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# NEWSLETTER

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## Spokes and Spurs, Inc.

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## President's Message

*by Ann Katona*

We have so much planned for this month!! June events were wonderful! The CT and the Suzy Stafford clinic were very informative. Thank-you to Charlotte's Creek for hosting these two events. The farm looks simply beautiful and everyone is so accommodating to our participants. I know that we all had fun in addition to learning more about driving.

July is jam-packed with events:

- July 8 - mini CDE / Valkyrie's Haven, Paris, KY - Entries are full. As always, we need more volunteers.

•July 14 - 16th - BreyerFest at the Kentucky Horse Park. So much planning has been going on for this event. The theme of "Driving Forward", Breyer has welcomed all of us, in the driving world, to set up and share our love of driving. Spokes & Spurs, ADS, CAA & USEF will all be there with performances, videos, handouts, live feeds and so much more!

Driving Demos by our groups will be on:

Friday, July 14 at 2:10 to 2:40 - Driving Class - Simulate a Reinsmanship class

Saturday, July 15 at 2:10 to 2:40 - Driving Derby simulation

Sunday, July 16 at 1:40 to 2:10 - Driving class - Turnout simulation

Our drivers are all set to go. I have a list of volunteers for the ground crew and we definitely will need help to quickly set up and take down cones for the Saturday Driving Derby Class. You should have received an e-mail from me about Ground Crew Volunteers. I'm still waiting to hear from a few of you as to what day/time you can help out. I will have Parking Passes for you. Just let me know if you need one. We will be setting up the tent on Thursday, July 13, so if anyone is interested in helping, please let me know so that we can coordinate times to be at the tent.

July 22 - 23 Hillcroft Farm CDE - They are also looking for volunteers and more information has been posted or go to their website.

July 28 - 30th - Stacey Giere Clinic, Valkyrie's Haven - We are very excited to welcome Stacey to Valkyrie's Haven for this clinic. While Stacey gives lessons at all levels, we have features for Novice, Junior drivers, and group sessions. Below is the form to sign up. Auditors, who are members, are welcome to come watch at no charge. (Non-members are \$25.00)

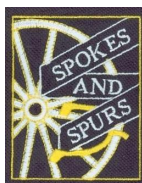
\*One note, for lunch there is a \$10.00 fee. As soon as I have a count of participants (e-mail me and let me know about grooms/assistants, etc.) I will pick out places that cater box lunches; i.e. Subway, Chick-A-filet, etc. so as to have a variety for each day. Lunch will be \$10.00 per person & will include a sandwich, chips, drink. Please let me know by July 21 if you'll be adding lunch;

Ann - katdogpony@gmail.com

Stacey Giere clinic sign up;

Link: <https://airtable.com/shrowXJNyeHDMLRZV>

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this month. Hope everyone had a safe and happy Fourth of July!



## Stacey Giere Clinic

July 28-30, 2023  
Valkyrie's Haven, Paris, KY



All Levels Welcome + Junior Driver Development

Entries to Ann Katona [katdogpony@gmail.com](mailto:katdogpony@gmail.com) 815-761-5335

*Stacey Giere is a seasoned trainer and clinician who manages and operates a full-service boarding and training facility on her 7<sup>th</sup> generation farm in Brecksville, Ohio. Stacey holds a BS in Education and an MA in Education for Physical & Mental Disabilities from Ohio State. She rode for their Huntseat and Stockseat Equestrian Teams to the Championship level. Stacey competes and trains her own and client horses in combined driving and pleasure driving, also at the championship level. Stacey passionately wants people to understand how the animals think and will always help you make safe and skill appropriate decisions*

**Friday, July 28** Individual Lessons Dressage – all levels \$125 or \$62.50 Juniors

**Saturday, July 29** Educational morning for Juniors & Rookies including How To Topics on Carriages, Harness, Safety and more  
Afternoon lesson slots for Juniors and Rookies

**Sunday, July 30** All Levels - Walk your routes Cones and Obstacles with small group lessons \$75 per entry / \$37.50 Juniors

SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE FOR LESSON SLOTS

## Stacey Giere Clinic at Valkyrie's Haven

*All levels welcome for clinic lessons Friday. Junior and Developing Driver Clinic Focus on Saturday with afternoon lessons prioritized for those attendees. If those slots become available we will pull from a wait list. Sunday lessons will be available to all. Groups up to 3 turnouts in each.*

	Friday 7/28/23	Saturday 7/29/23	Sunday 7/30/23
TIME	Arena	Arena Meeting Room	Cones/Obstacles/Arena
9:00-9:45	Lesson Slot	Intro To Driving	Stacey Walks Cones
9:45-10:30	Lesson Slot	Carriages	Cones Group Lesson
10:30-10:45	Break	Break	Break
10:45-11:30	Lesson Slot	Safety	Cones Group Lesson
11:30-12:15	Lesson Slot	Harness	Cones Group Lesson
12:15-1:15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:15-2:00	Lesson Slot	Lesson Slot	Stacey Walks Obstacles
2:00-2:45	Lesson Slot	Lesson Slot	2:00-2:45 Group Obstacle
2:45-3:00	Break	Break	2:45-3:30 Group Obstacle
3:00-3:45	Lesson Slot	Lesson Slot	3:30-4:15 Group Obstacle
3:45-4:30	Lesson Slot	Lesson Slot	
5:00-6:00	Rein & Whip Skills Bits and Pieces	Being a great groom/assistant Harness Bingo	

## Change of Date for Shaker Village Drive

Linda Freeman, former Spokes and Spurs President, reached out to Ann Katona about the Shakertown drive that is scheduled for Saturday, August. 26. Several Spokes and Spurs members will be in Vienna with the CAA trip - Linda being one of them. Linda asked if we could change the date. The board thinks that that would be a good idea. A suggested date is Sept. 9. More details later.

## Mini-CDE and Clinic Coming Up

Those that participated in the CT at Charlotte's Creek had a great time. It was a wonderful opportunity to prepare for other events. We thank Christine and Judd Roseberry for sharing their beautiful farm for that occasion. The next one *will* be a mini-CDE at Valkyrie's Haven in Paris on **Saturday, July 8.**

Suzy Stafford clinic at Charlotte's Creek Farm on June 23-25 was a resounding success! (View the pictures below.) Stacie Giere will serve as our next clinician at Valkyrie's Haven, July 28-30.

Ann Katona, our President, has listed details in her message for both coming events. Any other information will be posted on our Facebook page, sent out on email, or posted 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!

## Treasurer's Report

by Hugh Bellis-Jones



With summer in full swing, these past few weeks have been busy ones for the club and its members. On June 3 we held the CT schooling event judged by Betty Ortlieb, followed by the June 24 Suzy Stafford clinic, both events hosted by Charlotte's Creek Farm. Entries are currently being taken for the July 8 mini CDE that will be held at Valkyrie's Haven; this facility will also host the Stacey Giere clinic on July 28-30. September 23 will see the fun drive that will be held at Bluegrass Heights Farm. The club will also have a presence at Breyerfest that will be held at the Kentucky Horse Park July 14-16. The theme this year is "*Driving Forward*," and provides a great venue for Spokes and Spurs to showcase the sport of driving to equine enthusiasts nationwide.

Events such as these take a lot of planning and for this we are grateful to a core group of volunteers who devote considerable time to run the club for the benefit of the entire membership. I'm thinking especially of President Ann Katona, Vice President Kathi Davis, board member Jennifer Harber, newsletter editor and media representative David Gaston, Jack Goodman who maintains the club's website, and Carrie Ostrowski who stays very busy behind the scenes. We should also recognize the various farm owners who willingly host events for the club, namely Leslye Sandberg (Valkyrie's Haven); Christine and Judd Roseberry (Charlotte's Creek); Colonel and Kathi Davis (Bluegrass Heights Farm); James and Misdee (Wrigley) Miller (Hillcroft Farm); and Kate and Katie Whaley (Carriage House Farm). Were it not for the time, expertise and energy that these volunteers provide, we would not have such a vibrant driving club in our area.

These various events obviously impact the club's finances and so I'm providing this short financial update. The club's bank balance as of June 30 was \$4,922.21. The four checks written in May and June were as follows: \$507.30 to American Reliable Insurance; \$180.00 to Dana Banfield for cones measuring sticks; \$250.00 to Betty Ortlieb, CT judging; and \$2,599.60 to Suzy Stafford, clinician fees and expenses. In large measure these expenses were offset by enrollment fees, although in keeping with the club's mission as a non-profit educational entity, the board decided that the club would cover any shortfall.



The Board strongly encourages members to pre-enroll for club events or alternatively be prepared to pay required fees on the day. Pre-enrollment greatly cuts down on the paperwork for the volunteer site secretary on the day, and, most importantly, providing fees are paid prior to participation, ensures that only current year club members actually take part. This is a requirement to have club events covered under the club's policy with American Reliable Insurance. With this in mind, the Board adopted the following policy on June 9: "To participate in Spokes and Spurs driving events and clinics, participants must be a current year club member (i.e. dues paid) and must either pre-enroll and prepay for each event, or, if choosing to enroll on the day, the participant must pay for a club membership and pay for their entry in order to gain permission to participate. An individual without the ability to pay on the day will not be permitted to take part."

This policy will prevent inadvertent participation by a non-member and will save the personal time of volunteers having to calculate entry fees and provide requested clarification in the days following the event's conclusion. If you are not sure of fees, feel free to contact Carrie or Ann and they'll be able to assist you.

## 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

### July 8 Spokes and Spurs Mini CDE Schooling Event at Valkyrie's Haven Farm, Paris, KY

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

**July  
28-30**    **Stacey Giere Junior  
Development Clinic at  
Valkyrie's Haven Farm,  
Paris, KY (All ages and  
levels welcome! Free  
auditing for Spokes and  
Spurs members.)**

Aug.    Metamora CDE,  
18-20    Metamora, MI

**Sept.  
9**        **Spokes and Spurs  
Shaker Village Ride and  
Drive, Shaker Village at  
Pleasant Hill,  
Harrodsburg, KY**

Sept.    Villas Louis Carriage  
8-10    Classic, Prairie du Chien,  
WI

**Sept.  
23**        **Spokes and Spurs Fun  
Drive and Ride,  
Bluegrass Heights  
Farm, Cynthiana, KY**

Sept.    Indiana CT/CDE, Hoosier  
29-    Horse Park, Indiana  
Oct. 1

Oct.    Fall National Drive, Hoosier  
3-8    Horse Park, Indiana

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

Oct.    ADS Recognized Event,  
20-21    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.