

SPOKES AND SPURS NEWSLETTER



Derby Days:

Kate and Katie Whaley have generously donated the use of their Coach House Farm for three derby events.

The first two events: July 25 and August 22 (both dates are Saturdays), those will be qualifying derbies. Those events will be \$35 entry fee each for the first two events for Spokes and Spurs members. (Non-members will be \$35 per the first two derbies plus one time membership fee of \$30 per single or \$35 for family.)

The third and final event will be Saturday, September 12. If the entrant qualifies after the first two derbies, the fee for the third event is \$50. Here's the greatest thing of all: The entry fees collected from each division will be distributed over the top three winners of each division. The amounts will be determined after all entries have been received with the highest amount going to first place, the next highest amount to second place, and so forth.

The divisions will be single horse, single pony, pair horse, pair pony, VSE's, and two wheel carts. Two wheel carts will walk and trot only. If you would like to practice driving a derby but

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Volunteers Needed for the Lexington Classic

June 18-21, Kentucky Horse Park

We need your help in order to make the Lexington Classic a success! If you are a competitor, consider lending a hand during your off time. Those not competing, we need all hands on deck. If you can volunteer, please send me an email at spokesandspursky@gmail.com as soon as possible. Be sure to indicate the day(s) and time(s) that you can help.

Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinics

Many of you have heard or seen on Facebook that Thorsten and Allison have moved to a farm of their own in Florida. We are fortunate though that Thorsten will fly back here for the clinics as planned. The first Thorsten Zarembowicz lesson clinic for 2020 will be June 6 and 7 (Saturday and Sunday), provided the COVID lock down is over. (For all the clinic dates, please see "Calendar of Events" at the end of this newsletter.) Thorsten Zarembowicz 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. All of the clinics will take place at Coach House Farm, 2027 Clintonville Road, Paris, Kentucky. Lessons are \$100 for 45 minutes (a bargain for trainers of this stature) and free for those who wish to audit. If you desire to have a lesson or two at this clinic, please contact me at spokesandspursky@gmail.com very soon so we can set up a schedule. When you send in your request, please include the day(s) and time(s) you prefer and what you would like to work on during your lesson(s). **You will pay for your lesson on the day(s) of attendance. Please note:** If you must cancel, do so before 24 hours before your lesson. If you cancel with less than 24 hours notice, you are still responsible for paying for the lesson.

don't wish to compete, you may enter under "not to be judged" class. Total numbers of entries will be limited with actual competitors scheduled first.

Fun Day at Valkrie's Haven is Being Rescheduled

We were really looking forward to a fun driving day at Leslye Sandburg's Farm, Valkyrie's Haven, 487 Cynthiana Road, Paris, KY 40361, on Saturday, April 18, but sadly because of the COVID social separation orders, we had to cancel. When the COVID "stay at home" orders are lifted, we will definitely find a place on the calendar. Michaela Keener and her team from the Sports Medicine Department at the University of Kentucky, will be joining us. They will be doing research with those that volunteer to measure heart rates connected with carriage driving. We will also have a cook-out luncheon. We will be asking those participating to bring either a side dish or dessert. Details will be sent out very soon. (If the weather invades our fun, this day will be rescheduled, again. Watch for announcements on your email, Facebook, and our webpage.)

Trailer Day with Ann Katona Will Be Rescheduled

The sport of driving brings a different twist for travel to and from events. How do you get a horse(s), the cart or carriage, as well as harness, etc. safely to your destination? You will not want to miss our event that will be at the CAA Office at the Kentucky Horse Park! This will be rescheduled from its original date in March. Ann Katona, Spokes and Spurs Vice-President, has prepared an exciting presentation about horse trailers. Ann will be sharing some of her experiences in determining what size and type of trailers/set ups that you may consider as a driver.

Also on that day, Sgt. Jason Morris from the Kentucky State Police will provide important information on trailer and farm equipment registration and licensing. Many of you have questions about licensing and have voiced concerns about any changes in the law. Sgt. Morris is a wonderful presenter and will bring you up-to-date on the laws. He is even versed on how other state laws effect us when we travel.

So Far, the Fun Drive at Hillcroft Farm is Still On!

We have an extraordinary opportunity at Hillcroft Farm outside of Paris, Saturday, June 13, beginning at 9:30 a.m. James and Misdee Miller have opened their fabulous farm for drivers. This event will also include Emerging Drivers encouraging new drivers to participate in the sport. As details are received, we will share them with our members. Don't miss this fabulous day!

Spokes and Spurs COVID-19 Response

We had so many exciting activities and educational events planned for March, April, and May. Sadly, complying with the State of Kentucky and Governor's orders and recommendations, we had to cancel or reschedule. As your President, I do believe we did the right thing. As you have read in this edition of the Newsletter, we are rescheduling as many of the activities as possible. Some of the events we planned have not been mentioned yet. That does not mean that we are canceling them for sure. The events mentioned already are because we absolutely know that those in charge are willing to reschedule. The events not listed, we will be speaking with those involved to see if a new date will work. All dates have not been rescheduled yet since there is no way of knowing when life will return to normal. I see on many posts on

Facebook that many of you are still driving, but at home. We have done the same at our home. Due to our generous and wonderful next door neighbor, he has encouraged us (and we took him up on it) to use parts of his land since he is not using those spaces. That has at least given us more room to drive and keep our animals. Many of you saw my post about setting up a mini-cones course. Linda Sudduth reports that she and her husband Van have been doing the same. It was really fun and allowed us to play a while. Here's Pam and Suzy Q on course: (I drove my pony Third Rock that loves to do cones.):



Please send me photos and short stories and/or post them on our Facebook page of your activities during this time of separation. I think it will be fun to put your pictures and stories in our next edition of the Newsletter.

David Gaston

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

June 6-7 (Saturday and Sunday) Marathon Training Day with Colten Parker along with Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic, Coach House Farm, Paris, KY

June (Date to be determined) Executive Board Meeting, CAA Office at the Kentucky Horse Park

June 13 (Saturday, 9:00 a.m.) Fun Driving Day, Hillcroft Farm, Paris, KY

June 18-21 Lexington Carriage Classic, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY

July 4-5 (Saturday and Sunday) Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic, Coach House Farm, Paris, KY

July 11 (Saturday) Mini-CDE Coach House Farm, Paris, KY

July 25 (Saturday) First Qualifying Derby, Coach House Farm, Paris, KY

August 1-2 (Saturday and Sunday) Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic, Coach House Farm, Paris, KY

August 8 (Saturday) Games Day and Lessons, Carrie Ostrowski and Leslie Cashion (Place and time to be announced)

August 22 (Saturday) Second Qualifying Derby, Coach House Farm, Paris, KY

September 5-6 (Saturday and Sunday) **Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic**, Coach House Farm, Paris, KY

September 12 (Saturday) **Final Derby at Coach House Farm**, Paris, KY

October 3-4 (Saturday and Sunday) **Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic**, Coach House Farm, Paris, KY

October 13-18 **National Drive**, Hoosier Horse Park, Edinburgh, IN

October 24 (Saturday, 10:00 a.m.) **Drive at Shaker Village and Picnic Lunch**, Harrodsburg, KY

November 7-8 (Saturday and Sunday) **Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic**, Coach House Farm, Paris, KY

December 8 (Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.) **Spokes and Spurs Annual Meeting, Potluck, and Silent Auction**
CAA Office at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY

December 19 (Saturday, 6:00 p.m.) **Spokes and Spurs Christmas Dinner and Party**, Coach House
Farm, Paris, KY

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 through email, Facebook, and our Website.

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