



Newsletter



President's Message

Go outside your comfort zone...

Many years ago I knew nothing about driving. IMHO it was what you do when you're too old to ride. As luck would have it, I was looking to buy a horse. A friend of a friend, Bonnie, had a nice trail horse for sale for the cost of back board. With a toddler I thought that this QH would be a good safe horse for me to have fun with. Little did I know that this would lead to a great friendship and I would learn more about driving. Bonnie only had Morgans, very versatile sport types, and they drove. We went to my first CDE, American Heritage up in Wisconsin just to watch. There I saw the x-country where one competitor, who made her own carriages, had a carriage break in half and she went flying through the air like a cartoon as she still hung on to the reins! I was hooked!! LOL! We broke my Appendix QH to drive but he was a slo-poke so my search

was on for a more forward horse. I ended up with a marvelous Morgan who taught me so much (Bonnie insisted that a Morgan was the only way to go!).

Fast forward to today where I now drive a Large Pony (part Morgan). Hard to believe that I went from 16-17 hand horses to a 14-1 pony! Along the way with this fun pony, I thought that I would try him to a Spindle seat cart. Another good driving friend has a lovely turnout with her Morgan and a Spindle seat cart. I was also never into Pleasure shows. Until... Gotta love the driving world. Another driving friend announced that she would loan me a Spindle seat cart. Only thing is... it turned out to be a Spindle seat Gig. Hmm... Well, what the heck? Somehow I found a beautiful Gig harness with collar (That fit the pony) and proper gig saddle and we were on our way! This past weekend we showed at the Lexington Carriage Classic and not only did said pony take it all in stride he earned Reserve Champion! (Special thanks to Carrie Ostrowski who took the reins as I am secretary for this show).

So as they say, “never say never”. Don’t be afraid to try new venues. We are so fortunate to have a strong driving community right here in our own back yard. The



marvelous Lexington Pleasure Show, Clinics, “mini”-CDEs and soon we should be back to in-person discussions.

Ann Katona

Fun Day of Driving: Saturday, Aug. 13

Valkyrie's Haven will be opening its gates to a day of driving for club members and their equine partners on Saturday, August 13, 2022. For those of you who have been here we will again be using the 280 Brentsville Road entrance and trailer parking in the turnout we used last time.

Obstacles and cross country pathways will be mowed and ready for exploration. We will set up a cones course to play on. (Construction on the covered arena is scheduled to start later that month so the timing is particularly good for this event).

For lunch, we will ask members to bring side dishes and desserts. Spokes and Spurs will be furnishing hotdogs and hamburgers. Come join the fun!

Mini-Series



Great News!!! If you will remember, we had planned for three occasions for our Mini-Series. The last one had to be canceled. Thanks to Leslye Sandberg, she has agreed to have the third event at Valkyrie's Haven, 487 Cynthiana Road, Paris, Kentucky on Saturday, October 22. For those of you that keep accurate calendars, yes, this was the date for the fall Shaker Village Drive. Do not worry. The Shaker Village Drive will be re-scheduled for November. We will be providing more details about the Mini-Series and Shaker Village drive later, but mark your calendars for October 22.

This Mini-Series 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. (See "Pictures" pages 7-10).

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 back-yard!!

Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinics for 2022

Only 2 dates left!



Don't miss your chance to be a part of the two remaining clinics with Thorsten Zarembowicz held at Coach House Farm, 2027 Clintonville Road, Paris, KY 40361 are August 4 and 5 and October 5-7. If you are not familiar with Thorsten Zarembowicz, he did his first combined event with a single pony at the age of 8, trained with 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. For more information or to reserve a lesson time, contact Katie Whaley at: hatsbykatie@gmail.com

Lexington Carriage Classic

The Lexington Carriage Classic for 2022 was held 23-25 at the Kentucky Horse Park. Changes were made to the show program in the hopes that we can continue to make the show more enjoyable for all. It proved to be a success with over 50 entries! Competition was spirited and challenging with our goal to provide an opportunity to bring together those of us who enjoy exhibiting our horses and carriages in a congenial and fun atmosphere. Juniors entered divisions and were awarded points towards a Junior championship based on their placings.

We were pleased to offer a new "First Timers" division at the Lexington Carriage Classic. Our experienced Judge, Steve Holm, and our committee made a first show a positive one. We intended for classes in this division to be instructive, and have a casual and friendly atmosphere.

We also brought back the Driving Derby on Saturday following the last class of the day. Once again, it was an exciting and fun evening.

On Thursday Evening, a Welcome Party was hosted by the Carriage Association of America at their headquarters at the Kentucky Horse Park. Friday night's performance, we invited everyone to the mezzanine for a potluck barn party and encouraged people to bring foods from their state. Back by popular demand, we had an Ice Cream Social and awards presentation following the last class on Saturday afternoon.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors and supporters for making the Lexington Carriage Classic possible.



Skeleton Gig,
Owned by Paul
Maye, Featured at
the Lexington
Classic



Some Pictures from the Mini-Series



July/August 2022







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
August 4-5	Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic at Coach House Farm, 2027 Clintonville, Rd., Paris, KY 40361
August 13	Fun Driving Day and Luncheon, Valkyrie's Haven, 487 Cynthiana Rd., Paris, KY 40361
October 3-9	Fall National Drive, Hoosier Horse Park, Edinburgh, IN
October 5-7	Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic at Coach House Farm, 2027 Clintonville Rd., Paris, KY 40361
October 22	Mini-Series #3, Valkyrie's Haven, 487 Cynthiana Rd., Paris, KY 40361
November (TBD)	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.

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