



# SPOKES AND SPURS NEWSLETTER



## Lexington Carriage Classic (Article by Ann Katona)

What a wonderful event to have in our own backyard! The Lexington Carriage Classic for 2019 was a beautiful event. We had a few showers, but over all, we dodged the deluges that we have been experiencing. The Whaley's brought their wealth of knowledge and experience to this show. The turnouts were simply outstanding!

Our judge was Nicole Cable and our TD, Mickie Bowen; show manager Kathy Courtemanche. Our timed obstacles were set up and run with Michael Rider's expertise (Villa Louis manager). Of course a special thank you goes out to those from Spokes and Spurs who volunteered to help run this event. (Continued on page 2)

## Fun CDE at Kate and Katie Whaley's Farm on Saturday, July 6

**Don't miss this opportunity to practice your skills and just have a wonderful day of driving.** If you have not already done so, send Katie Whaley ([HatsByKatie@gmail.com](mailto:HatsByKatie@gmail.com)) your name, horse/pony name, and navigator's name NOW! She needs this for scheduling. Also, if you can volunteer or you are coming to observe, send Katie your name and what you wish to do. The count of attendees is important because there will also be a luncheon.

The day will start at 9:30 a.m.. The Dressage will be the BDS 5 minute test. Drivers will go directly from dressage to cones. Marathon will start approximately at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch in the stable. The order of go will be posted on the Spokes and Spurs Facebook site before July 6.

This event is free to all Spokes and Spurs members. Your entry fee is to bring something to share for lunch. If you are a non-member and want to participate, you will need to join Spokes and Spurs (\$20 for single, \$25 for family) on or before July 6. This takes place beginning at 9:30 a.m. at **2027 Clintonville Road, Paris, Kentucky.**

Fun Times at Lexington Carriage Classic



## Lexington Carriage Classic (continued from page 1)

The Carriage Classic offered a great variety of classes from ponies to hitches of multiples. We were so pleased with the covered arena and how good the footing was for driving; from VSEs to the large coaches.

The classes included Turn-out, Reinsmanship, Working, as well as the Timed Obstacles, with championships for various divisions. There aren't many places where one may see such a variety of carriages and breeds of horses and ponies. One of the largest classes was the Utility Class. Don't think that because you don't have a formal turnout vehicle that you couldn't be a part of this event. I'm a fan of CDE's, but one may certainly participate in a pleasure show with a marathon vehicle and of course this is a great experience for your horse or pony.

The Covered Arena, at the Kentucky Horse Park, lends itself so well to this event. Vehicles were brought up to the concourse where spectators could view the carriages at their leisure. We held the Picnic turnout class where spectators could step back in time to see how a Sunday drive to a park may have looked. The gorgeous coach, owned by Mr. Cuneo, was up on the concourse. The coach was presented for up close viewing. We were especially impressed with the four-in-hand of Friesians that stood like statues while being judged.

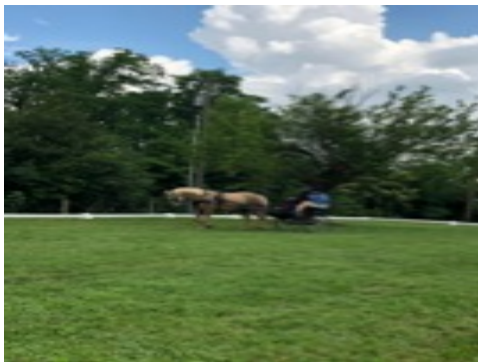
Two favorite classes were the Carriage Dog Class and Costume Class. Talk about creativity, Kate Whaley and her pony were a firetruck and Pattie Wolf being a taxi (down to the checkered hooves on her pony) were the crowd favorites! If someone has pictures of these, please post them on our Facebook site.

There were local competitors and folks from far away as Florida and Colorado. We are already looking at plans for the 2020 show. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Leslie Berndl Dressage Clinic Was a Wonderful Success!

On Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1, a Dressage Lesson Day was held at Whispering Oaks with Leslie Berndl. There were many participants who gave glowing reports and were excited with the unique approaches for dressage they received. Comments like, "My pony and I both learned some new things!" and "I learned a bunch, and I have lots of stuff to work on before the next lesson." We wish to thank Leslie for a wonderful two days!



Pictures Courtesy of Liz Skelton

## Driving and Camping, August 17 and 18 at Wanda Backscheider's Farm

Wanda is providing her farm for a fantastic weekend by the lake. Spokes and Spurs members are invited to drive at will, participate in games, and bring a dish to share at a pot-luck dinner at her cabin. There will also be a moonlight drive after the evening meal. There is plenty of room for trucks and trailers. You are also invited to camp overnight if you wish! Wanda's address is 4810 Olive-Branch-Stonelick Rd., Batavia, OH 45103. Participants should arrive anytime after 1:00 p.m. Don't miss this wonderful relaxing weekend.

## August 3 Fun Driving Day and Lessons with Carrie Ostrowski

This will take place at Charlotte's Creek Farm, 3176 Newtown Pike, Georgetown, Kentucky Saturday, August 3, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Carrie Ostrowski will be providing driving instruction in your choice of cones courses, marathon driving, and/or dressage. Jennifer Harber says there will be cones set up and an obstacle for you to school. Lessons are \$60 for Spokes and Spurs members, \$85 for non-members. Auditing is at no cost. This wonderful day will take place, rain or shine, since Charlotte's Creek Farm has a covered arena. If you have never been to Charlotte's Creek, you are in for a real treat as the farm is in a gorgeous, picturesque setting. Please send an email to: [spokesandspursky@gmail.com](mailto:spokesandspursky@gmail.com) right away if you are planning on taking a lesson. Indicate your name, email address, what you will be driving, and what you would like to concentrate on for your lesson. Hurry, since this is a first come, first served sign up!

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

The 2019 Keeneland 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!

## Volunteers Needed for the Kentucky Classic, August 29 - September 1

We still need more volunteers for the Kentucky Classic at beautiful Hillcroft Farm, 1818 Millersburg Road, Paris, Kentucky 40361. Misdee Wrigley Miller and James Miller will be hosting the 2019 Kentucky Classic Combined Driving Event. The three-day event features some of the top competitors in the country. Scoring is based on a combination of scores gathered over the three days of competition - dressage, marathon, and cones. Formerly held at the Kentucky Horse Park, Hillcroft Farm will host this elite event for the first time this year. We need volunteers in all areas including parking attendants, hospitality hosts, scribes for dressage, set-ups for cones courses, timers, obstacle judges, and the list goes on. If you can help, please contact Paige Lautzenheiser: [pnlautzenheiser@gmail.com](mailto:pnlautzenheiser@gmail.com).

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

**July 6** Kate and Katie Whaley will sponsor a fun mini-CDE. You don't have to be a competitive driver for this event. 2027 Clintonville Rd., Paris, KY. Come and have a fun day.

**July 17 (Arrive anytime after 1:00 p.m.)** Driving and Pot-luck at Wanda Backsheider's Farm.

**August 3 (9:00 a.m.)** Fun Driving and Riding Days with private lessons for drivers at Charlotte Creek's Farm, 3176 Newtown Pike. We are offering lessons with Carrie Ostrowski, \$60 for members, \$85 for non-members. First come, first served.

**August 29-September 1** Kentucky Classic at Hillcroft Farm, 1818 Millersburg Road, Paris, KY. Volunteers needed!

**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. Bring a picnic lunch!

**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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