of 673.42, farrier was \$170 and \$503.42 for food and supplies. This equals \$1895.42 total for horses. Expenses for Nov was \$2362.45

that was spent including the horses and supplies for SHA.

- **MEMBERSHIP** – In NOV, Jan Kramer reported there are thirty single memberships, twenty-six family memberships and five honorary memberships.
- **POLITICAL** – Chip Wilson was absent when this was mentioned.
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – Shy Boy, the gelding, is at home at Jeff and Sharna Watson's residence. The two mares are at Sheila Shattuck's currently. Discussion ensued about the process and what we need to do with these horses. Judy Hood made a motion that Jeff and Sharna Watson be charged \$50 for an adoption of Shy Boy. Sheila Shattuck seconded the motion. All were in favor. Sheila Shattuck made a motion for Pam Gaston to take Believe to a trainer at her expense – Houston Davis was recommended. Pam Gaston seconded the motion. All were in favor. Sheila Shattuck made a motion to get a foster home for Bliss. Pam Gaston seconded it. All were in favor. Pam Gaston will send out an email blast to go out to the membership. Jeanne Kennedy recommended the 4H director to perhaps take Bliss. Chip Wilson stated he would get the contract together for the adoption process for the Watsons.
- **PARADE** – Liz Eason has volunteered to lead the parade unit.
- **STORE DIRECTOR** - Ann Adkins brought several SHA shirts to the meeting. If you want one, please see Ann.
- **AJ RODEO GROUNDS** - There is

nothing for the AJ Rodeo Grounds other than infrastructure building.

- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** – The Holiday Party is coming this Saturday with 42 people in attendance with Brisket and Chicken at the Handlebar Pub and Grill. Starting time is 4:45 pm. On January 11 we will be having a Breakfast Ride where we will eat and then go for a ride from the Superstition Mountain Museum. The cooking will be done by Jeff Watson. The breakfast consists of a Mountain Man breakfast of potatoes, eggs, N cheese at 9 am. The ride starts at 10 am.

OLD BUSINESS

- **PONY TRACKS** - Lisa Rogers stated we need 250 copies for the Pony Tracks.
- **GUN RAFFLE** - We will have a gun raffle once again. This time it is a pistol which is a Colt Python, 357 magnum, 4" barrel. We only have two hundred tickets for sale - \$20 per ticket.
- **PONY EXPRESS** - On December 30th, at 5:30 pm, there will be a meeting before the SHA Board Meeting.
- **WEBSITE** - We would like to look at other horse organizations' websites and get some ideas as to how to work on our own website to make it more attractive. Please send your pictures to Pam Gaston
- **Meeting in December for SHA January Board Meeting RE-SCHEDULED:** December 30th, Monday at 7 PM.

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Board Meeting Notes

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NEW BUSINESS

- There will be a SHA Membership Meeting at the Multi-Gen Center at 7pm, in room 114, on January 15. We are still searching for a good speaker. If you have any ideas, please contact Sheila Shattuck, Sheilashattuck2001@yahoo.com.

Sheila Shattuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pam Gaston seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.



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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!

4th Annual - SHA Pony Express

March 1, 2025

Sponsored by

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**Contact Darryl Cross*

Membership NEWS

December 2024

Submitted By: Jan Kramer
Membership Chair

Our current SHA roster includes 34 Single memberships, 31 Family memberships, and 5 Honoraries.

Welcome new members!

- ♦ Jacob and Amy Dillard
- ♦ Ron and Marcheta Crouch
- ♦ Buster Heil

If Just a reminder, we do need a completed membership form every year. This updates your signed indemnity agreement and keeps your personal information up to date. Remember, you can receive your copy of the Pony Tracks newsletter by email if you prefer. Let me know if you prefer this option.

As always, feel free to contact me with any membership questions or concerns. My email address is imareadertika@icloud.com.

Plaque Honoring Barb Houck

By Bob Diroff

A plaque honoring Barb Houck for her years of service to SHA has been installed at Prospector Park Trailhead. This puts Barb in good company with other founding members of SHA. The plaque is secured in concrete and should withstand the elements for many years to come. The install was completed by members Vinny Mendes and Bob Diroff.



SHA CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR 2024

By Pam Gaston

The Superstition Horsemen's Association held their 2024 Christmas Dinner at The Handlebar Pub and Grill with a meal of brisket, southwest chicken, smashed potatoes, and asparagus. The price of the meal was \$15. There were forty-six people in attendance and the evening was quite warm for December with a temperature of 66 degrees at 5 pm. Members arrived early during the Christmas Celebration of the town with an afternoon festival at Flat Iron Park and the tree lighting at 6:30 pm by our own Mayor Member Chip Wilson and Chairman Darryl Cross who was riding in the Light Parade at 7 pm.

Every member received an envelope at registration along with a paragon pen with SHA engraved on the side. In the envelope was a raffle ticket and a small gift for the season. Members found their own seats, ordered drinks, and ate with gusto.

Containers were supplied for folks to take home seconds and thirds. After the meal, the raffle tickets were drawn for various prizes such as Williams and Sonoma Peppermint Bark, Texas Roadhouse gift cards, Black Angus Gift Cards, and a \$100 gift card to The Handlebar. Lisa Rogers was recognized for her hard work during the event and **Sheila Shattuck** was thanked for her great planning and hard work as well to make this event a success.

Members were asked to bring their 50/50 change to donate to Project Help and at the end of the event as people left to see the tree lighting and the Light Parade, they dropped their envelopes in a container. **There was \$529 donated to Project Help by SHA members to assist underprivileged children in the AJ School System.**

Indeed, it was a Merry Christmas for all.





SHA BOOTH FOR HANDING OUT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

By Pam Gaston



There will be an SHA INFORMATION Booth on January 25th and January 26th, 2025, that will be at the AJ Rodeo Grounds for the EVBCH Festival.

*** We need workers for 2-hour blocks.

- You will be handing out SHA Information and Safe Ride items plus ink pens with our logo and talking about SHA and a possible membership.
- Set-up is required at starting times and take-down is required at end of day times.

SATURDAY (JAN 25)

9 AM – 11 AM w/set-up
11 AM – 1 PM
1 PM – 3 PM
3 PM – 5 PM w/take-down

SUNDAY (JAN 26)

10 AM - 12 PM w/set-up
12 PM - 2 PM
2 PM - 3:30 PM w/take-down

SHA SILENT AUCTION

AT THE EVBCH FESTIVAL ON JAN 25 & 26, 2025

By Pam Gaston

On Saturday, January 25th through Sunday at 2pm, we will be having a "silent auction" for SHA, at the AJ Rodeo Grounds, at the EVBCH FESTIVAL. Our hours of operation will be Saturday – 9 am to 4:30 pm and Sunday – 9 am to 3 pm. This will be a two-day event, and SHA needs two things from you!

1. SILENT AUCTION ITEMS
2. A WILLINGNESS TO WORK A 2-HOUR SHIFT FOR SHA

You may bring your items for the Silent Auction to our Board Meeting on Dec. 30th at Breakfast at Tina's or our SHA Membership Meeting on January 15th, 2025 at the Multigen Center. You may also contact Pam Gaston at 602-320-3185 for other times for collection of items for the Silent Auction.

*** 2 Hour Shifts: 1 – 2 people

SATURDAY (JAN25)

9-11
11-1
1-3
3-4:30

SUNDAY (JAN 26)

9-11
11-1
1-3 – stopping the auction at
2:30 sharp/call



I will be putting out a signup schedule in January.

Membership Corner



IN SEARCH OF...

By Phil Fedor

ISO 16" or 17" Hillason, Tucker, or High horse trail saddle for a low withered 17 year old TWH mare. Text or send photos to Phil Fedor at 623-693-3183 or philfedor71@gmail.com

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

Horsey Bingo Event by Pam Gaston

We had 15 riders on the 2-hour ride where those riders received "Free Horseys". Riders registered at 12:15 and were off by 1:10 pm. We had several guests on the ride who came for the fun of playing Horsey Bingo. The ride went through the desert in a loop and came back and went to see the three horses the Equine Welfare of SHA is housing at the Rodeo Grounds with a little explanation as to why SHA is caring for them.



Meanwhile, registration for non-riders happened at 3 pm and everyone was seated and ready to play after introductions and directions at 3:30 pm. Pam Gaston called, and Sheila Shattuck made the draw for the first game which was "Fence Post" - An X in every corner. **Debby Schwartz won that round earning \$25.** The next game was "The Pen" -all Xs around each side and bottom/top. Josie Hirsch won that round while six other people came up to the award table as close winners. **Jodie Hirsch won \$50** with her round. The third game was called "the diagonal". Each X had to be diagonal going both directions. **Lily Chamberlain won this round earning \$75.** The last round was called "The Full Corral" - marking every X on the card. Darryl Cross pulled, and Pam Gaston called, and it got down to the last few pulls and **Lily Chamberlain won \$100** by being the first to fill one of her three cards.

After we cleaned off our cards, Darryl Cross spoke about SHA and the raffle we have at this time for the Colt Python, 4-inch barrel, 357 magnum, for \$20 a piece. We only have 200 tickets to sell and then we will raffle the gun off.

The dinner was delicious which consisted of Bar-b-que pulled pork Sandwich, potato salad and delicious cowboy beans. The meal was served steaming hot provided by Handlebar Pub and Grill and we had water to drink provided by Bob Diroff through SHA. We were done by 5:15 pm and everyone seemingly had a great time.

We had 27 people participate. The weather was nice and we will have another one in a month or two. **Thanks to all of you who participated.**

Calendar

of Events



Breakfast Ride—By Jeff Watson

On Saturday, January 11, 2025, there will be a ride from the Superstition museum.

- Starting at around 9 am there will be a breakfast. Breakfast is a mountain man casserole.
- Ride to leave at 10am. Ride will be roughly 2 hours in length.
- When returning back to the museum after the ride, we would like for you to take time and enjoy the museum.



SAVE
THE
DATE

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
Facebook: [click on this link](#)

RAFFLE
\$20 each

See SHA committee members for more information.

Colt Python 357 Magnum
4.25" Barrel, Stainless Steel

Raffle by Superstition Horsemen's Association
Only 200 tickets will be sold!

Raffle Date - When all 200 tickets are sold
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Apache Junction, AZ

Important Dates to Remember



- **January 11, 2025** - Breakfast Ride from Superstition Museum. Breakfast 9 AM, Ride 10 AM
- **January 15, 2025** - Membership meeting at Mulitgen Center, 7PM, in Apache Junction
- **January 25 & 26, 2025** - EVBCH Festival, participating with SHA silent auction, membership booth and Pony Express booth with postcard sales
- **February 19, 2025** - Membership meeting at Mulitgen Center, 7PM, in Apache Junction
- **February 21-23, 2025** - Lost Dutchman Days. Parade, running handoff at rodeo, SHA booth, tack & swap
- **March 1, 2025** - SHA 4th Annual Pony Express, sponsored by Hitching Post Saloon
- **March 19, 2025** - Membership meeting at Mulitgen Center, 7PM, in Apache Junction
- **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: DEC 30 (No Jan 1), FEB 5 & MAR 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: 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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