



Newsletter



After an intro to Spring with a roller coaster of weather and temperatures I do believe that Spring is finally here to stay!! (I've already mowed three times!)

Over the winter several of us laid out plans for various Spring and Summer driving events. I can't believe that our first event, at Valkyrie's Haven, is this week! We are so pleased to say that entries are full! We have drivers of various levels and mentors available for some newcomers (I love this idea.). This event is such a nice opportunity to get the gist of dressage and cones and expose our horses and ponies to a low- key event.

Be sure to note that the next event will be at Coach House, Paris, KY, lessons with Thorsten Zarembowicz (June 8-10). This is a wonderful opportunity to be coached by such a talented driver with a phenomenal resume in the world of driving! What better way to get ready for the next event than to take a lesson with Thorsten?

Our next schooling event will be on June 11 at Charlotte's Creek. This will be fun to not only work on Dressage and Cones but to add some obstacles and a marathon course.

Also in June, the Lexington Carriage Classic will be held at the Kentucky Horse Park, June 23-25. This is such a beautiful show. I'm the secretary for this event and entries are already rolling in. Also, note that this year, there will be a class for "First Timers"! As stated on our Facebook page, this will allow for first timers to have a positive and fun experience (and we know that we all have great fun at this lovely show)!

As always, we do need volunteers at each event. Auditors are also welcome at all events. What a great way to meet with everyone and continue to learn! Whether you are driving, auditing and volunteering we look forward to seeing everyone.

Ann Katona

Mini-Series

by Carrie Ostrowski

This is an overview of the events;

- 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. There will be a question and answer session after everyone has driven.
- 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.

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. (Entry instructions and forms will be sent out soon to members and will be posted on our Facebook site and our website.) 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!!

The first of our two schooling events is this Saturday, May 7th, outside of Paris. We need more volunteers, please! Even if you can only help a few hours, it would be greatly appreciated. Sign up at:

<https://airtable.com/shrQ4tKbCeShfZcnN>

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered!

Schedule:

- 8:00 Office Open
- 8:30 Cones Organized Course Walk
- 9:00 Volunteer Check-in
- 9:40 Dressage Start
- 9:50 Cones Start
- 2:00 Dressage Finish
- 2:15 Cones Finish
- 2:30-3:00 Socialize/Q & A
- 3:00 Results and Awards in barn near trailer parking

Lunch: Eat as you can, no designated time, but there is a break around noon

May/June 2022

Obstacles: Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for schooling, no order of go

HDT at Charlotte's Creek

(Second Event in Spokes and Spurs Mini-Series)

by Jennifer Harber



The Spokes and Spurs HDT at Charlotte's Creek Farm (Georgetown) will be held Saturday, June 11. Dressage starts at 9am with cones immediately following. Our judge is Julia Quatrocchi, an MSED A licensed dressage judge. There will be a short marathon, consisting of 2-3 obstacles on Saturday afternoon.

This is a great, low cost, schooling show for new drivers or green horses, as well as those seasoned drivers who just want to hone their skills.

We have just a few entry spots left for the schooling day in June. Entries will be accepted online at the link below. All levels are doing Test A for your division- Novice and Open Training are doing the same test. Tests can be found here: https://americandrivingsociety.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=548049&module_id=407587

Event entry link:

<https://airtable.com/shr3sKK7DJGBTiPOd>

Volunteer link:

<https://airtable.com/shrQ4tKbCeShfZcnN>

Limited stabling is available for \$30. Contact Jennifer Harber for information. (304-208-5224). We look forward to seeing everyone!





Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinics for 2022

First one for 2022 is

June 8-10!

The clinics with Thorsten Zarembowicz this year are beginning very soon. 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 11 and 12 of this Newsletter. For more information or to reserve a lesson time, contact Katie Whaley at: hatsbykatie@gmail.com

Lexington Carriage Classic

June 23-25 at the Kentucky Horse Park

It is our pleasure to extend to you our invitation to our fourth annual Lexington Carriage Classic June 23-25, 2022 at the Kentucky Horse Park. With yet another year under our belt, and heeding many of your great suggestions, we have made some changes to the show program in the hopes that we can continue to make the show more enjoyable for all.

Although competition can be spirited and challenging, our goal is to provide an opportunity to bring together those of us who enjoy exhibiting our horses and carriages in a congenial and fun atmosphere. Juniors are encouraged to enter any division and will be awarded points towards a Junior championship based on their placings. We have also waived entry fees for Junior competitors. If entries warrant we will be happy to add a Junior Division.

As we have received many questions about our show from folks that are brand new to the sport of Pleasure Driving, we have added a First Timers division for those newcomers who do not wish to go straight into an open division. We're excited to offer a new "First Timers" division at the Lexington Carriage Classic. Our experienced Judge, Steve Holm, and our committee want to make your first show a positive one. Ask questions, make a few mistakes, have fun, and learn in a welcoming environment at the beautiful Kentucky Horse Park! We intend for classes in this division to be instructive, and have a casual and friendly atmosphere. Our Judge and our Show Committee, will be available for these competitors to ask questions and learn about the sport of Pleasure Driving as they navigate their first pleasure show!

We also will be bringing back the Driving Derby on Saturday following the last class of the day. This is a separate event with a separate entry form which you can download below.

We hope you join us Thursday Evening for a Welcome Party hosted by the Carriage Association of America at their headquarters at the Kentucky Horse Park. During Friday night's performance we invite everyone to the mezzanine for a potluck barn party and encourage people to bring foods from their state. Also, back by popular demand, join us for an Ice Cream Social and awards presentation following the last class on Saturday afternoon.

Lastly we would like to thank all of our sponsors and supporters for making the Lexington Carriage Classic possible. Donations can be made via mail or added to your entries on the entry blank.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again in June! New to pleasure driving? A little nervous about going to your first show?

Divisions Offered:

Single Horse
Pair Horse
Single Pony
Pair Pony
Tandem/Multiples
Utility Vehicles
Park Hooded Phaeton

Park Wicker Phaeton
Novice
First-Timers
VSE
Junior

Hermitage Farm Combined Driving June 3-5, 2022

Are you ready for the **Kentucky Classic CDE**?! 📢

We are pleased to announce that the 2022 Kentucky Classic at Hermitage Farm Combined Driving Event Prize List is now available! Entries open April 15th!

🎉 Check out the link below for information and how to enter 📄

🖥️ <https://www.hermitagefarm.com/horses/kentucky-classic/>

✉️ jarnold@hermitagefarm.com for more information!

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On even-numbered years, Hermitage Farm hosts one of the premier Combined Driving Event competitions in the US: the three-day Kentucky Classic Combined Driving Eventing Competition, featuring competitors from around the world.

Treasurer's Report

by Hugh Bellis Jones



As of April 30, 2022, I'm pleased to report that Spokes and Spurs has a healthy bank balance of \$4,835.96 and continues to bring in sufficient revenue to cover outgoing expenses. Memberships currently stand at 41 (30 family and 11 single), with a total membership of 79 individuals. We'd particularly like to welcome our latest members, namely Dianne and Jerry Kersting and their children Annette and Sylvia; Stefanie Putnam; Daunna Sellers; Paula Simmons; Dan and Kristi Shanahnan and their three children, Carter, Willow and Emmett; and John Stallard. Welcome to the club and we hope to see many of you at club functions during the year. It is especially gratifying that our current membership includes quite a few youngsters. Remember, these are the drivers of the future!

In terms of housekeeping, recent expenditures include Spokes and Spurs domain name renewal (\$36.98), a one-year renewal of web hosting through Bluehost (\$119.88), and our annual renewal as a non-profit corporation (\$15.00) to remain in good standing with the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Our first in-person event, a mini-series schooling event, takes place at Valkyrie's Haven Farm on May 7. We are so pleased to have a full entry of drivers for this American Driving Society-affiliated event, hosted by Spokes and Spurs. We have a full day planned, and with 16 drivers and 22 entries it should be an exciting day for competitors and spectators alike. Obviously, it takes a financial outlay on the club's part to put on an event like this, however we anticipate that participation fees and new memberships will more than cover our expenses. Let's hope that the weather cooperates and that we have a good day of competition and camaraderie. See you there!

Spokes and Spurs Library Available 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
May 7	Mini-Series #1 Valkyrie's Haven, 487 Cynthiana Rd., Paris, KY 40361
June 3-5	Kentucky Classic CDE Hermitage Farm, LaGrange, KY
June 8-10	Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic at Coach House Farm, 2027 Clintonville Rd., Paris, KY 40361
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

Proposed Date	Activity
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.