



SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Pony Tracks

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DECEMBER 2025

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BOARD MEETINGS:

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Veterans Day Parade

By Liz Eason

Seven Superstition Horsemen's Association members rode their horses in the Apache Junction Veterans Day parade on November 11.

We posed for photos with our flags probably displayed. The parade was well attended.

We had two new SHA members riding with us this year. Please welcome Josie Hirsch and Kay Meyerett and their well-behaved Parade savvy Horses.





SHA Board Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2025

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on WED, December 3rd, 2025 at 7PM.

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

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from November were approved. Pam Gaston made a motion for the minutes to be accepted, and Peggy Wilson seconded it. All were in favor.
- **TREASURER** – The regular checking account balance is \$12,012. The Equine Welfare Account balance is \$3297.99. Total deposits are \$335. We received \$110 for memberships; Christmas dinners are \$225 which equals \$335. Outgoing monies for November were \$23.40 for stamps for Pony Tracks mailing stamps, and \$156.16 for Pony Tracks printing. There was \$15.85 spent for root beer for after the trail ride. Outgoing monies total for expenses are \$195.41 and incoming monies total is \$335.
- **MEMBERSHIP** – There are Twenty-eight individuals and twenty-five families plus five honorary mem-

berships. We have 83 members currently.

- **POLITICAL** – None.
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – None.
- **PARADE** – Lost Dutchman Days is coming up. See Liz Eason if you are interested in riding in the parade.
- **STORE DIRECTOR** - None.
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** –

- * We will have a booth at the EVBCH Day of the Horse on January 26th, 2026.

- * 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. 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 in the Barn at the Superstition Mountain Museum.

OLD BUSINESS

- **ROAD CLEAN UP** - Roger Luth reported seven people showed up including Roger Luth to pick up trash on our segment and they did a great job. The sign was put back up, and all is good. On March 14th, we will have the next Road Clean up. We need more people to work on our segment, and it takes only about an hour.
- **PONY TRACKS** - There will be 250 Pony Tracks printed with a membership form for December.
- **EVBCH** - On Jan 25th there will be a Vendor & Tack Sale. SHA will need to get 1 booth, 10x10 @ \$50, combined for SHA membership & Pony Express. Tack tables will not be part of SHA.
- **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. Queen Creek Pony Express will be on the 21st of March and the following weekend is the

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Board Meeting Notes

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Comanchero's Pony Express.

- * Darryl Cross made a suggestion that we have a Pony Express Meeting at 6 pm on the 17th at Breakfast At Tina's.

NEW BUSINESS

- **NEW MOTION** - There was a new motion suggested by Darryl Cross by email on 12/2 to cancel all rides because of the EH-1 virus until after the new year. this motion was made by Pam Gaston and seconded by Lisa Rogers. There were seven who voted "yes" and the blast was sent out to the membership. Discussion ensued.
- **MUSEUM** - The Superstition Mountain Museum needs to get materials for the trails that go up and around the hill. Those trails need to be rebuilt. Discussion ensued about the cost and Darryl Cross would like us to donate to the Superstition Mountain Museum. Sheila Shattuck made a motion to set aside \$250 for granite that will need to be hauled for the Superstition Mountain Museum. Pam Gaston seconded it. All were in favor.
- **EVBCH** - Sheila Shattuck spoke about the work that is being done with EVBCH at the Picket Post Equestrian Area and assisting in putting up three pens and a kiosk. Also, the gate at Water User's has been replaced so riders can ride up and open the gate on horseback. Sheila Shattuck asked if SHA would want to put in some hitch rails to assist with the project at the Picket Post Equestrian Area.

* Also, the whole Telegraph Area is going to be redone as it is currently unrideable. A grant has been given to the Forest Service. It was suggested that SHA get involved with these equine areas.

* Discussion ensued about the Idaho Crossing that is washed out and Ivermectin being allowed for human consumption that will drive up the prices.

Pam Gaston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheila Shattuck seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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



Membership Form is on Page 6

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



DECEMBER 2025

Submitted By: Jan Kramer
Membership Chair

Renewals for the 2025-26 membership year continue to come in. Our current roster now totals 85 individual members in the following categories:

- ◆ Single - 28
- ◆ Family - 26
- ◆ Honorary - 5



Welcome to our
new members!

- Shelley Hunter
- Sue Van Dorn

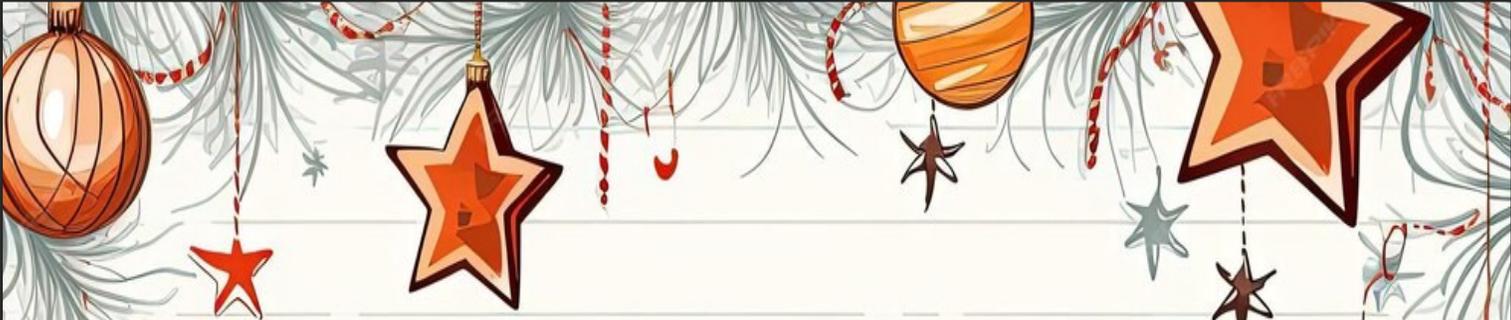
Hope to meet you in person at our Christmas party or one of our other events. Please spread the word about our organization to help us grow.

As always, feel free to contact me regarding any membership questions or concerns. You can email me at...

imareadertika@icloud.com



Happy Holidays



SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Christmas Lunch

WHEN: Sunday, DEC 14th at Noon

WHERE: 'In the Barn' at Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum

We are still having a Christmas Lunch but no ride on December 14th at the Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum at noon. **You can come and get your registration packet beginning at 11:45 AM and IT WILL BE AT THE BARN**, not the amphitheater. There has been a change in location due to NO RIDE and there is a Museum Botique, so the Barn is a better place just to meet, eat and raffle. Please bring a chair and if you don't want to drink water and you don't want to purchase soda, please bring your drink of choice. We have 45 participants thus far and music from 12 noon until 12:30 pm provided by Cowboy Dave. We will have a raffle after our delicious meal that you have already paid for and then you can shop at the Museum Botique or you can take a tour of the Museum with Jan Kramer or you can just sit and socialize. Whatever you decide to do, trust me, it will be fun and enjoyable!

SEE YOU AT THE BARN ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH!

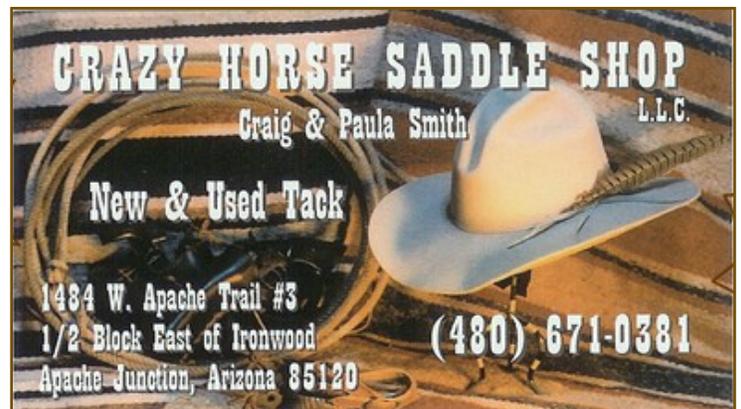
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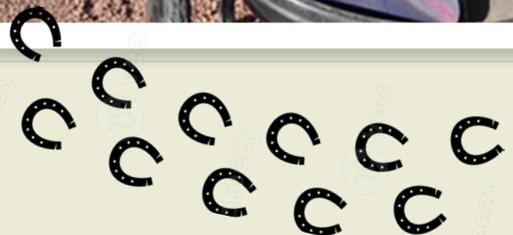
1484 W. Apache Trail #3
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Apache Junction, Arizona 85120

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Veterans Day Parade

Apache Junction, November 11th, 2025





**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

- - - *in the Barn*

- ◆ 11:45 AM—Noon, Pickup registration packet at the barn (NOT the amphitheater)
- ◆ Noon, lunch in the barn, followed by raffle
- ◆ Noon-12:30 PM, music provided by Cowboy Dave
- ◆ After meal & raffle - options are: Shop at the Museum Botique, take a tour of the Museum with Jan Kramer, or you can sit and socialize.

⇒ Bring a chair

⇒ Water will be provided. Soda available for purchase, or bring your drink of choice

NOTE: Trail ride canceled—all SHA rides are postponed until after Jan1, 2026 due to the EH-1 Virus outbreak.

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

UPDATE

MEETING: SHA Pony Express

WED DEC 17 at 6PM

At Breakfast at Tina's
(next to Hitching Post)

5th Annual - SHA Pony Express

March 7, 2026

Sponsored by

Hitching Post Saloon

*Contact Darryl Cross

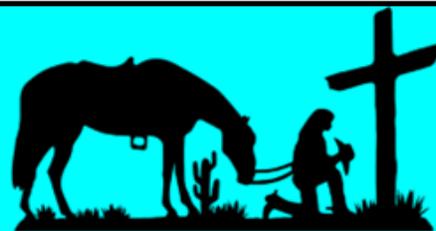
TRAIL RIDE COMMITTEE



SHA has canceled all Trail Rides until after the new year because of the EH-1 virus.

Possible rides being planned 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



AZCowgirls4Christ.com - 1Cor:13

COWBOY CHURCH - Every Sunday @ 10 AM

Services are held at the Superstition Mountain Museum

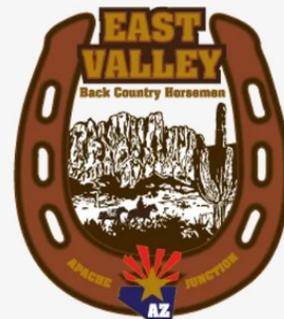
See *Arizona Cowgirls for Christ* website and Facebook for schedule

Website: AZCowgirls4Christ.com

Facebook: [click on this link](#)

EAST VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

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



Apache Junction, AZ

Important Dates to Remember



- December 14, 2025—SHA Members Christmas Party, Museum at Noon, RSVP by DEC 12th
- December 17, 2025—SHA Pony Express Meeting, 6PM at Breakfast-At-Tina's, next to Hitching Post
- January 21, 2026 —SHA Membership Meeting, 7PM at MultiGen Center in Apache Junction
- January 25, 2026—EVBCB Vendor & EVBCB Tack Sale, SHA booth for membership and Pony Express
- February 18, 2026 —SHA Membership Meeting, 7PM at MultiGen Center in Apache Junction
- March 7, 2026 - SHA 5th Annual Pony Express
- March 14, 2026—SHA Road Clean-up
- March 18, 2026 —SHA Membership Meeting, 7PM at MultiGen Center in Apache Junction

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: JAN 7, FEB 4 and MAR 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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and scan this QR Code to take
you directly to SHA website!