



MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER



Our next General Meeting is Wednesday, May 14, 2025

We will meet at Allen Dilg's home. 34761 N Cemetery Rd, Gurnee, IL

The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 but come early and eat dinner. Pizza and water will be served.
Room opens at 6:00pm

Join us for a fireside chat with Debi Neuman and Kim Moon on History of the Posse

MAY FEATURED POSSE MEMBER: ALLEN DILG



Allen's interest in horses was primitive prior to meeting his wife Pearl. He recalls prior to that "I'd been on a horse once or twice, and a donkey or two spending more time off than on. When he and Pearl and her 3 children married in 69 they had 2 horses. He fondly recalled of their marriage "many told me it was never gonna work and we were married 52 years at her passing." They lived on Seymour Avenue in Mundelein at the time and soon moved to Cemetery Road to a 5-acre horse property. Many horse owners and Posse members lived on this road. Fillmores were one neighbor and their kids all road in 4H, Ed Golien was another. Alan Carney lived across the street (my eyes raised, and Allen replied "yes, that Carney family).

The Posse used to meet at the "Gurnee Verney's Pizza House." The President at that time was Clyde Fillmore and he sponsored me to join the Posse. Gordon Turnbull joined the same night. "I yield to Gordon as the "Oldest Longest Running Posse Member and I'm the second."

Allen recalled their 1st Posse ride was out of Ruby Holmquists place on Edwards Road. "We had 2 horses and 3 riders, so I stayed back and kept the beer cold." He went on to say, "we never road in state parks or preserves, we always road on private properties." Allen's first horse was a QH Stallion named Cricket. This writer would encourage you sometime to have Allen share a few of his recollections of Cricket. Their family had a very active horse history between breeding and boarding horses. At their peak they had 19 horses at the ranch, horse shows and competitions. "The girls" participated in many horse shows and competitions with too many awards to fully recall "but I did my part, I got 'em there and declared "I'm off" and the girls got to work. Allen did recall riding one of the "push button" horses Sharon trained at some of the Posse Play Days allowing him to win a pleasure class a few times!

Allen shared so many stories and I'm only scratching the surface here. In an effort to consolidate I will run thru a few recollections here: Allen served as President on two terms 84 and 90, and believed strongly in contacting volunteers in person, that members never left a ride or event until the keg was floating, he didn't like the water crossing for fear of injuries recalling one in particular that gave him pause, the challenges he and other cowboys met getting reluctant horses thru the crossings, the pre-rides at Temple, the overnight trail rides and members properties, his acquiring a "15 year buckle" from horse camping trips to Big Piney, being known as the fix it guy, welding, painting, and repairing trailers, RVs, and cookers, "Dr Mann would fix the horses and I would fix the mechanicals," a fall off the bunk in the front of the RV onto the Formica counter *and* Gordon, many rides from our place on Cemetery road to the toll road along the high lines "some of the best riding ever," baling hay with Art, Clyde, Ed and Jim and throwing each other's straw hats into the baler.

Toward the end of the interview more memories emerged as highlights. "The Stag Rides!" (This writer recalls this was one of Posse member Roy's favorites). These rides would take place in Palmyra, primarily board members and trail bosses. "We'd get settled at camp, 6-10 of us, then had over to the Night Cap Inn, close that and next to Rome WI. and the bowling alley." I asked, "did you ever ride?" He replied, "Oh yes, after a hearty breakfast we'd ride to Eagle to the saloon there, have some beer and chili, burgers, a few more beers and head back." Then we'd go out again Saturday night.

As I was edging to conclude the interview Allen said "Oh! Back to the early days, Ed Clark was always my go to guy for questions and one of my proudest moments was at a general meeting as President I started with Gordon and talked about his family and horses and proceeded thru every member at the meeting giving a "bio" on everyone... until... I got to the last woman, and I knew her well, but forgot her name?" and he started to laugh saying "Prevagen helps with that."

Allen has lived at Cemetery Road since 1971. Although there are no more "4 legged creatures" at the place Allen has acquired a few tractors, his first being an Allis Chalmers 1929 model E 20 35 in 1995. Since then, he and son John have collected about 75 (give or take) tractors and memorabilia.

My final question of Allen: "**IF** you had to choose between horse and tractors which would it be?" and he started a full chuckling belly laugh and impish smile and replied, "there aren't many good lookin women driving old tractors."

Submitted by Kimberley Moon



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAY AND JUNE

- 5/10 **Chain O Lakes Trail Ride** – Mother's Day Ride at Chain-O-Lakes State Park hosted by Cindy Brademann. **Arrive at 1, lunch at 1:30; ride out after** due to Turkey hunt. Dish to pass is optional. Standard guest fees apply. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE PARK BEFORE 1PM**
- 5/14 **General Meeting** – Allen Dilg's home in Gurnee. Meeting will start promptly at 7:00 but come early and eat dinner. We are ordering pizza. BYOB to ensure you have your beverage of choice. The barn is very interesting and full of "eye candy" for Allis-Chalmers tractor history, etc. There is a bathroom.
- 5/18 **Trail Ride** – Old School, Shelter D: Arrive at 9:30, ride out at 10. Lunch at noon – serving deli sandwiches, potato salad, broccoli salad and chips. Please bring a dish to share. Hosts are Cathy Alleman and Debby Gracey.
- 5/28 **Board Meeting** – 7:00 pm Thirsty Horse. If you would like to attend a Board Meeting, please contact Michael Mahan and he will add you to the agenda. Be sure to let him know what you would like to discuss with the board.
- 6/14 **Libertyville Parade** – Meet at 8:00 AM at Highland Middle School Parking lot, on W Lincoln Ave. (between Garfield and Stewart). Parade begins at 10 AM. We must leave our staging by 9:30 AM. Set up area will be on W. Lincoln Ave parking lot, which is on the north side of Highland Middle School. We will have a snacks and refreshments after the parade. Posse uniform is required for all mounted riders. Side walkers and ground crew should wear red posse shirts. **WALKERS AND POOPER SCOOPERS NEEDED.**
- 6/18 **Trail Ride** – Glacier Park hosted by K Moon, M Povich, D Rieter, D Robertson – Rain or hopefully shine!! IF trails in conservancy are closed, we can still ride the rail line and the service road. Arrive at 10:00 AM. Ride out at 10:30 and Lunch after ride. Use Hart Road parking lot – **NOT KEYSTONE LOT**. Lunch is sandwiches and side salads. Bring your own travel cup. Iced tea an lemonade will be available. There is an outhouse and shelter. Call Kim (224 538 0336) if you have any questions (or any host). Bring a lawn chair just in case.
- 6/25 **Board Meeting** – 7:00 pm Thirsty Horse. If you would like to attend a Board Meeting, please contact Michael Mahan and he will add you to the agenda. Be sure to let him know what you would like to discuss with the board.
- 6/29 **Orienteering** (not a horse event) – CMO Orienteering Event at Blue Moon Ranch on June 29th at 1PM. Lunch will be provided. What we learn on foot will transition to our mounted event in August. More details will be included in the June newsletter. Please reminder to purchase a compass for the event. Host is Kim Moon

TENTATIVE DATES FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity	Contact
Friday, Jul 4 th	Parade – Antioch	Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright
Sunday, Jul 6 th	Parade – Mundelein	Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright
Sunday, Jul 13 th	Parade – Bristol	Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright
Saturday, Jul 19 th	LCMP Horse Show	Ghislaine deKoning
Sunday, Aug 3 rd	Trail Ride Place Holder	Jenis Ellingwood & Sheri Roberson
Saturday, Aug 9 th	Associates Play Day – Spring Grove	Lynn Goodell & Beth Santi
Saturday, Aug 16 th	Parade – Grayslake	Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright
Sunday, Aug 17 th	Equine Orienteering - Brookdale	Kim Moon

Date	Activity	Contact
Sunday, Aug 23rd	AP Ranch Clinic	Sheri Roberson - Do not contact AP Ranch
Saturday, Sep 13th	Trail Ride – Bong	The Yanuzzi's
Sunday, Oct 5th	Fall Ride – Old School Forest Preserve, use parking lots D & E	The Posse
Saturday, Oct 18 th	Bonfire and Dutch Oven Cooking	TBD
Sunday, Oct 19 th	Barrington Riding Center	Pam Ziedman
Saturday, Oct 25th	Halloween Trail Ride – Chain O Lakes	Friels and Debi Neuman
Sunday, Nov 2 nd	Trail Ride Place Holder	Vickie Wancho
Saturday, Dec 6 th	Christmas Party	

COMPUTER WANTED

We are looking for a decent used computer as the current one needs to be retired. Must be a donation. Cannot be more than 3 years old. Contact Beth Santi if you have one you no longer need.

WE NEED HORSE SHOW SPONSORS

Our Horse show will be here faster than you think! The success of our show is based on the participants and volunteers but the biggest impact to the bottom line is the number of sponsors we can get. Let's have everyone commit to getting a sponsor or two for the show. Ask for support from your farrier, vet, farm store, feed store, equine dentist, trainer, the place that services your truck or tractor, the shavings vendor, the doctor of chiropractor that puts you back together after a fall, the store you buy your carrots at, the insurance dealer, or anyone that loves horses and wants to see these local horse shows continue.

The first large dollar sponsors will be able to have their names on the show bill sponsoring the high points and the payback classes. There are a limited number of classes so get the \$\$ in early if they want that extra perk. Everyone that sponsors will be announced throughout the day, their names will be displayed on our sponsor boards for everyone to see, and we would love business cards or brochures to put out on the registration table.

DRESS CODE FOR POSSE PARADES

Here is the information as contained in the Standing Rules and Procedures and additional notes regarding the Posse official dress uniform, especially for those participating in parades this year.

Official Posse uniform shall be a white western long sleeve shirt with the Posse patch on the Left Shoulder (patch should be 2" centered below the shoulder seam); a black Apache type tie, a western hat (summer- light tan or white straw; fall- black felt); blue jeans* and western boots*. It is permitted for parade unit members to wear a white or light tan Helmet; for fall a black cover on helmet can be worn; a yellow slicker tied neatly to the back of the saddle

*Jeans worn by parade members should be a dark blue - not black – and no holes or torn jeans are acceptable. Boots should be clean and absent of mud and dirt; a clean pair of Ariat boots are acceptable to ride in.

Parade members wear white straw hats for our parades – please be sure the hat isn't stained or look like someone sat on them. A parade member may also wear a red Posse Jacket, if weather is cool – no other color jacket is considered official Posse wear.

Posse dress shirts should be ironed and/or free of wrinkles (Attached is suggested places to purchase a western shirt – ladies or men's). It has been suggested that the Posse arm patch be sewed on to the dress western shirt and not put on with safety pins. The local laundry may provide this at a small additional cost.

Red saddle pads, breast collars, red leg wraps, yellow rain slickers, and red or black halters for the walkers to carry or new horses to the unit to wear... are provided and maintained by the Posse. We, therefore, ask that you treat these items with care; they are costly to replace, and many hours are spent washing and wrapping the polo wraps.

On this note, please have your horse's legs cleaned as stains caused by dirt and mud is very hard to get out of the polo wraps. we will only be wrapping the front legs of the horses.

Those members who volunteer as ground crew are asked to wear a red Posse t-shirt or red Posse polo shirt, blue jeans and comfortable walking shoes.

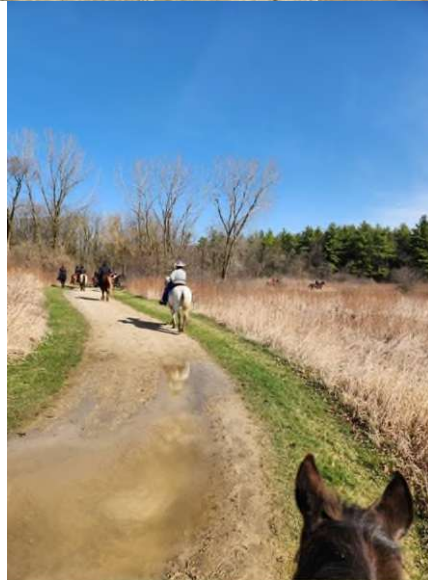
Please note: *Only Posse members and those covered by the Posse membership are permitted to participate in any parade, i.e. no grandchildren, no nieces etc. no friends. Don't ask. However, they may join us after for refreshments and snacks. Please watch your horses, if strangers do come and want to pet your horse but please do not give "pony rides".*

For any questions or concerns or to help, please contact Betsy Faitz at 847 601 4810.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Trail Ride – Lakewood



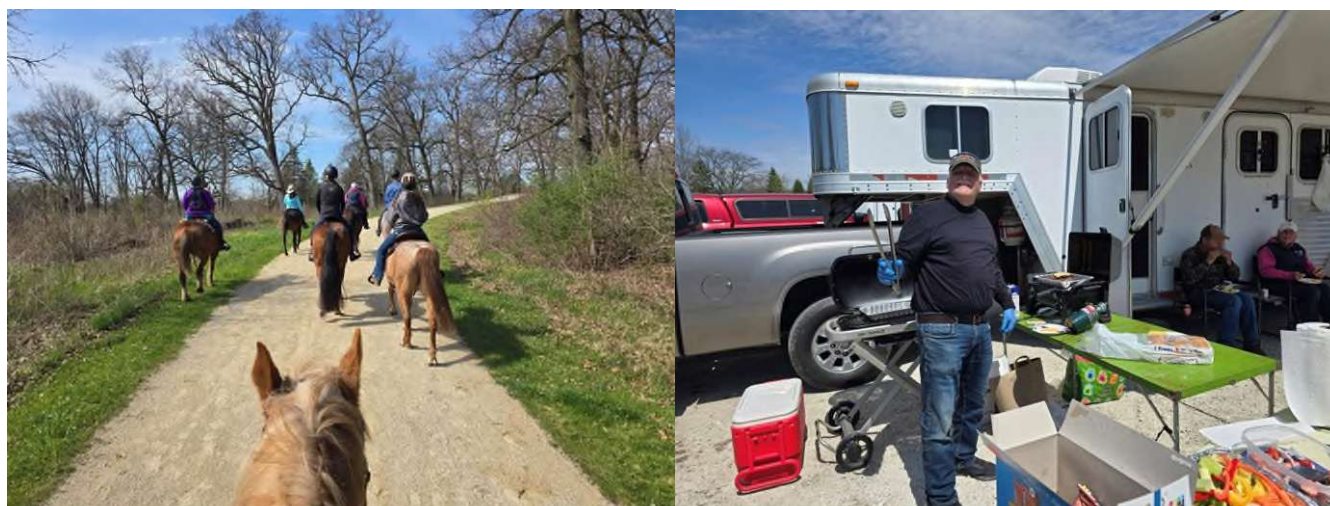


Paint Night at Perkowitz Art Studio



Trail Ride – Ravens Glen





WEBSITE and FB INFORMATION

www.lcmp.info

friel.horses1996@gmail.com

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

If you are interested in helping with the website, please contact Matt Friel for details.

WEBSITE PICTURES

For new members and anyone who want to update their picture on the Posse website, please send your photo to Matt Friel at webmaster@lcmp.info. Please send the picture as an attachment in your email.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & TEAMS

The membership cannot thrive without the help from our members on various committee jobs. This year, we would like to put together teams to assist with each Committee Chair. **We need volunteers** - please contact Jennifer Friel or Debi Neuman if you are interested in helping out. The Board will help you all the way. Thank you so much!!

Committee	Chairs
Associate Liaison/Resources	Lynn Goodell & Beth Santi
Communications/Website	Jennifer & Matt Friel
Fall Ride	Ghislaine deKoning & Jennifer Friel
Holiday Party	Betsy Faitz & Debi Neuman
Horse Show	Ghislaine deKoning / Kelly Dickson
Legislative Committee	Lynn Goodell
Non-Riding Events	The Board
Parades	Betsy Faitz & Mindy Sivright
Play Days	The Board
Possee Apparel	Betsy Faitz & Matt Friel
Trail Rides	Kim Moon & Debi Neuman

OFFICERS FOR 2025

President: Debi Neuman
Vice President: Mike Mahan
Secretary: Beth Santi
Treasurer: Ghislaine deKoning

If you have any membership questions or concerns, please feel let us know – we'll help however we can.



POSSE WEAR

Link for Besco: <https://bescoawards.com/main.sc>

Link for The Lettering Machine for T-Shirts: <https://theletteringmachine.com/LCMP/shop/home>

ANIE'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"