



# DRIVING NEWS



## Intro to Carriage Driving Workshop Series

*Add to your working knowledge in a series of teaching workshops, presented by local trainers.*

*Everyone is welcome. This is an excellent opportunity to expand your personal knowledge – particularly if you are new to driving or just interested in finding out more about the sport.*

*You can haul in for the day and drive the property as well if you like or take the opportunity to ask experienced opinions on your turnout or ask questions of other club members on equine/vehicle/harness.*

*Each workshop will start at 10 a.m., break for lunch then allow driving in the afternoon for those who hauled in.*

**May 24, 2025 – Harnessing – Carrie Ostrowski-Place**

**June 28, 2025 – Ground Driving – Jacob Arnold**

**July 26, 2025 – Vehicle Types and Hitching – Sterling Graburn**

**Asking for a \$10 donation per workshop to cover lunch**

*Please RSVP by midweek before so we know how many drivers/crew to expect.*

**Email Leslye at [leslyesandberg@gmail.com](mailto:leslyesandberg@gmail.com) or call or text 847-602-7500 Farm  
Address: 487 Cynthiana Road, Paris, Kentucky, 40361**

### Spokes & Spurs Fun Drive & Cookout

Saturday, July 19 1:00 pm

Charlotte's Creek Farm Big Barn

Join us for a Spokes and Spurs Fun Drive and Cookout at Charlotte's Creek! The dressage arena, cones course and marathon course will be open to all Spokes and Spurs members. And if you don't have a horse, that's ok too. You can sit and chat with friends! The club will sponsor a traditional cookout with burgers and hotdogs. Please bring a chair and a side dish or dessert to share. Hope to see you there!

If attending, please RSVP to [Jen\\_dunhorse1220@gmail.com](mailto:Jen_dunhorse1220@gmail.com) or (304) 208-5224



The inaugural Charlotte's Creek CDE was held May 16-18, 2025 at Charlotte's Creek Farm in Georgetown, KY. We had a great turnout with forty entries in the CDE and twenty

entries in the Combined Test. The Combined Test was scheduled for Friday, however Mother Nature chose not to cooperate. With severe storm warnings and a tornado watch, it was decided to move the Combined Test to Saturday and work it in with CDE Dressage and Cones. Saturday thankfully brought beautiful weather for a horse show. Everything ran smoothly and on time.

Dressage started at 9am with cones directly following. It was a long day and more than fifty tests were judged. But it allowed all who were cancelled in the CT on Friday to show.



The Short Format Marathon (up to 5 obstacles and no Section A) was held on Sunday. The course was set up similar to Live Oak, where participants drive around the same track between obstacles. This also allowed for a great spectator section, where the entire course and all obstacles could be seen from the same area.

We would like to thank all participants, officials, and volunteers for making the inaugural Charlotte's Creek CDE & CT a huge success. Many thanks to the numerous Spokes and Spurs members who volunteered throughout the weekend. We couldn't do this without you! **Congratulations to our Division Winners!**

*Beginner VSE Single—Lucy Drolesky*

*Beginner Horse Single—Pollux Maciolek*

*Beginner Pony Single—Jose Hernandez*

*Training VSE Pair—Brenda Whicker*

*Training Pony Single—Sylvia McFarland*

*Training Horse Single—Leslie Berndl*

*Preliminary VSE Single—Sammie Jo Allen*

*Preliminary Pony Single—Leslie Berndl*

*Preliminary Horse Single—Carrie Ostrowski Place*

*Intermediate Pony Single—Linda Poland*

*Intermediate Horse Single—Martha Merry*

*Intermediate Horse Para—Chrissy Aitken*

*Advanced Pony Single—Brandy Sneddon*

#### **CT Division Winners**

*Beginner VSE Single—Lucy Droleskey*

*Beginner Pony Single—Rebecca Jones*

*Training VSE Pair—Brenda Whicker*

*Training Pony Single—Wendy Annis*

*Preliminary Pony Single—Jeffrey Skinner*

*Preliminary Horse Single—Leslie Berndl*

*Intermediate Horse Para—Chrissy Aitken*

*Advanced Horse Single—Jennifer Thompson*



**Charlotte's Creek CDE & CT**

**May 15-17, 2026!**

## • New USEF Microchip Rule Coming 12/1/2025

Starting with the 2026 show season, all horses competing at USEF licensed competitions -across all breeds and disciplines- will be required to have a registered microchip on file with USEF. This builds on the microchipping standards already in place for hunter, jumper, and equitation horses, but now extends the requirement to all disciplines.

### Key points:

The microchip must be reported to USEF by the participant (not the show) & Show organizers will verify that a chip is on file before accepting entries.

For barns, owners, trainers, and competitors, now is the time to:



Check if your horse is already microchipped



Report it using the tool if not already on file



Plan ahead for compliance before the rule goes into effect

USEF has published a suite of helpful tools to prepare:

\*Microchip Reporting Tool

\*Educational infographics + videos

\*A dedicated Microchip Resource Page

This is a big step toward greater traceability and transparency in our sport. For more info click on: [Equine Microchipping | US Equestrian](#)

## Spokes and Spurs 2025 Calendar

Date/Time	Description of Event	Location
May 2	Carriage Classic in the Pines	Southern Pines, NC
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Fun Day - Valkyrie's Haven Driving Derby 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Valkyrie's Haven, Paris, KY</b> <b>RSVP</b> <b><a href="mailto:leslyesandberg@gmail.com">leslyesandberg@gmail.com</a></b>
May 10	Carolina Carriage Club DT & CT	Moorestown, NC
<b>May 16-18</b>	Charlotte's Creek CDE	Charlotte's Creek, Georgetown
<b>May 24 - Part 1</b>	<i>Intro to carriage Driving workshop Series - <b>Harnessing</b>, Carrie O.</i>	<i>Valkyrie's Haven, Paris, KY</i> <i><a href="mailto:katdogpony@gmail.com">katdogpony@gmail.com</a></i>
June 7	MHDVA Blue Ribbon Driving Show	Ionia, MI
June 13	Midwest Carriage Festival & CY	Elkhorn, WI
<b>June 14</b>	<b>Spokes &amp; Spurs Pleasure Fun Show</b>	<b>Charlotte's Creek Farm, Georgetown</b>
<b>July 19</b>	<b>Spokes &amp; Spurs Fun Drive &amp; Cookout</b>	<b>Charlotte's Creek Farm, Georgetown</b>
<b>June 28 - Part 2</b>	<i>Intro to carriage Driving workshop Series - <b>Ground Driving</b></i>	<i>Valkyrie's Haven, Paris, KY</i>
<b>July 26 - Part 3</b>	<i>Intro to carriage Driving workshop Series - <b>Vehicle Types &amp; Hitching</b></i>	<i>Valkyrie's Haven, Paris, KY</i>
<b>Aug. 29-31</b>	<b>Suzy Stafford Clinic</b>	<b>Charlotte's Creek Farm, Georgetown</b>
Sept. 5-7	Villa Louis Carriage Classic	Prairie du Chien, WI
Oct. 7-12	National Drive Fall Drive	Hoosier Horse Park, Edinburgh, IN
Oct. 17-19	Nashoba Carriage Classic	Germantown, TN
<b>Oct. 24-26</b>	Halloween at the Haven - DT & CT	Valkyrie's Haven
<b>Dec. TBD</b>	<b>Annual Spokes &amp; Spurs Meeting</b>	<b>TBD</b>

## Spokes and Spurs Library

***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 Lannazzi; Photographer. Bill Remley; Commentator

***Did You Know.....***

***Spokes and Spurs  
members may post  
classified ads for free!***

***Send ads to  
dunhorse1220@gmail.com.***