



## AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER



### \*\*\*September Meeting is at Lakewood Forest Preserve\*\*\*

Sunday, September 13: Lakewood Trail ride, lunch and General Meeting.

9:30 arrive ride out at 10:00.

Lunch at noon and General Meeting following. Posse to provide the lunch and beverages.

### Letter from The President:

Hi Posse Members,

I can't believe that it is August already!! Where has the summer gone? One thing I do know is that the July weather surely has not failed us!!! July held true to its word - It was HOT, HOT, HOT. A challenge for the month of July was how to keep our horses cool, comfortable, annoying bug free and happy all while still enjoying the wonderful activities that the summer months bring to us that we look so forward to during those COLD months of winter.

For those of you who plant gardens, whether you plant fruits and vegetables, flowers, or a combination, you are probably seeing the "fruits" of your labor start to overflow in abundance. It won't be long before we are baking those zucchini breads, canning green beans, pickling the beets or making sweet jams. Before we know it, just around the corner there will be apple season. After you have baked, canned, pickled, jammed, given friends and family shares of your harvest, you find there still is leftovers and you don't want the excess to go to waste, there is a solution, [Ampleharvest.org](http://Ampleharvest.org). Ampleharvest.org is a nationwide directory of food banks where you can donate *fresh produce* in the area. Most food pantries accept only canned goods. Your donation will help many COVID-19 hungry families have fresh grown foods. No donation is too small. This is a wonderful way to pay your overflow harvest forward.

In July we had our first LCMP sponsored trail ride at the Chain of Lakes that was hosted by Vickie Wancho. Thank you, Vickie!! What a wonderful turnout!! There were (17) riders and (23) people to eat a lunch of sandwiches, chips and cookies. Even though I was not able to attend, it was great to see the pictures. The pictures of the ride are in this newsletter, on the website and on the LCMP Facebook page. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the other ride in July due to potential weather, but not to worry, August brings us more trail rides. Please see "Mark your Calendar" for events and as always, reminders will be emailed, posted on the website and the Facebook page.

As we come to the end of the summer season and September is upon us, our General Meetings will begin. Due to the rules and regulations put in place, to keep us safe during this pandemic, our "traditional" General Meetings will need to be modified. Phase 4 doesn't allow groups of over 50 and the restrictions on the food establishments even tighter. With that being said, Tacos El Norte will not be appropriate as well as any other location for holding our club meetings. But alas, the board brainstormed and came up with a super alternative. Sunday, September 13 is the date of the General Meeting for September. The day will start with a trail ride then lunch, followed by the General Meeting. This trail ride will take place at Lakewood Forest Preserves. Details to follow. October and November General Meetings - TBD. The board meetings will continue to be virtual indefinitely. It is wonderful to finally return to our Club's activities and our friendships even though slightly altered and modified.

In this August newsletter is featured Posse member Betsy Faitz who has been a LCMP member since 1993, (3) term president, parade participant, trailer driving teacher and floral designer of the much-coveted holiday centerpieces. Thank you to Betsy for sharing her story. Enjoy reading about Betsy!!

Stay Safe and Healthy! Let's hit the trails!

Debi Neuman

2019 & 2020

LCMP President

\*\*\*" *Horses ... The only animal that will teach you more about yourself than about them.*" \*\*\*

## Trail Ride News and Protocol

Because of the COVID-19 virus, a new protocol with the serving of food is necessary. The Posse will supply the beverages of water, pop and tea, as usual. The food that is served will need to be individually packaged or served behind the table by the Host, who will be wearing a mask and gloves. So, if you bring a dessert like brownies, cut them into individual serving sizes and put them in little baggies for our members to pick up without handling the pan. In addition, single serve snacks like chips, granola bars, cookies and other similar items are acceptable choices to have. The board is also asking that masks be worn while you are in line to get your food and to try to keep 6 feet distance from one another. The board understands that this is a pain, but we want our events to continue and to keep our members as safe as possible.

We **will not** have coffee and donuts in the morning, so plan accordingly. If you choose to bring something to share, please make sure that it is individually wrapped. We are learning like everyone else, of the protocol to hosting an event.

The Posse Board will have hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes and gloves to keep things clean. We can't wait to see you all. Let's ride and have fun!!!

Vickie Wancho

2020 LCMP

Trail Ride Chairperson



## WEBSITE and FB INFORMATION

[www.lcmp.info](http://www.lcmp.info)

[bhoughtaling1248@gmail.com](mailto:bhoughtaling1248@gmail.com)

For our Facebook page and our website, please send to us pictures from your rides or other activities you have done this summer. 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.



## Look What We've Been Up To!

Our Chain O Lakes ride was so fun!!!

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What have our members been up to? We would love it if you would send pictures to Brittney and she will add them to the website and newsletter. Are you riding your horse? Are you planting your garden? Are you making Bread? Walking your dog? Playing with your kids?

Send a picture so that we can keep in touch. Send to Brittney Houghtaling

[bhoughtaling1248@gmail.com](mailto:bhoughtaling1248@gmail.com)

\*\*\*You must put "For Website" in the subject line.\*\*\*

## SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

### BETSY FAITZ MEMBER SINCE 1993!



Born in Ft. Dix, New Jersey as an Air Force brat. My family moved to New Orleans, LA. From there we moved to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where we spent many years and where I enjoyed the many local dishes to the dislike of my father as I refused to eat dinner cuz I had filled up on my neighbor, Canda's, rice and beans and chewed on sugar canes for dessert.

Moved to Ohio and I spent many fun years at my grandparents' house in southern Ohio, looking through the Sears catalog looking and dreaming of purchasing a pony with saddle and bridle and a barn too! Grandpa promised that someday he'd get me a pony. Never did but I wore out those pages of the catalog. Played a lot of cowboy and Indians until my grandmother said I had to stop "killing" the Indians...whoops... Seems Grandma was part Indian and she took offense to that...OK...switched to chasing cows!! Which were actually my grandfather's chickens. Ever try to round up chickens??? One rooster didn't take kindly to this and put a 4" gash behind my ear. Best chicken dinner ever!!! I also spent many summers at my aunt and uncle's dairy farm playing with my cousins; helping with the gathering of the cows for milking, playing in the hay loaf and yes, playing with the calves.

As I got older, I would ride my bike to the local riding stable where I spent my baby-sitting money riding the local trails. If we brought back the horses all sweaty, we had to cool them out before the owner said we could leave. Fell off a lot too and got some good bruises, told my mom I crashed my bike. I'm surprised she let me keep my bike!

Bought my first horse, Prince a 15-hand appaloosa. Mostly rode bare back, no bridle, just a halter. Played horsey tag in the fields and forest. And yes, I fell off a lot.

For many years vacationed at a Dude Ranch (the Double JJ) in Rothbury, Michigan. Where I met my future husband, Karl. A group of us, would be walking down to the stable in the morning for our morning rides when we would be greeted by the head wrangler, Lefty, who pointed us to the "other barn" where we were given the

new horses to try out. And we did, running tree poles through the forest, stump barrels, we did the original “man from snowy river” down the hill ride and then race back up! They had Pick Your Wrangler rides and there was the all-girls bareback ride – sorry no men allowed. Competed in the Ranch’s weekly rodeo riding competition too. 1<sup>st</sup> place was a free week at the Ranch. Consisted of poles, barrels, pleasure and then they threw in jumping. Won this event a couple of times so needless to say spent many a fun week at “the Ranch” for free.

Then I moved to Illinois with the love of my life, Karl. I bought a horse, a red roan named Tucker. He was only a little shy of 15 hands (as a three-year-old); grew to a little over 16 hands. Then Karl bought a 15-year-old Appy, Ransom, who he never rode so I had two horses! I bought a truck and then a horse trailer that I didn’t tell Karl about until it was paid for. Surprise!!!

Retired Tucker, sold Ransom to my trainer’s wife (where he lived till the end of his life) and got a shorter horse Sissy. I took roping lessons, and lessons on the trainer’s cutting horse, double fun! OK let’s find cows!! That’s about when I joined the Posse. Had met Linda Schultz at the Double J Ranch and she introduced me to the Posse. I was asked by the then Officers of the club, why I wanted to join their club? Said I wanted to chase cows and be a real cowgirl. Boy did I get the laughs from them...but they let me join anyway. That was 1993, Was working for Allstate Life at that time as a Technically Claims Analyst, doing training and audits of our 3<sup>rd</sup> party administrators and I later became the company’s expert witness for claims filed against Allstate. I traveled all over the United States. And on those long assignments always found a fellow horse person so I could get my “horsey fix” or find a tack shop to visit and buy something I’m sure I didn’t need.

Met, Posse members, Bill Rantz and Roy Westergard who were into Team Penning. OK I’m in!! Spent many a Saturday night going with the boys to the local Team Penning competition. FUN!!

The following year after I had joined, Gordon Turnbull was elected president and he asked if I would service as a Member at Large. Welp that did it. I have been a member of the Board ever since; but I did take some time off in 1999 and a few other times, just for a break.

I went to many PlayDays/Nights with the club. That where I met Ruby Holmquist. She just looked at me and said...You get on the barrel; I’ll pick you up!!! (Monkey on the Barrel) and I lived!!! Many PlayDays and nights to memory. We were a rowdy group! Drunken Cowboy, Hobo Races, whose boot is this? Shovel relay races. Bust the other guy’s balloon (which was tied to your waist). And funny thing is we lived and no one even thought about insurance or suing someone... Yes, there were crashes, Horses going thru fences, or riders going over the fence without the horse, someone getting their chaps caught in the saddle horn (not me), someone horse taking a tour of the grounds (yes my horse, she did it a LOT).

When I joined the club, our parade unit was no longer participating in parades. The club had a great parade color guard unit at one time. Made up of matching horses. Sounded like a fun thing to do. With the help of Carol Sandal we started the parade unit again. We did weekly Horsey Harassment at the old Lake County Fair Grounds and with the help of Ruby Holmquist, standing in front of the horses in a big western hat and she was wrapped up in a blanket and “flashed” the horses. We had fire crackers, smoke bombs, and bottle rockets. Thanks to Cheri Hardesty, who had her husband Ray, bring his motorcycle; and to Carol’s then boyfriend (now her husband) to bring his Forest Preserve Ranger car with sirens and lights. A fun time was had by all. Our parade unit participated in the many parades; most memorable was the Brock Candy Christmas Parade in downtown Chicago and the year Rudolph nose came crashing down on the unit. Horses took it all in stride. NO problems. Our club and well-mannered horses were a hit with everyone. We even got invited to participate in half time events at Arlington Race Track as a drill team. We did great.

I served many years as the secretary of the club. Many a night was spent writing the newsletter, getting it copied and stapled and mailed out (before email/internet). I think, no I know, members read their newsletters because I got calls about it ...” Temple Farms provided all out riders and mounted crowd control riders with wonderful snacks for lunch.” Or I spelled someone name wrong. I still do that...

Our Fall Rides used to be 100s of people; not just posse members but the general public was invited too. OOH those days of people showing up with brand new horses they've never rode outside of the barn, or the person showing up in shorts and gym shoes, or showed up with a little too much lively juice. We had to pick them up off the ground. People not tying their horses and we'd have to go get their horse and bring it back...Rides went out in groups of 100; at that time, I rode as middle man or drag. The water crossing was the "best"...Oh, my horse doesn't like water, and will I get wet. Other comments, "I'm tired, can I turn around and go back" ...NOPE, "can I have someone pick me up at the half way spot"... NOPE.... etc. etc. And speaking of the Fall Ride, OK...I got turned around ONCE! I was not lost! As David Skofstad says, I always knew where I was...somewhere in Illinois on my horse between that road and that other road...

Over the years I seen many changes in the club. We've gone from over crowded meetings to hardly anyone showing up. We had our tack sale at a club meeting: more of a white elephant thing or let's see if we can get Larry Scott, Bill Seng, David McClurg or Mike Bock in English riding gear which was usually a size or several smaller. But we made pretty good money and most of the stuff was purchased by those mentioned above. More of an auction then a sale.

My biggest dream was to be the second female president of the club. If you look at the list of presidents, you will see that the officers were mostly men. Ruby Holmquist was the first female president in 1990; we've had many great female presidents since and yes, the males too. And several of us have served several terms.

It's not easy being the president, an officer or even a director. Many long days and long nights getting things ready for the club events. But it is a job performed with love for the club and what we do.



## Committee Contacts

**Associate Liaison** – Mindy Sivright and Jennifer Friel

**Clinics and Play Days** – Vickie Wancho - Maintains schedule, sponsors and information about the clinics

**Fall Ride** – October 4<sup>th</sup> at Bong Recreation area, shelter E. Contact anyone on the Board

**Holiday Bazaar** - Chairperson, Kelly Dickson and Ghislaine DeKoning

**Holiday Party** – Chairperson – Betsy Faitz - - **December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge in Antioch** **\*\*Date change\*\***

**Horse Show** – Chairpersons, Ghislaine DeKoning, Kelly Dickson

**Legislative Committee** – Lynn Goodall, Craig Vogel, Roberta Harms - Member Liaison with Lake County and Lake County Forest Preserve

**Non-Riding Events** – Debi Neuman – Posse get together's

**Trail Rides** – Chairperson, Vickie Wancho, Co-Chairperson, Sandy Monk

**Parades** – Chairperson, Betsy Faitz

**Posse Apparel** – Betsy Faitz - Coordinates ordering Posse shirts, jackets, etc.

**Social Media**– Jennifer Friel - FB

**Website** - Brittany Houghtaling – Updating the Website

The Club is in need of a few volunteers to serve on our Nominating Committee. This Committee would have the responsibility of selecting members to be considered to serve as Board Members. This will involve your participation for only a few months beginning in October 2020. If you any questions, please call or email Debi Neuman for more specific details.

## 2020 Officers

### Officers

Debi Neuman – President  
Vickie Wancho – Vice President  
Brittney Houghtaling – Co-Secretary  
Mindy Sivright – Co-Secretary, Newsletter  
Ghislaine DeKoning – Treasurer

If you have any membership questions or concerns, please feel comfortable to contact any officer and we will help however we can.

## Posse Wear

The link for Besco can be found on our website is [www.lcmp.info](http://www.lcmp.info) and you can find a link here to easily make your purchases.

## Annie'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"*



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – **Trail Ride** – Sterling Lake. Host Debi Neuman. There **will not** be coffee and donuts. Plan accordingly. Meet @ 9:00, ride out at 9:30, Lunch at 11:30. Bring a chair. COVID-19 protocol to be followed.

Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – **Trail Ride** - Raven Glen Forest Preserve. There **will not** be coffee and donuts. Plan accordingly. Host Sandy Monk. Meet @ 9:00, ride at 9:30, Lunch at 11:30. Bring a chair. COVID-19 protocol to be followed.

Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – **Trail Ride** – TBA

Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting 7:00 "Zoom" Please contact Debi Neuman if you want to join our meeting.

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – **Trail Ride and General Meeting**. There **will not** be coffee and donuts. Plan accordingly. Meet @ 9:30, ride out at 10:00. Lunch at 12:00 and General Meeting to follow. Please bring a chair. Posse will provide the lunch and beverages.

Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Bonfire** 7:00 PM. The Houghtaling's to host. Posse will provide pizza, soft drinks and water. BYOB if you want something different. S'mores for dessert. Bring a chair.  
Address: 27150 W. Wilmot Road, Antioch, Illinois

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – **Fall Ride** – Bong Recreation Area – Details to come!!