



JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JULY

- 7/4 **Antioch Parade** – Step off is at 10:30 from Antioch Community HS., and will then proceed South on Main Street (rt83). The parade route ends just north of the Library. Please come out and support your club members and join us afterwards for refreshments.
- 7/6 **Mundelein Parade** – The Parade steps off at 1:00 from Mundelein HS on W. Hawley Street then South on Seymour Avenue and East on Hammond Street and will end at the Village Hall - our mounted unit will take a slightly different route at the end going down Archer to Division Street). Please join us after for some much needed refreshments.
- 7/13 **Bristol Parade** – The Parade steps off at 12:30. At this writing, it appears the staging area has been moved for our Unit; we will no longer be using the Bristol School area field as in the pass... more info to follow...watch for emails from our President. Of if you signed up to ride in this parade, Betsy will be contacting you with additional information.
- 7/19 **LCMP Horse Show** – Spring Grove Horse Park, Illinois. See attached flier.
- 7/23 **Board Meeting** – 7:00 pm Thirsty Horse. If you would like to attend a Board Meeting, please contact Debi Neuman and she will add you to the agenda. Be sure to let her know what you would like to discuss with the board
- 8/3 **Trail Ride** – 8322 Blomberg Road, Cherry Valley, IL. Hosts: Jenis Ellingwood & Sheri Roberson. \$10 bridal tag per rider (resident) and \$15 non-resident). Additional information to be provided closer to the event
- 8/9 **Associates Play Day** – Spring Grove Horse Park. Classes are 1) lead line; 2) walt/trot; 3) walk/trot/canter; 4) Simon says; 5) musical sacks; 6) water relay; 7) ribbon race; and 8) key hole. Posse members are free / guests are \$10. Time is 10 – 4; gates open at 9. Lunch will be provided, please bring a dish to share.
- 8/16 **Grayslake Parade** – Additional information to be provided closer to the event
- 8/17 **CMO Orienteering** – Brookdale CMO Ride, Woodstock IL. Posse is covering the \$12 registration fee for event but rider will need to purchase the \$5 non-member fee for insurance (required) - see attached flier. Please let us know if you plan to attend. Text ((262)716 -2157) or email (Batsimcha1@yahoo.com) Beth Santi with your RSVP.
- 8/23 **AP Ranch Clinic** - Additional information to be provided closer to the event (Host: Sheri Roberson)

FEATURED POSSE MEMBER: RUBY HOLMQUIST

Ruby Holmquist joined the Posse in 1959 and was a charter member, although she never wished to claim the honor. Ruby served as Secretary/Treasurer for 16 years, between 1965 and 1982, and then continued as Secretary thru 1987. After essentially running the club for all those years she served as a Director for a year or two and then finally gave in to pressure from the membership to run for President and was unanimously elected in 1990. In 1994, the club celebrated Ruby's 80th birthday with ninety plus people attending a dinner party in her honor at the Country Squire Restaurant in Grayslake (the old Sears homestead, now torn down). Ruby retired in 1979 from her real estate management position with the U. S. Navy. Then, in addition to continuing as Secretary/Treasurer for the Posse, she also co-founded the Illinois Trail Riders Association and served as their President. Her dedication to the Posse was outstanding and was an inspiration to new members. She has been dearly missed by all those who knew her since her passing in 1995. Ruby was granted Lifetime Membership in 1980.



Featured Posse Member Ruby Holmquist

Joined the Posse 1959. President of the Club 1990. Co-founder of Illinois Trail Riders Association. With great admiration, respect and appreciation for all she did for our club and for the horse community. Her story lives on in many Posse member recollections today.

In Memoriam



"She'll stand to it. There's a likely craft, lad, and one to sail any sea. You can see it in the clear eyes of her and the way she carries her head. Give me always a woman with pride, and pride of being a woman. She's such a one."

- Louis L'Amour

Ruby Holmquist

January 8, 1914 - October 4, 1995

*I hope there are heavenly trails on high
Where the Crazy Horse Range fades into the sky.
A sheltering forest, a lake crystal clear
Where fire is your friend and the water, your mirror.*

*Ruby, ride like the devil - spend long, lusty days,
Then water those horses, and turn them to graze.
Explore every trail, every perch high and low;
Through storm and through tempest, cinch up tight & go.*

*It may be a day and it may be a year,
But I'll bet one day, Ruby, you'll pack up your gear.
Kid gloves on your hands masking fists made of steel,
Armed with good sense, and impatient to deal,
Seek cause worth your time and the words to get through
For even in Heaven there's work left to do.
It would be no surprise, and in fact, mighty clear,
To see those grey wolves making peace with the deer.*

*You've been taken from us, though we don't know what for,
We needed you here, but He needed you more.
So build a nice fire and then pull up a chair,
And wait for us all to meet up with you there.
Welcome us home and fresh bedding provide . . .
A hot cup of coffee, a good horse to ride.*

- Andy Seng



LCMP 2025 HORSE SHOW VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for the LCMP Annual Horse Show on July 19th at Spring Grove Horse Fair. To volunteer, contact Kelly Dickson. Phone: (847) 276-5280; eMail: dksnx4@sbcglobal.net

TRAIL RIDE ETIQUETTE

Dear Members,

Trail ride season is in full gallop and your trail chairs would like to remind members of the standing procedures regarding trail rides.

As a general rule, we want to ride out on our sponsored rides as a group. Our intent is to leave as a group; we will call out to mount up (and gather for a picture whenever possible), and then announce the "trail boss." For each ride, we will have a volunteer trail "boss" (term in keeping with the spirit of the Old West") to lead our rides as their horses' temperament and spirit allows. As our rules highlight, the trail boss can convey authority but this doesn't necessitate them being at the front of the group, therefore, as needed they may appoint assistant trail bosses to lead, or lead from within the group.

If for any reason you have to leave the group please make sure to let the trail boss know.

Below is from our Posse Bylaws:

5. TRAIL RIDE ETIQUETTE AND RULES: The Posse Trail Boss and appointed assistant trail bosses are responsible for maintaining common sense practices to make riding the trails as safe and enjoyable as possible for everyone, regardless of the individual riders experience and/or horsemanship skills. The Trail Boss's authority is absolute and will insist on the following basic rules:

- Do not pass the lead trail boss; the trail boss sets the pace.
- Do not lag behind or become separated from the group.
- Stay on designated trails.
- No racing or horseplay!
- Pass other riders only at the walk or slow jog. Warn riders going in the same direction of your intentions to pass.
- Absolutely no litter on the trail! Carry all refuse with you and dispose of it properly.
- Clean up after every ride and event. Parking areas must be left free of manure, hay and bedding materials. Picnic areas should be spotless before leaving.
- Additional rules will be published or announced as required for specific trail ride activities. Each member is expected to follow these rules for the safety and enjoyment of all.
- Each Member is responsible to follow the rules of each specific venue i.e. Forest Preserve, State Park.

Happy Trails,

Debi Neuman and Kimberley Moon

TENTATIVE DATES FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity	Contact
Saturday, Sep 13th	Trail Ride – Bong	The Yanuzzi's
Sunday, Oct 5th	Fall Ride – Old School Forest Preserve, use parking lots D & E	The Posse

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Saturday, Oct 18 th	Bonfire and Dutch Oven Cooking	TBD
Sunday, Oct 19 th	Barrington Riding Center	Pam Ziedman
Saturday, Oct 25 th	Halloween Trail Ride – Chain O Lakes	Friels and Debi Neuman
Sunday, Nov 2 nd	Trail Ride Place Holder	Vickie Wancho
Saturday, Dec 6 th	Christmas Party	

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

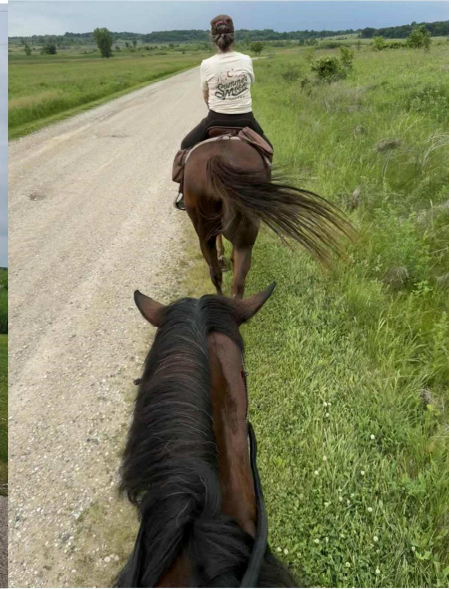
Libertyville Parade





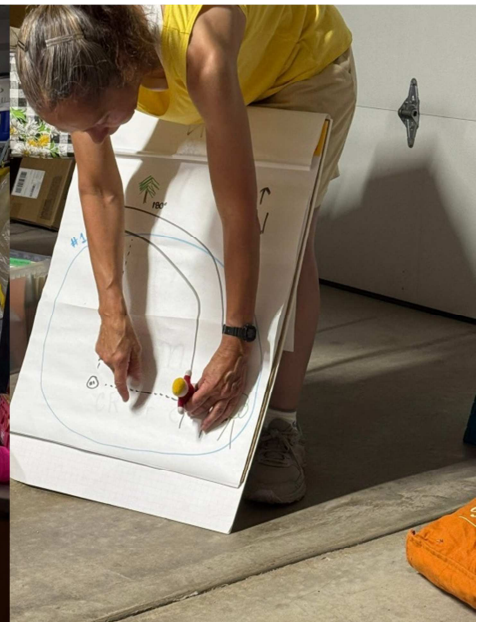


Glacier Park Ride





Competitive Mounted Orienteering (CMO) – Un-mounted





WEBSITE and FB INFORMATION

www.lcmp.info

friel.horses1996@gmail.com

For our Facebook page and our website, please send to us pictures from your rides or other activities you have done this season. We want all members and potential members to see what we are up to and that the club is still riding and active. If you are planning, spur of the moment, to go out and ride the trails, send us a message and we will post it on Facebook. The board voted that it doesn't have to be a LCMP sponsored event to post this on our Facebook page. Some members may not be able to join a club ride but may have the time to ride at another time. This is also a way to stay connected with our members and to not have to ride alone.

If you are interested in helping with the website, please contact Matt Friel for details.

WEBSITE PICTURES

For new members and anyone who want to update their picture on the Posse website, please send your photo to Matt Friel at webmaster@lcmp.info. Please send the picture as an attachment in your email.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & TEAMS

The membership cannot thrive without the help from our members on various committee jobs. This year, we would like to put together teams to assist with each Committee Chair. **We need volunteers** - please contact Jennifer Friel or Debi Neuman if you are interested in helping out. The Board will help you all the way. Thank you so much!!

Committee	Chairs
Associate Liaison/Resources	Lynn Goodell & Beth Santi
Communications/Website	Jennifer & Matt Friel
Fall Ride	Ghislaine deKoning & Jennifer Friel
Holiday Party	Betsy Faitz & Debi Neuman
Horse Show	Ghislaine deKoning / Kelly Dickson
Legislative Committee	Lynn Goodell
Non-Riding Events	The Board
Parades	Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright
Play Days	The Board
Possee Apparel	Betsy Faitz & Matt Friel
Trail Rides	Kim Moon & Debi Neuman

OFFICERS FOR 2025

President: Debi Neuman
Vice President: Mike Mahan
Secretary: Beth Santi
Treasurer: Ghislaine deKoning

If you have any membership questions or concerns, please feel let us know – we'll help however we can.



POSSE WEAR

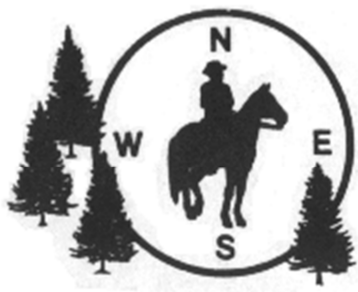
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Link for The Lettering Machine for T-Shirts: <https://theletteringmachine.com/LCMP/shop/home>

ANIE'S JAMS AND JELLIES

Message from Anie Weiler:

“If anyone needs some jam, they can contact Ghislaine deKoning. The jam(s) will be outside on her table with a separate jar for payment. If they live near me, they could come to my house and in the back, I will have their order on the table. See you soon, Anie Weiler”



Brookdale CMO Ride, Woodstock IL

Sunday August 17, 2025

National Association of Competitive Mounted Orienteering

Come and Compete!

5 plate Short and 10 plate Long course rides.

Are you in the market for a new horse activity? Meet some fun new folks and have a purpose to your trail ride! Come try CMO! Competitive Mounted Orienteering is a timed event. Find 5-10 markers using a map (provided), and your compass. Riders compete either individually or in teams of 2 or more. Ride at any pace you like. We provide instructions and a practice marker before the ride. It's easy and fun to learn. We'll train you! Bring an orienteering style compass such as a Silva 7.

WHEN: Sunday August 17th, 2025. Pre-ride meeting 10:00 am. First riders out 10:30 am. Last riders out 4:00 pm.

FEES: Official ride sanctioned by NACMO. \$12/adult rider, \$6/junior rider. Non-members of NACMO will pay \$5 additional for one-day membership to cover insurance.

This is an IL McHenry County park. Day ride only. No camping facilities at Brookdale. Horse camping facilities available at Rock Cut State Park, approximately 1 hour away.

Trailhead at Paulsen Road parking lot. Picnic tables, pit toilet and mounting block available. No water. 7 miles of trail through prairie and forest. Easy trails on mowed grass. Ride through the remnants of the old Woodstock Hunt Club.

For more information, visit our national website www.nacmo.org , IN/IL CMO Facebook page or contact Ride Manager:

Debra Rubel debra.rubel@collins.com or 815-222-7630.

