

# June 2017 Newsletter



## Founded in 1957 we celebrate our 60th year!

General Meeting

Tacos El Norte, September 13, 2017

Meeting room opens for Posse members 6pm for those who want to dine prior to meeting.

Sign-In and Social Time 7pm

*Chips and Salsa will be available!*

Meeting begins @ 7:30pm

**Featuring Guest Speaker:** Betsy Faitz will share her 2017 summer camping experiences with the club!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Today: Sponsor a Class for the Horse Show!**

Please contact Ghislaine deKoning our Horse Show Chair to reserve sponsorship for a High Point Class. We also need sponsors for each class for only \$25.00. These sponsorships are what support the Posse being able to sponsor this event and your name or the business you seek for sponsorship will be highlighted during that class.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>, Friday Night** - Associates Play Night will be held at Don Bar Farms. Starting at 6:00, classes begin at 6:45. **ALL horses coming will need to have proof of negative Coggins and proof of Rhino vaccination.** If you give your own vaccinations, please bring proof of purchase. Park trailers on Mill Creek Road facing south. Cars can enter the property and park at no charge. Signed release waivers will be needed if participating in any event. New this year will be Ranch pattern class as well as the walk/trot, walk/trot/canter and speed classes, including Key Hole, Barrel Racing and Pole Bending.

#### **June 21st Posse Board Meeting**

7 PM @ Thirsty Horse. Please contact our President, Debi Neuman if you are planning to attend so we may place you on the agenda.

**Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>: Parade Clinic and Trail Safety @ Diettrich's Farm!** The fun and learning starts at 1:00 pm and will end at approximately 3:00 pm. \$5.00 admission for Posse members and \$10.00 for guest. Please RSVP to [Lynn@thediettrichfarm.com](mailto:Lynn@thediettrichfarm.com). How do you build a relationship with your horse so that when he gets scared he turns to you for comfort? Come to the Posse parade and trail safety class and learn the answer! We will create situations where the horses learn to be willing to do what the rider has to offer. You will learn more about reading your horse and how to guide them through a tight spot. You will also learn more about what your body does that either interferes or helps your horse understand what you want. Whether it's a baby buggy in the parade or a turkey on the trail (there's all kinds 😊) you will run into something someday that these skills will be able to help you. Plus, it is lots of fun. Hope to see you all! Lynn Diettrich

Our parade unit rides at parades through the summer months in various communities, entertaining parade onlookers in Lake & Kenosha Counties with our Uniformed Posse Members riding well-groomed and decorated horses lead by our color guard carrying the our American, Illinois and Posse Flags. It takes many volunteers to pull this together each year. So, if you're interested in riding, learning, "scooping", walking, washing, supporting our parade unit, contact Cindy Mahan!

**Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mundelein Parade**

**Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade at Antioch**

**Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>: Ranch Riding Clinic (Tentative)**

**Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>: Bristol Parade**

**Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>: Trail Ride at Sterling Lake**

**Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>: LCMP Horse Show at Spring Grove Horse Fair Park**

\*Need volunteers and sponsors! Mike Mahan will be grilling up hamburgers/hot dogs for sale! Come help your club, it's going to be an eventful day!

### **RECAP OF MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND TRAIL RIDES**

Memorial Day Weekend Trail Rides and fixin's took place Saturday and Sunday at Horserider's Camp, Palmyra. **Saturday:** We had 9 riders make it to the obstacle course at Hwy. S. These riders received 1<sup>st</sup> pick of bandana's from SKMTHA that feature the trails from camp. Remaining riders received the bandana's if they rode on trail that day and the last few were awarded to fast responses to Posse "fact" questions. Kimberley Moon and Cindy Mahan hosted **32 guests!** at the group campsite (15 replying yes by evite and 5 maybe). We had a few burgers to spare and the food and fire were enjoyed by all. **The scrumptious baked beans were cooked over the campfire by Cindy Mahan** if you're lookin for the recipe. We were even blessed to have our youngest posse member wearing his Posse colors and bandana in attendance! We even had a few Iron Horses visit the camp site. **Sunday:** Morning we had a rainy, rainy start to an eventual beautiful day. We met at the shelter and were welcomed by HOT coffee from the Povich's, and Mike Mahan with two giant Dutch Ovens of magnificent egg, cheese, one spinach, one meat creations topped with cheesy, crispin hash browns. Mike hosted 12 Posse member guests (13 replying yes by evite and 2 maybe) PLUS 7 new horse camper friends that Betsy invited from camp to join our abundant breakfast feast! SOOO fun. Thanks to all who came and thankful for the beautiful countryside in which we get to ride!!

*Written by Kimberley Moon*

**WHAT'S NEW**

**Posse Cookbook** in honor of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Debi Neuman is collecting recipes from Posse Members to create a Posse Cookbook. She is particularly looking for recipes brought to rides and other Posse functions and celebrations, although any of your favorite recipes will be welcome! Email your favorite Posse recipe to Debi @ [debra.neuman@gmail.com](mailto:debra.neuman@gmail.com)

Debi is also looking for one more volunteer to accompany her and Buff Winston to the annual Horseman's council meeting. The council meeting is scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup> in Woodstock. If interested please contact Debi.



Featuring  
Dave Skofstad  
Posse Members since 1993  
*Dave contributing the story!*

Yes. I was that guy. I bought my first horse, Hunter, from Fred Carney in September 1989 and rode him in the Posse Fall Ride in October. The ride was open to the public at that time. I showed up with a horse I didn't know in a borrowed truck and trailer wearing a ball cap and tennis shoes, with a ticket purchased from Ruby Holmquist, to risk life and limb among six hundred horses, a great many of whom were similarly ill-prepared. I have often said the only thing that kept me alive was that Fred sold me a horse that was smarter than I was.

It was on that first Fall Ride that I was introduced to Roy Westergard. Shortly after our group of one hundred horses entered the woods on the south side of Wadsworth Road, we came to a halt. After a lengthy time standing and with several of the horses becoming fractious and impatient, a lone rider on a dark bay gelding came working his way through the line of horses, grumbling to himself, "You can always tell how much trouble you're gonna have on a ride by counting the number of palominos!"

That "little bay walkin' horse", as Fred often referred to him, went on to keep me alive through twenty-three consecutive Fall Rides and many other adventures, culminating in being tapped for the honor of Posse president in 2007. My faithful Hunter was retired after the New Year's Day ride in 2012 and just last week, aged thirty-four years, he was laid to rest next to his beloved Honey who was his constant companion for twenty-four years.

Our family acquired more horses over the years. There was Haley the Devil Pony, a registered Appaloosa with no spots named Sheza Classy Dandy, and a navicular Quarter horse named Traveller. We have never sold a horse. The most remarkable of the lot was Honey By Sam, a palomino (sorry Roy) mare who was my wife Colleen's mount for many years until our youngest daughter needed a 4H horse and our selection of Traveller turned out to be an unwise choice. In his defense, Traveller was drugged to conceal his chronic lameness both times we went to try him. With no time to search out a suitable mount for Morgan, it was agreed Colleen would give up Honey.

So, at the age of twenty-three, Honey began her show career. In what was the first show for both Morgan and Honey, they took Grand Champion Western Pleasure for the intermediate level. For six show seasons, Morgan and Honey collected many blue ribbons and never failed to bring home at least one Grand Champion trophy. That includes their last season when Morgan made the decision to retire Honey from the show ring at age twenty-eight. For four more years, Honey

continued doing trail rides and appearing in the Posse parade unit. She did three parades and the Fall Ride in her last year at age thirty-one.

My family has been so blessed by having our horses in our life. And the Posse is a good part of the reason. All the help, support, and camaraderie has added richly to our experience. We have made friends that are closer than family.

*Written by Dave Skofstad; member family since 1993 being sponsored to join the Posse by Donna and Jim Reiter.*

**Wanted:** LCMP Members! In celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> year we would like to feature an interview with a member each month! If you are willing to share your Posse history with the club, please contact Kimberley Moon

### **Posse Reminders:**

- ✚ **Posse Web Site:** [www.lcmp.info](http://www.lcmp.info) This is a good resource for you to access forms that pertain to our club and check our schedule of events. Member Renee Paukner is our Webmaster. The website also has links to our Facebook page and Posse Wear vendor, Besco.
- ✚ Sue Behringer is Chair for Clinics and Play Days. Kimberley Moon is Chair for Trail Rides. Steve Lesselyoung is Chair for Guest Speakers. Ghislaine is Chair for Horse Show. Please feel free to contact any Board member anytime!
- ✚ Cindy Mahan is our Parade Boss for 2017
- ✚ Link to Horseman's Counsel of Illinois (HCI) of which the Posse is a member:  
<http://hci.wildapricot.org/>
- ✚ Reminder: you can shop for your "official posse wear" (and pay for it) on line with Besco. The website is [www.lcmp.info](http://www.lcmp.info) and you can find a link here to easily make your purchases!

Submitted by Sue Zumalt  
LCMP Secretary