



MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER



Our next General Meeting is Wednesday, May 13, 2026

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

The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 but come early and eat dinner. Pizza and water will be served.
Room opens at 6:00pm

Speaker will be Frank Calsavara, Movie Stuntman

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following financials are for the first quarter of 2026. The first table is money we took in and paid out in 2026. The second table is our Balance Sheet, which is total net worth in savings, checking and CDs as of the end of March.

LCMP January - March 2026 Q1	
EXPENSE	\$ (2,803.09)
AWARDS	\$ (375.48)
COUNCIL FEES	\$ (105.00)
DECORATIONS	\$ (165.35)
FACILITY RENTAL	\$ (45.00)
GUEST SPEAKER	\$ (78.29)
MARKETING	\$ (195.00)
MEMBER DIRECTORIES	\$ (76.41)
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ (95.23)
PRESIDENT PLAQUE	\$ (20.00)
TAXES	\$ (50.00)
WEBSITE	\$ (181.14)
INSURANCE	\$ (1,416.19)
STATE OF ILL FEES	\$ -

INCOME	\$ 4,833.00
50/50 RAFFLE	\$ 162.00
DONATION	\$ 141.00
DUES	\$ 3,710.00
SPONSOR	\$ 820.00
BUMPER STICKERS/DECALS	\$ -
Grand Total income for 2026 as of Q1	\$ 2,029.91

Balance Sheet	
Checking	\$ 3,899.90
Savings	\$ 2,072.54
CDs	\$ 5,497.60
Grand Total - NetWorth	\$ 11,470.04



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAY AND JUNE

- 05/09 **Chain O Lakes Trail Ride** – Mother’s Day Ride at Chain-O-Lakes State Park hosted by Cindy Brademann. **Arrive at 11:30, lunch at noon; ride out at 1:00.** Bring a dish to share. Standard guest fees apply.
- 05/30 **Trail Ride** – Sterling Lake/Van Patten Woods, 15546 Russell Road, Zion IL - Kelly Dickson
- 06/12 **Parade Practice** – Barrington Hills Polo Club, 23815 Milton Rd., Wauconda, IL 60085. **For horses that have not been in a posse parade, attendance with horse is highly encouraged. We also would like to have a few “seasoned” horses and horses that can carry a flag to attend. Call/text Betsy to confirm. Deadline is June 5th.**
- 06/17 **Trail Ride** – Glacier Park hosted by K Moon, M Povich, D Rieter, D Robertson – Rain or hopefully shine!! IF trails in conservancy are closed, we can still ride the rail line and the service road. Arrive at 10:00 AM. Ride out at 10:30 and Lunch after ride. Use Hart Road parking lot – **NOT KEYSTONE LOT**. Lunch is sandwiches and side salads. Bring a dish to share and your own travel cup. Iced tea and lemonade will be available. There is an outhouse and shelter. Call Kim (224 538 0336) if you have any questions (or any host). Bring a lawn chair just in case.
- 06/20 **Libertyville Parade** – Look for details in June Newsletter
- 06/26 **Evening Trail Ride** – Sterling Lake/Van Patten Woods, 15546 Russell Road, Zion IL – Look for details in June Newsletter

TENTATIVE DATES FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity	Ride Host(s)*
Jul 4	Parade, Antioch IL	Betsy Faitz
Jul 5	Parade, Mundelein IL	Betsy Faitz
Jul 11	Horse Show	Ghislaine deKoning, Kelly Dickson
Jul 12	Parade, Bristol WI	Betsy Faitz
Jul 18	Trail Ride – Rush Creek, Harvard IL	Vickie Wancho / Mindy Sivright
Jul 26	Trail Ride – Lakewood Forest Preserve, Wauconda IL	Lynn Goodell/Karen Sullivan
Aug 15	Parade - Grayslake IL	Betsy Faitz
Aug 16	Trail Ride – Oak Ridge Forest Preserve, Cherry Valley IL	Jen Wise
Aug 30	Trail Ride – Sedge Meadow Forest Preserve, Wadsworth IL	Jamie Cusker/Beth Santi
Sep 13	Trail Ride – Barrington Riding Center	Pam Zeidman / Kim Moon / Debi Neuman
Sep 20	Associates Play Day – Dun Bar	Lynn Goodell / Jamie Cusker / Karen Zieman
Oct 4	Fall Ride – Richard Bong State Park, Kansasville WI	LCMP Board
Oct 24	Halloween Trail Ride – Chain O Lakes, Spring Grove IL	Debi Neuman / Jen & Matt Friel
Nov 1	Equine Trail Sport – Richard Bong State Park, Kansasville Wi	Karen Zieman
Nov 7	Bonfire at Ghislaines. Bring chili, sides and/or dessert. Soda, water provided by posse.	Ghislaine deKoning
Dec 5	Holiday Party – Parkway Banquet in Ingleside, IL	Betsy Faitz

***Hosts only provide the main dish. Attendees are expected to bring sides. Trail ride food budget for host is \$100 (excluding the fall ride). See Lake County Mounted Posse website form *How to Host a Trail Ride* for more information. Link: <http://www.lcmp.info/formsdocuments.html>**

WHOA & BEHOLD: BITS OF WISDOM

Monthly Equine Trivia

May: **Sensory Whiskers**

The long whiskers on a horse's muzzle are not just stray hairs. They are called vibrissae and they have their own nerve supply. Because horses cannot see the grass right under their nose, they use these whiskers to "feel" and identify what they are about to eat.

WE NEED HORSE SHOW SPONSORS

Our Horse show will be here faster than you think! The success of our show is based on the participants and volunteers but the biggest impact to the bottom line is the number of sponsors we can get. Let's have everyone commit to getting a sponsor or two for the show. Ask for support from your farrier, vet, farm store, feed store, equine dentist, trainer, the place that services your truck or tractor, the shavings vendor, the doctor of chiropractor that puts you back together after a fall, the store you buy your carrots at, the insurance dealer, or anyone that loves horses and wants to see these local horse shows continue.

The first large dollar sponsors may have their names on the show bill sponsoring classes. Everyone that sponsors will be announced throughout the day, their names will be displayed on our sponsor boards for everyone to see, and we will place business cards or brochures out on the registration table.

WEBSITE and FACEBOOK INFORMATION

www.lcmp.info

thecoddess@gmail.com

Share Your Saddle Snapshots! 📷 🐾

Whether you're hitting the trails, practicing in the arena, or just enjoying some quiet barn time, we want to see what you and your equine partners are up to!

Help us showcase the spirit of the Lake County Mounted Posse by sharing your photos. We love featuring our members and their horses on our social media to highlight the amazing things our community does.

What we're looking for:

- Trail rides and scenic views
- Parades, events, and local shows
- Training sessions or arena work
- Candid moments grooming, grazing, or relaxing at the barn

How to submit:

Simply send your photos directly to the **Lake County Mounted Posse Facebook Messenger**. Don't forget to include your horse's name and a quick sentence or two about what you're up to in the picture! Let's fill our feed with the best-looking horses and riders of the Lake County Mounted Posse!

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 Sheri Roberson or Kelly Dickson 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, Ghislaine deKoning
Communications/Website	Karen Ziemann, Matt Friel
Fall Ride	Ghislaine deKoning
Holiday Party	Betsy Faitz
Horse Show	Ghislaine deKoning, Kelly Dickson, Tami Bridges, Kelsey Mascorro
Legislative Committee	Lynn Goodell
Non-Riding Events	The Board
Parades	Betsy Faitz, Mindy Sivright, Jennifer Friel, Kelly Dickson
Play Days	The Board
Possee Apparel	Betsy Faitz, Matt Friel
Trail Rides	Mindy Sivright, Sheri Roberson
LCMP 70 th Anniversary Party	Debi Neuman, Kim Moon
Food	Mike Mahan
Equine Trail Sports Show	Karen Ziemann, Sheri Roberson, Tami Bridges, Patricia Yanuzzi

OFFICERS FOR 2026

President: Sheri Roberson
Vice President: Kelly Dickson
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”