



SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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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

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AJ Rodeo Grounds - Jeff Watson

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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

We want you to join us!

By joining SHA you are affirming the importance of horsemen's rights and the continuation of a 'Western Lifestyle'; whether if you own horses, love horses or enjoy the wide-open spaces.

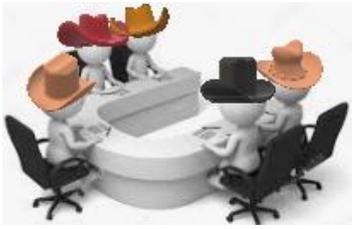
Mission Statement

Established in 1980, the Superstition Horsemen's Association works to ensure the rights and privileges of those dedicated to the western lifestyle, including the humane treatment of horses. Recognized by city and county elected officials, the SHA works closely with them to preserve the Old West Heritage built into the city of Apache Junction.

The SHA is always involved in pursuing favorable legislation to protect our rights as horse property owners and ranchers, including trail systems over county and state land. Please support us in our efforts to regularly promote community awareness about any changes or proposed Planning and Zoning ordinances that affect local horse and livestock owners.

The SHA also sponsors fun social activities and events like trail rides, potlucks, barbecues, and local parades, in addition to community responsibilities like trail gate maintenance, road clean up, and free public horse clinics. We urge you to make a difference in your community and join us!

<https://sha4u.org/membership>



SHA Board Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2025

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025 at 7PM. Board members present were Darryl Cross, Peggy Wilson, Judy Hood, Jeanne Kennedy, Lisa Rogers, Jan Kramer – Pam Gaston and Sheila Shattuck - online. Other SHA members were Chip Wilson, Bob Diroff, Cathy Diroff, Sally Poklen, Julie Martin, Jackie Cross, Jeff Watson and Roger Luth. Sharna Watson was online.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from August were approved. Pam Gaston made a motion for the minutes to be accepted, and Lisa Rogers seconded it. All were in favor.
- **TREASURER** – The regular checking account balance is \$12,727.56. The Equine Welfare Account balance is \$3297.99. We received \$60 for two memberships, donation of \$50 for Officer Facio for \$110. Outgoing monies for August are stamps for the Pony Tracks mailings were \$39.78 and \$156.16 to Lisa Rogers for Pony Tracks printing. Outgoing monies total for expenses are \$195.04 and incoming monies total is \$110.
- **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. Two family renewals and 1 single renewal for next year have been received.

- **POLITICAL** – Nothing for Political.
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – There was further discussion about the last horse incident where a horse was put down.
- **PARADE** – Nothing for parades. Next parade is November 11, 2025.
- **STORE DIRECTOR** - Nothing to report.
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** – There is nothing currently to report. There are places up north for people to camp out.

OLD BUSINESS

- **PONY TRACKS** - There will be 250 Pony Tracks printed with a membership form for September.
- **GUN RAFFLE** – No activity currently.
- **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 Rodeo 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.

⇒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.

NEW BUSINESS

- **RSVP FOR THE ELECTION MEETING** - The RSVP for the Election Meeting on the 20th at the Rodeo Grounds needs to be given to Pam Gaston by the 17th of September. She will send out an email blast and also there will be an article in the Pony Tracks.
- **UPDATE ON THE RODEO GROUNDS** - Liz Langenbach will be coming to the Rodeo Grounds to talk to us about the upcoming improvements on the AJ Rodeo Grounds.
- **STALLION ON THE LOOSE** - On Cortez and Superstition there is a stallion that continues to get loose. Chip Wilson stated the Department of Agriculture is in control of containment of Livestock. Discussion ensued. It was suggested that we help that family set up a hot wire. We are going to try to contact the owners.
- **TRAIL RIDE COMMITTEE** - Jeff Watson stated that he would like to have a Trail Ride Committee. Sheila Shattuck suggested that he could oversee it. Discussion ensued.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

SHA MEMBERS — *It's time to VOTE*

(By Pam Gaston)

Here are the INSTRUCTIONS for electronic voting on September 12th-14th, 2025 for the SHA Board

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.

**** September 2025 Election Candidates - Pages 4 & 5 ****



Paper ballots: MUST be postmarked by September 15th or it will not be counted.

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!



Membership NEWS

September 2025

Submitted By: Jan Kramer
Membership Chair

Since this is the last month of our membership year, our current membership totals are the same as last month's. We have 130 individual members in the following categories:

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

With our elections rapidly approaching, it's also time to renew your membership for 2025-2026. As always, you can renew online or by mail. I'd also be happy to take your renewal at our election meeting at the AJ Rodeo Grounds on September 20th.

Your membership matters! The Superstition Horsemen's Association values your participation and continued support. As always, feel free to contact me regarding any membership questions or concerns. You can email me at imareadertika@icloud.com.

Jan Kramer,
Membership Chair

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 **Darryl Cross**

Chairman Candidate

Hello SHA Members,

I am asking for your vote to retain me as the Chairman of the Superstition Horsemen's Association.

As most of you know, I have been the Chairman for 13 years or so. I am honored to have been a part of this organization for all these years and enjoy serving SHA and its members. I would be honored to continue to serve in this capacity. There are a lot of changes coming to our community and we will need to stick together to preserve our rights as Horsemen and women. We must continue to show our presence within Apache Junction and one of the biggest ways we can do this is by growing our membership. A bunch of us are members of other horse groups and being a part of multiple groups helps to solidify our presence. There is strength in numbers!

We have a lot of exciting things planned for the coming season with some new and awesome events. We are going to need a lot of help this year. Please consider helping out on a committee.

I look forward to serving you for another term and once again, I am asking for your vote.

Happy Trails,
Darryl Cross

 **Jeanne Kennedy**

Treasurer Candidate

It's that time of year again.

Choosing those whom you trust to manage our organization.

This year I asked AI for a little help in writing my bio.

Here is a version that I liked and felt that it was appropriately short and to the point.

I'm running for Treasurer to help keep our horse organization financially strong and mission focused. With years of experience in finance and compliance, I know how to manage budgets, file reports, and ensure transparency.

I'm also a passionate advocate for animal welfare and believe in building trust through clear communication and responsible stewardship.

I'd be honored to serve with integrity, dedication, and a little cowgirl charm.

I respectfully ask for your vote to continue to serve SHA and spread our good work.

Jeanne Kennedy



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about EVBCH
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at EVBCH.org



Pam Gaston

Secretary Candidate

Pam Gaston is a native Arizonan who was born in Flagstaff, Arizona, and lived there for 22 years. She has always had a passion for horses and has worked with and ridden them since she was two. Pam enjoys all animals and currently owns three dogs, eight horses and two cats. She lives in Waddell, Arizona, in the far West Valley and also has a home in Star Valley, Arizona, where she usually spends her summers. She has been a member of SHA since 1997 and enjoys helping people learn about horses and standing up for the rights of horses and folks who work with them.

Pam has enjoyed serving SHA for many years and would enjoy serving another term as the Secretary of SHA. Your vote is very much appreciated.

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Roger Luth

Director-at-Large Candidate

I have been with Superstition Horsemen's Association for several years and a resident of Apache Junction for 37 years. I was a Director-at-Large 2 years ago and during that time I was responsible for the SHA trailer maintenance, Road Cleanup Program and pony track distribution. While I had the trailer, I had new tires put on, rust removal done, and had the back doors fixed. I also made sure that the trailer made it to all the events that were put on by SHA or that we had a vendor spot at. This included setting up, taking down and keeping the trailer organized and stocked. For the Road Cleanup Program, I would schedule the dates and times with the city and pick up the equipment needed for the pickup. Furthermore, I would help coordinate and guide the members throughout the day. When it came to the time of month for the Pony Tracks to get distributed, I would go pick them up from Office Max, put them together and separate them. Some of them were set aside for our winter visitors to be mailed out and the rest were distributed to local businesses. On a final note, I assist every year with the Pony Express providing medical and safety along with escorting our riders to their destinations.



Jan Kramer

Membership Chair Candidate

Hi, I'm Jan Kramer. I just completed my first year as membership chair, taking over for Barb Houck after her many years of service to the organization. My husband Ed and I are originally from western New York, and we've been residents of Gold Canyon since 2018. We don't own horses or ride, but we love these animals as well as the cowboy lifestyle. Our involvement with Arizona Cowgirls 4 Christ and Cowboy Church led us to the Superstition Horsemen's Association and my current position as membership chair.

I've enjoyed serving the organization and would appreciate the chance to continue to do so.



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Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check _____ <input type="checkbox"/> PayPal
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> 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

RSVP

PLEASE RSVP TO PAM GASTON AT RRR97W@MSN.COM OR TEXT 602-320-3185 **BY SEPT. 17TH**, IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THIS MEETING AND BRINGING FOOD FOR THE YUMMY POTLUCK SO WE HAVE ENOUGH CHICKEN FOR EVERYONE!

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 5:30 pm and then introduce the new Board of Directors at 6 pm.**

★ Liz Langenbach will be coming to speak to us at 5PM regarding the AJ Rodeo Grounds and the renovations that are going to take place. This is something you will not want to miss because it affects us as people who care about the horse and the rural lifestyle.

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

Come and join us and bring something to share!



Camping in the White Mountains...

Is there any interest in camping and riding up north this month (Sept)?

Sheila Shattuck
Sheilashattuck2001@gmail.com



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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Important Dates to Remember



- 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: OCT 1, NOV 5 & DEC 3.** 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.

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