



LEXINGTON CLASSIC:
KENTUCKY HORSE
PARK, JUNE 24-26



SCHEDULE OF
EVENTS FOR 2021



OPEN SCHOOLING DAY:
CHARLOTTE'S CREEK,
SUNDAY MAY 16

NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Our first Spokes and Spurs event for 2021 is behind us. We are still following COVID protocol, so we have had no scheduled socialization, however we were able to have two days of wonderful lessons. As our participants noted it was great to see how horses and drivers are coming along in training with Thorsten.

It feels great to have warmer weather and more events planned for this season!! Don't forget to check our Schedule of Events as we have added a couple of more fun weekends for our members!

Coming up quickly are also two competitions right in our own backyard! A CDE in May and the Lexington Carriage Classic in June.

- Kentucky Classic CDE - Thursday, May 27, 2021 – Sunday May 30, Hillcroft Farm, Paris, KY
- Lexington Carriage Classic - Thursday, June 24 - Sat. June 26, Kentucky Horse Park

I mention these two events in particular because they both will need **volunteers**. Please consider spending some time to give back to our sport of driving. While being a volunteer certainly helps the event (and many of our members work so hard to put on these events) there are many benefits to being the volunteer. When I first started to learn about driving I volunteered (and I still do). Along the way I learned about the sport of driving as a groom/navigator; I gained an appreciation for CDEs. But even long before that I was volunteering at our Intercollegiate events while in college. The best part of volunteering are the hours spent with others who share a passion of horse sports. The camaraderie and friendships formed are priceless. While I was in college in the '70's (Go MTSU!) I became friends with some wonderful people and to this day we maintain a closeness. Of course, over the years, through the driving community we formed more close friendships for which I am so grateful!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at upcoming events, our longtime friends, and newer members who are joining in the wonderful sport of driving.

Ann Katona

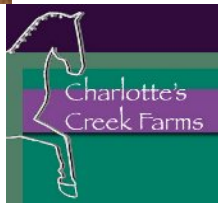


Open Schooling Day at Charlotte's Creek: May 16

Charlotte's Creek Farm, owned by Chris and Judd Roseberry, is graciously opening their beautiful property for Open Schooling Days in 2021. There are wonderful trails, obstacles, cones, and a brand new dressage arena in which to school. They even have an indoor if weather turns inclement!



Jennifer Harber, Stable Manager



OPEN SCHOOLING DAY
SUNDAY MAY 16, 2021
9AM-3PM

Join us for a day of open schooling in obstacles, cones, a brand new regulation dressage arena, and a 100'x200' indoor arena. This will be a great day to warm up for the upcoming show season or just try your hand at something new! Lessons are also available by appointment with Carrie Ostrowski. Please contact Jennifer Harber at (304) 208-5224 OR jaharber@hotmail.com no later than Tues. May 11.

Spokes and Spurs Membership is required to participate in this event. Membership applications are available online at spokesandspurs.com and will be available at the event. All participants, including passengers on the carriage must also sign a CCF waiver before riding or driving. All horses must have a Negative coggins within one year.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

A First Time for Everything

by David Gaston

My wife, Pam, was taking a lesson with Thorsten Zarembowicz at the April Clinic at Coach House Farm. During the lesson Pam requested to do some work on cones with her pony, Suzy Q.

Thorsten designed a challenging course. When going through a set of cones, Pam creamed a cone. Thorsten was on the back of the carriage, so he got off to reset the cone. The ball was missing. They both looked throughout the entire area, but couldn't find the ball. Finally Thorsten located it and exclaimed, "This is the first for me!"

(Look at the light green spot above the back wheel.)



Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinics Continue for 2021

Thorsten Zarembowicz, who did his first combined event at the age of 8, trained 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 will continue to offer lessons for 2021!

The Clinics will continue to take place at Coach House Farm, 2027 Clintonville Rd., Paris, KY 40361. Lessons are \$130 per 45 minute lesson. Here are the dates scheduled for 2021:

July 16-17

August 7-8

October 2-3

November 6-7

Go to: <https://fs20.formsite.com/6owStr/qpunfemlvn/index.html> for the online electronic registration form or go to our website: www.spokesandspurs.com for the online registration or our Facebook site.



Pam Gaston and Thorsten

Debbie and Dwight Lawrence





Thorsten and Lenny Courtemanche

Kathy Gilbertson's pony



Volunteers Needed!!!

by David Gaston



The Kentucky Classic at Hillcroft Farm and the Lexington Classic at the Kentucky Horse Park are happening **very soon!** These events need your help. As your Spokes and Spurs President, Ann Katona, stated in her President's Message, you learn so much by volunteering and make great long term relationships with others.

Very important, at this time in particular, if we don't get the volunteers we need to run these wonderful events, they will cease to happen. Recently, while communicating on Facebook with a driving friend from Texas, he made the statement of how jealous he is of us being in the heart of some of the best events and driving in the nation. We need to realize that we **are** in a wonderful location! If we fail to volunteer we will no longer have the envy of other drivers.

If you have never volunteered before, jump in, the water's fine! It's not hard. You will be instructed exactly how to do your job!

Paige Lautzenheiser is in charge of getting volunteers for the Kentucky Classic at Hillcroft. If you can give of your time for this event. To volunteer, use the following invitation: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/54507623000/true#/invitation>

I am in charge of getting volunteers for the Lexington Classic at the Kentucky Horse Park. For this event we need the following volunteers:

- 1-In-gate probably 1 for the morning 1 for the afternoon
- 1-Out-gate 1 for the morning 1 for the afternoon



MAY 26 - 30, 2021
HILLCROFT FARM
PARIS, KENTUCKY



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED US IN 2019 FOR THE FIRST EVENT AT HILLCROFT. WE INVITE EVERYONE TO JOIN US AGAIN IN 2021!



W: WWW.KENTUCKYCLASSICCDE.COM
E: KYCLASSICCDEHILLCROFT@GMAIL.COM



- 5-cones pushers
- 2-cones timers
- 1-cones scribe
- 1-hospitality
- 5-derby setup and takedown Saturday night

To volunteer, you may email at: davgstn@gmail.com or go to the following site to fill out an online form: <https://fs20.formsite.com/6owStr/7pqlzrgwdo/index.html>





The Invisible Driver

by Pamela Gaston

Spring is here - I think - in spite of snow and we want to return to our driving and outdoor activities. I'm going to pull out my soapbox and make a case for everyone to compete and be involved in some level this year. The driving community is having to cancel events right and left for lack of entries and often these shows will fold permanently. Shows attract public and commercial interest. We get attention in print and online. It means venues stay in business and they even might consider making events more appealing to us drivers. We are a small number in the U.S. and we need to organize our support for shows and by doing that, support upper level drivers who compete for national titles and in Europe. Organizations need to be built in a pyramid shape with a broad base of casual, backyard and beginning drivers. That's me, and maybe you, too. We need lots of little drivers to support the few top level ones and make our support powerful in the equine community.

We have some local shows that we need to step up and support. The Lexington Carriage Classic is coming up in June. Yes, there will be some really good drivers with lovely horses and carriages and harnesses that cost more than our first house. But there are a lot of classes that are accessible for the rest of us. There are classes for utility vehicles so dust off your metal cart or carriage and enter. Use your biothane harness, clean up your pony and enter. The cones classes are fun so just enter those. Don't be intimidated and just get out and drive. Most of us are not coming home with handfuls of blue and red rosettes and no one should feel bad because you were part of a good class. And there are parties if COVID-19 doesn't cancel them.

Katie Whaley has listed a derby on Saturday night. If you like to go fast and don't want to braid, GO. There is a costume class with no entry fee. You've got to love that. If you really can't or don't want to bring a horse right now, volunteer and you will be a vital part. If we don't make our presence visible, no one will know we are here and we will no longer exist.

Welcome New Members and Renew Your Membership for 2021!

We are excited that our messages and activities have inspired others to join Spokes and Spurs! If you need to renew your membership or if you would like to join, now is the time so we can plan the 2021 year. We now have an easy online form for you to fill out. Unfortunately, at this point, we do not have a way for you to pay your dues online. The directions for submitting your payment are on the form. Be sure and write that down before you submit the form. Memberships are not in effect until your payment has been received. If you don't wish to sit and type the site into your browser, you may find the site to click on through Spokes and Spurs Facebook site or our website: www.spokesandspurs.com For 2021 membership, go to:

<https://fs20.formsite.com/6owStr/9gxkgrwfqa/index.html>

Treasurer's Report for 2020

by Hugh Bellis-Jones

With pandemic restrictions in place, Spokes and Spurs unfortunately was unable to hold in person membership meetings in 2020; additionally, Board meetings were held via Zoom. With this in mind I'm pleased to take this opportunity to update our members on the club's finances and membership totals.



At the beginning of 2020 the club had \$3,803.85 in its bank account with WesBanco. The year-end balance as of December 31 was \$3,886.95, including 76 cents in annual interest. Receipts were primarily due to memberships; during the year the club received \$2,015 in membership dues, comprising 37 family memberships (\$1,295) and 24 single (\$720). These 61 memberships covered 116 actual members. Derby entries brought in \$925.00 of which \$600.00 was distributed back to the successful entrants. Many thanks to Coach House Farm for staging these popular and enjoyable events.

Principal expenditures for 2020 included the club's liability policy with Blue Bridle Insurance (\$725.49), and up for renewal in July; CAA office use fee (\$200); website hosting and renewal of domain name (\$143.86), with thanks to Jack Goodman for taking care of this aspect of the club's housekeeping; a payment of \$199.95 to Formsite for their service which now enables members to renew online (although payment must still be remitted to the Treasurer); and payment of \$240 to host Coach House Farm, being their portion of the Derby entry fees.

In February, I handled the paperwork to reinstate the club with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Secretary of State's office. This is a legal requirement and the club had been delinquent for 2019 and 2020. Fortunately, no penalties were levied. Fees for this paperwork totaled \$150 and moving forward I shall file a timely Annual Report with Frankfort to remain in compliance.

That sums up the financial picture for 2020. The club basically took in sufficient income to cover outgoing expenses, and it's apparent that membership renewals enable the Board to plan club events during the year as a membership benefit.

Now to 2021 and the current picture: as of April 21, the club has received 47 membership renewals, 30 family and 17 single, covering 77 members. It's encouraging that quite a few 2021 members have joined Spokes and Spurs for the first time and to them we extend a special welcome. The current bank balance is \$4,463.63; memberships continue to trickle in and I expect that final year-end membership totals will be similar to last year.

Spokes and Spurs Has a Library for You to Check Out

Just a reminder . . . Spokes and Spurs has a nice little library available to our members. Let Ann Katona know if you would like to “check-out” anything.

Title Author American Carriages, Sleighs, Sulkeys and Carts 168 Illustrations from Victorian Sources

Edited by Don H. Berkebile

American Horse-Drawn Vehicles - Being a collection of 218 pictures... Jack D. Rittenhouse

Bending the Driving Horse Muffy Seaton

Breaking a Horse to Harness - A Step by Step Guide Sallie Walrond

Bristol Wagon & Carriage Illustrated Catalog, 1900 Bristol Wagon & Carriage Works Co. Ltd.

Carriage Driving - A Logical Approach Through Dressage Training Heike Bean and Sarah Blanchard

Discovering Horse Drawn Carriages D. J. Smith

Driven Dressage with the Single Horse Sandy Rabinowitz

Driver Proficiency Program - Level I and Road Driving Syllabus The Carriage Association of America

Driving a Harness Horse - A Step by Step Guide (A sequel to Breaking a Horse to Harness) Sallie Walrond

Driving for Pleasure or The Harness Stable and its Appointments Francis T. Underhill

The Encyclopedia of Driving Sallie Walrond

The Essential Guide to Carriage Driving Robyn Cuffey and Jaye-Allison Winkel

Fundamentals of Private Driving Sallie Walrond

Horse-Drawn Vehicles at the Shelburne Museum Kenneth Edward Wheeling

Illustrated Catalogue of Carriages and Special Business Advertiser / G. & D. Cook & Co.'s Forward by Paul H. Downing

Walnut Hill: A Grand Celebration of the Horse & Carriage Robert Iannazzi; Photographer. Bill Remley; Commentator

Schedule of Events for 2021

Proposed Date	Activity
April 29-May 2	Spring National Drive: Hoosier Horse Park, Edinburgh, Indiana
May 16	Open Schooling Day #1 at Charlotte's Creek Farm, 6146 Paris Pike, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324
May 27-30	Kentucky Classic at Hillcroft Farm
June 24-26	Lexington Carriage Classic at The Kentucky Horse Park
July 16-17	Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic #3 at Coach House Farm
July 24	Open Schooling Day #2 at Charlotte's Creek Farm
July 31	Traditional Day of Driving - Coach House Farm
August 7-8	Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic #4 at Coach House Farm
August 14	Valkyrie's Haven - Paris, KY - Open Schooling Day and a visit from the Jockey and Equestrian Initiative, University of Kentucky
October 2-3	Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic #5 at Coach House Farm
October 5-10	Fall National Drive: Hoosier Horse Park, Edinburgh Indiana
October 16	Driving and Riding at Shaker Village, Harrodsburg, Kentucky
November 6-7	Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic #6 at Coach House Farm

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.

Find us on-line at www.spokesandspurs.com

This is Your Newsletter!

Please send us any equine activities, news, and your achievements! Whenever possible, include photos. We will also list at no charge to members any equine ads. For example, we will accept ads for selling carriages, horse trailers, horses or ponies or especially tack and equipment. In the past, members placed ads on Facebook which unfortunately sometimes didn't allow our members first crack at it. Obviously, if you are in a hurry to list something, still use our Facebook site. If you have time, send us your listing and photos.

We also invite articles written for the Newsletter. Many of you are talented writers and have great information to share with others. These articles should be about riding or driving tips, repair of carriages, horse equipment, and farm equipment. We also invite humorous articles that bring joy to our lives about your equine or farm experiences.

We would love to have pictures of your favorite pets and scenic pictures of your property. When we receive these pictures, we will include as many as possible in order that we receive them. If so many pictures are received, we will notify you which issue your photography will appear.

We do reserve the right to edit articles or ads, but we will notify you of the editing and get your approval before publishing.

Send your ads and articles to: spokesandspursky@gmail.com

Under "Subject", type in: Newsletter Editor

Photos need to come in JPEG or HEIC images in an attachment to your email.