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# NEWSLETTER

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION: JUNE 3 AT CHARLOTTE'S CREEK WILL BE A CT INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUSLY PLANNED CDE**

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## Spokes and Spurs, Inc.

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## President's Message

*by Ann Katona*

### The World of Driving: Expanding Horizons

Over the years I have enjoyed being part of many aspects of Combined Driving Events. I once scribed for a dressage judge who has a great history in Pleasure Showing. This judge provided me

with reasons as to how pleasure shows play an important part of a horse's training and experience. After seeing this point of view, I began to pay more attention to pleasure shows and the variety of horse drawn vehicles. With that being said, I've been able to learn more about a wonderful asset that is right in our backyard; the Carriage Association of America <https://www.caaonline.com>.

From the CAA, website, "Representing the Past, Present and Future of Traditional Carriage Driving! The Carriage Association of America has introduced thousands of people to the wonders of collecting these vehicles and the pleasures of driving them."

"The Carriage Association of America was founded in 1960; it is the oldest and largest international organization devoted to the preservation, restoration and use of horse-drawn carriages and sleighs."

The CAA offices are located at the Kentucky Horse Park. Since 1960 CAA has offered so much to driving. Members receive a subscription to the award-winning: *The Carriage Journal* magazine, published five times annually. In addition, the CAA members have opportunities to travel to exciting events and trips. This weekend many members are in Tremonton, Utah. There they will be visiting, Wagonland Adventure, home to 350 commercial wagons, coaches, carriages, buggies, and sleighs. If you visit the CAA website you will find that in addition to seeing this impressive collection there are a number of marvelous presentations & demonstrations. I'm looking forward to seeing photos and hearing more about this trip.

CAA does not sit idle for long. May 9-15, 2023 will be the CAA Trip to the Royal Windsor Horse Show, plus the optional add-on trip to Woburn Abbey May 15-19, 2023.

June 24-25, 2023 – CAA Concours International d'Attelage de Tradition -Sporting Day of Traditional Driving at Morven Park, Leesburg, Virginia.

August 27 – September 4, 2023 – CAA Trip to Vienna, Austria

October 2023 – CAA Visit to Mackinac Island, Michigan

The CAA also has a driver proficiency program. This offers different levels of furthering your knowledge of basic driving skills and safety.

There is a phenomenal library available for research. The library offers an opportunity to accurately discover history and technical advice in carriage restoration. This proves invaluable to folks who wish to accurately restore carriages or sleighs.

Need a horse themed gift or book? CAA has them available as well with an emphasis on carriage driving.

Know that you may visit the library as well and check out educational DVDs. I am scratching the surface here in all that CAA has to offer. I highly recommend joining CAA and learning more!

## *Tour of Spy Coast*

Several members visited SpyCoast on Sunday, March 26th. We had a wonderful opportunity to have a guided tour. Spy Coast specializes in reproductive, training, and competition horses. They feature rehabilitation and fitness services. Our tour brought us to the rehab and fitness side of the farm. The rehab/fitness and young sales horse development features aqua therapy - both fresh water & salt water treadmills. The attention to detail is remarkable. A resident veterinarian determines the course of treatment or therapy to the individual horses needs. It was a great opportunity to visit this remarkable facility. Below are several pictures from that event:









# CT's, Mini-CDE's, and Clinics for 2023

Again this year we will offer several great events. The first one will be a CT at Charlotte's Creek Farm in Georgetown on **Saturday, June 3**. Please note: Originally this date was scheduled for a mini-CDE. Due to extensive storm damage, Charlotte's Creek will be a Combined Training event, only. The next one *will* be a mini-CDE at Valkyrie's Haven in Paris on **Saturday, July 8**.

We are very excited to announce two clinics this year! Suzy Stafford will be our clinician at Charlotte's Creek Farm, June 23-25. Stacie Giere will serve as clinician at Valkyrie's Haven, July 28-30.

## Suzy Stafford Clinic JUNE 23-25 HOSTED BY SPOKES AND SPURS



**JUNE 23-25,  
2023**

Charlotte's Creek Farm  
3176 Newtown Pike  
Georgetown, KY 40324  
*Overnight Stabling Available  
\$30/night, shavings \$6/bag. Several  
hotels and restaurants are in  
Georgetown within 5 minutes of the  
farm.*

<b>3 days of learning from 2022 US Team Coach Suzy Stafford!</b>
All levels welcome! Beginner-Advanced.
Lessons available in dressage, marathon, or cones. Small group lessons available for marathon or cones.
(Must be a Spokes and Spurs Member to participate, \$30 for membership)
\$125/lesson. Auditing is free to Spokes and Spurs Members or \$25/day for Non-Members.
<b>*Registration Opens 04/17/23!</b>

Any questions, call Jen at (304) 208-5224 [www.spokesandspurs.com](http://www.spokesandspurs.com)

Watch for details concerning information and registration for all these events coming very soon. It will be posted on our Facebook page, we will send out an email, and on our webpage: [spokesandspurs.com](http://spokesandspurs.com)

# Breyer Fest at the Kentucky Horse Park July 14-16

*by Ann Katona*

The theme is “Driving Forward.” With a nod to driving I felt that we, as the driving community, should take advantage of this event. I’m excited to share with you that the folks at Breyer are welcoming us! In December, I put out a request on the CD-L looking for volunteers who wish to drive and show the general public what driving is about. I’m hoping to show the variety of carriages, horses and types of driving. I am so pleased with the response! After several zoom meetings, Breyer Fest and I have decided to have a Driving Derby as well as a simulated Pleasure Show. We know that the Driving Derby is fun and a crowd pleaser! With the Pleasure Show simulation we will have a variety of drivers and turnouts and announce what a judge may look for as a description of the turnout. This will be approached more as a demo keeping in mind short attention spans and about half of the crowd really are non- horse people.

I submitted a list of experienced drivers to Breyer and they made a final selection. They also have other drivers on board already as feature representatives and/or those that are portrayed as a Breyer model. Breyer is pretty secretive so I’m not able to reveal specific participants.

Safety is one issue that I have stressed and we will have spotters to assist in clearing paths when drivers are going to the Covered Arena or returning to the barns. We definitely could use more of these ground people. If you could help out on any or all of the days please let me know. Breyer Fest is the second largest event at the KHP behind the KY 3-Day Event, but has only about half of the attendees have horse experience. I’d like to have plenty of people on the ground to get turnouts moved safely and be available to visit with the crowd to talk about driving.



Breyer Fest will be giving us a booth to display information about Driving. I'm also meeting with ADS and CAA and we of course will have information from Spokes and Spurs. We certainly won't have a bigger crowd than what will be at Breyer Fest! I hope that you will join us and spread the word about the driving world!



# 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>June 3</b>	<b>Spokes and Spurs Combined Training Schooling Event 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! Free auditing for Spokes and Spurs members.)</b>
<b>July 8</b>	<b>Spokes and Spurs Mini CDE Schooling Event at Valkyrie's Haven Farm, Paris, KY</b>
July 14-16	Breyerfest 2023 Driving Forward (Showcasing driving disciplines) Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY
July 22-23	Short-Form Kentucky Classic CDE at Hillcroft Farm, Paris, KY
<b>July 28-30</b>	<b>Stacey Giere Junior Development Clinic at Valkyrie's Haven Farm, Paris, KY (All ages and levels welcome! Free auditing for Spokes and Spurs members.)</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.