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# NEWSLETTER

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## Spokes and Spurs, Inc.

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### President's Message



I can't begin to thank all of the members who have helped bring together so many events over the past two years. 2023 looks like we will have a great time with a variety of events and clinics that your board has planned!

For 2023 we have a few changes on our board. I will continue to be the club President and I'd like to welcome our new Vice-President, Kathi Davis. Many of you may know that Kathi has served in various positions on the board over the years. I'm looking forward to working with Kathi as she shares her experience with the board. Jennifer Harber is staying on as Secretary and Hugh Bellis-Jones as Treasurer! And don't worry, David Gaston isn't leaving! Dave will continue to publish our wonderful newsletter and Dave, along with Jack Goodman will be working together as our club's Media communications. We hope to keep growing and reaching out to other equine groups about our sport of driving.

Be sure to mark your calendars with the events that we have planned for 2023. One different event will be BreyerFest! This years theme is "Driving Forward", to be held July

14th-16, 2023 at the Kentucky Horse Park. I have already had one Zoom meeting with the folks at Breyer. Since this event is literally being held in our back yard with the theme of Driving, I feel that this is a great opportunity to get the word out about Driving! I am gathering names of folks and other clubs who would like to be part of the performances. We will also need plenty of people as ground crew. I've seen an amazing response with a great variety of horses and carriages! If you are interested in helping please reach out to me.

Once again I must say that I am so grateful for the farms that will be hosting the events and clinics; Charlotte's Creek, Coach House & Valkyrie's Haven. A big thank you to the owners and their staff as well as volunteers who help us to set up everything that we need in order to put on these events.

And finally!! Our next meeting will be in Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023 at the CAA office. Before COVID I had put together a presentation about selecting a trailer for the driving person. I will be sharing my presentation at this meeting. It will be pot luck / bring a dish to pass and the club will be providing beverages. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone!

*Ann Katona*



## Treasurer's Report

by Hugh Bellis-Jones



As 2022 draws to a close it is time to provide the Spokes and Spurs membership with a review of the club's finances. Spokes and Spurs is on a sound financial footing. The bank balance at the beginning of the year was \$4,566.50. The Wes Banco Bank balance as of November 30 was \$4,921.05, and today, December 22, stands at \$4,926.52. Each figure is an improvement on 2021.

Twenty-five bank deposits were made during the year, producing income of \$2,914, all membership dues apart from receipts from the two Mini-CDEs (\$575) and the annual meeting silent auction (\$134).

Expenditures totaled \$2,386.59; Twenty checks were issued in 2022, the principal ones being:

- \$483.55 to American Reliable Insurance
- \$200.00 to Lexington Carriage Classic (sponsorship)
- \$324.86 (food, drink, ribbons for the 2 CDEs)
- \$224.70 (set of walkie-talkies for the 2 CDEs)
- \$150.00 (ADS insurance for the 2 CDEs)
- \$150.00 (judge fee)
- \$119.88 to Blue Host (website hosting)
- \$100.00 to National Drive (sponsorship)
- \$126.90 (AGM food and drink)
- \$60.00 (ADS membership)
- \$36.98 to Blue Host (domain name renewal)

During its November 20 meeting, the Board determined that the club would make the following donations in 2023 to support driving activities in our area:

- \$200.00 to the CAA for the use of their office for club meetings;
- \$200.00 to the Kentucky Classic;
- \$100.00 for both the Spring and Fall National Drive

Now to a summary of memberships: For 2022 Spokes and Spurs received 60 memberships, 35 family and 25 single, encompassing a total of 102 members. By coincidence this is the exact same number of memberships as in 2021. Members are renewing for 2023, with currently 25 memberships, 13 family and 12 single, totaling 42 members. The Board has planned a full schedule of club activities in 2023. We look forward to seeing many of you during the year.

# 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

<b>Jan. 15</b>	<b>Club Meeting 2:00 p.m., CAA Office at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY Presentation: Trailer Selection for the Driver</b>
<b>Mar. 26</b>	<b>Club Tour at Spy Coast Farm, Lexington, KY (details will be provided)</b>
Apr. 27-29	Spring National Drive, Hoosier Horse Park (Indiana)
May 6-7	Kentucky Classic CDE at Hillcroft Farm, Paris, KY
June 1-4	Kentucky Classic CDE at Hermitage Farm, LaGrange, KY
<b>June 10</b>	<b>Spokes and Spurs Mini CDE at Charlotte's Creek Farm, Georgetown, KY</b>
<b>June 23-25</b>	<b>Suzy Stafford Clinic at Charlotte's Creek Farm, Georgetown, KY (All ages and levels welcome!)</b>
<b>July 8</b>	<b>Spokes and Spurs Mini CDE at Valkyrie's Haven Farm, Paris, KY</b>
July 14-16	Breyerfest 2023 Driving Forward (Showcasing driving disciplines) Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY
<b>July 28-30</b>	<b>Stacey Giere Junior Development Clinic at Valkyrie's Haven Farm, Paris, KY (All ages and levels welcome!)</b>
Aug. 18-20	Metamora CDE, Metamora, MI
<b>Aug. 26</b>	<b>Spokes and Spurs Shaker Village Ride and Drive, Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill, Harrodsburg, KY</b>
Sept. 8-10	Villas Louis Carriage Classic, Prairie du Chien, WI
<b>Sept. 23</b>	<b>Spokes and Spurs Fun Drive and Ride, Bluegrass Heights Farm, Cynthiana, KY</b>
Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Indiana CT/CDE, Hoosier Horse Park, Indiana
Oct. 3-8	Fall National Drive, Hoosier Horse Park, Indiana

Oct. 20-21 Nashoba Carriage Classic, Germantown, TN

Oct. 20-21 ADS Recognized Event, Valkyrie's Haven Farm, Paris, KY

**Dec. 10 Year End Spokes and Spurs Meeting, 2:00 p.m., CAA Office at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY**

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.