



JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER



[Our September Meeting is at Tacos El Norte](#)

TENTAVE: Our next **General Meeting** is **Wednesday, September 9th** at **Tacos El Norte**, 401 N Riverside Dr. #27, Gurnee.

The meeting room opens at 6:00pm if you would like to dine prior to the meeting. Sign-in & Social Time @ 7:00. Meeting will begin promptly at 7:30pm.

[Letter from The President:](#)

June President's Letter

Helloooo June!!! After a historically soaking wet May, June will bring to us, warm pleasant weather with sunny skies, dry trails and please, oh please no mosquitos! Ok, at least warm pleasant sunny weather. As we enter the month of June, the days become longer and more time is spent outdoors which is possibly the safest place to be now-a-days.

As I write the President's letter for the June newsletter, Lake County is beginning to enter Phase 3 of the State of Illinois' re-open plan. For several weeks, the board has been working on plans to best think outside the box and be creative with the new "reality. The board is prepared to go above and beyond during these times, to improve on the current situation by working on new ways to still have a few *non-Posse* sponsored trail rides, our annual Fall Ride, craft fair and holiday party. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel some of our Club's activities due to the restrictions in place for social gatherings. Our annual Horse Show was canceled as an appropriate reschedule date was not able to be found. LCMP will continue to support the Border Run Challenge and look towards next year to have the horse show. Most of the parades have been canceled except for Grayslake's in August. The club has not had any official word as of yet, on the Grayslake Parade. The board voted to move our Fall Ride from Lakewood Forest Preserves to Bong in Wisconsin. The date stays the same. More details to come.

May proved to be a "history" making month. The club held its first ever virtual general meeting with a guest speaker. We held the meeting by Zoom and had (24) members in attendance. Our guest speaker was Marc Neuman, my son who owns "StretchWerks". Marc recently opened his StretchWerks studio in Highland Park. Marc holds a degree in Kinesiology from the University of Illinois. Marc is a Movement Specialist, Fascial Specialist, Gift Fellow and a certified personal trainer. His presentation went thru the importance of stretching and put us thru some great stretch exercises even using things we have at home. Marc's presentation lasted a little over an hour and was very informative. It was a fun night all the way around. Follow Marc on Instagram

– StretchWerks for more stretching exercises and helpful hints you can use at home or email Marc at www.stretchwerks.com. May also brought to our Members the annual LCMP directory. Thank you to all who helped in putting the directory together. **A Big Thank you** to Brittany Houghtaling for the proofreading plus layout of the Directory, Jordan Houghtaling for the printing and Mindy Sivright for mailing the directories out to the members. If you have not received yours, please reach out to Mindy. Another update from May is that our Website is getting some additions. We have added a section for Posse recipes. If you have a recipe you would like to share, please send it to me and we will get it onto the website. Look for, in the future, a section dedicated to our members both past and present and their stories. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see on our website, please send them to any of the board members. I am looking for members interested in being on the nomination committee to recommend nominations for elective office, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Information on the nomination committee and the elective offices can be found in the LCMP directory beginning with Article IV. Officers and Duties thru Article VI. Nomination. Please reach out to me if you would be interested in serving on the nomination committee or holding an elective position. Finally, the board knows that there are many unknowns in the months ahead for the club. If you have any question or concerns, please reach out to a board member. The board asks for your patience and flexibility with our re-scheduling and planning of our club's future activities/events. The board wants to have fun and keep our members safe during this pandemic. Watch for updates on our website, Facebook and emails..... Horse owners are among the most passionate and resilient of human beings. Horse owners love their horses and the sport of!! Have a wonderful, healthy and safe summer.

Debi Neuman
2019 & 2020
LCMP President

****Membership Directories were mailed out to all members. If you did not receive one or if any corrections are needed, please contact Mindy Sivright at mksivright@gmail.com**



WEBSITE INFORMATION

www.lcmp.info

Have you looked at the LCMP Website lately?? We have added a recipe page. If you have a recipe you would like to share, send it to Debi Neuman at: debra.neuman@gmail.com

Subject: Recipe

Also new on our Website will be History page. We have 3 members working very hard to update this information.

Debi Neuman will be contacting you through email if you need to send us a picture for the Website. It can be just you or one with your horse.

Trail Ride News

Trail Rides are postponed until further notice because of Covid-19. Please check emails, Facebook, and our website (www.lcmp.info) for the most up to date news.

Committee Contacts

Associate Liaison – Mindy Sivright and Jennifer Friel

Clinics – Bill Mielke – Maintains schedule, sponsors and information about the clinics

Fall Ride – October 4th 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 5th Location TBD

Horse Show – Chairpersons, Ghislaine DeKoning, Kelly Dickson

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

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

Trail Rides – Chairperson, Vickie Wancho

Parades – Chairperson, Betsy Faitz - August 15th in Grayslake – Parade steps off at 6:00pm - This Parade is still a go at this time. All parade participants will be notified of any updates

Play Days – Vickie Wancho

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

Brittany 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.



What has our Members been up to??

Kelly Dickson

The LQ in her bumper pull horse trailer was featured in an article published in the Horse Illustrated June 2020 issue. She is so excited for the opportunity to show off her trailer. Kelly gives a big thanks to Dwight for all of his help to convert her dressing area to a camping space! It is just beautiful. The article doesn't mention that Kelly has air conditioning too!!! Next time you see Kelly ask her for a peek inside.



LEFT: Kelly Dickson put her bed in the nose of the trailer with storage above and below it.
RIGHT: She had the extra space to make her living quarters look just like an RV.



Bridget Hayes cut openings in the mangers and installed cabinet doors.



RV LIVING

Kelly Dickson had lots of space for her conversion, since her 2004 Featherlite two-horse slant load is the same size as a three-horse trailer, but instead of a third stall, she has an enlarged dressing room and a rear tack. Because of this, she was able to create a mini-living quarters area that looks just like a small RV.

She had a pass-through door installed, then had the entire area insulated with closed-cell rigid foam and sealed with HVAC tape. Furring strips were used to prevent condensation.

She had 30-amp electric installed for a camping hookup, interior lights and electrical outlets. She has a bed at the nose of the trailer with storage above and below it. She has a closet, microwave, counter, sink, collapsible table, electric heater and mini fridge.

"The most difficult decision in my conversion was where to anchor the spare

tire," she says. She ended up bolting it to the wall of the rear tack, which she says makes it easily accessible.

NEW LIFE IN AN OLDER TRAILER

Bridget Hayes converted a 1984 WW two-horse straight-load trailer into an adorable camping set up. She cut an opening at each manger and installed cabinet doors. She used part of an old desk to make a table for her microwave.

A portable air conditioner is vented out into the horse compartment through a hole in the back wall with a drain tube in the floor. She built cabinets along the front with a bar sink and a fridge.

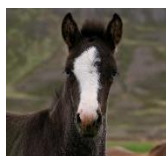
Hayes uses a cot for a bed, with her portable toilet underneath. She plans on replacing the cot with a folding shelf so she can lift up her bed and store items underneath.

"My biggest issue was getting rid of the rust and maintaining the metal," she says.

Since her trailer didn't have a rear tack, she uses a portable saddle rack on wheels that sits in the living space while traveling. The rack is then moved to the horse compartment when camping.

With endless ideas, you are sure to find something that will work in your trailer, regardless of its age or size. ■

KRISTINA LOZ is a freelance writer of all things animal related. Both she and her husband ride trails and participate in mounted archery on their trusty steeds, St. Gowan and Merida.



Look What We've Been Up To!

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

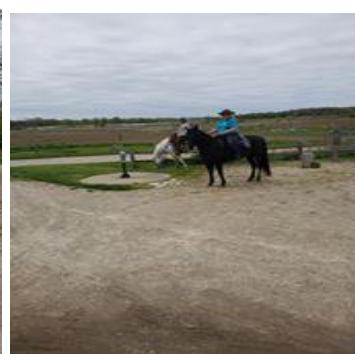
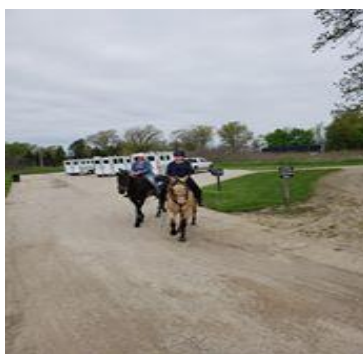
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*****You must put "For Website" in the subject line.*****

Mindy and Betsy

Vickie and Kirsten

Kelly and Betsy



Taking a ride at Sterling Lake

Posse Wear

The link for Besco can be found on our website is www.lcmp.info and you can find a link here to easily make your purchases. Besco has Posse mask covers with our logo on it. Check it out!!!

Anie's Jams and Jellies

Message from Anie Weiler:

"If anyone needs some jam, they can contact Ghislaine and I will deliver them to her house. They will be outside on her table with a 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, June 26th – Board Meeting @ **TENTATIVE** Thirsty Horse 7:00