



JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



Our next General Meeting is Wednesday, January 8, 2025

We will meet at **Tacos El Norte**, 401 N Riverside Dr., Gurnee, Illinois
The meeting room opens at 6:00pm if you would like to dine prior to the meeting.
Meeting will begin promptly at 7:00pm.

Speaker will be Ruby's Adventure group

Note: Pictures of individual members will be taken at the January general meeting to update our website. Or, you can send a picture to Matt Friel at webmaster@lcmp.info

JANUARY FEATURED POSSE MEMBER: JENNY BECKER

"Horses, my parents tell me, from when I was a young girl, were always my passion. They said there wasn't a countryside in England that let horses graze near a roadside that my parents wouldn't have to stop to allow me to get out and feed a few blades of grass or pet a muzzle."

Jenny was able to visit a lot of countrysides as her father was in the Royal Navy and they moved every 3-4 years.

***I recommend a warm cup of tea for this interesting read of just a portion of Jenny Becker's history. ***

Jenny knew from an early age she was going to work with horses. After finishing the required curriculum, at the age of 17 she pursued educating herself at the British Horse Society. She chose the longer programs offered, completing required courses and exams held at Windmill Hill Riding Academy. One of her responsibilities was prepping hunters from early stages through to the riding season. It is no surprise Jenny was asked to stay on as employee and did so for three years. This is where Jenny attained her riding skills in training as the working student.

Her family moved to the states and Jenny found horse work at the Barrington Hills Riding Center at the age of 21. An accident on horseback landed her with a concussion, putting her out of work for six months. While the facility persisted on wanting Jenny back at the center throughout her recovery, they also found a replacement, which Jenny did not know until two weeks after her return. This may sound like a sore turn of events, except that just prior to their releasing Jenny she met Tom De Meyer DVM, who had ONE horse at this facility that he had come to de-worm. She enquired if he knew anyone looking for help in the equestrian field and he hired her on the spot. It was through this long-term employment (1968-2021) of Dr. De Meyer (~Dr. Mann partner) that Jenny met many Posse members over the years.

Many members, including this writer, only knew Jenny through her voice on the receiving end of many calls to the vet practice. She was invaluable to the clients of the practice, affording wisdom, comfort, and compassion for human and horse. For many years Jenny was a guest of Posse members at events and rode many members' horses. Many of those rides bring back great memories. Some of the more memorable rides arise from trials on the trails. Jenny recalls one Fall Ride that she and Fred Carney were leading, she on a borrowed horse that was touted as a "solid, broke, riding lesson horse." It was a relaxing ride, uneventful until she and Fred took a wrong turn into a hard, dead end. There was no choice but to turn around and fish tail back through 98 horses. "Apparently my horse didn't know there were 98 more horses behind us!" Jenny said. After none of Jenny's skills could calm the horse, and Fred's assistance by ponying for a short while, Fred concluded— "this horse just isn't right in his head!" —Jenny with trembling knees and a glossy, frothy horse rode back to base. It was about one year after starting at the vet practice that Jenny met one of the high school kids who rode with Tom who had a horse for Jenny to see. Jenny took interest in this horse who needed some training and worked with him, and he ironed out nicely. Jenny then learned he was planning to sell and pounced, making "Yankee Boy", a black thoroughbred cross, her first horse for the sum of \$300.00. She rode only English and said, "yes, Posse members would look at me funny sometimes". She did not trailer Yankee Boy and rode the trails of Lakewood in Wauconda where she and her family also ran a training, breeding, and primarily boarding facility. Jenny said one year they had 13 foals. These are some of her fondest horse moments, in addition to a moment brought about by the passing of Posse legend Ruby Holmquist.....

Ruby had a wonderful Quarter Horse named "Kate". Many Posse members, knowing the value of owning such a wonderful horse, had inquired of the horse's disposition as did Jenny (through Roy). Jenny's daughter Amy, age 12 at the time, had always longed for her own horse. Ruby's son Tom, having been approached by Roy and others, concluded that "Kate" needed to stay in the Posse. It was decided that anyone interested needed to write a letter as to why "Kate" should be sold to them. Amy's letter was chosen! In thanks to Ruby Amy wrote the following:

*So wonderful,
So beautiful,
So loving and kind,
I didn't know her very well but she always kept
me in mind.*

*She took care of her horse,
Because she loved her so.
She was a natural Horseman at heart,
And in our lives she always played her part.*

*She was always helping,
In times of need.
She gave me her horse, And I love her of course.*



*Carl Heinrich, Katie's Foxy Lady aka "Kate" & Amy Becker
Jenny Becker, member since 1986, sponsored to join LCMP by Ruby Holmquist
Written and submitted by Kimberley Moon, 2025*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

- 01/08 **General Meeting** - Taco's El Norte in Gurnee. Meeting will start promptly at 7:00 but come early and eat dinner. Room opens at 6:00.
- 01/22 **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.
- 01/26 **4H Tack Sale** – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Wilmot High School; 11112 308th Ave, Wilmot WI 53192. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Beth Santi if interested.

NOTE: We will be discussing dates for rides at the January general meeting.

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 comfortable to contact any officer and we will help however we can.

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

The membership cannot thrive without the help from our members on various committee jobs. **We need volunteers** to help out in these roles. Please contact Debi Neuman or Beth Santi if you are interested in helping out. The Board will help you all the way. Thank you so much.

Committee	Chair(s)	Team
Associate Liaison/Resources		
Communications/Website		
Fall Ride		
Holiday Party		
Horse Show		
Legislative Committee		
Non-Riding Events		
Parades		
Play Days		
Posse Apparel		
Social Media/Facebook		
Trail Rides		

Please Renew Your Membership for 2025

Please get your membership forms and dues turned in!

The February General Meeting is the deadline to guarantee your name is printed in the Directory.

Send your Membership renewal and signed Waiver to:
Beth Santi
29103 112th Place
Trevor, WI 53179

Make checks to: LCMP **See Attached Form**

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Holiday Party





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.



*****POSSE WEAR and VEHICLE DECALS*****

We will have vinyl decals for your car, truck or horse trailer available for purchase in May! We will sell small shield and star logos at meetings and events. Large decals and stickers are available for purchase directly from the vendor.

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"