

October 2017 Newsletter



Founded in 1957 we celebrate our 60th year!

General Meeting
Tacos El Norte, October 11, 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

Free drink ticket for everyone that attends the meeting! ☺

A word from our President – Debi will be giving an update on the recent Horseman’s Council Meeting that she attended on July 22, 2017

Turtle Mania.... yes, that’s right! We will be raising money to adopt 2 turtles from the Preservation Foundation of Lake County Forest Preserves. A Donation Jar will be available as well as a penny and dime auction!



No, not that kind of turtle..... This kind of turtle!

Posse Presents the Slate for 2018 Board

Article VI. Nomination

Section 1. Candidates for the elective offices shall be recommended by a nominating committee appointed by the President. Candidates are presented at the October General Membership Meeting.

Section 2. Other nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member at the October General Meeting.

Section 3. In case there is more than one candidate for any office, election shall be held by secret ballot sent to the Membership in the November Newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 1st, The Fall ride will be held at Palmyra Horserider's campground this year. Trail passes and vehicle stickers are required. There will be 2 rides (one for faster horses, one for slower horses) both leaving at 10:00 am, there will be no pop stop. Lunch will be ready at 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for guest. Tickets will be distributed at the ride. Coffee and Donuts will be served before the ride. Please bring a dessert for a dish to pass. Cucumbers/tomatoes from member's gardens are always welcome. **Located in the Kettle Moraine State Forest-Southern Unit. [W830 Little Prairie Road, Palmyra, WI 53156](#) (262) 594-6200**

Wednesday, October 11th, General Meeting @ Tacos El Norte, [401 N Riverside Drive, Ste 27, Gurnee, IL 60031](#) (847) 623-3034

Sunday, October 22nd, Trail ride at Chain O' Lakes State Park hosted by Brittany Houghtaling. 9:00 am serving biscuits and gravy along with orange juice and coffee. Ride out at 10:00. Chili will be served for lunch around noon. Bring a dish to pass. Awards for best costume horses and riders. The Chain O' Lakes State Park is located at [8916 Wilmot Rd, Spring Grove, IL 60081](#) and can be reached by calling (847) 587-5512.



SAVE THE DATE: Posse 60th Anniversary Party November 4th @ the American Legion in Gurnee!

60th Anniversary Committee update:

Our party is fast approaching! We have Betsy who has volunteered to chair the table settings along with Sue Behringer and Donna Bliss. IF you have an old pair of western cowboy boots that you are willing to let go of for our centerpieces please bring to the October meeting. Contact **Betsy** if you want to help. Ghislaine and Cindy Seng will be working on photo background for members attending the party. We are in need of "Western" themed props. Please contact **Ghislaine** if you would like to help with this. **Dave Skofstad** will be creating a song list to play during the event. Please, please email Dave with western songs you would like to hear during our party. Our invitations have been mailed and committee members Annie Weiler, Gordon Turnbull, and Ghislaine are working hard on trying not to miss any former Posse members who might want to attend so **please pass on** the contact information to them and we will get an invitation out. All members mentioned above are listed in the directory. If you have any questions or a desire to volunteer the day of the event please call

Kim @ 224-538-0336. We will not have the coffee table book ready for the event as it has been a major (but fun!) undertaking. Hoping for Christmas. Please continue to pass along photos, especially good quality and "historical" to Ghislaine. Please return your reservation \$ to Annie as soon as possible as we finalize table count and food preparations.

Sincerely,

Your 60th Anniversary committee: Ghislaine, Gordon, Annie, Deb, Betsy, Cindy S., Kimberley, Roy, Buff, Donna

RECAP of SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sunday, September 3rd, Posse JB Play Day Trail Ride @ Diettrich Farm, we had a super day to ride from Diettrich's Farm into Bong. There were about 18 riders evenly splint between a faster moving ride and a regular paced ride. We rode a few hours and returned for a "fiesta" with Pork Carnitas, guacamole and ALL the fixins, and of course desserts, on a table nicely decorated by Lynn's mom with vases of wild flowers. We had around 30 in all for lunch which was great (so no too many left overs)! A little fun and games with a water balloon toss at the end of the day was won by Mike Moon and Marianne Waring. Top prize was a jar of Annie's Jammies for each of them.

Sunday, September 17th, Trail Ride at Rush Creek hosted by Sandy Monk, co-hosted by Vickie Wancho. The day was a little overcast and bug free!!! Around 10 people attended the event. Bill and Heide Mielke were our trail guides. We had pizza for lunch and some really good desserts!

Wednesday, September 27th, Posse Event: "A night at the movies." Posse members and a few guests were treated to a spread of appetizers provided by the Posse Board, plus popcorn made by Mary Povich. Our featured movie was Unbranded, filmed in 2010, a documentary featuring a real life journey of 4 cowboys who trained and rode wild mustangs from Mexico to Canada. Your board has trying to hatch this event for a while (thanks to the suggestion of a Posse member), searching theaters and other venues without success until Lynn and Dick Wells agreed to reserve their community clubhouse for us. Many thanks to all for coming and especially Lynn and Dick. We will be raffling a copy of Unbranded at the October meeting!

Posse Featured Member Dick Wells Member since 1961 *Submitted by Kimberley Moon*

I first started working with horses at a stable in Lake Villa called Ridgeview. I did that on the weekends while I was working as an electrician apprentice. I was 18 and had finally earned enough money to afford to buy a horse. It was a very decent riding horse. I bought it for \$125.00 which at the time wasn't unusual. It was a grade QH. The next horse I bought was a registered QH for \$500.00. I thought that price ridiculous. His name was Rusty's Flash. I used to ride the weekends and compete in barrels, and flag races (Dick's favorite), and the "Handy Horse" event aka "kegs" which I would usually win consistently. These were events at registered QH shows. There used to be QH shows every weekend, some at the fairgrounds, some at the arena next to the Saddle Shop. You could go to a show every weekend in Lake County back then. I came to join the Posse when I met a plumber, Mike Martin while working on a job at Carmel HS. He invited me to a Posse meeting, I liked the people I met there so I joined. We met at a restaurant in Libertyville called Bien Venue owned by Jake Hoff (one of the original charter Sheriff's Posse members). These meetings took place on Tuesdays when the restaurant was closed. It eventually was lost to fire. I also recall meetings at Hadley Campbell's stable. We met at many different places in Lake County, wherever someone was willing to have us.

I've probably owned around 15 horses in my life. Bought most of them from Timmerman's.

Have enjoyed trail riding and parades. Use to ride on many trails in Lake County that weren't formal trails. I used to enjoy the trail rides when a guy would have to lead us out, we would all ride out together at the same time, and the guy would lead us back all at the same time. I enjoyed talking and getting to know other people on the rides.



The best trail rides were Labor Day weekends in Palmyra camping. We used to pull our truck and trailers into a field, tie our horses to the trailer overnight, throw hay down in the trailer (after we cleaned it) and sleep in there. We'd ride to Eagle... it wouldn't be unusual to see 200 horses up there. I'd have to say I remember riding with Mike and Suzie Martin most fondly. They used to live off Dilley Road. Remember riding trails around Stewart Farm and Stearns School Road. My most memorable President was George Graham, I thought he did a really good job.

There was a time that I had moved to Texas but the work didn't remain steady, but I kept my membership in the Posse. Later on, there came a time when my wife Lynn, at the age of 62 got tired of me leaving to go ride with the horse, truck and trailer. She learned how to ride and bought a horse. The first was a straight curly horse, then a Paint (Honor) and then another (J-Lo). J-Lo was a wonderful horse, wish we would have bought her sooner.



Lynn and I don't ride anymore but still enjoy the company of the Posse as always, being retired and a trip now and then to visit my son Gary in Oklahoma who trains Calf-Roping horses for a living. He is an AQHA Professional Horseman and Judges roping classes.

Happy Trails,
Dick Wells

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2017

Posse Cookbook in honor of our 60th 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

Posse Reminders:

- ✚ **Posse Web Site:** www.lcmp.info This is a valuable 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 and you can find a link here to easily make your purchases!

Submitted by Sue Zumalt
LCMP Secretary