

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 for 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!** Non-members may participate for \$25, which applies to membership.

Dressage Lessons

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



From the President

Don't forget the potluck dinner and meeting on **March 5 (Tuesday) at 6:30 p.m. at the CAA Office at the Kentucky Horse Park.** This meeting is very important so we can discuss the 2019 activities. I am so excited that we have so much talent in Spokes and Spurs!

We are utilizing our membership to provide events, coaching, and lessons. At the March 5 meeting, we will need for you to make some commitments to attending events and teaching days. We would certainly hate to cancel any activity due to poor response or attendance. If you want to see our organization survive, you must give your support!

I, personally, am so excited about our **first event which is with Colton Parker.** He has already given me the derby course for that day. The coaching sessions are in the morning beginning at 9:00 a.m.. We'll break for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., we will have the fun derby! You need not be a professional or competitive driver to participate. *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 and Middle Tennessee Carriage Club are 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. If you are a rider, a word of caution, you will want to make sure that you have a horse or pony that will tolerate 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.

Games Day, May 18 at Harrison County Fair Grounds

We are planning a fun day for games! 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!

June 8 and November 9 Drives at Shaker Village in Harrodsburg.

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.

Further Plans

We are coming up with other places for driving, plus we're working on an opportunity where we can do an overnigher! Many of you have enjoyed driving and camping at Gayla Driving Center. Now that Gayla has closed, looks like we may have another place to do this. More details will become available very soon!

A Special Thank You

A sincere thank you goes to Linda Freeman, former Spokes and Spurs President. She established such great patterns in the last two years, it has made the new Executive Officers' work much easier.