



SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Pony Tracks

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AUGUST 2025

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman

Darryl Cross
(602) 820-9583

Vice Chairman

Sheila Shattuck

Treasurer

Jeanne Kennedy

Secretary

Pam Gaston

Membership Chair

Jan Kramer

Director-at-Large

Peggy Wilson

Lisa Rogers

Judy Hood

 SHA4HORSES@gmail.com

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

Bylaws, Rules, and Conduct

Chip Wilson

SHA Store - Ann Adkins

Parade - Liz Eason

AJ Rodeo Grounds - Jeff Watson

Road Cleanup - Roger Luth

Program Director - Sheila Shattuck

Editor - Lisa Rogers

SHAPonyTracks@yahoo.com

REMINDER



**RENEW membership
or become a NEW
member**



**Run for Board
Member —
submit BIO**



**Election
Dates**



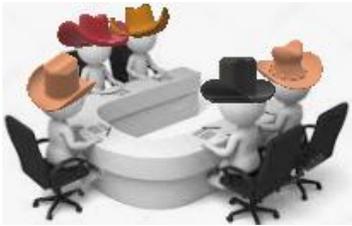
**Road
Clean Up**



**Mark my calendar for
Election Dinner &
Meeting**



**5th Annual
Pony Express
March 7, 2026**



SHA Board Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2025

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Wednesday, August 6th, 2025 at 7PM. Board members present were Darryl Cross, Peggy Wilson; Online - Judy Hood, Jeanne Kennedy, Lisa Rogers, Jan Kramer, Pam Gaston and Sheila Shattuck. Other SHA members were Chip Wilson, Bob Diroff, Mary McKinnis, and Roger Luth.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from June were approved. Pam Gaston made a motion for the minutes to be accepted, and Sheila Shattuck seconded it. All were in favor.
- **TREASURER** – The regular checking account balance is \$12,813.50. The Equine Welfare Account balance is \$3297.99. We received \$100, \$250 and another \$100 for the AJ Policeman Gabriel Facio Memorial. Outgoing monies for June are \$250 to AJ Mounted Rangers for donation and \$600 to AZ Equine for recovered horse to be euthanized, and stamps for the Pony Tracks mailings \$37.23, and the monthly expense total is \$ 887.23. Incoming monies for June are \$450.
- **MEMBERSHIP** – There were forty-nine individuals and thirty-seven families, plus five honorary memberships. This equals one hundred

and thirty members in SHA thus far this season.

- **POLITICAL** – The community of San Tan Valley has gotten enough votes to become a city. This presents a lack of revenue for Apache Junction.
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – A horse that was recovered had to be euthanized. Sheila Shattuck was contacted by Kent Davis from the Dept of Agriculture. Jeff Watson made the arrangements for the horse to be euthanized and were upset by the process and the absence of a Board Member and do not want to do this any more with the horse being put down.
- **PARADE** – Nothing for parades. Next parade is November 11, 2025.
- **STORE DIRECTOR** - Nothing to report.
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** – Possibility for a campout but everything is very dry so a campout is highly unlikely currently.

OLD BUSINESS

- **PONY TRACKS** - There will be 250 Pony Tracks printed with a membership form for August.
- **GUN RAFFLE** – No activity at this time.
- **OFFICER FACIO** – Pam Gaston made a motion to withdraw \$500 and add \$50 from Darryl Cross and \$450 from donations to give \$1,000 to donate to the memorial for Officer Gabriel Facio. Lisa Rogers seconded it. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- **ROAD CLEAN UP** – On November 8th, Saturday, at the Rodeo Grounds, at 8 am.
- **ELECTIONS** -
 - ⇒The Election Meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20th, from 5 – 8 pm, at the AJ Rode Grounds. Please bring a chair. The Board will supply fried and baked chicken, water to drink and anyone who attends will bring a potluck item. We will be having an electronic ballot the weekend before and the results will be announced at the Election Dinner. Anyone who wants to run for an office needs to submit a bio regarding the position they are running for, and it will go on in the September Pony Tracks. Bios and the position you are running for must be submitted by September 1st to the Secretary, Pam Gaston at rrr97w@msn.com.
 - ⇒The Election will take place online on September 12, 13 and 14th. If you want a paper ballot, please send your name & address to Pam Gaston, Secretary, at 754 East Dealer's Choice Lane, Payson, AZ, 85541, and one will be sent to you. You must have your request for a ballot by the 5th of September, or you will not be allowed to receive a ballot. Your ballot must be mailed and postmarked no later than September 15th and it needs to be sent to the SHA Mailbox, Box 2120, Apache Junction, AZ, 85117.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

2025 Pony Express SPONSORS

Hitching Post Saloon,

Crazy Horse Saddle Shop, WATER & ICE,

ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA,

Arizona Cowgirls for Christ,

Adkins Family, SADDLE MEDIC, AJI Sporting Goods,

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The Superstition Horsemen's Association would like to thank the above sponsors for their support of the 2025 Pony Express! The support of these businesses and individuals help make the SHA Pony Express re-enactment a successful annual event. These Sponsors help to maintain and bring awareness to the western culture of Apache Junction and our rich horse community. The support they gave helps SHA give back to the Apache Junction community with donations to 501c3 organizations.



Membership NEWS

August 2025

Submitted By: Jan Kramer
Membership Chair

Our current membership total includes 130 individuals in the following categories:

- ◆ Single - 49
- ◆ Family - 37
- ◆ Honorary - 5

We would like to welcome one new member to our organization:

* Amy Jo Foster



As the summer winds down, our 2024-2025 membership year is coming to a close. We are accepting renewals for next year, which officially starts in October. The Superstition Horsemen's Association values your participation and continued support.

As always, feel free to contact me regarding any membership issues. You can email me at imareadertika@icloud.com.

Jan Kramer,
Membership Chair

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SHA



ELECTRONIC ELECTIONS

By Pam Gaston

We will be having elections this year and they are staggered so this year only four positions are open.

The only positions open for election are **Chairperson, Secretary, Membership Chair and Director-at-Large.**

Darryl Cross is uncertain as to whether he will run this year so there is a possibility that his position will be completely open. Pam Gaston is retiring from the Secretary's job so that is open. Roger Luth has stated he will run for Director-at-Large, but it is open for someone to run against him, and Jan Kramer has agreed to be the Membership Chair but also she can have an opponent. This information looks like this:

- **CHAIRPERSON** – Incumbent Darryl Cross or OPEN
- **SECRETARY** – OPEN
- **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR** - Incumbent Jan Kramer
- **DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE** – Incumbent Roger Luth



The Election will take place online, on September 12, 13 and 14th.

Electronic ballots will be sent out by email on the September 12th, and online voting stops on the eve of September 14th at midnight.



If you want a paper ballot (instead of voting online), please send your name & address to Pam Gaston, Secretary, at 754 East Dealer's Choice Lane, Payson, AZ, 85541, and a paper ballot

will be sent to you. You must have your request to Pam for a paper ballot by the 5th of September, or you will not be allowed to receive a ballot/vote. Your ballot must be returned to mailbox: SHA, PO Box 2120, Apache Junction, AZ, 85117 and postmarked no later than September 15th.



We are hoping you are interested in one of these (4) board member positions for 2025-2027, a two year term.

- **CHAIRPERSON** – Incumbent Darryl Cross or OPEN
- **SECRETARY** – OPEN
- **MEMBERSHIP CHAIR** - Incumbent Jan Kramer
- **DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE** – Incumbent Roger Luth

Please submit your letter of interest along with your Bio to our Secretary at rrr97w@msn.com. You must have your bio turned in by September 1st, 2025 to be considered.



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

SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Membership Renewal

Please join or renew today!

SHA Membership Year

OCT 1, 2025— SEPT 30, 2026

SINGLE membership
only \$20.00

FAMILY membership
only \$30.00





SECRETARY JOB IS OPEN FOR SHA

By Pam Gaston

The position of Secretary for SHA is open for the 2025-2027 year, a two-year term, on the Board of Directors for SHA. The Secretary is responsible for taking minutes at each SHA Board Meeting, sending those minutes out to the Board for inspection, correcting them if needed, and then printing them and putting them in a seasonal notebook after they have been sent to the Editor for the Pony Tracks.

This requires some knowledge of the computer and involves making a distribution list of the membership as the Secretary works with the Membership Chair so certain email blasts can be sent out to the membership.

If you are interested in this position, please submit your letter of interest along with your Bio to the current Secretary at rrr97w@msn.com. You must have this turned in by September 1st, 2025 or it will not be considered.

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VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

(By Pam Gaston)

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. 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.



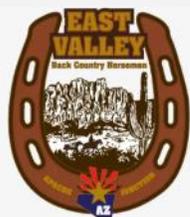
We need an SHA Historian to keep our history alive through pictures and write-ups.



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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HORSEMEN**



To learn more about EVBCH visit our website at EVBCH.org



**SUPERSTITION
HORSEMEN'S
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

SHA Use Only

Date: Cash Check _____ PayPal
 New Family Full Year

***** MEMBERSHIP FORM *****

OCTOBER 2025 – SEPTEMBER 2026

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) _____

Winter Address				
Dates: _____	Street (Please include apartment and/or space number.)			
	City	State	Zip	Phone
Summer Address				
Dates: _____	Street (Please include apartment and/or space number.)			
	City	State	Zip	Phone
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? Please 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 via PayPal
- Mail to SHA at PO Box 2120, Apache Junction, AZ 85117



Calendar



of Events

SHA ELECTION SUPPER AND MEETING

DATE: Saturday, September 20th

TIME: 5PM-8PM

PLACE: AJ Rodeo Grounds

The Superstition Horsemen's Association will be holding their Election Dinner and Meeting on Saturday, September 20th, at the AJ Rodeo Grounds, from 5-8 pm. You can also renew your membership at this time.

The Board will supply plates, utensils, napkins, water to drink and fried/baked chicken and everyone else will be responsible for a dish to share. Also, please bring a chair. **We will eat at 5:15 pm** and then introduce the new Board of Directors at 6 pm.

It will be a nice evening of socializing and having fun.

Come and join us and bring something to share!



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1477 West Apache Trail
Apache Junction, AZ 85120
P. 480-646-1026



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

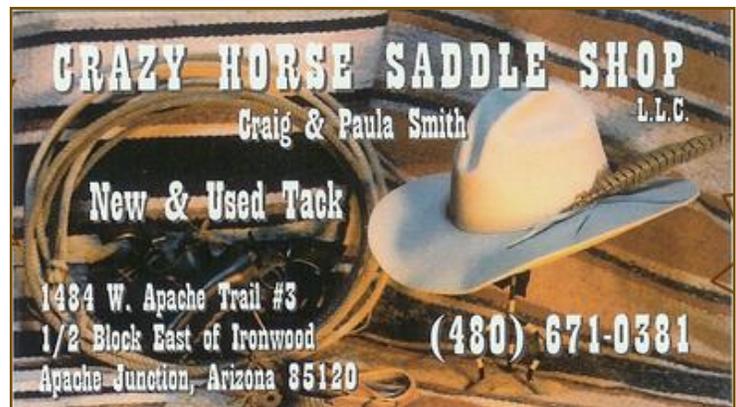
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1/2 Block East of Ironwood

Apache Junction, Arizona 85120

(480) 671-0381

Important Dates to Remember



- September 1, 2025—SHA 2025 Election Bio's due by September 1st
- September 3, 2025—Board Meeting, 7PM at Tina's
- September 12, 13 & 14, 2025—SHA 2025 'electronic' Election Voting takes place
- September 15, 2025—Paper ballots must be postmarked no later than September 15th
- September 20, 2025—Election Chicken Dinner and Meeting, 5PM at AJ Rodeo Grounds
- October 1, 2025—New SHA membership year begins, renew or sign up today.
- November 8, 2025—Road Clean, 8AM at AJ Rodeo Grounds
- March 7, 2026 - SHA 5th Annual Pony Express
- **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: SEP 3, OCT 1 & NOV 5.** The Board meets promptly at 7pm. Anyone is welcomed to attend 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.

Superstition Horsemen's Association, Inc.

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