

# MISCELLANEOUS

## SaddleBrooke Whiskey Society

Founded by Certified Bourbon Steward, Tom Mehalek, and his wife Leslie.

The SaddleBrooke Whiskey Society celebrates diversity. We welcome group members of various genders, ages, religions, and ethnicities who come together for a single concept - a love of good whiskey.

The SaddleBrooke Whiskey Society welcomes you and we hope to see you at one of our events - we meet on the first Friday of the month at 6 pm.

For more information contact Tom Mehalek at 267-394-2000 or [SaddleBrookeWhiskeySociety@gmail.com](mailto:SaddleBrookeWhiskeySociety@gmail.com).



## SaddleBrooke Silversmith and Lapidary Club

The SaddleBrooke Silversmith and Lapidary Club meets every Wednesday and Friday in the Turquoise Room at MountainView Crafts center. People with experience or no experience at all are welcome. Beginner classes in both silversmithing and lapidary are scheduled when needed. If interested, please stop in or contact:

[President@saddlebrookesilversmithlapidary.club](mailto:President@saddlebrookesilversmithlapidary.club)

Or, Click here for Website: <https://saddlebrookesilversmithlapidary.club/>



## UNITED SADDLEBROOKE CLUB:

Be a part of the change you want to see. As an HOA1 and HOA2 sanctioned club, we support increased cooperation between the HOA Boards, with the long-term goal of unifying the two Associations.

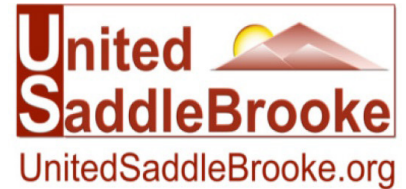
We hold regularly scheduled meetings to discuss, research, debate, and plan how we, as an organization, can effect positive change in SaddleBrooke. While our open meetings are held monthly, the date, time, and location may change due to the high demand for meeting space.

So be sure to check the website for when and where at [www.UnitedSaddleBrooke.org/events](http://www.UnitedSaddleBrooke.org/events)

Your \$20 annual membership gives you access to club meetings, voting rights on key decisions, and attendance at special events. Club dues go 100% toward supporting the vision of a United SaddleBrooke.

Non-members can get free informational emails and keep up to date on all our scheduled events by signing up at <https://www.unitedsaddlebrooke.org/contact>.

For more details about UNITED SADDLEBROOKE, go to [www.UnitedSaddleBrooke.org](http://www.UnitedSaddleBrooke.org). Or you may send an email to [contactus@unitedsaddlebrooke.org](mailto:contactus@unitedsaddlebrooke.org).



## SaddleBrooke Singles

The SaddleBrooke Singles Club provides and promotes community support and friendship among single persons in SaddleBrooke through club-sponsored social gatherings, outings, and celebrations. Our website is [sbsingles.clubexpress.com](http://sbsingles.clubexpress.com). For more information, contact Lori Anderson at 860-331-9459 or [msalaa19@gmail.com](mailto:msalaa19@gmail.com).

## SaddleBrooke RV Club Expands Membership

The SaddleBrooke RV Club (SBRV) recently changed their by-laws. SBRV now allows SaddleBrooke HOA1 and HOA 2 owners or renters in good standing who are interested in the RV lifestyle to join whether they own an RV or not.

Over the years many people in SaddleBrooke have expressed interest and curiosity about this pastime, and now several RV parks have cabins to rent for those who are non-RV owners. New members who do not own an RV will now have a chance to join rallies, attend meetings, discuss RV technical details, and participate in socializing with like-minded RV enthusiasts.

In 2024 the SaddleBrooke RV Club held seven rallies in varied locations such as Texas, California, Louisiana, Utah, Arizona and more. Past SBRV rallies featured wine-tasting, fireworks exhibits, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, Kartchner Caverns, Antelope Canyon, the Grand Canyon Train, and many more.

SBRV meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the HOA1 Activity Center. Meetings are held January through March and September through November. SBRV also hosts a December holiday party and April bon voyage party.

In addition to new members, previous members who sold their RVs are welcome to re-join SBRV!

For more information, please contact Pat Arruda, SBRV president, at 520-441-2484, or at [patjanarruda@wbhsi.net](mailto:patjanarruda@wbhsi.net).

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## SaddleBrooke Computer Club

The club has a focus on enhancing tech skills you can use through various classes and clinics led by volunteer experts. Their modern classroom, recently upgraded with state-of-the-art equipment, supports an annual class fee of \$35, providing **unlimited** access to courses aimed at helping residents navigate technology effectively. For more information, visit the website: <https://saddlebrookecc.org/>

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## SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club

The SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club welcomes anyone interested in learning more about Genealogy and the club in general. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at the HOA1 Clubhouse in the Coyote Room at 1:00 PM.

Visit our new website for more detailed information and an opportunity to join.

<https://saddlebrookeazgenealogy.org/>

We schedule Presentations from local resources who are experts in the field of Genealogy.

Presentations include Ethnic subjects; Irish, Norwegian, and Polish. Organizing research and digitizing it. Finally, certification and verification of source information. Follow more information on these schedules on the website.

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## Join Us at the Italian Heritage Club and Celebrate Your Italian Roots!

The Italian Heritage Club offers a wonderful opportunity to embrace and celebrate the richness of Italian culture while building lasting friendships within a welcoming community. It's an invitation to laugh, learn, and live Italian—right here in SaddleBrooke!

Members will enjoy a variety of fun and engaging social activities throughout the year—ranging from Italian-themed potlucks featuring family recipes to wine tastings, cultural presentations, Italian music, trivia nights, aperitivo nights, bocce ball, and so much more! Each event celebrates the customs that make Italian culture so special. Along the way, you'll share stories, laughter, and camaraderie while discovering new aspects of your Italian heritage.

Come join the fun, make new friends, and experience the joy of Italian heritage—together! The Italian Heritage Club is open to all SaddleBrooke residents who are of Italian descent (their spouses are included!). Dues are \$10/year/per person. Our inaugural social get together will be in January 2026. Please email [sbitalianclub@gmail.com](mailto:sbitalianclub@gmail.com) to join or to answer any questions.

The Italian Heritage Club is waiting to welcome you with open arms and a hearty “Benvenuti!”

### ITALIAN HERITAGE CLUB

**Celebrating Culture, History & Community**



- Enjoy Themed Dinners
- Cultural Presentations
- Italian Wine Tasting
- Italian Trivia Night
- Italian Music
- And Much More!

### JOIN US!

You, or your spouse, must be of Italian descent.

Contact: Andy Marino 425-269-7095  
Stan Penny 520-471-0253  
Email: [sbitalianclub@gmail.com](mailto:sbitalianclub@gmail.com)  
Dues: \$10 annually



**SaddleBrooke WWII Roundtable, April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00pm at DesertView Theater**  
**“The Science & Technology of the Manhattan Project, 1932-1945.”**  
**Dr. Lockwood Carlson**

Dr. Lockwood Carlson will document America’s project to develop and implement an atomic bomb during WWII — an almost impossible technical goal. It involved thousands of people but relied on the scientific expertise, engineering skills, and innovations of a select group of scientists and engineers put together at Los Alamos, NM over less than one year. How did they confront and overcome so many ‘show stoppers’? When the primary approach failed to meet the strategic needs of the armed forces, a whole new concept was developed, tested, scaled up and ‘weaponized’ in 3-4 years. This is the story of nuclear fission from the 1930s to August 1945 and the key participants as they raced to complete their mission — not knowing if they could reach their goal in time.

Lockwood Carlson holds a Theoretical Physics PhD from the University Wyoming and performed graduate research at Princeton University on electrodynamics of black holes in General Relativity. He retired from 3M Company in 2001 as Corporate Scientist with several patents in optical materials for digital displays.

Earlier, he was the Chief Scientist for major DoD program on advanced technology and held the Endowed Chair in Technological Leadership at the University of Minnesota for 12 years — on the faculty of the Management of Technology program.

He also teaches courses on cosmology, astrophysics, nanotechnology, quantum field theory, energy issues, artificial intelligence in medical science, and climate science at University of Arizona OLLI, University of Minnesota OLLI and Saddlebrooke Lifelong Learning Institute. Lockwood consults on advanced technology for Medtronic, Inc., and serves on the board of TSI Inc., a leading global nanotechnology company. He also consults on emerging technology in nuclear energy (small modular reactors) and renewable energy technologies.

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**SaddleBrooke WWII Roundtable — Were we “railroaded” in WWII??**  
**Join us on May 14, 2026**  
**1:00pm at DesertView Theater**

“American Railroads & Logistics in WWII, and the Southern Pacific Railroad” — Mark R. Schwartz (Lt Col, USAF, retired)

American entry into World War II came during a transition from economic depression to full-capacity manufacturing. Soldiers, raw materials and war goods transversed the country and moved to departure ports — mostly on US rails. Our Homefront production miracle would never have occurred if American railroads had failed to sustain the exceptional movement of people and materials. The Southern Pacific, in particular, rose to this need and merited close government attention as a critical segment in the wartime rail system. SP beat the expectations and serviced military and commercial transportation needs to help assure victory and America’s expansion to global superpower.

Mark Schwartz, a retired Air Force Lt Colonel and F-4 Phantom Weapons Systems Officer, lives in Tucson and lectures on military and political subjects — to include America’s rise to global power during and after World War II. He holds a bachelors degree in Political Science from Ohio State and a masters from Arizona State in History. Mark also belongs to a Tucson model railroad club and operates Southern Pacific equipment. His current focus is getting scholarly papers on politico-military subjects published along with an alternate history on World War II.

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