

SPOKES AND SPURS NEWSLETTER



Lessons with

Leslie Cashion and Free Driving Day, September 7

We are indeed fortunate that Spokes and Spurs has a wealth of professionals at our fingertips. On Saturday, September 7, Spokes and Spurs will host a lesson day with Leslie Cashion. This event will take place at Charlotte's Creek Farm, 3176 Newtown Pike, Georgetown, Kentucky. Lessons are \$65 each for members and \$85 for non-members. There is no charge for those who wish to audit. Thanks to the covered arena, the lessons will take place even if it rains. For those of you that just want to drive without a lesson, Chris Roseberry, owner of Charlotte's Creek, has graciously provided the land, dressage area, a cones course, and an obstacle for drivers to school.

Many have signed up, but there are still a couple of lesson times available. If you still wish to take a lesson, contact me at spokesandspursky@gmail.com. Please indicate what you would like to focus on for your lesson.

We Appreciate Our Gracious Land Owners

One of the major concerns, coming into this year, was where we would hold events. Gayla Driving Center, now closed, and the Kentucky Horse Park, which has become cost prohibitive, were our main places. We have indeed been super fortunate that land owners have stepped up to fill this void.

Here is a list of those we wish to give sincere thanks:

Tom and Fonda Eigel, Riverfront Farm, Cynthiana, Kentucky

Leslie Berndl, Whispering Oaks, Lexington, Kentucky

Kate and Katie Whaley, Coach House Farm, Paris, Kentucky

Chris Roseberry, Charlotte's Creek Farm, Georgetown, Kentucky

Wanda Backscheider, Batavia, Ohio

We now have two other places for driving that will be revealed shortly!

Wonderful Driving Day and Lessons with Carrie Ostrowski

(Article and Photos by Ann Katona)

We had a lovely day with lessons taught by Carrie Ostrowski. Our host farm was Charlotte's Creek; a beautiful facility that gave drivers the opportunity to work on Dressage and cones. Once again we are so fortunate to have venues, such as these, available for club events. Thank you to Carrie, our hosts and participants. To drivers: I have a few more photos. If you'd like for me to forward just drop me an e-mail: katdogpony@gmail.com.

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Driving and Camping, at Wanda Backscheider's Farm

(Article and Pictures by Ann Katona)

We have shared a few events with our gracious fellow drivers from the Ohio Valley Carriage Club. We have had the opportunity to meet some of our Ohio neighbors and have always enjoyed their

camaraderie. When I heard that they were hosting a casual driving event on the property of Wanda Backscheider, I decided to head on up there.

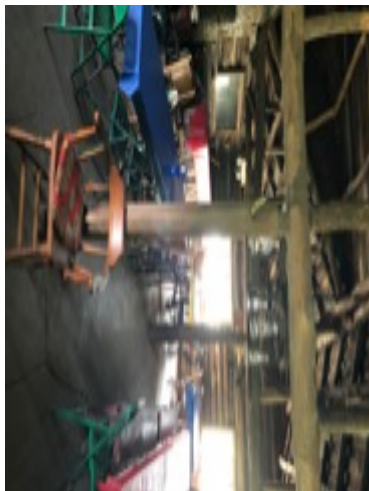
It is an easy haul up to Wanda's property. I took Rte. 27 and made in in under two hours. The property is beautiful. There was a large field to pull in and easily work out of the trailer. The trails were well marked with fantastic opportunities to school and expose horses of any levels to all kinds of goodies! There is a railroad trestle with a bit of water (not deep) that you may drive through; from there is a beautiful, perfectly smooth and level dressage ring. I took the opportunity to do a little schooling then head to another area where there were cones and two schooling obstacles. What was so nice was that the trails allow for drivers to take any length of course in order to accommodate any level of training or conditioning. After I drove my pony I went out to another area of the farm with Jane Godlewski and her Hackney Pony, "June". This area was on the other side of the farm and a bit more hilly and perhaps not as well suited for novice drivers or green equines. But that was fine as the side that I drove on was perfect for less challenging driving.

After our drive, in the evening, the club had a marvelous cook-out with burgers, hot dogs, and of course a delicious variety of food made by the members. We driving people do know how to enjoy good food!! The club had a brief meeting followed by time for visiting.

On Wanda's property is an awesome cabin beside a pond. I believe that Wanda's parents and grandparents built this cabin, using trees from their property. It was originally used as a family gathering place as many of her family are musicians and they would gather in the cabin for get-togethers.

I did stay the night, with my pony, in the trailer; yes "roughing it" in the gooseneck! Jane Godlewski also stayed the night. It is primitive, but fun to go camping (on occasion). The next morning was clear and cool, so Jane and I hitched our ponies and went out for another good drive. Again taking the opportunity to do some trail schooling; taking turns with who was in front or behind. Our ponies were wonderful and happy to trot along up and down some hills, back through the railroad trestle, etc.

I truly appreciate the OVCC inviting us to this wonderful venue. Wanda is a gracious host and I so enjoyed learning about the history of her beautiful farm. Wanda does intend to keep this an annual event and I will be sure to head back up there next year! I hope that others will as well!





Thank You to Volunteers for the Kentucky Classic, August 29 - September 1

Many Spokes and Spurs members volunteered for the Kentucky Classic at beautiful Hillcroft Farm, 1818 Millersburg Road, Paris, Kentucky 40361. Misdee Wrigley Miller and James Miller hosted the 2019 Kentucky Classic Combined Driving Event. The three-day event featured some of the top competitors in the country. Scoring was 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 hosted this elite event for the first time this year. We had volunteers in all areas including parking attendants, hospitality hosts, scribes, set-ups for cones courses, timers, obstacle judges, and the list went on. Volunteering for events like these keep our sport going! For those of you that volunteered, Hillcroft Farm provided t-shirts and hats. For those of you that volunteered and do not have a Spokes and Spurs volunteer shirt, we will make sure that you get one for your service that day.

To Our Amazing Volunteers,

Thank YOU for volunteering your time to help make the 2019 Kentucky Classic Combined Driving Event at Hillcroft Farm a success. We could not have done this without you. We hope that you enjoyed your experience at the 2019 Kentucky Classic Combined Driving Event at Hillcroft Farm, and hope that you will join us again for the next event in 2021! For those of you who are looking to get involved next year, Hermitage Farm will be hosting the 2020 Kentucky Classic Combined Driving Event in Goshen, Kentucky!

Any feedback - positive or negative - regarding this event, is highly encouraged. Please feel free to privately email me your comments so that we can better ourselves for the future.

If there is anything else that I can do for you, please don't hesitate to let me know. Again, thank you very much for your time this week. We greatly appreciate each and every one of you!

Sincerely,

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The National Drive, Hoosier Horse Park, October 1-6

It is again time for the National Drive to be held at the Hoosier Horse Park, Edinburg, Indiana beginning Tuesday, October 1 through Sunday, October 6. This year's clinicians are Joanna Wilburn, Mary Ruth Marks, and our own Leslie Cashion. The Hoosier Horse Park is a beautiful park providing wonderful opportunities to drive and school your equines. There will be several informational sessions to learn more about driving and navigating. Evenings provide time for visiting and enjoying delicious food and snacks. There are also historical sites to visit, shopping at an outlet mall, places to stay, and great restaurants. All are a short distance from the park. If you desire to camp, camping areas are provided right in the park. For more information and registration, visit the web site at: www.nationaldrive.net

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

September 7 (9:00 a.m.) Fun Driving and Riding Days with private lessons for drivers. We are offering lessons with Leslie Cashion, \$65 for members, \$85 for non-members. First come, first served.

September 11 (7:00 p.m.) Executive Officers' Meetings at the CAA offices at the Kentucky Horse Park - Any Spokes and Spurs members are encouraged to attend!

October 1-6, National Drive at the Hoosier 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 Kate and 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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