

# SPOKES AND SPURS NEWSLETTER



## Coach House Derby

Two qualifying derbies were held July 25th and August 22nd. Those that participated enjoyed the competition and the opportunity to get out some place other than their own land!

First and foremost, we want to thank Kate and Katie Whaley for all their hard work and opening their farm for the events. We also wish to thank the many that volunteered to help make the days successful.

Both days had beautiful weather, were run with excellence, and the courses were challenging, yet a lot of just plain enjoyment to drive the cones and obstacles! Unfortunately, the derbies were affected by circumstances beyond anyone's control. The pandemic prevented some out-of-state entries, as well as others that did not have navigators making them reluctant to have someone outside of their own home riding inches away. Horse injuries (not at the derbies) kept some from entering. To add insult to injury, two attendees had truck problems putting a halt to their participation.

As you may recall, our original plan was to qualify by successfully finishing the first two derbies, with the final derby

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## Halloween Drive at Shaker Village

Much to our chagrin, 2020 has not been kind to our activities and events. Using the COVID-19 restrictions, we were able to have the drives at Hillcroft Farm and Valkyrie's Haven. Even though the weather didn't cooperate, we had cones and dressage at Coach House Farm. The qualifying Coach House Derbies went on as scheduled, but the pandemic took a toll on the attendance for those events.

Your Executive Board has chosen to make it up to you through the Halloween Drive at Shaker Village. Normally, each driver or rider has to pay a fee to participate, but Spokes and Spurs will pay each persons participation fee on Saturday, October 24, 2020. (In case of weather problems, we will reschedule this event.)

You don't have to sign up or fill out anything. Just show up, get tacked up, and be ready to drive or ride by 10:00 a.m. If you would like to have some social time after the drive, you will need to distance and bring your own lunch. We still will require that when not driving or riding, you must wear a mask and social distance. You may remove your masks while driving or riding and of course while eating.

This should be a beautiful time to drive with all the fall color. If you have never driven at Shaker Village, near Harrodsburg, you are in for a treat. For those of us that have driven there before, we know how wonderful it is!

## Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinics

All of the clinics have taken place at Coach House Farm, 2027 Clintonville Road, Paris, Kentucky. Lessons are \$100 for 45 minutes. The clinic for September 4 and 5 is full, but there are two remaining clinics for the year, October 3 and 4 and November 7 and 8. If you desire to have a lesson or two at these clinics, go to our website: [spokesandspurs.com](http://spokesandspurs.com) Under the Thorsten Clinic article, you will find a form to submit your

request(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.

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to compete for the prize money from entries awarding first, second and third place of each division. After the completion of the second derby we ended up with two in the Single Horse division, three in Single Pony, and one in Mini-pony. We are currently polling the final competitors to decide whether or not to cancel the October final derby and award the winnings according to combined scores from the two completed derbies. We will post the decision and winners on our Spokes and Spurs Facebook page.

### **Fun Day at Valkyrie's Haven**

Those participating in the fun driving day at Jim and Leslye Sandburg's Farm, Valkyrie's Haven, 487 Cynthiana Road, Paris, KY 40361, on Saturday, August 8, had a fantastic time! Using the COVID-19 rules, the Events Committee helped design fun trail driving, dressage, and obstacles. Carrie Ostrowski and Leslie Cashion provided lessons for those interested in improving their driving skills. The weather was absolutely beautiful for the day. There were many participants throughout the day. A gracious thank you goes to Jim and Leslye for all their hard work and allowing us to use their farm for such an incredible day!



## National Drive, October 13-18

The Fall National Drive will be at Edinburgh, Indiana at the Hoosier Horse Park October 13-18. This is a splendid time to get out and drive for fun. There will be courses set up, educational classes, and individual lessons. For information and registration, go to: [nationaldrive.net](http://nationaldrive.net)

## Kentucky Classic CDE

Each year, we all have a grand opportunity to attend or compete in the Kentucky Classic CDE. Last year, the Kentucky Classic was at Hillcroft Farm. Many of you were participants and a number of us volunteered. This year, the Classic is at Hermitage Farm, 10500 W. Highway 42, Goshen, Kentucky 40026. If you are not a participant, you might consider volunteering. The work is massive and they need all hands on deck! For information, times, dates, registration, and volunteering, go to: [hermitagefarm.com](http://hermitagefarm.com)

## Election Time for Spokes and Spurs Coming Up

This year, we need to elect a new President and Vice President. Jennifer Harber, Secretary, and Hugh Bellis-Jones, Treasurer have agreed to stay on since they were elected just a year ago. Kathy Courtemanche was elected one year ago as the Board Member at Large. As of this writing, she hasn't indicated so, but I hope she can stay on this year also. If you wish to nominate a President or Vice President, please check with that person to see if they will accept the nomination, then send your nomination through email: [spokesandspursky@gmail.com](mailto:spokesandspursky@gmail.com) Voting will be in December.

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

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

October **Kentucky Classic CDE at Hermitage Farm**, 10500 W. Highway 42, Goshen, Kentucky 40026 Consult the following site for dates and times ([info@hermitagefarm.com](mailto:info@hermitagefarm.com))

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** Harrodsburg, KY

November 7-8 (Saturday and Sunday) **Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic**, 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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