



## AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER



**Our next General Meeting is Wednesday, September 10th**

**We will meet at Allen Dilg's home, 34761 N Cemetery Rd, Gurnee, IL**

Meeting will start promptly at 7:00 but come early for pizza. Room opens at 6:00pm.

Speaker will be Lynn Diettrich – Lynn will be joining us to share her experience with using Young Living Essential Oils for over 25 years. Not as a silver bullet but a support to wellness with her horses, dogs, cats and family. Join us to learn some basic tools that can support more choices with emergency situations and daily routines. It's not just oils so come join us to learn how we can empower our wellness journey. Lynn is known by many Posse members and is a former member of LCMP. Lynn owns and operates Diettrich Farm in Salem Wisconsin. To learn more about Lynn you check out her website [diettrichfarm.com](http://diettrichfarm.com).



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AUGUST**

#### **August**

- 8/3 **Trail Ride** – Oakridge Forest Preserve at Cherry Valley parking area: 8322 Blomberg rd., Cherry Valley, IL 61016 ([www.winnebago-forest.org](http://www.winnebago-forest.org)). 9:30 meet / 10 am ride out. Lunch is Italian Beef sandwiches. Please bring a dish to share and a chair. Hosts: Jenis Ellingwood & Sheri Roberson. \$10 bridal tag per rider (resident) and \$15 non-resident). **Trail passes can be bought on site with cash or check only at a kiosk** (only seasonal passes are available online).
- 8/9 **Associates Play Day** – Spring Grove Horse Park, 8105 Blivin Street, Spring Grove, IL. Gates open at 9am, classes start at 10. 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) keyhole. 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. See flyer for more information.
- 8/16 **Grayslake Parade** – This is our last parade for 2025!! It's a late afternoon step off at 4:30 p.m. Unit members should plan on arriving no later than 3:15, Our parking area will be at the Grayslake High School parking lot entering from Hillside Avenue. We will park along the north / curb side just to the right, forming two lines but leaving an open area in the middle for our support vehicles. Larger trailers may have to park up the hill or to the upper left of the parking lot. Please clean up your area...take poo with you; DO NOT throw it on the grass or into the bushes. Ice cream, cake, snacks, water and soda will be provided.
- 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, Richmond – Coggins certificate required before horse is unloaded.** 8500 W Burgett Rd. Richmond. Arrive after 9am. Event time is 10 – 2. Lunch will be served. Sheri Roberson (please contact Sheri with questions - **do not** contact AP Ranch) See email for additional information/instructions.
- 8/27 **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

## September

- 9/10 **General Meeting** - Allen Dilg's home in Gurnee. Meeting will start promptly at 7:00 but come early and eat dinner. We are ordering pizza. BYOB to ensure you have your beverage of choice. The barn is very interesting and full of "eye candy" for Allis-Chalmers tractor history, etc. There is a bathroom.
- 9/13 **Trail Ride – Bong.** Location & times are TBD. Hosts: Yanuzzi's
- 9/21 **Trail Ride –** Location & times are TBD; Hosts: the Board
- 9/24 **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

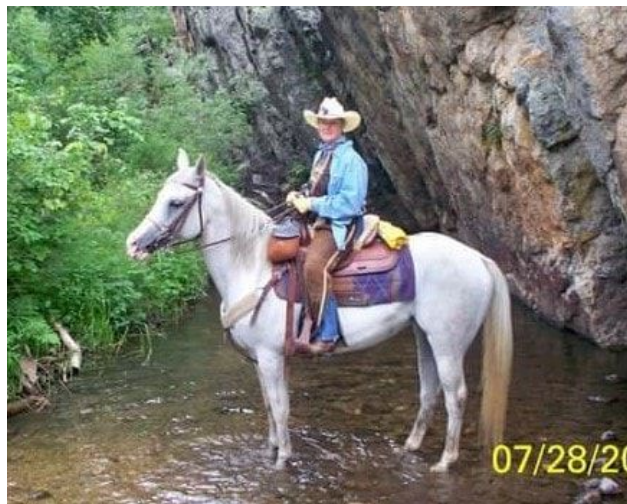
## TENTATIVE DATES FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity	Contact
Sunday, Oct 5th	Fall Ride – Old School Forest Preserve, use parking lots D & E	The Posse
Saturday, Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	Barrington Riding Center	Pam Ziedman
Sunday, Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	LCMP Horse Show	Ghislaine deKoning
Saturday, Oct 25th	Halloween Trail Ride – Chain O Lakes	Friels and Debi Neuman
Sunday, Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Trail Ride Place Holder	Vickie Wancho
Saturday, Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party	

## FEATURED POSSE MEMBER BETSY FAITZ

Betsy recalls her early horse-riding experiences began where she grew up near Dayton Ohio. Her mom wasn't on board with her learning to ride horses, fearful she'd get hurt so she and a few friends, having saved their babysitting money, would sneak away on their bikes riding quite a distance to a boarding stable to ride horses. A LOT. She said they would have to ride extra time to cool them down before coming back to the stables. I asked how she learned to ride horses, and she replied, "from watching cowboy movies."

Betsy was an "Air Force Brat." She lived at many bases and recalls Puerto Rico being her favorite. Her Dad was an Air Force photographer and would ride in the nose section photographing bombings during WWII.



Before Betsy married, she used to go to Double J Ranch in Michigan. It was a place to meet people, trail ride, included meals, and no tech allowed. All-inclusive at only \$99 day! She was leaning towards leaving the ranch earlier than scheduled when she and friends encountered some newcomers of the “Cowboy” variety and decided to stay on. One of these guests named Karl eventually became Betsy’s husband. Betsy bought her 1st horse Prince, a 15-year-old red roan. “Karl didn’t want me riding alone so he bought Ransom, a liver Appaloosa. I knew he was a keeper when I introduced him to Prince, and he offered to clean his stall so I could go riding.” Karl also bought Betsy her first saddle, a Billy Cook.

Betsy moved to Oak Lawn, where Karl resided. It was then Betsy bought her next horse from Circle H Ranch. His name was “Tucker” a 16.2H Red Roan. Eventually Betsy and Karl moved their horses to DJ stables in Mettawa.

Betsy recalls riding whenever she could, and with her friend Mary, their “policy” was to “ride no matter what.” Daniel Wright Woods was a frequent location, and she recalls they would race their horses down St. Mary’s Road. Eventually Betsy moved to White Birch Farms where her horse Tucker transitioned to a lesson horse and in exchange Betsy could ride any horse in the barn and take lessons. She had taken lessons prior as well at the previously mentioned Double J Ranch Club she had joined. It was here she had met Linda Schultz who was a member of the Posse.

Betsy owned another few horses thru the years including Sissy who eventually foaled “CanD” Betsy’s current horse. Between those two horses was “Blue” who was white, and her “Angel”.

Betsy was invited as a guest of Linda Schultz to a Posse Christmas party held at Midlane Country Club. She recalls a steak and lobster dinner! She decided to join the club (Gordon was President), this was in 1993. She recalls her 1st horse event being at Big Z and Ruby telling her to go get on a barrel, and always doing as Ruby says she did so, and was the partner in a famous Posse event called “Monkey on the Barrel.” Ruby rode hard, snatched Betsy off the barrel, and Betsy doesn’t recall who won, only that “they survived!”



Betsy has been an **always** active member of LCMP. She only missed ONE year (1999) of not serving on the board as director or officer due to cancer, which she said was cured by treatment, and humor.

Betsy has done just about everything on a horse: many long road trips to ranches and horse events, most memorable she says were Shawnee, South Dakota at Elk Haven and Broken Arrow, where she got lost, which she has been known to do 😊, but she said “CanD knew the way and it was shorter.” A host of other activities includes Team Penning with Roy and Bill Rantz & not getting home from events at Don Bar until 1 or 2 in the morning, Cutting, Roping lessons which she never mastered on horseback, Cross Country, Dressage, Cowboy Dressage, Arena Jumping, (these last 3 with Sally the trainer), Parade Boss the last 5 years and

more, Flag Bearer, co-host for Parade training sessions coined “horse harassment” which included motorcycles, police cars, fireworks and more.

Her most memorable horse happening in the Posse was being the American Flag bearer in a parade in Hainesville, where the 21-gun salute went off and her horse Blue went hi ho silver - Kit grabbed the

bridle, and she went up again bringing Kit up in the air as well!!! Betsy also enjoyed patrolling the Lake County Fair on horseback with the Posse and sharing the horse with people and keeping order.

When asked who her most memorable Posse members are, she replied “Ruby of course, and Roy. He was a True Cowboy.”

Submitted by Kimberely Moon.

## **WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?**

### Antioch Parade





**Mundelein Parade**





## Bristol Parade





## **WEBSITE and FB INFORMATION**

[www.lcmp.info](http://www.lcmp.info)

[friel.horses1996@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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. **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!!

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairs</b>
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
Posse 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

Link for Besco: <https://bescoawards.com/main.sc>

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”*