



Newsletter

Happy New Year!



I hope that this Newsletter finds you all healthy, safe and happy! Unfortunately we are seeing an uptick of COVID once again; apparently this new variant... sigh. At this time I am putting the in-person meetings, scheduled for Jan. and Feb., on hold. I may try to do a Zoom or You-Tube method of the Trailer presentation that I put together some time ago.

We held our Dec. Annual Meeting at the CAA office on Dec. 12, 2021. Understandably the attendance was a bit lower than usual. We were able to hold the meeting (masked) and go over events for 2022! And it will be an exciting year for driving in this area!! We also held the silent auction which raises a little extra money for the club. Thank-you to all who donated items as well as made purchases.

- Your 2022 board remains the same as these are two year terms;

President - Ann Katona
Vice-President - David Gaston (as well as keeping up with the Newsletter!)
Secretary - Jennifer Harber
Treasurer - Hugh Bellis-Jones
Director At Large - Kathy Courtemanche

Thank-you to all for taking on these offices and the behind the scenes planning.

- Please remember to send in your dues for 2022. The membership form (which needs to be signed) is available on the Spokes and Spurs web page. Dues are to be sent to Hugh Bellis-Jones

Family - \$35.00; Single - \$30.00

- For those of you who were unable to make it to the meeting we covered the “Mini-Series” that we will be holding this summer. (See “Mini-Series”)

Ann Katona

Mini-Series



This is an overview of the event;

- 1 May - the 1st event will be a CT - Dressage and Cones casual turn-out; critique of dressage and cones; also allow a “reader” for the dressage test
- 2 June - 2nd. event will be an HDT - Horse Driving Trial - Dressage, Cones and Obstacles - we would like to see a more “proper” turnout with apron, etc.
- 3 July - 3rd event will also be an HDT - a different dressage test

This is an excellent opportunity for ALL levels of drivers and equines. It is casual event and is not rated although we will follow driving rules and these will be posted ahead of time in order to help you learn about these types of

driving competitions. And for those of you who will be competing this is a fantastic opportunity to school your horse/pony. The July event will probably be the Dressage Test for Metamora CDE so you'll want to take advantage of being able to have a critique before that CDE.

While there will be a low entry fee this is a chance for you to learn more about competition without the higher cost of a rated event as well as not having to travel, stay at a hotel etc. Thank you so much to Carrie Ostrowski for proposing and bringing this idea to fruition. AND a huge



Thank-you to our host farms!! We are so fortunate to have such wonderful facilities in our backyard!! I also wish to thank Lenny Courtemanche who will serve as our course designer for the June & July phases. (For those of you who may not know this Lenny was a big part of the WEG games course design from 2010). We are fortunate to have members like these supporting our upcoming events!!

- March 2022 - I have an idea to hold an educational event for the nearby general horse population. We are always looking to grow and share our enthusiasm for our sport of driving; be it pleasure driving, showing, CDEs, trail driving, etc. There are several groups on Facebook as well as Pony Club, IHSA, etc. I have as of yet to iron out the details or a location but the premise is similar to what Gayla had done in the past. We do need your help as a volunteer. In general I would like to see three stations;
 - 1) How to start to learn about the sport of driving safely.
 - 2) Pleasure driving ; presenting the cornerstone for which traditional driving is based upon; proper turn-out, types of carriages, history, etc.

- 3) Combined Driving; Demonstrating how driving has evolved into modern day competitions. The location will determine if we would have well trained driving horses or simply have presenters at each station bring outfits and carriages as well as videos, handouts etc. If you are interested in jumping onboard please let me know: katdogpony@gmail.com or my cell is 815-761-5335.

Lastly, please keep us updated on your doings in the driving world!! I know that several of our members are down in Florida to keep their equines in training and will also be competing! We love hearing about your adventures! Visit Facebook and our web page. I also wish to thank Jack Goodman for keeping up our web site. We greatly appreciate his expertise in this area!!



Bob Vance with
Thorsten Zarembowicz

Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinics for 2022

We are again pleased to announce there will be clinics with Thorsten Zarembowicz this year. As in the past, they will be held at Coach House Farm, 2027 Clintonville Road, Paris, KY 40361. The dates are given in [Schedule of Events](#) on pages 8 and 9 of this Newsletter. For more information or to reserve a lesson time, contact Katie Whaley at: hatsbykatie@gmail.com

Get Your 2022 Membership In!

If you haven't joined for 2022 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 joined October through

December, 2021, your membership covers 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 For 2021 membership, go to:

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

Treasurer's Report for 2021

by Hugh Bellis-Jones



A Treasurer's report has been a regular feature of the online newsletter, so I'm taking this opportunity to provide a quick overview of the club's finances for 2021. Spokes and Spurs is on a sound financial footing. The bank balance at beginning of the year was \$3,886.95 and as of December 31, was \$4,379.42.

Income for 2021 totaled \$2,111.00, primarily due to membership dues (\$1,795.00); additionally, the silent auction held during the December 12 in-person annual meeting raised \$316.00. We'd like to thank our silent auction donors and bidders.

Expenditures for 2021 totaled \$1,521.67. The club did not keep me overly busy last year as only 13 checks were issued, the principal ones being:

- \$483.55 to American Reliable Insurance
- \$200.00 to Lexington Carriage Classic (sponsorship)
- \$187.08 AGM food/drink
- \$200.00 to CAA (rental donation)

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- \$119.88 (web hosting)
- \$100.00 to National Drive (sponsorship)
- \$80.00 for Shakertown Drive
- \$35.98 to Blue Host

During the executive committee's November 7 in-person meeting, Ann Katona, David Gaston and I determined that the club would make the following donations in 2022 to support driving activities in our area:

- \$200.00 to the CAA for the use of their office for club meetings;
- \$200.00 to Lexington Carriage Classic;
- \$100.00 per event to the National Drive

Now a summary of memberships. For 2021 Spokes and Spurs received 60 memberships, 35 family and 25 single, encompassing a total of 97 members. This is virtually the same as in the previous year when we had 61 memberships, 37 family and 24 single, covering 116 members and membership renewals are starting to come in for 2022. Your board has been busy planning a full schedule of club activities for 2022, including a series of three mini CDEs, clinics with Thorsten Zarembowicz at Coach House Farm, a drive at Shakertown, and in person educational meetings (provided the pandemic does not intervene). Many of our members will also be volunteering and/or competing at the Lexington Carriage Classic that will be held June 23-25 at the Kentucky Horse Park. It bears repeating that it takes a growing and *involved* membership to provide an interesting calendar of events so do your part and make it a New Year's resolution to rejoin Spokes and Spurs today. We look forward to seeing many of you at club activities throughout the 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.

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 T

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

Proposed Date	Activity
January 23	Presentation: “So You Need A Bigger Trailer for Carriage Driving” (Will be on Zoom or YouTube)
February 20	Planned Meeting (TBD)
March (Date to be Determined)	Educational program geared towards the general horse community
April (TBD)	Local Farm Tour
May 21	Mini-Series #1 Valkyrie’s Haven, 487 Cynthiana Rd., Paris, KY 40361
June 8-10	Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic at Coach House Farm, 2027 Clintonville Rd., Paris, KY 40361

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Proposed Date	Activity
June 11	Mini-Series #2 Charlotte's Creek, 3176 Newtown Pike, Georgetown, KY 40324
June 23-25	Lexington Carriage Classic at the Kentucky Horse Park
July 6-8	Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic at Coach House Farm
July 9	Mini-CDE Series #3 Coach House Farm, 2027 Clintonville, Rd., Paris, KY 40361
August 4-5	Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic at Coach House Farm
September 24	TBD: Pleasure Drive
October 5-7	Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic at Coach House Farm
October 22	Pleasure Drive: Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill, 3501 Lexington Rd., Harrodsburg, KY 40330
December (TBD)	Annual Membership Meeting and Elections

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.