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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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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.

SHA Board Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2025

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 at 7PM. Board members present were Pam Gaston, Judy Hood, Jeanne Kennedy, Lisa Rogers, Peggy Wilson, Sheila Shattuck, Jan Kramer and Darryl Cross. Other SHA members were Chip Wilson, Bob Diroff, Cathy Diroff, Barb Houck, Ed Kramer, Vinnie Mendes, Jeff Watson, Sally Poklen and Sharna Watson.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from April 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 $7905.79. The Equine Welfare Account has $3297.99. There was no income. Here is the outgoing monies for April. There were stamps for the Pony tracks that were $37.23, Trail lunch for the Build your Sandwich Trail Ride was $72.77, the Pony Tracks to Lisa Rogers was $224.40. The first CD has $ 11,045.93 and the second CD has $1.236.91, and the third CD has $2163.48. The balance in our checking account is $7905.79.

  Pony Express monies in for post-cards was $4581. The rider apps were $410. The sponsors were $1525 for a total of $6516. Dollars going out were $2935.18 so the net was $3580.82.

- **MEMBERSHIP –** There were forty-eight individuals and thirty-seven families plus five honorary memberships. This equals one hundred and twenty-nine members in SHA thus far this season.

- **POLITICAL** – Nothing for Political.

- **EQUINE WELFARE** – The rescue horses are now in fosters for adoption. Dude, Believe and Bliss are happy and doing well in separate homes in different cities and are being nurtured and loved. See New Business for adoption processing.

- **PARADE –** Nothing for parades. Next parade is November 11, 2025.

- **STORE DIRECTOR -** Nothing to report. Discussion ensued about an online store.

- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** – There is a possibility of having a campout at Los Burros or Carr Lake this coming summer at the end of June on the Rim. If you are interested, we will be having an email blast to see how many of you would be willing to attend. Sheila Shattuck attended a Goldfield Ghost Riders' Meeting and suggested we work together as equestrians and buy a sticker/placard for the horse trailer the Goldfield Ghostriders raffle off in November. Pam Gaston made a motion for SHA to buy a sticker/ placard with our logo, Superstition Horsemen's Association, QR Code, Website, and Pony Express in yellow and black. Sheila Shattuck seconded it and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- **PONY TRACKS -** Lisa Rogers stated we need 200 copies for the Pony Tracks. Discussion ensued about the amount of money that is being charged to print the newsletter. We are currently being charged $225 for 250 copies. We will be looking elsewhere for a better copy price. Currently we are utilizing Office Max in Apache Junction.

- **SALT RIVER HORSES –** The Salt River Horses that Dr. John Mack came to us about at our last meeting is being discussed and John is talking to the public about Salt River Management and their mismanagement of the Salt River Area and the Tonto. Please post the truth about this mismanagement. Everyone on the email listing has been sent information regarding this problem.

NEW BUSINESS

- **CONTRACT FOR ADOPTION –** A contract was developed for the adoption of Dude, Bliss and Believe. Pam Gaston made a motion to accept the contract for the adoption process of the three horses that were taken to foster and are now being adopted. Sheila Shattuck seconded the motion. All were in favor. The final report on each of the horses is positive and many thanks to all of you for your help with them but especially Sheila Shattuck for her unwavering support to help those horses have a better life.

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Board Meeting Notes

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Pam Gaston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Rogers seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Membership

Please join or renew today!

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

SINGLE membership
***only* $20.00**

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***only* $30.00**

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!

Membership NEWS

May 2025

Submitted By: Jan Kramer
Membership Chair

May Membership Update…

Here are our latest membership numbers. **We have a total of 129 members in the following categories:**

- Single - 48
- Family - 37
- Honorary - 5

It's that time of year! Many members are heading for their summer addresses. Please advise me of any address changes as well as any other membership issues. You can email me at imareadertika@icloud.com.

Happy trails!
Jan

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www.facebook.com/SHAofArizona

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https://sha4u.org

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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)_____

Winter Address _____
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_____
City State Zip Phone

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Dates: _____ Street (Please include apartment and/or space number)

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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? 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

Dec. '99 Pony Tracks

Submitted by Barb Houck

BLAST FROM THE Past

TRAIL RIDE REVIEW AND PREVIEW

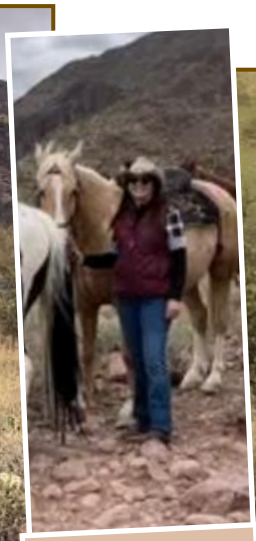
On **November 20** we had our seasonal kick-off ride and potluck. Beginning at prospector Park a long train of 43 riders played follow the leader through the Goldfields. The step over at the new fence line along Tomahawk was a learning experience for more than a few horses, and was a major delay, along with numerous stops for cactus, potty breaks and who knows what.

But it was a beautiful day with (mostly) good horses and good friends, and it was just good to be in the saddle. Non-riding spouses and friends joined us after the ride for a scrumptious, even better than usual potluck meal. If you weren't there you missed a real good time.

The **December 11 Christmas Ride** will probably have taken place before you receive this issue. You'll read about it next month.

January 15 we'll ride in the San Tan Mountains south of Queen Creek. This is an easy ride with good footing through rolling terrain. We'll stop for a look and a photo at the crested saguaro. To get to our trailhead drive south of the #60 freeway on Ellsworth Rd., through Queen Creek, a few more miles to where Ellsworth Rd. ends at Hunt Hwy. Turn left for .6 mile, then right onto Thompson Rd. for 5-5 ½ miles. Parking will be on the right; look for power line poles. SHA signs will be out. The ride will begin at 10:00am. We'll take a lunch break at noon, then ride for 2 more hours. Bring along your trail lunch and water (no horse water at camp or along the trail), and maybe a chair and snack for a social hour afterwards. $3.00 one-day membership fee for non-members. For information call 982-4199 or (623) 935-4142.

Membership Corner



Thank you Sheila, Dave & Teresa. I had an awesome day with all of you.

Lisa R.

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

Update on the Three Mustangs

I'd like to give an update on the three mustangs that have been under the care of the SHA Equine Welfare program for the last year. They have been in foster homes for the last couple of months and I'm happy to announce that they are all going to be adopted. They have found their forever homes! **They are all very healthy and happy and very blessed to have found wonderful forever homes. Thanks to everyone involved.**

It takes a village!

Sheila Shattuck,
Vice Chairman

Calendar of Events

Exploring the possibility of a campout in the White Mountains the later part of June.

Program Director
Sheila Shattuck

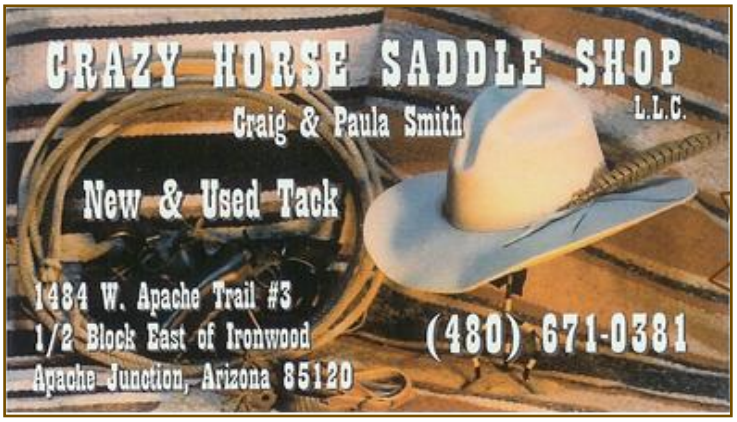
COWBOY CHURCH - *Every Sunday @ 10 AM*

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



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Important Dates to Remember

- June 2025 - Exploring the possibility of a campout in the White Mountains the later part of June.
- **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: JUN 4, JUL 2 & AUG 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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