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# NEWSLETTER

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## Spokes and Spurs, Inc.

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## President's Message

What a year it has been!! 2022 has simply flown by. It certainly was an active year, from club events, pleasure shows, and our members competing from the Training to Advanced Level CDEs at the International level! Congratulations to all. I am so proud of this group. Let's keep the momentum going for 2023.

We haven't finished the year yet as we have a few more club events coming up. This Sat., Nov. 5, will be the last of our "mini-CDE" series. It looks as though we will have a fine turnout, but we sure could use some more volunteers. Even if it's only for part of the day that would be so helpful.

The following Sat., Nov. 12, will be the drive at Shaker Village. (Spokes and Spurs pays the fee for all members.)

Our annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 2:00 p.m. at the CAA Office. It will be a pot luck with the club providing drinks. We, as the board, hope that you can make it as we'd love your input for events for 2023.

Membership forms and dues will also be completed at this meeting. Please try to get your 2023 Membership in ASAP. It helps to make our treasurer's job easier and sets up our budget for activities for the year. I also can't stress enough that you MUST be a member in order to participate in any events. We need to have payment and signed forms on file for insurance purposes. In order to have insurance to cover these events we need to present our schedule to our insurer.

Also, don't forget one of our host farms, Coach House, Kate & Katie Whaley, will be holding their annual Christmas Party on Dec. 17 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. This is always such a lovely event. The Whaley's have extended an invitation to our club members.

*Ann Katona* (and Cody Pony)



**Cody, being  
driven by  
Carrie  
Ostrowski.**

## Final “Mini-Series for Driving” for 2022

We originally planned three Mini-Series that included dressage, cones, and a marathon course with obstacles. The first two were at Charlotte's Creek and Valkyrie's Haven. The third one had to be cancelled, but Leslye Sandberg graciously volunteered Valkyrie's Haven for the third drive. The last of the mini-series schooling events for 2022 will be Saturday, November 5, at Valkyrie's Haven, 487 Cynthiana Rd., Paris, KY 40361. Carrie Ostrowski has furnished us with the registration forms for participants and for volunteers (below). Please note: if you have more than one turnout, submit separate forms.

We will use ADS Test A for each division to remain consistent with the previous events. The divisions are: Novice Training, Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, and Intermediate II.

Leslye and Ann Katona, (Spokes and Spurs President), are furnishing beef and chicken chili for the lunch. Spokes and Spurs will furnish table service and drinks. We are asking participants to bring something that goes with chili, such as corn bread, crackers, chips, vegetables, salads, and desserts.

November 5 Entry form for participants: <https://airtable.com/shr3sKK7DJGBTiPOd>

November 5 Volunteer form: <https://airtable.com/shrQ4tKbCeShfZcnN>

## Fall National Drive: October 3-9

### What a great time!

There was a strong attendance and participation at the Fall National Drive at Edinburgh, Indiana at the Hoosier Horse Park. There were workshops, question and answer sessions, get-together times, and especially driving in arenas, cones courses, dressage, marathon courses all at our leisure! Lessons were offered for a separate fee. For questions and registration for the Spring National Drive, go to: [www.nationaldrive.net](http://www.nationaldrive.net)

## Shaker Village Drive: November 12

Be sure and plan to be at the Shaker Village Drive. This is such a pleasant day, even if it's a bit chilly. In fact, the chilly fall weather adds to the beauty of the drive! Linda Freeman, former Spokes and Spurs President, who knows the trails like the back of her hand, has graciously agreed to lead us again. Plan to also bring a picnic lunch. It is so much fun to eat, sit, and visit with club members. Be sure to arrive plenty early so that we may line up and head down the trails at 10:00 a.m. Oh, and Spokes and Spurs is paying your fee! Riders are invited as long as your horse/pony is comfortable around carriages.

## Save the dates:

The Annual Membership Meeting and Elections will be at the CAA Office at the Kentucky Horse Park, 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 4. We will have a pot-luck with Spokes and Spurs furnishing table service and drink.

Kate and Katie Whaley will again have their annual Christmas Party Saturday, December 17, 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. This takes place at Coach House Farm, 2027 Clintonville Rd.,

Paris, KY. All Spokes and Spurs members are invited. Don't miss this wonderful, relaxed evening with an opportunity to get together with all dear friends.

## Treasurer's Report (Repeated from September-October 2022)

by Hugh Bellis-Jones (Edited by David Gaston)

Our excellent treasurer, Hugh Bellis-Jones, reports that everything remains pretty much the same since we last printed a Treasurer's Report. We are taking this opportunity to provide an overview of the club's finances. Spokes and Spurs is on a sound financial footing. The bank balance at beginning of the year (2021) was \$3,886.95 and as of December 31, 2021, it 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 with only 13 checks 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)

### January/February 2022

- \$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 Hugh Bellis-Jones determined that the club would make the following donations in 2022 to support driving activities in our area:

- \$200.00 to the CAA;
- \$200.00 to Lexington Carriage Classic;
- \$100.00 per event to the National Drives

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. The board planned 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 Shaker Village, and in person educational meetings (unfortunately, the pandemic did intervene). Many of our members also volunteered and/or competed at the Lexington Carriage Classic which was 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 be involved in club activities throughout the year.

## Opportunity for Drivers

Michael Moore at Shaker Village has a position for driving draft horses and a carriage that fits 10-12 passengers. This begins September 23rd and would run each weekend until October 30th. The right candidate would be comfortable driving draft horses. The position is part time with the potential of full-time. Pay will range up to \$16 per hour and requires about 16 to 20 hours a week. Michael has also agreed that if more than one person were interested, he would be willing to divide up the hours. To apply for this position, contact Michael Moore at [mmoore@shakervillageky.org](mailto:mmoore@shakervillageky.org) or call him on his cell phone: 859-613-0088.

## 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, Sulkies 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

## Calendar of Events

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| November 5  | Mini-Series #3, Valkyrie's Haven<br>487 Cynthiana Rd., Paris, KY 40361                                |
| November 12 | Pleasure Drive: Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill, 3501 Lexington Rd., Harrodsburg, KY 40330 10:00 a.m. |
| December 4  | Annual Membership Meeting and Elections, CAA Office at the Kentucky Horse Park 2:00 p.m.              |
| December 17 | Christmas Party at Coach House Farm, 2027 Clintonville Road, Paris, KY 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.         |