



SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Pony Tracks

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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

Political - Darryl Cross

Equine Welfare

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Bylaws, Rules, and Conduct

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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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2026 SHA Pony Express SPONSORS



5th Annual

Darryl Cross: Trail Boss

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you!*

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SHA Board Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2026

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Wednesday, May 6th, at 7:12 pm. Board members present were Peggy Wilson, Roger Luth, Lisa Rogers, Darryl Cross, Judy Hood, Jeanne Kennedy and Pam Gaston. Jan Kramer and Sheila Shattuck were on a conference call. Other SHA members were Bob Diroff, Chip Wilson, Jeff Watson and Mo.

- **SECRETARY** – The Secretary's minutes from April 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 \$8201.10. The Equine Welfare Account balance is \$3297.99. There was Handlebar's members' cash total deposits was \$313. Outgoing monies were \$843.55, Handlebar meals were \$615.50, Pony Track stamps \$32.76, a check to Roger Luth for the cooler for SHA was \$195.29. Outgoing monies' total expenses are \$843.55 and incoming monies total is \$313.00.
- **MEMBERSHIP** – There are forty-one individuals and twenty-eight families plus five honorary memberships. We have one hundred two members currently. There are four that will be added in May.

- **POLITICAL** – There was nothing.
- **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. If we do this, we want to start at 8 am in Superior and then do the complete route in AJ as well. A good share of the road would be on dirt roads to Hewitt Station Road and then go on down to Silly Mountain and take it from there. The Pony Express Committee will work on it. Discussion ensued. We need to do running handoffs at the Museum

and Goldfield Ghost Town. We need to reach out to schools and to work with Trailer Parks as well. Roger Luth mentioned the Mayor of Superior is up for re-election and she is not in the lead. Sheila Shattuck asked if we could help the mayor maintain her position by sending her a letter of support from the Board of Directors. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

- **NEW COOLER** – Roger Luth bought a new cooler for our SHA Trailer.
- **AJ RODEO GROUNDS** – Currently the Parks and Rec is working on Phase 2 for the new structure at the AJ Rodeo Grounds
- **ADDITIONAL PENS** – Sheila Shattuck asked if SHA wanted to donate a pen for the Picket Post Equine Area/Campground. Sheila Shattuck has been beating the bushes for additional pens. Discussion ensued. The current three pens are from The Forest Service. The current pens are sunk in concrete to keep thieves from stealing the pens. Jeanne Kennedy suggested that she might have some panels to donate but she is not sure how they are made. Discussion ensued. Chip Wilson suggested using rebar to assist with round legs in a U shape to deal with sinking them into the cement. Pam Gaston made a motion that SHA donate up to \$800 for possible pens for the Picket Post Equine Campground. Sheila Shattuck seconded it. All were in favor. Jeanne Kennedy suggested donated pens would

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Board Meeting Notes

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do well for a 501c3 such as EVBCH or AZ Cowgirls for Christ.

- **PRESENTATION OF A CHECK** – A check was donated to Mo and Tina, The Hitching Post Owners, for their Cowboys for Kids Organization which was \$1000.

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.



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!

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**



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.

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



- **Emalise Zuber**
- **Lisa Zuber**

With the change of seasons, some of you head for your summer homes. It's important that we have your correct mailing address. Please advise me of any changes or address corrections. Receiving your Pony Tracks by email is always a great option. Let me know if you would like to switch from USPS to email delivery.

As always, feel free to contact me regarding any membership questions or concerns. You can email me at:
imareadertika@icloud.com

FINAL DINNER OF THE SEASON FOR 2026 SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

By Pam Gaston

On April 1st, 2026, SHA had a final for the season dinner at the Handlebar – Pub and Grill.

There were 27 people in attendance and registration started at 4:15 pm. It was a lovely day, and everyone paid \$10 at the door. Lisa Rogers and Pam Gaston gave everyone a back scratcher with ASU on it. This ASU stands for AWESOME SUPERSTITION UNIT. Other items handed out were a box and a pen. Everyone was seated at 4:35 pm and

Sheila Shattuck welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the dinner. Pam Gaston instructed everyone to open the box. In the box was a raffle ticket and a pin. **Officers' pins said, "reach for the stars" and "commitment to excellence" while the membership had a pin in their box that stated, "believe and achieve."** Pam Gaston stated the importance of these pins and their meaning in the community regarding the horse and rural lifestyle and then said a prayer over the group and the food.

The food was buffet style, and it consisted of brisket, rolls, southwestern chicken, smashed potatoes, and grilled asparagus. It was served at 4:45 pm, steaming hot, and everyone was dismissed by tables and were eating by 5:50 pm. There was iced water to drink, or people could order from the menu.

At 5:30 pm, Sheila Shattuck began the proceedings of talking to the group about the accomplishments of the season. She spoke of the

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beginning of the season with the election and then the trash pickup under the leadership of **Roger Luth** at our segment of Lost Dutchman, rides including a root beer float ride and a snack ride led by **Jeff and Sharna Watson**, the Light Parade in AJ and a Christmas Party at the Museum in the Barn, followed by plans for the 5th annual Pony Express and scheduled rehearsals for the Parade Unit by **Liz Eason**. This led to the Parade Unit performing for Lost Dutchman Days plus a booth at the Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo Doings and finally the Pony Express on the first weekend Saturday of March thanks to the leadership of **Darryl Cross**. In between all of this at our **SHA Membership Meetings** in January, February and March, **Sheila Shattuck** planned wonderful presentations for the group regarding **Forest Service helpers, reptiles by Retile Junction** and a great presentation about **Horse Health by Dr. Kristen Hall**. It has been a busy year, and we are thankful to all of you for your help and participation. Next was the drawing for the raffle items.

Pam Gaston began the raffle of items while **Lisa Rogers** kept track of winning numbers. The first raffle ticket went to **Peggy Wilson** with a \$25 gift card to Chili's, followed by **Barb Houck** with a \$25 gift card from Chili's, followed by **Jody Chambers** with a \$25 gift card from Chili's, followed by **Bob Diroff** with a \$30 gift card to Rosatti's Pizza, followed by **Sharna Watson** with a \$30 gift card to The Handlebar, followed by a **Kirk Kennedy** with a \$50 gift card to The Olive Garden, followed by a \$25 gift card to The Red Lobster won by **Ron Chambers** and the grand prize was won by **Sheila Shattuck**. She won a \$50 gift card to The Texas Roadhouse with a small key ring and light with a Superstition Horsemen's Association tote bag.

Many "thank yous" were stated and everyone was finished and gone by 6:30 pm.

It was a nice end of the year affair.





PRESENTATION OF A CHECK

On Wednesday, May 6th,
a check was donated by SHA
to Mo and Tina, the owners of The Hitching Post,
for their Cowboys for Kids Organization for \$1000.

We appreciate and thank them for their
involvement and sponsorship
of SHA and our annual Pony Express.

We are excited
about our NEW SHA
cooler for our
trailer. Thank you
Roger Luth!



Membership Corner

Congratulations Sharna!

Sharna Watson and her Arabian horse
AMF RENOIRS COMET, recently competed
in ASHO4U Arabian horse show at
Westworld, Scottsdale, AZ. The pair came
home with 2 new blue ribbons!!



*Submit your accomplishments
or stories about you to SHApony-

Calendar

of Events



Nothing
scheduled
at this time



TRAIL RIDE COMMITTEE

Questions?

Please email Jeff at:

jwconnected@hotmail.com



AZCowgirls4Christ.com - 1Cor:13

COWBOY CHURCH - Every Sunday @ 10 AM

Services are held at the Superstition Mountain Museum

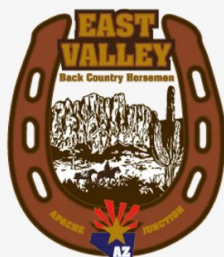
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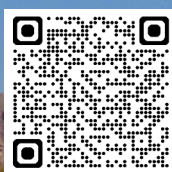
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Important Dates to Remember



- *Nothing scheduled at this time*

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING: JUNE 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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