



SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Pony Tracks

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 SHA4HORSES@gmail.com

BOARD MEETINGS:

First Wednesday of every month
at 7PM at "BREAKFAST AT TINA'S"
N. Apache Trail next to Hitching Post

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Political - Darryl Cross

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Chip Wilson

SHA Store - Ann Adkins

Parade - Liz Eason

AJ Rodeo Grounds - Jeff Watson

Road Cleanup - Roger Luth

Program Director - Sheila Shattuck

Trail Ride Committee - Jeff Watson

Editor - Lisa Rogers

SHAPonyTracks@yahoo.com

November 'Fall' Road Clean-up

By Roger Luth

A BIG THANK YOU to our seven SHA members who came out for the bi-annual Adobt-A-Road cleanup on Saturday, November 8th 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 five bags of trash.

Lost Dutchman Road looks great!





SHA Board Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2025

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on WED, November 5th, 2025 at 7PM.

Board members present were Sheila Shattuck, Jeanne Kennedy, Peggy Wilson, Judy Hood, Roger Luth, and Pam Gaston. Darryl Cross was absent, and Lisa Rogers and Jan Kramer were online. Other SHA members were Chip Wilson, Bev Dougherty, Jeff Watson, Bob Diroff, Cathy Diroff, Julie Martin and Sharna Watson.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from October were approved. Pam Gaston made a motion for the minutes to be accepted, and Roger Luth seconded it. All were in favor.
- **TREASURER** – The regular checking account balance is \$11,873.10. The Equine Welfare Account balance is \$3,297.99. We received \$410 for memberships dues plus \$40 for the Pony Express. Outgoing monies for October were \$41.34 for Pony Tracks mailing stamps, and \$156.16 for Pony Tracks printing. Outgoing monies total for expenses are \$197.50 and incoming monies total is \$450.
- **MEMBERSHIP** – There were Twenty-two individuals and twenty-three families plus five honorary memberships. This equals seventy-three people all together.

- **POLITICAL** – The election in AJ has the results and thus far the vote to extend the mayor's term to four years is ahead. Chip Wilson will be mayor until the first Tuesday in January of 2027 so this vote will not affect him.
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – A person called about a horse in distress and Equine Welfare checked on a horse. They then contacted the Police Department who in turn contacted The Department of Agriculture who are dealing with the horse.
- **PARADE** – Veterans Day parade is November 11, 2025, led by Liz Eason. There will be three pooper scoopers...Bob Diroff, Vinnie Mendes and Sally Poklen... and seven riders. The Veteran's Day Parade will start at 9 am. Roger Luth will be supplying water and medical supplies.
- **STORE DIRECTOR** - Nothing to report. It was suggested to speak with Ann Atkins about the store. It was suggested that we have an online store and discussion ensued about what would be in it.
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** – We will be having our annual SHA CHRISTMAS PARTY at the Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum, at the Amphitheater, at High Noon, on Sunday, December 14th, 2025.
 - * We will be having raffles and goodies and a ride at 1:30 pm for those of you who want to participate with your horse. Papa Bears Texas Bar-B-Q will be providing us with our lunch for \$15 which is the Two Meat Combo. This includes your choice of two meats - pulled pork, sausage, brisket or smoked turkey breast and your choice of two sides – mac n cheese, cole slaw, potato salad, Papa Bears Beans, or corn on the cob. Bottled water will be provided but there will be soda if you would like to purchase a drink from Papa Bears or bring your own.
 - * You must sign up ahead of time by paying and registering ahead of time to get this special deal which normally costs \$20+. Your registration must be completed, the lunch paid for, and in the PO Box 2120, AJ 85117, by December 10th. You can find this RSVP in your Pony Tracks or on the SHA Website. Registration will be between 11:40 and noon in the Amphitheater. At registration, you will receive an envelope that will not be sealed with a Christmas Card, a raffle ticket, a meal ticket, and a small gift from SHA. The envelope is for you to put in any cash you would like to give to the AJ Food Bank and then seal it and put it in the envelope box for charity. Christmas is the time to give and allows us to remember our blessings that we can share with others. We will be eating outside in the Amphitheater and there is a large hitching post for you folks with ponies so you can tack up ahead of time and enjoy your lunch and the doing's.
 - * For those of you who do not want to ride, we will offer a tour of the Museum, and all that Museum offers, beginning at 1:40 pm. after the ride has left.

OLD BUSINESS

- **PONY TRACKS** - There will be 250 Pony Tracks printed with a membership form for November and a sale form for Paula's Saddle Shop for everyone and a Christmas Party insert for members only.

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Board Meeting Notes

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- **ROAD CLEAN UP** - On November 8th, Saturday, at the Rodeo Grounds, at 8 am. SHA will have a Road Clean up. Gates will be open at 7:30AM. There will be water and coffee n donuts. Roger Luth will be going on Thursday to get pickers, bags and equipment. You bring your gloves, hats and good humor, and a willingness to work. It takes a village.
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- **5TH ANNUAL SHA PONY EXPRESS** - This will be on March 7th in Apache Junction. We need to update dates on sandwich boards and banners, get postcards and meetings going.
- **ADVERTISING** - In SHA Pony Tracks and Website, Jeanne will review, make contacts and collect money. Lisa Rogers and Jeanne Kennedy discussed.
- **AZ TRAIL CLEAN UP** - There is a campout on Nov 13-15, at Picketpost, 18B, north of highway for EVBCB. SHA might want to consider a day trip to help. EVBCB is doing overnight campout.

NEW BUSINESS

- **TRAIL RIDE COMMITTEE** - At the ride today, there were 14 riders, 15 people, 2 renewals, 3 new

memberships and everyone had a great time. The ride was for 2 hours at the Granite Mtn. area, followed by a root beer float with ice cream. Discussion ensued about future trail rides, when, where and how.

- **SHA TRAILER PARKING** - Roger Luth has the SHA Trailer at his house under cover.

Pam Gaston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peggy Wilson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

TRAIL RIDE COMMITTEE

SHA has restarted the Trail Ride Committee to plan some rides for SHA members.

Next planned ride is December 14. Possible rides are for January, February, March and April.

Any ideas or suggestions of locations, dates or type of rides (themed rides) please email Jeff at email address:

jwconnected@hotmail.com

We will ride on a Saturday with some dates in the middle of the week and/or Sunday to help accommodate for members that work on the weekend.

Thank you,
Jeff Watson



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NOVEMBER 2025

Submitted By: Jan Kramer
Membership Chair

Our new membership year is underway. Since renewals are still coming in, our current roster includes 77 individual members in the following categories:

- ◆ Single - 22
- ◆ Family - 25
- ◆ Honorary - 5



Welcome new members!

- Paul and Ruth Barry
- Kay Meyerett

The Superstition Horsemen's Association values your participation, and we look forward to seeing everyone at our events. Please spread the word about our organization to help us grow.

If you don't receive your Pony Tracks by email, please consider doing so.

As always, feel free to contact me regarding any membership questions or concerns.

You can email me at:
imareadertika@icloud.com

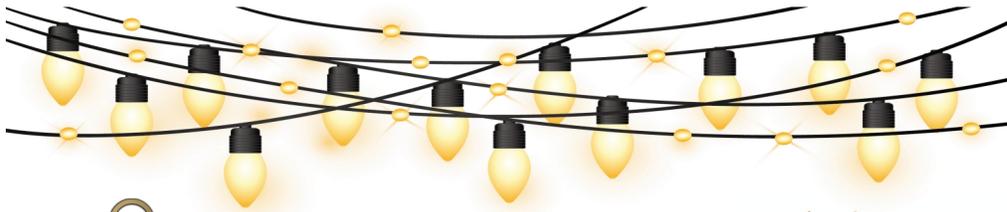
November SHA Trail Ride

By Sharna Watson

The SHA "root beer float" ride took place in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve on the Granite Mountain loop. A total of 14 riders left the Granite Mountain trail head on a 6.5 mile ride through beautiful rock formations and amazing views. The trail head has designated parking for horse trailers with easy pull through spaces. The trailhead also has nice restrooms and pavilions with shade and picnic tables, all with no fees.

Upon returning from the 2 hour trail ride everyone was treated to delicious root beer floats while sitting around enjoying the company of friends.





SHA CHRISTMAS LUNCH-N-RIDE for 2025



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We hope to see you there and Merry Christmas!

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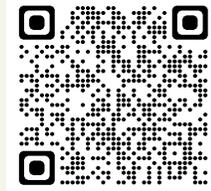
Membership Renewal

**Please join
or renew today!**

SHA Membership Year
OCT 1, 2025— SEPT 30, 2026

SINGLE membership
only \$20.00

FAMILY membership
only \$30.00



Membership Form is on Page 6





**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. DO NOT send via Post Office (cost savings)

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 Members Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec 14 at Noon

Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum

- ◆ 11:40 AM—Noon, registration at amphitheater
- ◆ Noon, lunch at amphitheater, raffles & goodies
- ◆ 1:30 PM, horseback ride with your horse
- ◆ 1:40 PM, non riders Museum tours

RSVP by DEC 12th, with Paid \$15 to SHA PO Box.



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](#)

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5th Annual - SHA Pony Express

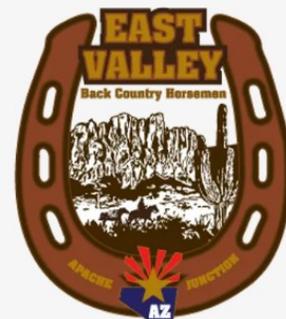
March 7, 2026

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*Contact Darryl Cross

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Important Dates to Remember



- November 13-15, AZ Trail clean up at Picketpost, 18B, north of highway, EVBCH campout, SHA day help
- December 14, 2025—SHA Members Christmas Party 'LUNCH-N-RIDE', Museum at Noon, RSVP by DEC 12th
- January 21, 2025 —Membership Meeting, 7PM at MultiGen Center in Apache Junction
- January 25, EVBCH Vendor & Tack Sale, SHA booth for membership and Pony Express
- February 18, 2025 —Membership Meeting, 7PM at MultiGen Center in Apache Junction
- March 7, 2026 - SHA 5th Annual Pony Express
- March 18, 2025 —Membership Meeting, 7PM at MultiGen Center in Apache Junction

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: DEC 3, JAN 7 and FEB 4. 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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