SHA SUPERSTITION HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Vice President
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Judy Hood

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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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AJ Rodeo Grounds - Jeff Watson

Road Cleanup - Roger Luth

Program Director - Sheila Shattuck

Trail Ride Committee - Jeff Watson

Editor - Syana Martinez

Ponytrackedit@gmail.com

Editor



My name is Syana, and I'm originally from California but grew up here in Arizona. I'm excited to be the new editor for the newsletter and bring my love for creativity and graphic design into such a welcoming community.

While horses have become a big part of my family through my mother in law and my daughter, my own interests have always included lots of art, farmers markets, and cars/car shows. I love finding creative new ways to bring ideas to life, which is what makes working on this project so exciting for me.

Outside of editing, I'm a mom to two beautiful girls, my oldest is 7, and my youngest is almost 3 months old. I'm looking forward to learning more about this amazing community, meeting everyone, and helping share the people, events, and stories that make it so special.

SHA ELECTION DINNER AND MEETING FOR 2026

The 2026-2027 Election Dinner and Meeting was held on September 25, 2026, at the Multi Gen Center in room 117. The room was set up at 5 pm by Roger Luth who brought all the goodies from the trailer plus ice and water, Lisa Rogers who came to assist in setting up and Pam Gaston, followed by Jan and Ed Kramer who we re there to assist and get things set up for the renewal and new memberships.

Bev Dougherty arrived at 5:10 with 24 pieces of baked chicken, 48 pieces of fried chicken and five pounds of pistachio salad so we were ready by 5:15 pm. Thank you, Bev! At 5:20, people began to come with their dishes to share and were placed on three long tables with black tablecloths in the order of meat, salads, vegetables and desserts.

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SHA ELECTION DINNER AND MEETING FOR 2026

Twenty-five people arrived and Pam Gaston welcomed everybody and said a prayer for the food and for the family of Kathleen Chamberlain who passed away on the 19th of September. People were dismissed by tables and lined up on each side of the delicious food.

At 6:30 pm, Pam Gaston addressed the group and gave an award of appreciation to the outgoing SHA Editor and Director at Large, Lisa Rogers. Lisa Rogers has worked and been on the SHA Board for a number of years and needed to give those positions away due to a busy life. We gave her a nice card and a $100 Visa Card with much thanks and applause.

Pam Gaston, who is the secretary of SHA, went to explain the election and the people who won as candidates. Those people were Sheila Shattuck, Vice President, Jeff Watson, Director at Large, Judy Hood, Director at Large, and absent due to a foot condition, Peggy Wilson, Director at Large. Each Candidate got up in front of the group beginning with Sheila Shattuck and explained what they planned to do for the organization. Sheila Shattuck stated working with keeping the trails open for everyone and determining events. Jeff Watson stated he was in charge of trail rides and what was coming up on October 24th and perhaps Christmas and in January.

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APACHE JUNCTION VETERANS

EVERYBODY LOVES A PARADE – COME AND SIGN UP

HAPPY FALL – This year the Apache Junction Veteran's Day Parade will be on Wednesday, November 11, 2026. The theme is "American's 250 Years". I would like to encourage all our members to let me know that they would like to join us riding their horses in the parade. I have the outfits for you and your horses – red, white, and blue, of course!

If we have less than five riders representing SHA, we cannot justify continuing our Parade Unit for SHA. I would also like to invite any Pony Express members to ride along with us and us to support this fun event. You wear your pony express shirt, tie, and a straw hat.

After the parade, the Apache Junction Elks club is putting on a free barbeque lunch. They will have music, raffles, and giveaways. Please join us for both events! Let me know you want to come and be a part of this celebration for the USA and SHA – Liz Eason 303-877-4829.

SHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Now is the time to renew your membership for SHA. The cost is still the same, $20 for a single, $30 for a family. You can fill out the membership application included in the Pony Tracks or you can fill out your membership application ONLINE at SHA4U.ORG. The beginning of this year is October 1, 2026.

If you do not renew your membership, your Pony Tracks and all emails that pertain to SHA will stop after October so please take the time to join or renew for the year 2026-2027 so you can stay in the loop of information.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Happy Trails!
SHA

SHA ELECTION DINNER AND MEETING FOR 2026

Judy Hood spoke about trails that are disappearing and becoming more involved with more people in SHA.

Pam Gaston introduced the Board for this upcoming year, President – Darryl Cross, Vice President – Sheila Shattuck, Secretary – Pam Gaston, Treasurer – Jeanne Kennedy, Membership – Jan Kramer, Director at Large – Roger Luth, Director at Large – Jeff Watson, Director at Large – Peggy Wilson, Director at Large – Judy Hood.

Pam Gaston went on to report this last year all that had happened and what was going to happen in the future this year. This starts with a trail ride on October 24th at Prospector Park, a Road Cleanup on November 6th, a Veteran's Day Parade on Wednesday, November 11 and a Christmas Dinner on the first Saturday of December just for starters. We also are doing the 6th Pony Express from Superior this year in March of 2027.

October Membership News

As we begin our 2026-2027 membership year, our SHA roster has 109 individuals in the following categories:

Single - 45
Family - 30
Honorary - 4

We'd like to welcome our newest members:

Linda Albert
Mel & Katherine Andrews
Roxie Reimer-O'Clair
Hoski Schaafsma

Sadly, we are mourning the loss of two of our valued members, Kathleen Chamberlain, wife of Harvey, and Honorary Member Nancy Koerner. They will be missed.

If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership as soon as possible.

You can renew by mail or on our website. Regardless of the method, please complete your 2026-2027 membership form in its entirety, including your signature. You can also opt to have your copy of our Pony Tracks newsletter emailed to you.

As always, you can contact me regarding any membership questions or concerns by email at imareadertika@icloud.com.

Jan Kramer
Membership Chair

Pam Gaston introduced three new members to SHA, thanked everyone for coming and told everyone we have a new editor whose biography will be in the October Pony Tracks.

At 7:15 pm, Pam Gaston dismissed everyone and we were all gone by 7:30 pm.

It was a nice affair!



SHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7TH 2026

The SHA Board Meeting was held at Tina's on Wed, Oct. 7th, at 7:11 pm. Board members present were Peggy Wilson, Roger Luth, Darryl Cross, Judy Hood, Pam Gaston, Jeff Watson, and Jeanne Kennedy. Jan Kramer attended by phone and Sheila Shattuck was absent. Other SHA members were Bob Diroff, Bev Dougherty, Sharna Watson, Vinnie Mendez and Chip Wilson.

SECRETARY

The Secretary's minutes from September were approved. Pam Gaston made a motion for the minutes to be accepted, and Jeff Watson seconded it. All were in favor.

TREASURER

The regular checking account balance is $9652.35. The Equine Welfare Account balance is $3297.99. Our debts for October are Pony Tracks for August for Lisa $149.95, For September - $122.02 for Lisa and $34.44 for Stamps equaling $301.41 for total debt. There were no deposits. Jeff Watson moved to accept the Treasurer's report, and Peggy Wilson seconded it. All were in favor.

MEMBERSHIP

There are 45 individuals and 30 families plus five honorary memberships. We have 110 total members currently.

C'MON AND HELP CLEAN UP OUR ROAD

There will be a Road Clean Up on November 7th, 2026, Saturday, at the AJ Rodeo Grounds at the West Gate at 8 am. This is our job cleaning our segment so please come and help do this job.

There will be equipment furnished by the City of Apache Junction which involves bags, pickers and gloves. There will be snacks and water furnished so come on out and help us. The more we have, the faster we get finished. We need YOU!!

POLITICAL

There was nothing.

EQUINE WELFARE

There was nothing.
(A couple of horses got loose and in less than 24 hours they were reclaimed.)

SHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7TH 2026

PARADE

The SHA Parade Unit will be riding in the Veteran's Day Parade on Wednesday, November 11, 2026. If you are interested, please contact Liz Eason, Windyliz11@aol.com. Please see the article in the Pony Tracks.

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

Sheila Shattuck stated we will be having a dinner at The Handlebar Bar and Grill for the Christmas Dinner on December 5th, 2026. Times and cost will be determined and put into the next Pony Tracks.

TRAIL RIDE

Welcome back ride on October 24th at Prospector Park at 10 am. There will be pizza when we get back after a two hour ride. This is a Costume Ride party for you and your horse and there will be prizes for great costumes. Paula Smith from Crazy Horse is sponsoring the ride and paying for the pizzas.

NEW BUSINESS

January 9th another ride to be scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS

PONY TRACKS

There will be 150 Pony Tracks printed this month. We have 42 mailouts.

HITCHING POST AT THE PROSPECTOR

Roger Luth has taken care of this with two people who are willing to take this on and Roger Luth will pay for it as well.

6TH ANNUAL SHA PONY EXPRESS

Darryl has sent emails to ground crew & riders about expanding the Pony Express to start in Superior and was supported with replies. It will start in downtown Superior and then go down and go into Queen Valley and then come through by Silly Mountain. Roger Luth will take care of the permit for this from the Fire Marshall in Superior.

NEW GUN RAFFLE

There will be a 45 long colt riffle, lever action, traditional horsemen's gun, with custom laser engraving. Discussion on number of tickets and ticket price. Jeanne Kennedy suggested 250 tickets in commemoration of 250 years of freedom.

Pam Gaston made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Jeff Watson seconded the motion. All were in favor.
The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Calendar of Events



- Trail ride • October 24th at Prospector Park
- Road Clean Up • November 7th at AJ Rodeo Grounds
- Veteran's Day Parade • November 11th in Apache Junction

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!



Happy Halloween

TRAIL RIDE COMMITTEE

Questions?
Please email Jeff at: jwconnected@hotmail.com

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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

Come Join Us FOR OUR MEMBERS ONLY RIDE

The ride will be at Prospector Park in Apache Junction on Saturday Oct.24th 2026. Be ready to ride at 10:00 AM. Ride will be 1.5-2 hours and approximately 5 miles.

There will be pizza from Hitching Post Pizza, courtesy of Crazy Horse Saddle Shop, for lunch. Water will be provided by SHA.

Come dressed in a costume if you like, there will be some prizes for costumes.

So come enjoy company, pizza and prizes on Oct. 24th.

Membership applications will be available if you aren't yet a member but would like to join.

Please RSVP Jeff at jwconnected@hotmail.com or Pam at rrr97w@msn.com so we know how many pizzas to order.

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*** 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)** _____ (Print Name) **(2)** _____ (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



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