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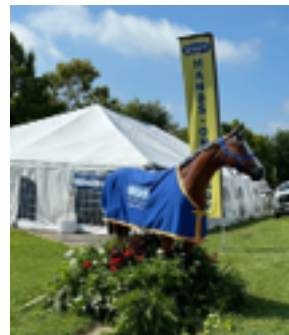
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**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024!**

# NEWSLETTER

## We're Very Proud of our President

Our hard working Spokes and Spurs President, Ann Katona, has received a well deserved honor! We had a banner year of activities with clinics and events connected with ADS. Her efforts were highlighted by her work with the Breyer Fest last July 14-16 at the Kentucky Horse Park. The Breyer Fest features a particular type of equestrian genre each year. For 2023, it was carriage driving. Along with many volunteers, Ann coordinated outstanding displays and shows which involved ADS.



ADS has awarded Ann with the **Volunteer of the Year!** Be sure to convey your congratulations to Ann for a job well done!



## President's Message

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and here's wishing all a Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone is staying healthy.

We kick off the year with our Annual meeting to be held at the **CAA Office on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 at 1:00.** Spokes and Spurs is providing a catered lunch by Cracker Barrel. We are requesting that members bring a dessert to share. There will be a silent auction!

**If you have not done so, please RSVP Ann Katona by January 10 at: [katdogpony@gmail.com](mailto:katdogpony@gmail.com)**  
**Your RSVP is important so we order the right amount of food for the luncheon.**

Please, please, please do your best to attend. This is our Annual Meeting where you have a chance to ask questions and provide input to our 2024 calendar of events!!! New and prospective members are encouraged to attend. We already have a few great items available for your bids! There's still time to ask for sponsors from businesses where you shop.

We have a busy year planned again; Clinics, Mini-CDEs, and this year I would like to hold the CAA proficiency test. We have secured Muffy Seaton as the evaluator. I will be putting out a notice as we will need to have participants sign up soon, with a deposit, so that we can schedule flights for Muffy. Each session will have a two hour slot. This is such a great opportunity to go over your skills with Muffy. Depending on how many people sign up we may have a two day test or if there is interest we can have one day of lessons.

All three farms will be hosting events. Jennifer Harber and Chris Roseberry have some wonderful clinics and FEI events at Charlotte's Creek. And we'll be back at Whaley's farm this year for a casual driving event. Valykrie's Haven also continues to host a few events as well and of course their Driving Trial in October.

As always, thank you so much to our volunteers! None of these events could happen without the support of our volunteers!!

Don't forget that **dues are due.** I am hoping to have a mailing sent out as a reminder but don't hesitate to print out the membership form, found on the Spokes & Spurs webpage, sign it (all signatures if a family membership) and mail to our treasurer, Hugh Bellis-Jones, 1145 Hill Rd., Paris, KY 40361.



## Silent Auction at the January 14 Meeting

by Jennifer Harber (Reprinted from Facebook, December 1.)

It's silent auction time!! A few individuals have graciously donated services like equine massage and dressage lessons, a generous donation from Driving Essentials, and a few antiques! But we could still use some items or services for the auction.

We are looking for donations to be auctioned off at the Spokes and Spurs Year End Banquet on December 10 (**now January 14**). Items we are looking for include driving or riding lessons, equine services or products including massage, chiro, PEMF, horse feed, tack, grooming products etc. Or small business services like massage, house cleaning, gift certificates, etc.

All items/services will be auctioned off at our silent auction at the Year End Banquet and all proceeds to benefit Spokes and Spurs! This fundraiser will help us continue to offer low cost clinics and events to the local equestrian community. No donation is too small and all will be greatly appreciated! Please PM me if you are interested in making a donation.



## Membership Time!

by David Gaston

Please make sure you renew your membership now! You can renew it at the January 14 meeting or on-line at [spokesandspurs.com](http://spokesandspurs.com). As Ann Katona stated in her President's Message, hopefully you will be receiving a membership reminder in your mail. I know it's easy to make renewing your membership a low priority, but all of us need to understand that Spokes and Spurs major funding is through your dues. Your administrative board has planned an exciting year for 2024. These activities cannot proceed unless we have membership funds. Take a moment to send in your membership and pay your dues today!

## 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

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## Spokes and Spurs 2024 Calendar

Date/Time	Description of Event	Location
Jan. 14 - 1:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting/Luncheon catered by Cracker Barrel/Silent Auction	CAA Bldg. Kentucky Horse Park
Feb. 10 - 2:00 p.m.	Powerpoint Presentation of CAA Trip to Vienna 2023	CAA Bldg. Kentucky Horse Park
March 9	Tour of Carriages	Charlie Poppe's home in Cincinnati

March 27	Derby	Aiken, SC
Apr. 4	Southern Pines DT/CT	Raeford, NC
Apr. 13-14	Aiken Carriage Classic Pleasure Show	Aiken, SC
<b>Apr. 13-14</b>	<b>CAA Driver Proficiency Program Level 1 and Road Driving</b>	<b>Valkyrie's Haven, Paris, KY</b>
Apr. 17-21	Katydid CDE at Tryon	Tryon International, Mill Spring, NC
Apr. 26-28	National Drive Spring Fling	Hoosier Horse Park, Edinburgh, IN
May 16-18	Suzy Stafford Clinic	Charlotte's Creek, Georgetown, KY
May 19	USEF CT <b>(Volunteers needed)</b>	Charlotte's Creek, Georgetown, KY
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Mini-CDE</b>	<b>Valkyrie's Haven, Paris, KY</b>
June 6-8	USEF Developing Driver's Clinic	Charlotte's Creek, Georgetown, KY
June 15-16	Kentucky Classic <b>(Volunteers Needed)</b>	Hillcroft Farm, Paris, KY
<b>July 27</b>	<b>Pleasure Schooling Show (Volunteers needed)</b>	<b>Coach House Farm, Paris, KY</b>
<b>Aug. 30-Sept. 1</b>	<b>Suzy Stafford Clinic</b>	<b>Charlotte's Creek, Paris, KY</b>
Sept. 6-8	Villa Louis Carriage Classic	Prairie du Chien, WI
Sept. 27	CT	Hoosier Horse Park, Edinburgh, IN
Sept. 28-29	CDE	Hoosier Horse Park, Edinburgh, IN
Sept. 28-Oct. 6	CAA Tour of Portugal	
Oct. 8-13	Fall National Drive	Hoosier Horse Park, Edinburgh, IN
Oct. 25-27	DT/CT <b>(Volunteers needed)</b>	Valkyrie's Haven, Paris, KY
<b>Dec. 8 - 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Annual Spokes and Spurs Meeting</b>	<b>CAA Bldg., Kentucky Horse Park</b>

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)