DRIVING NEWS

November–December 2026 | Holiday Edition

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's been a very busy few weeks! The National Drive, Halloween at the Haven CT/DT, and absolutely perfect weather to work our horses!

A few of our members participated in the CT/DT. Congratulations on your placements! Also, a big shout-out to our members who volunteered at Halloween at the Haven. These events can't go on without the help of our volunteers.

In November, your board will be meeting to outline the 2027 calendar of events. All members are welcome to join us, or please pass along any ideas for driving events you would like to see.

We already have some ideas for our "Learn About Driving" series. These events are very popular and a great way for newcomers to driving to learn more about the world of driving. Charlotte's Creek already has events scheduled for 2027, so be sure to check the updated calendar coming soon.

This summer, we had our Driving Derby Series. Valkyrie's Haven and Charlotte's Creek were both kind enough to host these derbies and set up the obstacles and cones for drivers to enjoy.

As per the rules, some drivers were able to attend at least two of the events and accumulate three or more scores. Congratulations to these drivers!

BUILDING OUR DRIVING COMMUNITY

There is also a small local club, the Bluegrass Morgan Club. Like Spokes & Spurs, its members are supportive of various educational and interesting events. We will be sharing our calendars of events so members can take advantage of these opportunities.

Happy Holidays and Happy Driving!

Board Member Needed!

Looking to get more involved with Spokes and Spurs this year? We have an opening on the Spokes and Spurs Board! This club can only be run by volunteer participation and we need you! I've included the By-Laws description of the Secretary position below. If you are interested in serving on the board or another volunteer position, please contact Ann Katona katdogpony@gmail.com!!

The Secretary shall take and keep accurate minutes at all General Membership and Board Meetings of Spokes and Spurs. The Secretary will be responsible for authenticating and certifying records of Spoke and Spurs as necessary; and shall perform all other duties incident to the office of the Secretary; and such other duties from time to time, assigned to him/her by the President or Board of Directors. The Secretary will be elected for a two-year term in an even year.

Classified ads are FREE in the Spokes & Spurs newsletter for members!

Have used harness, carriages, or tack to sell? Advertise them here!

Send your ads to: dunhorse1220@gmail.com



2026 DRIVING DERBY FINALS

Congratulations to Our Drivers!

A big round of applause to everyone who participated in the 2026 Driving Derby Series! Here are the drivers who qualified with three scores:

Driver / Equine	Division	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3
Sterling Graburn (Owner: Kim Branscom)	Training, Pony	1:52.06	2:12.63	2:22.86
Noelle Price	Training, Horse	2:06.31	2:20.17	2:34.82
Lisa Stensrud	Training, Horse	2:08.65	2:31.00	2:55.08
Mikkel Stensrud	Training, Horse	2:08.95	2:19.25	3:00.44

Congratulations to all our Derby participants!

Thank you to our host farms, volunteers, and everyone who helped make the series a success.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday Season!

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – DECEMBER 6, 2026 12:00 PM

AT VALKYRIE'S HAVEN!

SPOKES & SPURS LIBRARY

A Little Something for Every Driving Enthusiast!

Spokes & Spurs has a nice little library available to our members. Let Ann Katona know if you would like to check out anything.

Library Collection

1. American Carriages, Sleighs, Sulkies and Carts – 168 Illustrations from Victorian Sources! Edited by Don H. Berkebile

2. American Horse-Drawn Vehicles – Being a collection of 218 pictures. Jack D. Rittenhouse

3. Bending the Driving Horse – Muffy Seaton

4. Breaking a Horse to Harness – A Step by Step Guide. Sallie Walrond

5. Bristol Wagon & Carriage Illustrated Catalog – 1900 Bristol Wagon & Carriage Works Co. Ltd.

6. Carriage Driving – A Logical Approach Through Dressage Training – Heike Bean and Sarah Blanchard

7. Discovering Horse Drawn Carriages – D. J. Smith

8. Driven Dressage with the Single Horse – Sandy Rabinowitz

9. Driver Proficiency Program – Level I and Road Driving Syllabus – The Carriage Association of America

10. Driving a Harness Horse – A Step by Step Guide (A sequel to Breaking a Horse to Harness). Sallie Walrond

11. Driving for Pleasure or The Harness Stable and its Appointments – Francis T. Underhill

12. The Encyclopedia of Driving – Sallie Walrond

13. The Essential Guide to Carriage Driving – Robyn Cuffey and Jaye-Allison Winkel

14. Fundamentals of Private Driving – Sallie Walrond

15. Horse-Drawn Vehicles at the Shelburne Museum – Kenneth Edward Wheeling

16. Illustrated Catalogue of Carriages and Special Business Advertiser / G. & D. Cook & Co.'s – Forward by Paul H. Downing

17. Walnut Hill: A Grand Celebration of the Horse & Carriage – Robert Lannazzi; Photographer: Bill Remley; Commentator

Happy Holidays from Spokes & Spurs!



