



SEPTEMBER 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

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.
- 9/14 **Trail Ride** – Richard Bong State Park. Meet up at 9:30, **park at SHELTER 2**, ride out at 10. Lunch will be pulled pork, buns, baked beans, soda and water. Bring a chair and a dish to share. Hosts: Yanuzzi's
- 9/21 **Trail Ride** – Sterling Lake. Meet at 9:30, ride out at 10; 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

October

- 10/05 **Roy's Fall Ride** – Old School Forest Preserve, use parking lots D & E. See Attached flier - Check in at 8:30am
- 10/08 **General Meeting** – Yorkhouse Tavern & Table in the Encore Room. 4555 W. York House Rd., Wadsworth, IL. Meeting will start promptly at 7:00 but come early and eat dinner
- 10/18 **Trail Ride** – Barrington Riding Center. Host: Pam Ziedman. More information in October newsletter
- 10/19 **LCMP Horse Show** – Spring Grove Horse Park, Illinois. See attached flier.

- 10/22 **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
- 10/25 **Halloween Trail Ride** – Chain O Lakes. Hosts: Friel’s and Debi Neuman. More information in October newsletter

TENTATIVE DATES FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity	Contact
Sunday, Nov 2 nd	Trail Ride Place Holder	Vickie Wancho
Saturday, Dec 6 th	Christmas Party	

GET READY FOR ROY’S FALL RIDE

Sunday – October 5th, 2024 – 9:00am to 3:00pm
 Old School Forest Preserve
 Lot’s D & E

CHECK IN AT 8:30am
 LONG RIDE AT 9:00am / SHORT RIDE AT 10:15am
 LUNCH BEGINS AT 1:00pm

If you have a favorite dessert, we would love for you to bring one!

We will have a Raffle Table and 50/50 tickets (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) Must be present to win.

See the attached flyer for cost and times

FEATURED POSSE MEMBER JAMIE CUSKER

Well, I guess my passion for horses started from birth. My parents actually got married on horseback and I have been on the back of a horse pretty much since I was born. The first 17 years of my life, I was pretty much riding every day, western saddle or bareback, whenever and wherever I could. My



grandparents had cornfields surrounding their property in Lake Villa. We would ride all over the cornfields and dirt bike trails. We even rode our horses down to the beach in Lake Villa. We rode in parades, Grayslake and Lake Villa. At the age of 17 my grandfather passed away so unfortunately, I had to give up my horses and then life happened. Growing up I wanted to be a jockey because I like to ride really fast but that dream faded, then I wanted to be a veterinarian, but school and I didn’t get along. Instead, I became a mom. Horses were put on the back burner. I had a couple horses throughout the years but once again life got too busy. Fast forward to five years ago, I decided I did not want to live without horses ever again. I bought a nine-month-old quarter horse, Diamond, and since I couldn’t ride her, I bought my 24- year-old Arabian to ride while in the process of training Diamond. Once Diamond became rideable, I started riding her all the time! We’ve gone on many trail rides. I’ve even taken her to

New Mexico. My goal with her at first was to be a barrel racer, but I'm not sure she is up for that. I like speed, she does not. So, for now, I'm on a journey of training her to be a great trail horse and just to have a lot of fun with her.

Challenges I'm having with my horse is she's young and I've never been a trainer. I've never been trained to train horses, although I have trained Diamond, all by myself. In all those years of not riding I unfortunately lost my riding confidence I'm trying to get that back, so Diamond and I are trying to overcome hurdles and figure it out together.

So how did I hear about the Lake County Mounted Posse? I moved to my current barn "Frenck Kiss Farm" in Bristol and a few months later Beth Santi moved there. We got to talking and realized we have similar riding styles, and we just clicked right away. She told me that she was in this club, and I was definitely interested, so I went to my first meeting and I've been hooked ever since. I finally got to be around people that share my passion and just enjoy riding and hanging out. Beth was my sponsor. I don't necessarily have any favorite time so far with the Posse. I'm definitely glad it's got me enjoying life and riding. I've met so many amazing people. It also reminded me of my love for line dancing, which I used to do when I was a kid as well!



Written by Jamie Cusker
Submitted by Kimberley Moon

P.S. Evidence Jamie likes to ride fast!



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO??? A LOT!!!

8/3 Oakridge Forest Trail Ride (14 riders – WOW!!)







8/9 Associates Play Day (6 brave participants and their trusty steeds 🐾)







8/16 Grayslake Parade – Cancelled due to lightning ⚡



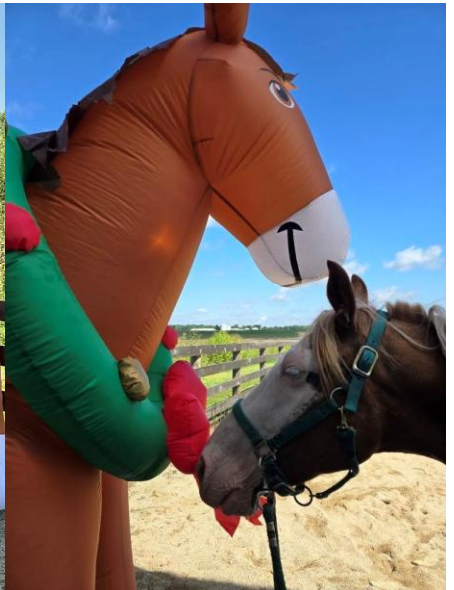
8/18 CMO Orienteering (the LCMP team took 2nd place!!)





8/23 AP Ranch Obstacle Course Play Day







WEBSITE and FB INFORMATION

www.lcmp.info

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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

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"