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Pony Tracks

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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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Mustangs in Need of Fostering/Adoption - Part 2

By Sheila Shattuck

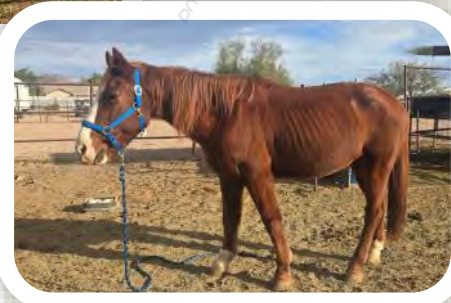
The three Mustangs that have been under the care of Superstition Horsemen's Association members are doing well. In order to prepare them to find a forever home, two of them are now in training to learn some ground manners and possibly get them under saddle. Right now their training is primarily to teach them ground manners and to alleviate some of the separation anxiety of the two mares. We continue to keep them on the same feeding program as recommended by the veterinarian. They have gained quite a bit of weight and now with the training they're starting to build some muscle, so they're doing quite well. The gelding has been adopted and his new name is Dude.



None of this would have been possible without the generous support and donations. We are grateful to AJ Mounted Rangers and Paws 4 Life for believing in our program and supporting the Mustangs also!



Thank You





SHA Board Meeting Minutes of December 30, 2024

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Monday, December 30th, 2024. The meeting started at 7:00 pm. Board Members of SHA who were present were: Pam Gaston, Jeanne Kennedy, Judy Hood, Lisa Rogers, Peggy Wilson, Sheila Shattuck, Jan Kramer and Darryl Cross. Other SHA members were Chip Wilson, Bob Diroff, Jeff Watson, Sharna Watson, Ed Kramer, Sally Poklen, Vinnie Mendes and Roger Luth.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from December were approved. Pam Gaston made a motion for the minutes to be accepted, and Sheila Shattuck seconded it. All were in favor.
- **TREASURER** – The checking account has \$8625.85. The Equine Welfare Account has \$1773.19 plus \$2500 from the AJ Mounted Rangers donation minus \$1895.42. Income for the month is \$3079 includes \$2500 for horses, \$130 for membership and \$75 for a commercial ad and \$274 for dinner for Income. At the Christmas Dinner at the Handlebar, we had 46 members spend \$15 for a delicious dinner. This equaled \$690. Another \$255 was added from SHA to give a 20% tip plus the remainder of the bill which was \$945. Expenses were \$255 for the dinner, our yearly cert was \$10, License was \$2, the Pony Tracks was \$200.64, \$36.50 for stamps and \$85.98 food for horses equals \$590.12 in expenses. We donated \$629.00 to Project Help that was given by members at the dinner. Sheila Shattuck gave \$1000 to Jeanne Kennedy from Paws 4 Life for the Equine Welfare Account which will go on next month's tally.
- **MEMBERSHIP** – Jan Kramer reported there were Thirty-Five single and Thirty-Two families plus five honorary memberships. This equals one hundred five members in SHA this season.
- **POLITICAL** – There was nothing.
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – The gelding, Dude, has been adopted by Sharna and Jeff Watson and the other two mares, Bliss and Believe, are in training with Houston Davis for thirty days. Both mares are doing well, and Bliss may continue for another thirty days for saddle/riding training. They will NOT be put back together again to avoid herd bounding issues.
- **PARADE** – Liz Eason has volunteered to lead the parade unit.
- **STORE DIRECTOR** - Nothing.
- **AJ RODEO GROUNDS** - Jeff Watson - There may be temporary barns set up at the AJ Rodeo Grounds thru the Parks and Recreation Department for horse events. These barns are affordable and can be utilized as they are in West World. Currently they are working on the infrastructure including electrical, etc.

- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** – On January 11, there will be a breakfast on the backside of the museum at 9 am, in the back parking lots for members only and then a trail ride at 10 am. There will also be a Membership Meeting on January 15th at 7 pm, with a guest speaker. On the January 25th and 26th, there will be a Silent Auction, a membership booth and a Pony Express Booth. People are asked to signup for shifts for these events.

The Christmas Dinner was a huge success with 46 members attending and eating a delicious meal. The group also raised \$629 for Project Help, assisting children and families in need.

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, four" barrel. We only have 69 tickets left for sale out of 200 - \$20 per ticket.
- **PONY EXPRESS** - Darryl Cross passed around the new Pony Express Card that is still \$5 a piece, postage is included. The Pony Express is going to be on March 1st, and it will start at the City Complex, and it will end at the Hitching Post. There will be approximately 30 riders taking the mail across the City of AJ.
- **WEBSITE** - We would like to look at other horse organizations' websites

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Board Meeting Notes

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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. Also we need to update some of the information on the Website regarding Board Members.

NEW BUSINESS

- **JEFF WATSON** - Jeff Watson reported that Shoppers donated a Colt King Cobra 22 gun, with a five-inch barrel for us to raffle off and all funds go to the Equine Welfare Account.
- **SADDLE BY GARY COOPER** - We will be auctioning the Western Saddle that Gary Cooper restored and donated at the Silent Auction beginning at \$300 on January 25th and 26th.
- **JEANNE KENNEDY** - Jeanne Kennedy is meeting with our insurance company, and it is necessary to give him a listing of what we are doing, how many people are involved and also the horses that we are assisting so we can get the correct amount of insurance for our events.
- **ROAD CLEAN UP** – There will be a road cleanup on March 8th. Roger Luth is the lead for this event.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.



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!



Visit our website

<https://sha4u.org>

Membership NEWS

January 2025

Submitted By: Jan Kramer
Membership Chair

Our current SHA roster includes 35 Single memberships, 32 Family memberships, and 5 Honoraries.

Welcome new member!

♦ Sally Dee Poklen

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

SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Membership Renewal

**Please join
or renew today!**

SHA Membership Year
OCT 1, 2024— SEPT 30, 2025

SINGLE membership
only \$20.00

FAMILY membership
only \$30.00



Pony Express UPDATE...



Pony Express 2025 is quickly approaching! The committee is working hard to put the final details in place for the March 1st 2025 event. We are currently getting locations put together for our "running hand-off" demonstrations and will be launching the sale of this year's beautiful postcards January 1st, 2025.

We plan on having demonstration events at the Superstition Mountain Museum, Apache Junction Rodeo Grounds, Lost Dutchman Days, and numerous trailer parks throughout the city. As always, we are in need of help with ground work. Setting up booths and helping with the sale of cards takes some effort and with the more hands helping, the easier it is. Another area that we will be looking for help will be with the day of the event. We need help with crowd control at both the Museum and the Goldfield Ghost Town. If you are a rider and would like to help out with demonstrating a running hand-off, let me know. I would like to have some practice sessions to show the crowds and generate a lot of excitement.

We will also be riding in the Lost Dutchman Parade. If you are a rider, please let me know if you would like to be in the parade. It will be a lot of fun.

Starting the first week of January and through to the end, we will be getting sponsorships. If you would like to go out and talk to businesses or individuals for Bronze, Silver, or Gold Sponsorships, let me know. We will make them available to you. If you would like to help out with any of the above needs, please let me know.

I hope everyone has a safe, happy, and prosperous New Year.

Happy Trails,
Darryl Cross: SHA Chairman

4th Annual - SHA Pony Express Saturday, March 1st, 2025

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January 25th & 26th

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

SHA BOOTH

at the EVBCH FUN FESTIVAL



There will be an SHA INFORMATION Booth on January 25 and January 26th, 2025, that will be at the AJ Rodeo Grounds for the EVBCH Festival. We need workers for a 2 hour block.

- 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 break down times.

SHA BOOTH: 2 hour shifts, 2 people

Saturday – 1/25

9:00 AM—11:00 AM (with setup)

11:00 AM—1:00 PM

1:00 PM—3:00 PM

3:00 PM— 5:00 PM (with take down)

Sunday – 1/26

10:00 AM—12:00 PM (with setup)

12:00 PM—2:00 PM

2:00 PM—3:30 PM (with take down)

** Pam Gaston will be posting signup schedules this month (January).*

SHA SILENT AUCTION

at the EVBCH FUN FESTIVAL



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 3 pm and Sunday: 9 am – 3 pm. This will be a two-day event, and SHA needs two things from you!

- SILENT AUCTION ITEMS
- 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. You may also contact Pam Gaston at 602-320-3185 for other times for collection of items for the Silent Auction.

SILENT AUCTION: 2 Hour Shifts, 1–2 people

Saturday – 1/25

9:00 AM—11:00 AM

11:00 AM—1:00 PM

1:00 PM—3:00 PM

Sunday – 1/26

9:00 AM—11:00 AM

11:00 AM—1:00 PM

1:00 PM—3:00 PM **stopping the auction at 2:30 sharp/call**

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
Sales begin Nov 6th, 2024

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Membership Corner



"IN SEARCH OF"

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 email: philfedor71@gmail.com

By Phil Fedor

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

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SHA



Calendar

of Events



SHA Membership Meeting

WED, January 15th at 7PM

By Pam Gaston

See You
Soon

There will be an SHA Membership Meeting on January 15th, at 7 pm, at the Multi-Gen Center, to the right in the first room on the right. There will be a Pony Express meeting at 6 pm in that same room so please enter quietly if you come early. There will be a table set up for you to sign in and we will be offering a raffle and a 50/50. **Our guest speaker is Liz Langenbach from the Apache Junction City Parks and Recreation**, and we will have sign-ups for volunteers for the upcoming Silent Auction and the SHA Booth for the EVBCH Fun Festival on Jan 25th and 26th. **Also, please bring your Silent Auction items to this meeting** or take them to Barb Houck's residence at 1505 S. Sixshooter Rd, AJ, 85119.

We will have water to drink and cookies for dessert at the end of the meeting.

Come and join us for an evening of information and fun!!

Happy Trails!

4th Annual - SHA Pony Express

March 1, 2025

Sponsored by
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*Contact Darryl Cross



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](#)

January 25th & 26th

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

- ♦ **SHA Booth**
- ♦ **Silent Auction**
- ♦ **Pony Express Booth**

At the Apache Junction
Rodeo Grounds

EVCH FUN FESTIVAL

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Burro Derby
Stick Donkey Rodeo
Long Ear Obstacles

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FOOD TRUCKS
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JAN. 25, 2025
9AM TO 4PM

1590 E Lost Dutchman Blvd, Apache Junction, AZ 85119

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: FEB 5, MAR 5 & APR 2.** 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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