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## 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 & Lapidary Club

The SaddleBrooke Silversmith and Lapidary Club meets every Wednesday and Friday in the Turquoise Room at MountainView Craft center. People with past 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 to Larry Edralin, [larredr@msn.com](mailto:larredr@msn.com), 206-619-6614.

Click here for Website: [www.sslc.club](http://www.sslc.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.

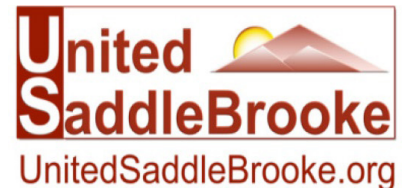
We hold regularly scheduled meetings to discuss, research, debate, and plan how we, as an organization, can effect positive change in SaddleBrooke. While our open meetings are held monthly, the date, time, and location may change due to the high demand for meeting space.

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!

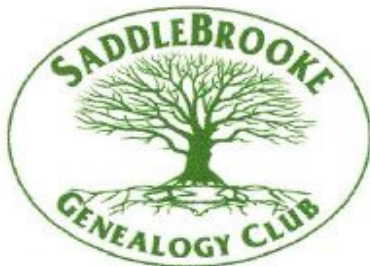
For more information, please contact Pat Arruda, SBRV president, at 520-441-2484, or at [patjanarruda@wbhsi.net](mailto:patjanarruda@wbhsi.net).



## SaddleBrooke Computer Club is modifying its summer program

The SaddleBrooke Computer Club will offer a reduced schedule of classes over the summer. The bi-monthly "Tech Café" breakfast meetings and Tech Help sessions will end early in May. However, some Tech Help sessions may be scheduled as the need is presented. "Tech Talk" meetings are paused until September. The club continues to 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 [SaddleBrookeecc.org](http://SaddleBrookeecc.org).

## SaddleBrooke Genealogy Club Summer schedule



For the most current details. Please go to the club's website <https://sites.google.com/view/saddlebrookeazgenealogyclub>

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

## CCP production of Five Shorts with Shortcake

The show will be produced **Wednesday, November 19 through Saturday, November 22**. The dessert only evening, or dessert only matinee performances promise to be fun, full of intrigue, be thought provoking and provide lots of laughs!

## **WWII Roundtable, Thursday, October 9th, 2025 at the DesertView theater**

WWII Roundtable, Thursday, **October 9, 2025** at the DesertView theater SaddleBrooke's WWII Roundtable welcomes you to our 2025-2026 season, with presentations that span a wide variety of topics: national & global politics, military science, and unique domains of conflict. Many of these issues and events still affect today's world situation. We are pleased to invite you to our opening session with Lee Baker, a retired army Warrant Officer from Southern California, as our speaker. We also ask you support in donating \$1 as you attend each session to help defray our cost of using the DesertView theater (which now totals \$60 for each use).

### **The Historic Flight of Rudolf Hess**

On the morning of May 10th, 1941, Rudolf Hess, the Deputy to Hitler, flew from southern Germany to Scotland to complete one of the most irrational and ill-planned strategic mistakes of WWII. In Lee Baker's own words, this represented a "bizarre and twisted historical event of World War II," with "several dark and peculiar possibilities that seem almost inconceivable, even for May of 1941."

After nearly three-years of unique and private access to high-level living German Leadership and secret archives, Lee Baker will present a first-hand account of the motivations, impacts and historical legacy of the peculiar life and death of Rudolf Hess. What did Hess intend to achieve? What was the impact of his defection and why it failed? Why did he select the City of Augsburg as his departure point, and why did he choose a contact in Scotland — the Duke of Hamilton?

Lee attended the 40th anniversary of the flight of Rudolf Hess in Augsburg in May, 1981, and met many important and historical personalities involved with the Hess event. This WWII Roundtable presentation will include one-of-a-kind photographs, documents, and details specific to the Historic Flight of Rudolf Hess.

### **About our guest speaker**

Lee Baker is a retired Army Warrant Officer who served at the National Security Agency with 36 years consecutive service, 20 years on active duty and 16 years as a contractor. He served as an Intelligence Officer/Counter Terrorism Instructor with expertise as a Russian analyst, and special knowledge of Satellite Systems & Special Operations. Lee also served as a Joint Program Manager for several programs at the National Reconnaissance Office, the Defense Intelligence Agency and Central Intelligence Agency.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in International Studies from the University of the State of New York, Albany. Lee was a student and then Instructor at the National Cryptologic School – Advanced Cryptologic Course. He also attended the Joint Space Intelligence Operations Course and Special Operations Senior Intelligence Officers Course.

Lee was awarded the Legion of Merit by the United States Army, and had assignments in Washington D.C., Germany, England, Japan, Hawaii, Arizona, Colorado, & California. His wife Kathy is the niece of Larry Kraber, a long-time resident of SaddleBrooke. In 1983, Lee published a regional history book on the flight of Rudolf Hess, "Hitler, Hess and Augsburg."

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## WWII Roundtable, Thursday, **November 13th**, 2025 at the DesertView theater

SaddleBrooke's WWII Roundtable welcomes you to our second presentation of the 2025-26 season, with a topic that illustrates America's military superiority in the Pacific Theater. Bill Todd, a former Navy submariner in the nuclear age, will present the exploits of the Navy's "silent service" that helped assure victory against Japan. For the presentation, we ask your support in donating \$1 as you attend to help defray our cost of using the DesertView Theater (at \$60 for each use).

The US Navy submarine campaign against Japan had a profound effect on Japan's ability to make war -- by strangling its supply of oil and raw materials. Why was the US fleet-type submarine so much more effective than the German U-boats of WWI? What caused our submarine war to be ineffective for the first half of the war? Was it technical issues or human issues like leadership, training and personnel issues? Conversely, how did our program become devastatingly effective from 1943 to 1945? Why did America succeed in WWII undersea warfare when Germany and Japan failed?

Just as important, who were the standout sub commanders who led this daring charge -- men like Charlie Lockwood and the legendary Dudley "Mush" Morton. Morton's boat, the USS Wahoo, sank 19 Japanese ships, over several patrols and Morton earned four Navy Crosses...the last posthumously as Wahoo never returned from her patrol.

Bill Todd's presentation will illustrate how submarines work and explain the challenges of attacking enemy ships and sailing away as a survivor. Join us to learn about the war's most celebrated submarine commanders, and why they succeeded in a most lethal environment in America's "silent service."

Bill Todd has a business degree from the University of Chicago and served in the US Navy from 1962 until 1969, achieving the rank of Machinists Mate 1st Class (E6) when he left the Navy. He is a graduate of the U. S. Navy's Nuclear Power School and served as an instructor at the U. S. Navy Nuclear Power School. Bill qualified in submarines and served as the leading Engineering Laboratory Technician on the fleet ballistic missile submarine USS Daniel Boone SSB(N) 629 for five patrols, during which he was responsible for all radio chemical and chemical analyses on the power plant and radiation safety.

Following service in the Navy, Bill spent twenty years with Siemens Medical Systems and the rest of his career as a partner in a small software development company. Bill and Sheila moved to Sun Lakes, a Robson community in 1995 and to Saddlebrooke in 2009.

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**The seminar will provide information on how you can financially support your favorite 501(c)3 charity (not only pet rescue) and possible tax benefits. Wine and light refreshments provided courtesy of the Arizona Community Foundation.**

### **SAVE THE DATE—OCTOBER 29, 2025**



SaddleBrooke Pet Rescue Network (SBPRN) will host a fun, free and informative charitable giving seminar in partnership with the Arizona Community Foundation. Learn how you can support your favorite non-profit while taking care of your loved ones *and* offering potential tax advantages.

Wednesday, October 29 from 4-6 p.m.

HOA1 Activity Center

64518 E Galveston Lane, SaddleBrooke, AZ

Walk-Ins welcome but to ensure your place, please RSVP  
[mboulden2@icloud.com](mailto:mboulden2@icloud.com)

More Information on Before You Croak  
at <https://sbpetrescue.org/saddlebrooke-pet-rescue-news> or go to  
[sbpetrescue.org](https://sbpetrescue.org) and click on the NEWS tab

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