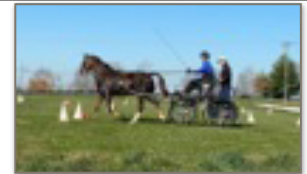




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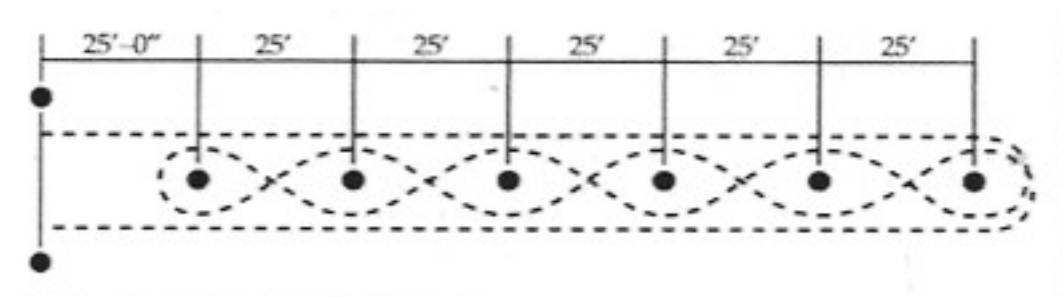
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## President's Message

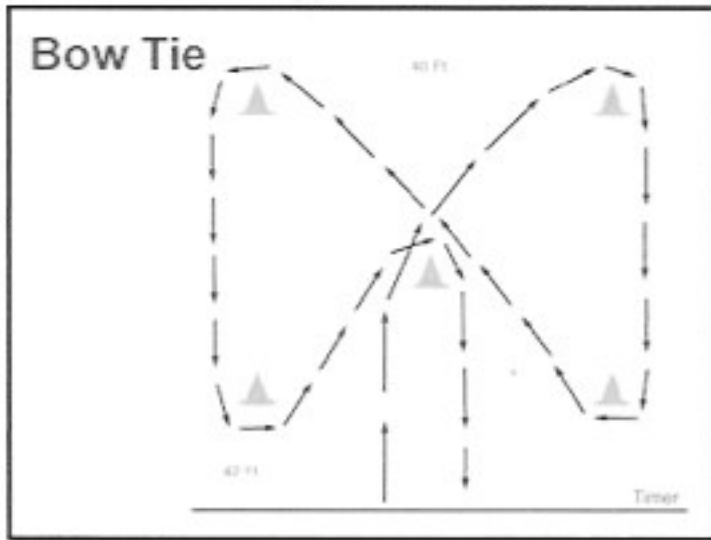
We have had a busy summer with several events! I can't say this often enough... Thank-You to the farms that have hosted such a wide variety of events! How fortunate to have Coach House/Whaley's host clinics with Thorsten; fun day of driving; lesson with Carrie Ostrowski at Charlotte's Creek/Roseberry's with Jennifer Harber & Esther; Valkyrie's Haven/Leslye Sandberg & lessons with Leslie Cashion (and what a treat to see Debbie Banfield to design a cones course and scavenger hunt)! As COVID restrictions have loosened, how wonderful to see our friends & socialize within this wonderful club. On a personal note, I have several friends in this club who have helped me out on the home front. I truly appreciate the camaraderie and assistance.

One aspect of this club is the wonderful variety of drivers from beginners through Advanced. I so enjoy seeing drivers at all levels developing a relationship with their equine(s). As great as it is to get out to various farms, many of us are driving at home in smaller areas; a grassy area, a small arena, etc. While I believe that the foundation of dressage is very important we know that driving in circles can become boring to some of us as well as repetitive to our horse or pony. I'd like to share some fun exercises to enhance the driving experience at home.

Place 6 markers in a straight line spaced 25 feet apart. Drive as a pole bending pattern. Think about asking for the bend as you weave in and out of the line of markers. Of course you may use fewer cones as space allows.



The Bow Tie can be spaced in a 40 x 40 arena. As you can see simply place 5 cones to practice turns as well as straightness. Practice at any pace; walk or trot. Add a halt; add transitions; walk to trot back to the walk, etc.



We have more events on this year’s schedule as well as a CDE hosted by our neighboring club, Indiana Whips and Wheels ; Sept. 18 and 19 at the Hoosier Horse Park. I’m looking forward to this event myself along few of our members. As with any event they do need volunteers. I hope that some of you may enjoy helping out at this wonderful CDE. It’s a great way to learn as well as share the fun with other drivers!

*Ann Katona*



## Treasurer’s Report

by Hugh Bellis-Jones, Treasurer



Spokes and Spurs continues to be on a sound financial footing; at the beginning of 2021 the club’s bank balance was \$3,886.95 and

## Final Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic for 2021

**T h o r s t e n Z a r e m b o w i c z**, 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 continues to offer one more lesson session for 2021!

The Clinic will take place at Coach House Farm, 2027 Clintonville Rd., Paris, KY 40361. Lessons are \$130 per 45 minute lesson. The following dates remaining for 2021 are September 30 through the morning of October 2. The earlier planned November clinic will not be held.

If you wish to have lesson(s) at this final session for 2021, contact Katie Whaley at: [hatsbykatie@gmail.com](mailto:hatsbykatie@gmail.com)

as of August 31 stands at \$4,179.16. As would be expected, membership dues comprise the bulk of the club's annual receipts. To date in 2021 Spokes and Spurs has received 60 memberships, 25 single and 35 family. These 60 memberships cover a total of 95 individuals. Although very much a volunteer-driven organization, Spokes and Spurs does incur certain recurring expenses, such as the club's liability insurance policy (\$484.55), and website hosting and maintenance (\$155.86).

One piece of housekeeping to note is that earlier this summer the club's account was switched from an interest-bearing one to a non-interest-bearing one. At first glance that may not seem a logical move so let me explain. In 2020 the Spokes and Spurs account with WesBanco earned a grand total of 75 cents in interest. In June I was advised that starting July, the bank would levy a fee for every check deposited or written on the club's account. It was obvious that the fees involved would total well in excess of any interest earned. As a non-profit corporation Spokes and Spurs was eligible to transition to a fee free, non-interest-bearing account and that was the decision that Ann Katona and I chose.

So that sums up the financial picture for the first eight months of 2021. The club continues to take in sufficient receipts 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

## Spokes and Spurs Open Driving Day at Valkyrie's Haven: A Wonderful Day

The Open Schooling Day with a visit from the Jockey and Equestrian Initiative, University of Kentucky was on Saturday, August 14. Equine activities for the day included lessons by Leslie Cashion, trail driving, obstacles for practice, a dressage ring, a cones course, and a scavenger hunt. Our dear friend, Debbie Banfield designed and set up the cones course and the scavenger hunt.

The Equestrian Initiative team from the University of Kentucky conducted tests for breathing and heart beat while driving, dexterity tests, and grip measurement. The team remarked the incredible grip and strength of drivers and navigators! We didn't divulge that our strength comes from holding on for dear life! Members brought side dishes and goodies to share at lunch. Leslye Sandberg furnished hot-dogs and hamburgers which she grilled along with our friend, Jim Leigh. It was so nice to enjoy being with other members to sit and visit.

The scavenger hunt was hilarious! Drivers and their grooms scanned for objects that looked out of place which included a fuzzy snake, a monkey, watering cans, an owl, a thermometer a red tool box, and the list went on. Debbie Banfield was sneaky in sometimes placing things on opposite sides which tricked those that only looked to one side. Awards and prizes were given to the winners.

Leslye Sandberg even included little gifts to drivers that attended. She told the board members to be sure and place this event on the calendar for next year. We wish to extend a huge thanks to Leslye for sharing her land and facilities, going to so much much trouble to set up and make an extraordinary day for all attendees! If you missed this activity, mark your calendars when the 2022 calendar comes out to be in attendance next year.



## Welcome New Members for 2021

We'd like to extend a welcome to our most recent new members: Leslie Bebensee, Tim and Sara Dunham, Stacey and Meredith Giere, and Ruth and Frank Hornbeak.

If you haven't joined this year or would like to refer a friend, the form is on line with directions for submitting your payment on the form. Any new member that joins in October through December will get a bonus! Your membership fee will cover that remaining part of 2021 and your membership will cover you for the whole year of 2022! Be sure and write down the address for payment before you submit the online 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](http://www.spokesandspurs.com) For 2021 membership, go to:

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

## 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 Remaining for 2021

Proposed Date	Activity
September 30-October 2	Final Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic for 2021 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
December 5 1:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting, Pot Luck, and Elections (Tentative depending on COVID warnings.)

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](http://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](mailto:spokesandspursky@gmail.com)

Under "Subject", type in: Newsletter Editor

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