



SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Pony Tracks

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JUNE-JULY 2026

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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

Equine Welfare

Jeff Watson (480)-628-6454 or
Chip Wilson (602) 361-6135
walterchip@aol.com

Bylaws, Rules, and Conduct

Chip Wilson

SHA Store - Open Position

Parade - Liz Eason

AJ Rodeo Grounds - Jeff Watson

Road Cleanup - Roger Luth

Program Director - Sheila Shattuck

Trail Ride Committee - Jeff Watson

Editor - Lisa Rogers

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4th of July ★ FIREWORKS: ★ QUICK SAFETY TIPS ★ for Horses & Pets ★

Fireworks can be frightening for animals, especially horses, who may panic and try to flee, risking injury. A little preparation can make a big difference.



BEFORE THE HOLIDAY

- Find out when local fireworks are planned and notify neighbors about your animals.
- Keep your horse's routine consistent and prepare any changes (like stabling) in advance.
- Check barns, fencing, and pastures for hazards and ensure fire safety supplies are on hand.



DURING FIREWORKS

- Stay calm—your behavior influences your horse.
- Keep horses in their usual environment (stable or field) and avoid riding.
- Reduce stress with hay, enrichment, and calming background noise like music or a radio.
- Monitor from a safe distance and avoid putting yourself at risk.



AFTER FIREWORKS

- Check your horse for injuries and clear away any debris from fields or paddocks.



FOR OTHER PETS

- Keep them indoors in a quiet, secure space with background noise to help mask fireworks.





SHA Board Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2026

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Wednesday, June 3rd, at 7:10 pm. Board members present were Peggy Wilson, Roger Luth, Lisa Rogers, Darryl Cross, Judy Hood, Jeanne Kennedy and Pam Gaston. Jan Kramer was on a conference call. Sheila Shattuck was absent. Other SHA members were Bob Diroff and Chip Wilson.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from May were approved. Pam Gaston made a motion for the minutes to be accepted, and Judy Hood seconded it. All were in favor.
- **TREASURER** – The regular checking account balance is \$15,436.59. The Equine Welfare Account balance is \$3,297.99. The cash total for deposits was \$9,325.00 for Pony Express and \$70 for Kim Dennison for membership and Pony Express so totaled \$9,395.00. Outgoing monies were Darryl Cross at \$837.49 for Pony Express. The Pony Tracks was \$144.63 for June and \$144.63 for May, check to Cowboys for Kids for \$1,000, Pony Track stamps for \$32.76. Outgoing monies' total expenses are \$2,159.51 and incoming monies total is \$9,395.00. Post cards were \$3,075, membership for \$60, applications \$530, gun tickets \$3040, and sponsors \$1,900.

- **MEMBERSHIP** – There are forty-three individuals and twenty-nine families plus five honorary memberships. We have one hundred six total members currently.
- **POLITICAL** – Darryl Cross brought up a discussion about livestock fees at the City Council. Some of the council was against eliminating livestock fees and there was no support to eliminate it.
- **EQUINE WELFARE** – There was nothing.
- **PARADE** – There was nothing.
- **STORE DIRECTOR** - Ann Adkins has resigned as the Store Director. Anyone who is interested in being the Director of the SHA Store needs to contact Pam Gaston.
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR** – There was nothing.
- **TRAIL RIDE** – The Trail Committee is not sure there will be any more rides due to the hot weather, but they are thinking about something this summer. Those rides will be determined by forest closures, fuel prices, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

- **PONY TRACKS** - There will be 200 Pony Tracks printed this month. We will have extras to give out at the Museum who seemly is out all the time.
- **6TH ANNUAL SHA PONY EXPRESS** - There was a meeting on April 30th and some of the discussion in the Pony Express Committee was about expanding the Pony Express to start in Superior. Darryl Cross mentioned it to the Mayor of Superior, and she was excited to

have that happen. We wrote a letter of support for the mayor and for her re-election. Darryl Cross explained the Mine of Resolution Copper and the benefit to Arizona. Discussion ensued. The Resolution Copper Mine is at least a mile deep.

NEW BUSINESS

- **AJ RODEO GROUNDS** – Currently the Parks and Rec are working on Phase 2 for the new structure at the AJ Rodeo Grounds. Riley King sent out a flyer to Pam Gaston, and she introduced it to the Board regarding being a partner with the Parks and Recreation of AJ. It involved donating anywhere from \$1,500 to over \$10,000.
- * Roger Luth made a motion to be a part of the Legends Partnership for \$5,000. Pam Gaston seconded it. All were in favor.
- **TRAILER INSURANCE** – Roger Luth stated he would take care of the insurance with the SHA Trailer.

Pam Gaston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judy Hood seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

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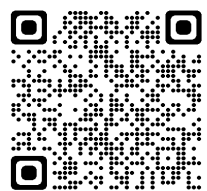
Membership Renewal

**Please join
or renew today!**

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

**SINGLE membership
only \$20.00**

**FAMILY membership
only \$30.00**



**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 position
for you.*

If you are interested, please
notify Pam Gaston, Secretary.

We need a Historian desperately!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



MAY 2026

**Submitted By: Jan Kramer
Membership Chair**

**Our current roster now totals
106 individual members in the
following categories:**

- ◆ Single - 43
- ◆ Family - 29
- ◆ Honorary - 5

I hope you all enjoy your summer,
whether it's here or in more
comfortable temperatures.
As always, feel free to contact
me regarding any membership
questions or concerns.

You can email me at:
imareadertika@icloud.com

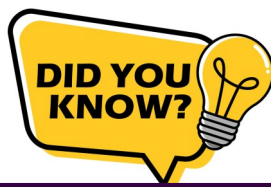
*Jan Kramer
Membership Chair*



Our most recent **SHA Store
Manager**, Ann Adkins, has
resigned and **we are looking for
somebody else to run the SHA
Store.**

**Some of us have been thinking
about an online presentation of
jackets, shirts, t-shirts, hats, caps,
and anything else some might
want to purchase.**

**Please contact Pam Gaston if you
are interested in this position.**



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www.apachejunctionaz.gov

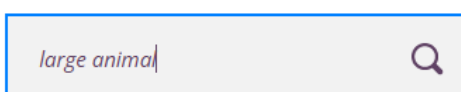
- **Large Animal Emergency Evacuation Shelter**

Click on this link -> [Large Animal Emergency Evacuation Shelter | Apache Junction, AZ - Official Website](#)

- **Large Animal Disaster Plans and Preparedness Checklist**

Click on this link -> [Large-Animal-Disaster-Plans-and-Preparedness-Checklist](#)

⇒ **If the links above are not an option for you—please go to www.apachejunction.gov
and type 'large animal' into the search box at the top right of their website page.**





Subject: Rodeo Grounds Sponsorship Opportunities

I wanted to share an exciting opportunity to partner with the City of Apache Junction Parks & Recreation as we continue improvements to our Rodeo and Event Center through Phase 1 and 2. I've attached our sponsorship sell sheet for you to take a look at.

These improvements are designed to enhance the experience for spectators, participants, and event organizers, while continuing to support a space that brings our community together. As outlined in the attachment, we offer a variety of sponsorship levels with recognition opportunities, including signage, event presence, and long-term visibility at the facility.

In addition to the opportunities listed, we also have larger investment options available that can include naming rights for specific amenities or features within the Rodeo Grounds.

We are currently seeking partners to help offset the cost of these improvements, and we would love to explore how we can align this opportunity with your organization's goals and community involvement.

Please let me know if you'd be interested in becoming a sponsor.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Riley King, CPRP

Parks and Recreation Management Analyst

City of Apache Junction

300 E. Superstition Blvd.

Apache Junction, AZ 85119

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INFORMATION ABOUT SHA'S INVOLVEMENT WITH PHASE 2

The SHA BOARD of DIRECTORS, after receiving a letter and form from Riley King of the AJ Parks and Recreation, decided to unanimously vote to give \$5,000 to the current ongoing project put forth by the AJ Parks and Recreation. **This makes us a Legends partner forever more!**

Please congratulate your SHA Board on making an outstanding decision involving the SHA Membership in a commemorative collaboration.



AJ PARKS AND RECREATION RODEO AND EVENT CENTER PHASE 1 & 2 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



WHY SPONSOR???

Support the tradition and future of our community by sponsoring upgrades to the Rodeo Event Center. Your investment will help improve facilities for spectators, participants, and event organizers, ensuring a safe, welcoming, and memorable experience for all. As a sponsor, you'll also gain high-visibility recognition at one of Apache Junction's most iconic and well-attended venues, connecting your business with a proud local tradition.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

PROSPECTOR PARTNER- \$10,000 OR MORE

- Legends partner benefits plus
- Banner placement on Lost Dutchman Boulevard fence for 3 years
- Dedicated partner plaque at vendor walkway

LEGENDS PARTNER - \$5,000-\$9,999

- Hometown partner benefits plus
- Name on partnership sign near front entrance
- Opportunity for free booth space at City of AJ sponsored events at the park for 3 years

HOMETOWN PARTNER - \$1,500-\$4,999

- Representation/photo opportunity at ribbon cutting ceremony
- Supporter recognition in select print, social media, and website marketing of opening

The above sponsorship opportunities are general concepts and can be modified based on contribution amounts and needs of the corporate partner. There are opportunities for individuals or organizations that wish to donate smaller amounts in our future phases of the park.

Enhanced partnership opportunities are available for larger investments, including naming rights for select facilities, amenities, and event features.

QUESTIONS?

For assistance with sponsorship contact Riley King at rking2@apachejunctionaz.gov or call 480-474-5065

THANK YOU SPONSORS



★ APACHE JUNCTION, AZ ★

5th Annual Ride • 2026

Presented by Trail Boss
Darryl Cross

2026 SPONSORSHIP APPRECIATION

- Hitching Post Saloon
- Shoppers Supply – Apache Junction
- Crazy Horse Saddle Shop
- Divine Signs
- Arabian Horse Association of Arizona
- Apache Family Dentistry
- Justin Lisk State Farm Insurance
- Sossaman Farms
- Grain R & D
- Homestead Malting Co.
- Horning's Accounting & Tax Service
- Arizona Cowgirls for Christ
- Apache Junction Tires & Service
- Apache Junction Water & Ice



CRAZY HORSE SADDLE SHOP

Craig & Paula Smith L.L.C.

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1/2 Block East of Ironwood
Apache Junction, Arizona 85120

(480) 671-0381



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Now Accepting Boarders • Daily, Weekly, & Monthly Rates
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Advocating for the Western lifestyle and humane treatment of horses

Calendar



of Events



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](#)

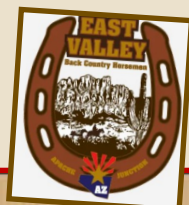


EAST VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

Apache Junction, AZ

To learn more about EVBCH

visit website at EVBCH.org



TRAIL RIDE COMMITTEE

Questions?

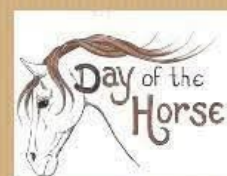
Please email Jeff at: jwconnected@hotmail.com



Arizona

All Back Country Horsemanship of Arizona Welcome Rendezvous White Mountain, AZ

August 6 - 9 2026



Includes:

3 Night Dry Camping

*Thursday Dinner Potluck

*Friday & Saturday Breakfast & Dinner

Cost

Individual: \$95

Family Limit 4 members: \$160

Day Only: \$40

12 & Under Free



Poker Ride With A Twist!

\$20 per hand

\$10 for 3 additional hands

AGENDA

- **Thursday**
Registration
Evening Social Hour
- **Friday**
Guided Rides (Short & Long)
Silent Auction
Arts & Crafts
Entertainment
- **Saturday**
Poker Ride
Silent Auction
Arts and Crafts
Bingo
- **Sunday**
Cowboy Church



Register Early Camp Sites are Limited

horsemenbackcountry@gmail.com

Note: In the event the rendezvous is canceled due to wildfire or weather registration will be refunded minus a \$10 retainer

Important Dates to Remember



- *Nothing scheduled at this time*

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING: August 5th. No meeting in July.

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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