

# SPOKES AND SPURS NEWSLETTER



## Thank You for a Great Derby Day!!!



Colten Parker, clinician

Colten Parker served as our clinician for derby driving and navigating where he did a fantastic job of sharing his expertise! The venue was in a beautiful setting at Fonda and Tom Eigel's farm near Cynthiana. There were over 30 in attendance with 18 turnouts! The day started off under the shade of lovely trees and a wonderful breeze. Colten covered many aspects of combined driving, navigating, competing, and the various options available on marathon vehicles. (Continued on page 2)

## From the President

**If you are not participating as a driver, navigator, or groom for any of the coming events, we need plenty of volunteers. The Lexington Classic (June 20-23), the Mini-CDE at Kate and Katie Whaley's (July 6), and the Kentucky Classic at Hillcroft (August 29-September 1) will be needing volunteers to make these events successful. Please contact me at [spokesandspursky@gmail.com](mailto:spokesandspursky@gmail.com) as soon as possible if you are able to volunteer. In your email, indicate the dates and times you are available. If you want to do something specific, let me know. Volunteering is a great way to educate yourself with little cost or risk. Let's keep our sport alive. David Gaston**



Fonda Eigel with her handsome and talented Connemara stallion and Colten Parker navigating.

Colten Parker instructing eager listeners on combined driving, navigating, competing, and marathon carriages.



## Derby Day (continued from page 1)

He also designed a fun driving course providing opportunities to practice gated obstacles as well as cones with Colten timing and giving tips. Turnouts varied from small ponies, large ponies, horses and even a pair! What a fantastic group of drivers! Eigel's provided a large field for warm up and perfect trails to drive at leisure. As Ann Katona said, "Part of what we love about Driving is how considerate and helpful people are in this sport." Thank you to the Eigel's for hosting and setting up, to Colten Parker and also Katie Whaley for sharing their extensive knowledge. Thanks to Victoria Clevenger, Cathy Courtemanche, John and Shelley Hubble, and Ann Katona for set up and take down. Also, thank you to Ann Katona, Diana and Charles Freibert for their contributions to this article and the fabulous photos. If we missed thanking someone, our apologies as so many pitched in. It was a really fun day with great people.

## Fun Drive Coming at Shaker Village, June 8, 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 **June 8** at 10:30 a.m. The cost is a mere \$10 per carriage or rider which is paid at the Shaker Village on the perspective date. 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](mailto: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.

## Concours D'Elegance at Keenland, July 20 (Article by Linda Freeman)

The 2019 Keenland Concours d'Elegance will take place Saturday, July 20, in Lexington, Kentucky. This fantastic event draws thousands of people from across the country to view hundreds of antique and classic automobiles (and carriages). This premier event benefits Children's Hospital of Kentucky.

This will be the fourth year that carriages will be at the show. The carriages, displayed next to various antique cars, are a hit with spectators. The carriage class for 2019, sponsored by the Carriage Museum of America, will feature unpainted natural wood carriages. Our goal this year is to highlight the fantastic joinery involved in the carriage making art that is usually hidden under layers of paint.

Also at the Concours will be a Carriage Club Paddock that will welcome antique carriages of any type. All (car) club paddocks display and compete against each other to see who can raise the most money for Children's Hospital. Last year, our very first attempt, the Carriage Paddock won the coveted award. The Carriage Club Paddock welcomes anyone who would like to display an antique carriage, painted or varnished. Contact Linda Freeman at [lfreeman6355@gmail.com](mailto:lfreeman6355@gmail.com) for more information.

If you are a collector, a driver, or just an interested observer, there will be something of interest for you at the Keeneland Concours. Hope to see you there!

### **Trailer Loading Clinic at Bally High Stables, LTD, Saturday, June 8, 10:00 a.m.**

Having issues with getting your horse on a trailer? Come learn some tips for learning what to do to ensure success. George Smock, clinician, will share his techniques for loading an unwilling horse. Question and answer session to follow. \$25 per person. Bally High Stables, LTD, 320 Pinckard Pike, Versailles, Kentucky 40383.

### **Mark Your Calendars** (Dates in red are sponsored entirely or in part by Spokes and Spurs, Inc.)

**June 8 10:30 a.m.** Drive at Shaker Village in Harrodsburg. \$10 per carriage or rider paid when you arrive.

**July 6** Kate and Katie Whaley will sponsor a fun mini-CDE. You don't have to be a competitive driver for this event. Come and have a fun day.

**June 11 (Tuesday 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.

**June 20-23** Lexington Classic at the Kentucky Horse Park.

**August 3 (9:00 a.m.)** Fun Driving and Riding Days with private lessons for drivers. We are offering lessons with Carrie Ostrowski, \$75 for members, \$85 for non-members. First come, first served.

**August 29-September 1** Kentucky Classic at Hillcroft Farm.

**September 4 (Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.)** Executive Officers' Meetings - Any Spokes and Spurs members are encouraged to attend!

**September 7 (9:00 a.m.)** Fun Driving and Riding Days with private lessons for drivers. We are offering lessons with Leslie Cashion, \$75 for members, \$85 for non-members. First come, first served.

**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!

**November 9 (10:30 a.m.)** Drive at Shaker Village in Harrodsburg. \$10 per carriage or rider paid when you arrive.

**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.

**December 21** Katie Whaley's Christmas Party (All Spokes and Spurs members invited)

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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