

Featuring Laura and Joe Paukner
Joined the Posse in 1982
35-year members!

We were boarding our horse "Royale" and Quarter Horse~Morgan at Don Bar farms (at that time under the management of friends Wayne and Jane Reinke) when we became friends with Bob Leuder another boarder who sponsored us to join the Posse. I (Laura) used to ride my horse in parades, the most memorable being in Chicago! I was sooo nervous because I was told to be sure to have my horse's shoes pulled before participating and wasn't able so I rode white knuckled the whole time! My horse was fine~that is until the Chinese Dragon showed up prompting a 360 turn! We survived. Meetings I recall them being held at the Rustic Manor. I served as treasurer a few years~ always nervous at the end of the year because there was always a review of the "books". I then served as secretary. There are many memorable Posse members but I say that Ruby Holmquist and Roy are the "backbone" of the Posse. My most memorable rides with the Posse I'd have to say were camping at Big Piney. My husband would ride my horse and Bill Seng would loan me one of his. I caused a little mischief while I was there earning myself the nickname of "Juvenile" the rest of the week. I also recall the descent into camp being quite rough, and steep, taxing on the brake systems. This being a contributing factor to another memory of fellow Posse members Dave and Wendy McClurg, Skip and Bernie Nieber and the year they borrowed our old motor home to trailer horses down. I recall waking early one morning, still near dawn and foggy and seeing the shadow of something in the grassy swamp area near our camp, as my vision focused it was our motor home and horse trailer stuck in about two feet of water!!! Well, you can imagine how that day evolved~