



DRIVING NEWS

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2026 Educational Clinic

You Be The Judge

With Clinician Teresa Bron

ADS, USEF, FEI Licensed Judge

Current ADS President

April 11, 2026

Sponsored by Spokes and Spurs

At Valkyrie's Haven

Potluck Lunch and Learn

RSVP by April 5 to katdogpony@gmail.com

Come join the fun with fellow horse and driving enthusiasts to expand your knowledge.

First in a series of FREE interactive clinics with traditional Potluck lunch

(with the option to bring a dish or purchase)

9am-11am Have you wondered what the Judge looks for in a dressage test? What do the comments really mean and how is the score arrived at? Learn the terminology used by judges to describe movements and how they are interpreted.

Lunch – Potluck meals are a driving tradition - everyone brings something to share! Signup sheet will circulate the week before the event or if you have a specialty, you can let it be known when you RSVP. The club will provide beverages. If you are not a cook or simply prefer to buy lunch you can pay \$10 the day of the clinic. **RSVP important**

After lunch - You will judge dressage right alongside the expert. See how your scores look next to theirs and have the opportunity to get your questions asked and answered about the differences. **Fun for all and no pressure venue to query the judge!**

DID YOU KNOW?

SPOKES and SPURS MEMBERS CAN PLACE CLASSIFIED ADS FOR FREE

Send Ads to duhorse1220@gmail.com

2026 Driving Derby Series

Derby #1

May 23, 2026

Entries Open April 23 and Close May 17

Sponsored by Spokes & Spurs

At Valkyrie's Haven

487 Cynthiana Road

Paris, KY 40361

**2026 brings a 3 part Derby series to Kentucky,
sponsored by Spokes & Spurs driving club.**

We welcome all participants!

Each Derby will be held in the indoor arena and consist of a course that includes both obstacle elements and cones.

Each participant will go 2 rounds with points being totaled for the Final Scores at each of the events. Ribbons will be awarded in each class.

Classes for VSE, Pony, Horse, Para.

Divisions will be Training (no cantering) and Prelim/Open.

All Divisions drive all gates, Standardized cone settings (ADS Rulebook)

At the Final - Top 3 overall score totals will earn prize money in each Division (all classes within each division are eligible)

To qualify for Finals and be eligible for Prize Money, you must have at least 3 scores to add together at the final event in July. Therefore, you need to participate in at least 2 of the derby events. Of course you are welcome to simply come to any and all for the fun!

Entry Cost \$50

\$25 goes into the Prize Money Pool for Finals

\$25 goes to support Spokes & Spurs

Entries will open 30 days before the event and close 1 week before the event - details to be sent out with entry forms, waivers and request for equine health information. Current Coggins within 12 months; Flu/Rhino/EHV within 6 months, Health Cert out of state.



CHARLOTTE'S CREEK CDE

**MAY 15-17, 2026
CHARLOTTE'S CREEK FARM
GEORGETOWN, KY**

ENTRIES OPEN MARCH 20

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**CHARLOTTE'S CREEK FARM
4152 PARIS PIKE
GEORGETOWN, KY 40324**



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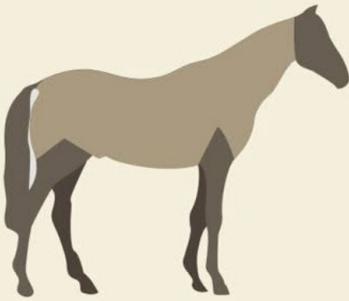
Help your horse stay warm

Horses begin to struggle to keep warm below certain critical temperatures.

Clipped Horse

critical temperature is

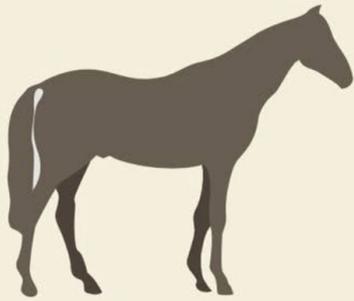
41°F (5°C)



Horse With a Thick Winter Coat

critical temperature is

18°F (-8°C)



2026 Spokes and Spurs Calendar

*Dates and Events are Subject to Change

Events in **BOLD** are Spokes and Spurs Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
FEB-TBA	Seminar or Tour	TBA
APR 11	Educational Series 1	Valkyrie's Haven Farm Paris, KY
APR 23-25	Katydid CDE	Tryon, NC
Apr 23-26	National Drive Spring Fling	Hoosier Horse Park Edinburgh, IN
May 15-17	Charlotte's Creek CDE	Charlotte's Creek Farm Georgetown, KY
May 23	Spokes & Spurs Derby 1	Valkyrie's Haven Farm Paris, KY
June 27	Spokes & Spurs Derby 2	Charlotte's Creek Farm Georgetown, KY
July 11	Educational Series 2	Valkyrie's Haven Farm Paris, KY
July 25	Spokes & Spurs Derby Finals	Valkyrie's Haven Farm Paris, KY
Aug 8	Educational Series 3	Valkyrie's Haven Farm Paris, KY
Aug 28-30	Suzy Stafford Clinic	Charlotte's Creek Farm Georgetown, KY
Sept 11-30	Villa Louis Carriage Classic	Prairie du Chien, WI
Sept 17-20	Tryon Fall CDE	Tryon, NC
Sept 25-27	Indiana CDE	Hoosier Horse Park Edinburgh, IN
Oct 5-11	National Drive	Hoosier Horse Park Edinburgh, IN
Oct 16-18	Nashoba Carriage Classic	Germantown, TN
Oct 23-25	Halloween at the Haven CDE	Valkyrie's Haven Farm Paris, KY
Nov 6-8	Stableview CDE	Aiken, SC



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

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT AN EVENT SOON