



# SPOKES AND SPURS NEWSLETTER

## **Free Driving Day at Charlotte's Creek Farm and Lessons with Leslie Cashion was on September 7**

*(Article by David Gaston)*

On Saturday, September 7, Spokes and Spurs hosted a free driving day and lessons with Leslie Cashion. This event took place at Charlotte's Creek Farm, 3176 Newtown Pike, Georgetown, Kentucky. Even though there was a covered arena ready in case of inclement weather, the day turned out to be absolutely lovely. Chris Roseberry, owner of Charlotte's Creek, graciously provided the land, dressage area, a cones course, and an obstacle for drivers to school.

Many signed up for lessons with Leslie Cashion where she was kept busy throughout the day with eager participants. Leslie provided excellent instruction which included dressage, strategies for driving a cones course, driving obstacles, and just general instruction for those that felt they just needed to sharpen up their skills. As with other clinicians we have had this year, many students are continuing to take lessons which makes our driving, as an (continued on page 2)

## **Wonderful Opportunity**

Thorsten Zarembowicz, who did his first combined event with a single pony at the age of 8, trained with World Champion driver Michael Freund, took team and individual Gold at the Single Horse World Championship in 2010, in 2016 became the USEF Combined Driving Coach, and in 2019 was the Division Champion for Horse Show Coaching at Devon, is at Coach House Farm (Kate and Katie Whaley's farm).

Now we have the fantastic opportunity to have a clinic with him at Coach House Farm, 2027 Clintonville Road, Paris, Kentucky, **Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24**. Lessons are \$100 for 45 minutes (a bargain for trainers of this stature) and free for those who wish to audit.\* (See note on Mark Your Calendars on the last page.) You do not need to be a major competitor to have a lesson with Thorsten. Please don't waste a chance to have a lesson (or two)! Many have already signed up, but time is fleeting, so if you wish to have a lesson, send an email to [spokesandspursky@gmail.com](mailto:spokesandspursky@gmail.com) right away. Be sure to indicate your emphasis for being coached and the day(s) you wish to have a lesson. Auditing is free! The new sound system has been ordered. Barring complications, the CeeCoach sound system will enable those taking lessons to hear clearly, instructors will no longer need to yell, and there will be a weather proof portable speaker system for auditors to hear the instruction.

We wish to thank Kate and Katie Whaley for generously providing their farm for this fantastic event, as well as other events held at their farm during the year.

## **Driving at Shaker Village is Finally Here**

We will have a fun drive with Spokes and Spurs members at Shaker Village in Harrodsburg, Kentucky on **Saturday, November 16, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** You might want to arrive a bit before 10:00 so you can go to the main office (the building with the restaurant) and pay your fee of \$10 per carriage or rider. After paying your fee, proceed to the stables. If you are unfamiliar with the village, when paying your fee, ask the cashier for directions to the stables. If you wish, bring a picnic lunch. We can meet back at the stables to eat together. Pray for great weather!

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an organization, stronger while having an opportunity to get over the “jitters” which often accompany riding with and in front of others.

Many others came to Charlotte’s Creek to enjoy driving in the beautiful setting. I took advantage of the day with my pony, Rolling Woods Third Rock. I had planned on driving about 45 minutes. It turned out that “Third” enjoyed the drive so much, it was obvious he didn’t want to quit, as we continued for a while longer. Some times we don’t give our precious equines credit for enjoying a drive or ride someplace other than their home base.

Thank you, Leslie for such a wonderful instructional day!

*Some Pictures from Leslie Cashion Lessons*



## Annual Meeting, Potluck Dinner, and Silent Auction

On **Tuesday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m.**, Spokes and Spurs will hold our annual meeting. We will have a potluck dinner (details to be sent out later for bringing food) and as a fund raiser, we will hold a silent auction. We have already received several donations, but we certainly need more. Donations can be anything to include: baked items, artful objects, driving and riding apparel, driving or riding tack, framed pictures or artwork, and jewelry. Notify David Gaston at [spokesandspursky@gmail.com](mailto:spokesandspursky@gmail.com) with what you are donating and indicate an approximate value for the item. If for some reason, you cannot attend the annual meeting, but wish to donate to the silent auction, please indicate so in your email so arrangements can be made in advance of the December 3rd meeting to collect your item. Summer Frost will also have Spokes and Spurs T-shirts and Sweatshirts available for sale.

That evening, we will have membership forms for 2020 for you to renew or join for the first time. We will be collecting membership fees for 2020 as you turn in your membership forms. The Executive Board is requesting a dues hike of \$10. There has not been a dues increase for many years and this is a very nominal raise viewing that expenses have increased over the years. This means a family membership will be \$35 and single memberships \$30. Since we must vote on the dues rate to be accepted by the membership, wait to turn in your membership form and fee at the meeting until we know whether the rate increase is approved. If you wish to fill out your membership forms in advance, Jack Goodman has created a more prominent place on the opening page of our website, which is [www.spokesandspursky.com](http://www.spokesandspursky.com). We wish to thank Jack for keeping up our website.

## Christmas Party at Kate and Katie Whaley's

Once again, the Whaley's are graciously inviting us to Katie's home at Coach House Farm, 2027 Clintonville Road, Paris, Kentucky. This will take place on Saturday, December 21. As we get closer to this dinner, we will send out details. This is such a lovely party and feast where we have a chance to socialize and dress up in our finery.

This is not connected with the December 21 party, but I saw this shirt recently and thought it quite hilarious.

*David Gaston*



## A Word of Thanks

The Executive Board wishes to thank all of our volunteers during 2019. Volunteers are the back bone of equine events. If you are not participating in a particular venue, do consider putting in some time as a volunteer. There is always a job for anyone and without this volunteer spirit, we will not be able to staff these events.

## 2020 Looks Great!!!

Your Executive Board has been very busy planning the new year. A sneak peak: In January, there will be a wine and cheese party with a visit from UK Agricultural Department where we can measure our hand grip and discuss stress on our hands and more proper ways to handle our reins. In February we will be providing a tour of Rood and Riddle. In March, our Vice President, Ann Katona, will present how and what to look for when buying a trailer, how we can refit our present trailers, and how we can maintain our trailers. We are looking forward to clinicians and lessons of such notable trainers as Sterling Graburn, Joanna Wilburn, and others that will be announced. We will again have a fun CDE at Kate and Katie Whaley's, a drive at Shaker Village, drives on some new properties, a games day, and Wanda Backscheider will again provide her place at Batavia, Ohio for a dinner, driving, and possible overnight camping. Colten Parker will return this year with a "Marathon Day" at Coach House Farm. We will again need many volunteers during the year, especially at the Lexington Carriage Classic and Marathon Day. Don't forget the National Drives for Spring and Fall. As you can see, we have the year filled with fantastic activities. The important thing is that you attend!

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

**November 16 (10:30 a.m.)** Drive at Shaker Village in Harrodsburg. \$10 per carriage or rider paid when you arrive. (If you are a rider, be sure your equine is comfortable around carriages.) Bring a picnic lunch!

**November 23** (Schedule to be announced) Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic and Lessons, \$100 per 45 minute lesson, free for auditors. Coach House Farm, Paris, Kentucky. \*(Please note: All lessons will be paid on the day of the reserved lesson, but if you cancel with less than 24 hours notice before the lesson, it is expected that you still pay for the lesson.)

**December 3 (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.)** General Meeting, Pot Luck Dinner, and Silent Auction for Spokes and Spurs This meeting is 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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