



SPOKES AND SPURS NEWSLETTER

May 18 - Saturday

Derby Day Is Still On!

Colton Parker will serve as our clinician for derby driving and navigators. The venue will be at Fonda and Tom Eigel's place, 1646 Cook Rd., Cynthiana, KY. If you don't have GPS, send me a message spokesandspurskky@gmail.com and I will send you directions. Beginning at 9:00 a.m., Colton will begin with a group talk then he will coach derby drivers and navigators. BRING A PICNIC LUNCH or you can eat at one of the many restaurants in nearby Cynthiana. After lunch, we will have a fun derby to try out all of your morning knowledge! 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

A Heartfelt Thank You

As you all know, this has been a difficult time for my wife and I. The first treatment plans for Pam's cancer were bleak and long term. Choosing to go to MD Anderson in Houston was the right choice and even though a long road is ahead for Pam, things are looking a bit more positive. Certainly the shorter time for treatment is very welcome! We wish to thank you for the warm thoughts, expressions, prayers, and those caring for our personal needs. During my absence, Ann Katona, Vice President and Sumer Frost, Secretary/Treasurer will be handling Spokes and Spurs business and events. Pam and I will be returning for a short time in June which should make me available for the Shaker Village drive on June 8 and the Lexington Classic at the Kentucky Horse Park. By mid-July, we should be back home for good!

About ten years ago, I was hospitalized after an accident. The school where I was Principal at the time was in a quandary in deciding what to do during my absence. I exclaimed, "I can command from my bed!" While not commanding or being in a hospital bed, I will continue to make communications and plan for future events. *David Gaston*



Dressage Clinic with Leslie Berndl (continued from page 1)

driving events. As I sent out on Facebook, if you are planning on having a lesson, we must have your payments by Monday, April 27. If we receive enough payments, lessons will take place on Friday afternoon, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 with Leslie Berndl, 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. If you have not signed up and wish to have one of more lessons, please send your check now to Summer Frost, 3520 Combs Ferry Road, Lexington, KY 40509. **If you are too late to mail your check**, notify me at spokesandspursky@gmail.com no later than Monday, April 27. Auditors will pay the day of the event.

Leslie took home the bronze for the 2017 USEF Single Horse National Championships. She promises a unique and rewarding perspective to dressage drivers. Recently, a member asked if they could take a lesson even if they are not a competitive driver. The answer is, absolutely you should! I drive for enjoyment, but I can tell you from experience, that having had some dressage lessons, it really improved my driving and certainly my understanding when viewing dressage driving!

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.

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

This wonderful event, several of our members will be participating. For those of you not driving, we need many volunteers to run this show! **We cannot begin to express the need for volunteers to make this a success!** Send a message to spokesandspursky@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer. Please don't wait, let me know if you are going to be a volunteer. Several signed up for volunteering at the March 5 meeting. I will be contacting you soon!

Mark Your Calendars

May 2-5 and October 1-6, National Drive at the Indiana Horse Park, Edinburg, Indiana. If you haven't done this before or not attended since it moved to Indiana, you should go! You will be in for a treat!

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

June 11, September 4 (All Tuesday's at 7:00 p.m.) Executive Officers' Meetings - Any Spokes and Spurs members are encouraged to attend! **The June 11 meeting will take place at the CAA Office at the KHP!**

December 3 (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.) General Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner for Spokes and Spurs This 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.

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