



# SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

## Pony Tracks

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Political** - Darryl Cross

#### Equine Welfare

Jeff Watson (480)-628-6454 or  
Chip Wilson (602) 361-6135  
[walterchip@aol.com](mailto:walterchip@aol.com)

#### Bylaws, Rules, and Conduct

Chip Wilson

**SHA Store** - Ann Adkins

**Parade** - Pam Gaston

**AJ Rodeo Grounds** - Jeff Watson

**Road Cleanup** - Roger Luth

**Program Director** - Sheila Shattuck

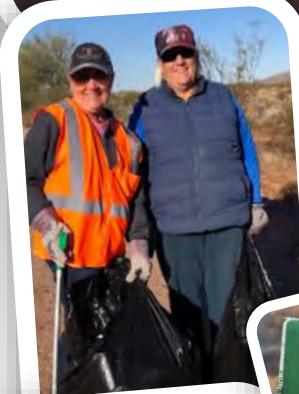
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### November Fall Road Clean-up

By Roger Luth

A BIG THANK YOU to all 20 members who came out for the bi-annual Adopt-A-Road cleanup on Saturday, November 9th on Lost Dutchman Road between Idaho Road and SR 88. We were set up at the AJ rodeo grounds with water, coffee, donuts and cookies. The city provided us with vests, gloves, plastic bags and pickers. We picked up 16 bags of trash, an old traffic cone, wire and miscellaneous items. **Thanks to our members, Lost Dutchman Road looks great!**



Thank You





## SHA Board Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2024

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Wednesday, November 6th, 2024. The meeting started at 7:00 pm. Board Members of SHA who were present were: Darryl Cross, Pam Gaston, Jeanne Kennedy, Judy Hood, Lisa Rogers, Peggy Wilson, Jan Kramer, and Sheila Shattuck. Other SHA members were Bob Diroff, Chip Wilson, Director of the Political Committee, Ed Kramer, Jeff Watson, and Roger Luth.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from October were approved. Pam Gaston made a motion for the minutes to be accepted, and Peggy seconded it. All were in favor.
- **TREASURER** – The checking account has \$7573.42. The Equine Welfare has \$1773.19. Income for the month and expenses were \$530 for membership income, total out was \$2406.19 total, Jackie Cross was reimbursed for membership cards - \$7.25, \$40 for room rental, \$100 to Pam Gaston for the EVBCH Festival, stamps were \$32.85, Pony Tracks - Lisa \$242.35, there was \$318.34 to Pam Gaston for the Watch Party, \$149 for Tent for Sheila Shattuck, and Sharna Watson - pistol for the gun raffle was \$1516.30.

- **MEMBERSHIP** – Jan Kramer reported there are thirty single memberships, twenty six family memberships and five honorary memberships.
- **POLITICAL** – There is a proposition to accept the road tax so road maintenance will be kept up. The school bond did not pass. The City of AJ is working on accessory dwelling units to be permanently built for rent by property owners.
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – We received three horses today that were in distress – malnourished. Currently, SHA has the animals at the AJ Rodeo Grounds. We also need to contact a veterinarian to check them over. We need to decide who is going to take care of the animals. We need to check for liability issues also, which includes insurance. Chip Wilson handed out a copy of an equine surrender agreement. Sheila Shattuck said she would take this to the owner who surrendered the animals and have her sign them. It was agreed the animals would be looked at by Dr. Harvey. Sheila Shattuck suggested two pens out by themselves away from the arena and other pens, but water would be an issue. Discussion ensued regarding placement of hoses and quarantine plus pallets for feed/hay. Pam Gaston made a motion for \$1200 to be earmarked for these three horses for possible farrier, feed, insurance, and vet care. Sheila Shattuck seconded it. All were in favor. Chip Wilson suggested that one person have the key and then contact different people. There are three keys – Sheila Shattuck, Roger Luth, and Chip Wilson. Discussion

ensued regarding a combo lock instead of a key that would be convenient and a hose adapter. Currently, Sheila Shattuck is the "Care Giver".

- **PARADE** – No participation in the Veteran's Day Parade.
- **FESTIVAL OF THE SUPERSTITION** - This has been cancelled.
- **STORE DIRECTOR** - Nothing for Store Director.
- **AJ RODEO GROUNDS** - There is nothing for the AJ Rodeo Grounds other than infrastructure building.
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** – Sheila Shattuck stated we have Horsey Bingo on Nov 17th, which includes: 12 pm gates open, 12:15 rider registration, 1 pm ride, 3-3:15 non-rider registration, 3:30 pm begin Horsey Bingo, eat at 4:45 for \$14.50 at the food truck for pulled pork and two sides. There will be an SHA Christmas Party at the Handlebar on December 7th, dinner at 5 pm.... parade at 7 pm - \$15 per meal – door prizes and 50/50. There is a possibility of riding in the parade in a wagon. On January 11th, if possible, we will have a breakfast ride and then Jan 25/26 includes the burro racing.... EVBCH FESTIVAL where we will have a booth for silent auction/ membership/Pony Express. Those three booths will need people to run them. On Feb. 21/22/23 we will have a booth at Lost Dutchman Days, and we will need workers. On March 1st, we will have the Pony Express. It is going to be a busy season.

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### 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.
- **ROAD CLEANUP** - This coming NOV 9th we will have a road cleanup. Meet at 7:30 for coffee/donuts... start working at 8 am.
- **PONY EXPRESS** - On December 4th, 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.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Meeting in December for SHA January Board Meeting RE-SCHEDULED:** December 30th, Monday at 7 PM.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.



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!*



### SHA PARADE ABSENCE

By Pam Gaston

If you were at the Veteran's Day Parade in AJ, you probably noticed that SHA was NOT in it and that is a shame. **We are looking for a Parade Chairman and generally SHA enters two parades a year – the Veteran's Day Parade and the Lost Dutchman Days Parade.** Please, someone step up and take on this position – **we need to be seen in our community.**

## Membership NEWS

November 2024

Submitted By: Jan Kramer

**Membership renewals for the 2024-2025 year are continuing at a steady pace.** We currently have 31 Single memberships, 27 Family memberships, and 5 Honorary. We also would like to welcome our newest members.

*Welcome new members!*

- ♦ Kandie Yingling
- ♦ Mathew King-Glandon

**If you mailed your membership application or paid through the SHA website, you should have received your new membership card or you will receive it soon.** While we also welcome dues payments via your personal PayPal account, we do need a completed membership application submitted every year. This keeps your information up to date; also, your signature is required annually for the indemnity agreement.

**Feel free to contact me with any membership questions or concerns. My email address is [imareadertika@icloud.com](mailto:imareadertika@icloud.com).**

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## Chili Supper and Watch Party

*By Pam Gaston*

We had a lovely evening on Wednesday, October 23rd, as we ate delicious food, talked with one another and watched "Best Across America by Horse-back", part 1 and part 2. There were 29 people in attendance and there were many familiar sites and faces as we watched the video of the RFD TV Show that came to Apache Junction last spring. **Sheila Shattuck was the liaison for the show and spent several years planning this event with Del Shields and his wife. The Hitching Post Saloon and SHA sponsored this show that showcased Apache Junction and the surrounding terrain.** There is talk about having another show this coming spring, so check your Pony Tracks for more information.

**A big thank you to all of you who participated.** A special thank you to Bob Diroff for bringing a cooler of water and ice. Another special thank you to Lisa Rogers for helping to setup everything with Teri Neeley. Another special thank you to Sheila Shattuck. This event was planned by our Program Director and Vice President Sheila Shattuck who set up this time of fun and comradery.

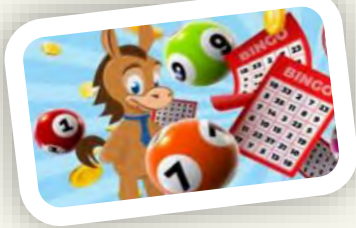
**If you have any ideas for an upcoming event, please let Sheila Shattuck know by emailing her at [SheilaShattuck2001@yahoo.com](mailto:SheilaShattuck2001@yahoo.com).**

Happy Trails!!





You can't win if you don't play...



## Horsey Bingo!

Sunday, November 17th  
from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds

### Horse & Rider

12PM Rodeo Grounds Gates Open  
12:15PM Rider Registration  
12:45PM Give direction to Riders  
1PM-3PM Ride for card/chips

### Non Riders—yes, you can play Horsey Bingo also

3:00-3:15PM Registration

### All (Riders and Non Riders)

3:30PM Play Horsey Bingo  
4:45PM Food Truck ~ Pulled Pork  
with 2 sides for \$14.50

### Win Money & Prizes!

1st=\$100, 2nd=\$75, 3rd=\$50, 4th=\$25

RSVP

To Email: [rrr97w@msn.com](mailto:rrr97w@msn.com)  
Join us for this fun event!

RAFFLE  
\$20 each

See SHA committee  
members for more  
information.

Colt Python 357 Magnum  
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Raffle by Superstition Horsemen's Association  
Only 200 tickets will be sold!

Raffle Date ~ When all 200 tickets are sold  
Sales begin Nov 6th, 2024

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## SHA COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

### AT HANDLEBAR ON DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>

By Pam Gaston



On December 7<sup>th</sup>, at The Handlebar Pub and Grill, located at 650 Apache Trail, in Apache Junction, we will be having our SHA Country Christmas party with registration at 4:45 pm and dinner at 5 pm. The Light Parade is at 7pm so as we did last year, you will need to park across the street if you want to leave early as the Apache Trail will be blocked. The cost per person is \$15 and like last year, Handlebar will have a buffet. If you want to drink alcohol or anything other than water, you will need to pay Handlebar during your meal for the drinks you consume.

We will have a 50/50 and a raffle drawing during the party and you will need to dress warmly as the dinner will be outside. We are currently working on obtaining a wagon for those of you who would like to be in the parade, but we cannot confirm that at this time. We will keep you posted. There will also be a downtown tree lighting not too far from the Handlebar and that will take place around 6:30 pm and of course the Light Parade at 7pm.

This is a dinner to assist those who are in need in our community such as the Hope Women's Center, The Genesis Project, Project Help, The Boys and Girls Club and The AJ Food Bank. This year we are donating to Project Help that assists underprivileged children and their families. When you arrive, you will be given an envelope and if you wish to give to Project Help, please put your remittance in the envelope and seal it and drop it off on your way out.....'Tis the season to give to others.

If you want to attend, please pre-register by sending your email to [rrr97w@msn.com](mailto:rrr97w@msn.com) with your name(s) and number of meals. For example: Pam Gaston – 1. You will pay at registration at 4:45 pm. We need to have your response by December 2<sup>nd</sup>. When you send your email, I will respond to it. If you do not get a response, please try again.

Merry Christmas and we hope to see you there!



RSVP



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**\*\*\* MEMBERSHIP FORM \*\*\***

**OCTOBER 2024 – SEPTEMBER 2025**

**I hereby make application/renewal to the Superstition Horsemen's Association, Inc., and in so doing agree to abide by SHA's Mission Statement.**

**Mission Statement**

The Superstition Horsemen's Association, Inc. is a group of concerned citizens formed to ensure the rights and privileges of horsemen; to promote humane treatment of horses; and to actively pursue favorable legislation concerning the above.

I further agree to abide by the bylaws of the Association (copies are available upon request). I strongly desire to maintain the western lifestyle in this community.

**INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

For and in consideration of my/our Membership and participation in all events sponsored by the Superstition Horsemen's Association, Inc., (SHA) of Apache Junction, Arizona, the undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges the SHA for any claim or demand for personal injuries or property damage occurring while participating in any event sponsored by SHA, and the undersigned hereby further agrees to indemnify the SHA (including all officers and members, and all property owners upon whose property the various events take place), and save them harmless from any claims, demands or judgements which may be asserted or rendered against them by any person whatsoever for death, personal injury or property damage occurring during any event sponsored by the SHA, including the reasonable value of the services of attorneys retained by the SHA in defense of any claim of action arising there from.

**Date of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_ **New Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name(s):** (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name Print Name

**Signature(s):** (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

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Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Street (Please include apartment and/or space number.) \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Phone

**Summer Address**

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Street (Please include apartment and/or space number.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ I would prefer to receive my newsletter via email

**Areas of Interest:** *I am interested in the following committees:*

☐ Trail ☐ Activities ☐ Parade ☐ Road Cleanup ☐ Political ☐ How can I help? Call me.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES: \$20 Single Membership, \$30 Family and Associations**

All fees must be paid in U.S. Currency. You can pay online or by mail.

- Online at [www.sha4u.org](http://www.sha4u.org) via PayPal
- Mail to SHA at PO Box 2120, Apache Junction, AZ 85117

# Calendar

## of Events



**By Sheila Shattuck**

Program Director

- **November 17** - AJ Rodeo Grounds Horsey Bingo Trailride and BBQ, RSVP as soon as possible. (Page 5)
- **December 7** - SHA Holiday party and light parade participation from the Handlebar. RSVP by Dec 2.
- **January 11** - Possibly, breakfast ride, more to come
- **January 15** - Membership meeting at the Multigen Center at 7PM
- **January 25 & 26** - Participating in the EVBCH festival with a silent auction booth, membership booth and Pony Express booth kick off to Pony Express post-card sales
- **February 19** - Membership meeting at the Multigen Center at 7PM
- **February 21-23** - Participating at Lost Dutchman Days parade, running handoff at the rodeo, a SHA booth, tack and swap
- **March 1** - 4th Annual Pony Express
- **March 19** - Membership meeting at Multigen Center at 7PM

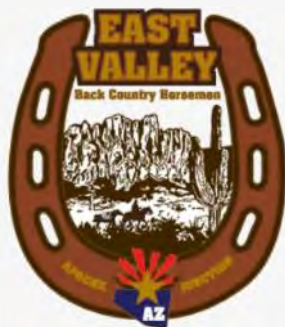
**4th Annual - SHA Pony Express**  
**March 1, 2025**

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\*Contact Darryl Cross

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Apache Junction, AZ



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# Important Dates to Remember



- **November 17, 2024** - AJ Rodeo Grounds 'Horsey Bingo' trail ride and BBQ
- **December 7, 2024** - SHA Holiday party at 5pm and light parade participation from the Handlebar in AJ
- **January 11, 2025** - Possibly a breakfast ride, more to come
- **January 15, 2025** - Membership meeting at Mulitgen Center, 7PM, in Apache Junction
- **January 15, 2025** - EVBCH Festival, participating with SHA silent auction, membership booth and Pony Express booth with postcard sales
- **February 21-23, 2025** - Lost Dutchman Days
- **March 1, 2025** - SHA 4th Annual Pony Express, sponsored by Hitching Post Saloon
- **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: DEC 4, DEC 30 (No Jan 1) & FEB 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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