

SPOKES AND SPURS NEWSLETTER

March 30 - Saturday

FUN DERBY DAY

Colton Parker will serve as our clinician for derby driving and navigators. Beginning at 9:00 a.m., we will have lessons on derby drivers and for navigators. We will break for lunch at 11:30 a.m.. At 1:00 p.m., we will have a fun derby to try out all of your morning knowledge! This event takes place on the Fairgrounds for Harrison County, 2906 Paris Pike, Cynthiana, KY 41031. This event is provided by Spokes and Spurs and is no cost to members! See you there! If you need more information, text David Gaston at 859-405-5474

Members Indicated a Need for Dressage Lessons

Many members have requested dressage lessons to prepare for coming (continued on page 2)



From the President

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your new President. Your Executive Officers have been busily preparing the 2019 year. It is our goal to work especially hard to get a calendar prepared that includes both the competitive driver and rider as well as the those of

you who want activities for fun and learning. In preparing this calendar, we have gone to great lengths to work around other important riding and driving events so our members may participate. When the Executive Officers meet, we wish to extend a cordial invitation to any member to attend. We encourage your input so that we may have the kind of organization where you will participate! On **Tuesday, March 5** at 6:30 p.m., we will have a potluck dinner and meeting to sign up for events as active participants and volunteers. Please mark this as an important date on your calendar and plan to attend! Come prepared to sign up and bring your check books if you desire to participate in events such as lessons or clinics. At the March 5 meeting, we will only be working on events through June, 2019.

David Gaston



events. We have set up a dressage clinic and lesson day on Friday afternoon, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 with Leslie Berndt, Whispering Oaks, Harp Innis Drive, Lexington, KY 40511. Lessons will be \$75 for Spokes and Spurs members, \$85 for non-members, and \$15 for auditors. Come to the March 5 Potluck Dinner and meeting at the CAA Offices at the Kentucky Horse Park at 6:30 p.m. to sign up for this event. We will also be receiving payments for participants at that meeting.

If you have been following Leslie's career, she took home the bronze for the 2017 USEF Single Horse National Championships. She promises a unique and rewarding perspective to dressage drivers. We hope there will be many participants and auditors for this event!

Fun Drives at Shaker Village 2019

So many of you have participated in the drives at Shaker Village in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. This year, Ohio Valley Carriage Club is joining us for two events: June 8 and November 9, both beginning at 10:30 a.m. The cost is a mere \$10 per carriage or rider which is paid at the Shaker Village on the perspectives dates. For the June 8 drive and ride, we invite you to bring a picnic lunch which will begin at 1:00 p.m.. After lunch, you may continue to drive or ride, if you so choose. The November 9 drive and ride will be similar, but for lunch, we will have a Chili Dump! (It just seemed like the seasonal thing to do!) If you are a rider, a word of caution, you will want to make sure that you have a horse or pony that tolerates being around carriage drivers. We do not wish to have any unfortunate situations. Spokes and Spurs was originally founded as a carriage driving and riding organization, thus the "Spurs" part of our name. We currently have several members that enjoy riding and want them to be a part of our events!

Games Day, May 18 at Harrison County Fair Grounds

We are planning a fun day for games! This has also been a request by many members. The morning will be for fun games with the afternoon, there will be a set up of a cones course for fun driving. We will share ideas with one another on the best strategies for driving a cones course, which should also serve to help drivers prepare for future driving events. This day will be provided at no cost to Spokes and Spurs members. Non-members may participate for \$25, which can be applied to a Spokes and Spurs membership.

Lexington Carriage Classic at the Kentucky Horse Park, June 20-23

This wonderful event will be having several of our members that will be participating. For those of you not driving in this event, we need many volunteers to run this show! At the **March 5 general meeting**, we will have sign ups for volunteers. We cannot begin to express the need for volunteers as these shows need willing workers to make it a success! Spokes and Spurs will also be sponsoring a class at this event. More information on this event will be coming soon!

Mark Your Calendars

May 2-5 and October 1-6, National Drives at the Indiana Horse Park, Edinburg, Indiana

July (date to be determined) Kate and Katie Whaley will sponsor a fun mini-CDE. More details as information becomes available!

April 9, June 11, September 4 (All Tuesday's at 7:00 p.m.) Executive Officers' Meetings - Any Spokes and Spurs members are encouraged to attend!

March 5 and December 3 (Tuesday's at 6:30 p.m.) General Meetings and Pot Luck Dinners for Spokes and Spurs The March 5 meeting will be to present and sign up for coming events. The December 3 meeting will be designated as the Annual Meeting. Our goal is to take care of general business before the end of the year so Spokes and Spurs may hit the ground running in January 2020!

August 3 and September 7 Fun Driving and Riding Days with private lessons for drivers and riders. More details on this later.

Caveat! All of the above dates and details can be subject to change, mainly due to weather! In the event of changes, we will notify the membership as soon as possible.