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NEWSLETTER



President's Message

by Ann Katona

I have had a couple of people reach out to me about the mini-CDE. This is an event put on by the club* and the host farm to serve as a learning opportunity. No pressure! Do you need some experience? Does your horse need experience in a competition? This is the perfect opportunity to gain experience!

You will drive your dressage test and if you're signed up for a second go 'round you will get your critique of the first test, then have the opportunity to drive the test a second time. Immediately following your dressage test you will go to the cones course which is typically 20 cones. Novice Training will do cones 1-10. Again, you may drive the cones a second time.

The marathon is about 4 km. with four obstacles. Marathon is not required and/or you may do a fewer obstacles.

For Dressage the driver should have a whip, apron, gloves & a hat or helmet. For cones the driver should have a whip, apron, gloves and helmet. For marathon, driver should have a whip, gloves, helmet, safety vest & a navigator. The apron is not part of a marathon turnout.

Volunteers: would you like to help out? Learn more about CDE's? Again, this is the perfect opportunity! We will be happy to teach you about each post for the volunteer. Bring your friends!

And don't forget an up to date Coggins & Health Certificate for your equines.

*For insurance purposes all participants must be a member of Spokes & Spurs.

We're looking forward to seeing you!

Ann

Great Things Happening in May and June

by Ann Katona

Be sure to plan on attending upcoming events. Charlotte's Creek and Valkyrie's Haven have both continued to add updates to their respective farms. As always, I cannot thank these facilities enough for all that they are doing for the driving community. Just wait until you see the new obstacles and other updates!

Charlotte's Creek has the **Suzy Stafford clinic on May 16-18** and then a **Combined Test on May 19**.

Valkyrie's Haven has the **mini-CDE on June 1**.

These events allow for drivers of all levels to learn and compete. Both events also will need volunteers - such a great way to enjoy the camaraderie and learn more about driving.

To volunteer at the Charlotte's Creek events please contact:

Jennifer Harber dunhorse1220@gmail.com

To volunteer at the Valkyrie's Haven event please contact:

Ann Katona katdogpony@gmail.com

Just a Reminder

Please make sure you renew your membership now! You can renew on-line at: spokesandspurs.com. All information and instructions are on the one page form. We all 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! For those of you that have already done so, thank you!

Volunteer's Needed

By David Gaston

If you're not participating, you should be volunteering. To make our organization healthy, we need volunteers to help run our events or organize. You can contact Ann Katona: katdogpony@gmail.com to find out how and what you can do. Ann has already mentioned in the above articles that we need volunteers at Charlotte's Creek and Valkyrie's Haven. The **Kentucky Classic at Hillcroft Farm is June 15-16**. Though this is not a club event, we need to support any driving event in our area.

To give you an example of other ways to volunteer, Pam and I need to be out of town during the Valkyrie's Haven mini-CDE, which is June 1. Since we can't attend the actual event, we inquired about giving some time during the week before. Turns out, they do need help! There is a lot to do to set up for events. Events needing volunteers are highlighted in bold print on the Spokes and Spurs Calendar of Events on page 5.

I am making a special request for a volunteer: After 6 years of doing this Newsletter, I really would like to pass it to someone else. It would be nice to have a fresh approach and have someone new step up to the plate. You do NOT have to do it the way I have done. You can do just a simple newsletter or make it your own with all the fancy do-dads you wish to do! More than one person can produce the Newsletter. For anyone that would like to do this, I will be most happy to work with them making the transition. The Newsletter is vital communication for Spokes and Spurs. Please give this some serious consideration. I will be most happy to turn this duty over for the next edition (July/August), but I will continue through the November/December 2024 issue, if needed.

Spokes and Spurs Library Available for You to Check Out!

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

Spokes and Spurs 2024 Calendar

Date/Time	Description of Event	Location
May 16-18	Suzy Stafford Clinic	Charlotte's Creek, Georgetown, KY
May 19	USEF CT (Volunteers needed)	Charlotte's Creek, Georgetown, KY
June 1	Mini-CDE	Valkyrie's Haven, Paris, KY
June 6-8	USEF Developing Driver's Clinic	Charlotte's Creek, Georgetown, KY
June 15-16	Kentucky Classic (Volunteers Needed)	Hillcroft Farm, Paris, KY
July 27	Pleasure Schooling Show (Volunteers needed)	Coach House Farm, Paris, KY
Aug. 30-Sept. 1	Suzy Stafford Clinic	Charlotte's Creek, Paris, KY
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 (Volunteers needed)	Valkyrie's Haven, Paris, KY
Nov. ? (TBD)	Visit Charlie Poppe's Carriage Collection	Cincinnati, OH
Dec. 8 - 1:00 p.m.	Annual Spokes and Spurs Meeting	CAA Bldg., Kentucky Horse Park

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