



# Driving Lines



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## Driving at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill

Our weekend of driving at Shaker Village is fast approaching. I look forward to this event every year, a wonderful time to spend with old friends and make new ones with our delightful driving club members! Even if you can't spend the night, please try to join us for dinner on Saturday June 13 at 7pm (RSVP Virginia Goodman). We'll meet for a little pre-dinner wine and

cheese in the lot near our lodgings hosted by Colonel and Kathi Davis. If you are staying the night, please let Virginia know that you need reservations for breakfast as well. We've had good luck with the weather each year, hopefully this year will be just as lovely! Anyone is welcome to drive or ride at the village with us throughout the weekend. There

are many miles of fabulous trails! There are some small paddocks available and some good stabling in the barn. You will need to reserve these through the Village itself. I hope many of you can come! It will be a super weekend to relax and enjoy the life in Kentucky! <http://www.shakervillageky.org/>

## Intro to Driving Day HUGE SUCCESS!

Once again our Introduction to Driving Day was a huge success! We had a vast majority of our members there to volunteer, speak, and participate. The turnouts crossed the spectrum of breeds, harness, and carriages. It was a spectacular showcase of our fabulous sport! The weather wasn't too wretched and we didn't run out of food until the very end of the lunch line! There were over 100 people in attendance to learn more about the sport. What a way to kick off the driving season! Debbie & Dana Banfield lent their expertise to the morning's exhibitions, while Katie Whaley & Kathy Courtemanche chimed in for the afternoon sessions. The crowd saw each aspect of driving that our club could offer. A huge thank you to everyone who made the day possible, from the guest speakers to the drivers, to the volunteers. It was truly a SPOKES AND SPURS function!

## Drive at the Whaley's

Each of you should be receiving an invitation to the Whaley's farm for a drive on July 5th. I hope each of you will make an effort to attend this event at one of our newest members farms. The Whaley's hail most recently from Southern Pines, NC where they know how to put on a drive! You'll be able to do a little dressage and cones if you so desire and/or just drive around their picturesque Paris farm. If you can't bring a horse, no problem! There will, of course, be food! The day promises to be fun and fulfilling, hope to see you there!

Spokes and Spurs is affiliated with:

- American Driving Society
- Carriage Association of America
- Kentucky Horse Council
- US Driving for the Disabled

## Mapleleaf Farm

Despite a low turnout, a good time was had by all at Roy, Jessica, & Cooper Canada's Mapleleaf Farm during our first recreational drive of the season. The day was glorious, with cushy footing and super weather. Jessica led the group through their beautiful farm, for a lovely drive before inviting us up to her house for a delectable lunch. Those of you who couldn't come, you missed out! It was a super opportunity for a low key day of fun with our horses. Thanks, Jessica & Roy (and Cooper) for your hospitality! It was great fun! -Jose Hernandez

## Competition Results

With competition season really heating up, our members have been out in full blast!

The first event of the season was the 1 Gayla Schooling Event which is detailed on page 3.

Many of our members turned out for the **Indiana Whips & Wheels Schooling Show**, Derby weekend.

Results are:

### Overall Training Ponies:

5th Jose Hernandez, driving Ghillie & Georgie Dede Delaney's pair of German Riding Ponies.

### Overall Training Horses:

1st Maggie Garrison, driving Darby with hubby Kevin Garrison navigating

### Overall Preliminary Horses:

4th Lenny Courtemanche, driving Corey with wife Kathy on the back step.

Leslie Hernandez was the judge and clinician at this event. For full results, visit: [http://www.iwwi.org/2009\\_schooling\\_show\\_results.pdf](http://www.iwwi.org/2009_schooling_show_results.pdf)

The next event was the **Gayla Bluegrass CDE**

### Training Single Pony:

4th Jack Goodman, driving Pittsburgh Playboy with wife Virginia navigating

### Training Pair Pony

2nd Leslie Bebensee, driving a green pair of Gotland ponies.

W Dede Delaney, driving Ghillie & Georgie, Jose Hernandez navigator/groom

### Training Single Horse

4th Maggie Garrison, driving Darby with hubby Kevin 'gatoring.

### Training Pair Horse

1st Fred Dearborn driving his pair of Morgans with TJ Woodcock navigator/groom. (This class was the battle of the Freds, with Fred Merriam from Paris, KY competing as well)

### Preliminary Single Horse

2nd Meg Dumaine, driving Ashley owned by Elaine Gibala, with Rocco Gibala navigating.

4th Lenny Courtemanche, driving Wolfhill's Encore (Corey) with Delene Vollenweilder navigating.

5th Darryl Leifheit, driving Singsation aka Clint with Tom Daugherty navigating.

### Intermediate Pair Horse

2nd Rachael Niceley, driving a pair of Friesian sport horses, Erin Woodcock navigator/groom.

Several of our members will be headed up to Michigan for the Metamora CDE (25th Anniversary year!), Ohio for the new Carriages in the Park CDE, and then the Indiana CDE Labor Day weekend. Some events have canceled this year due to lack of entries or funds, so if combined driving interests you at all, please consider being a sponsor or volunteer, if your not competing. Every aspect of driving needs our support, esp at the grassroots level.

See you on the course walk!

## Carriage Round-up

May 29-31, several Spokes and Spurs members were invited to Charlie Poppe's annual Carriage Round-up at the Kentucky Horse Park. The weekend was lovely, with lot's of fun had by all. Not only did we drive throughout each day, but of course we dined! The culminating experience was FINALLY pulling off a win in the Tailgate Picnic Competition on Saturday evening. Even the weather chose to expound upon our "Hippie Theme: Magical Mystery Tour" by opening up the clouds in a Woodstock worthy downpour just prior to judging. Thanks to our gorgeous tie dyed shirts, delicious "hippie" food, and a couple of stunning wigs, we were awarded the Grand Overall Prize! Thanks to everyone the participated and helped out! Now, let's start thinking about 2010...

The Gayla Driving Center had its first successful **Schooling Event** on April 11, 2009. On Friday, the day before, it just poured down rain for hours. It wasn't necessary to announce that the event was going on the following day, it is common knowledge that the rain meant a Gayla activity was soon to follow. We were extremely thankful for the glorious sunshine during the event, though the wind still had a crisp chill. All the participants and volunteers were treated to Papa Johns pizza, drinks, cookies and Anna Newman's fabulous dessert dish.

Pam Martinolich competed for the very first time driving Gail Austin-Ellman's adorable Dales pony Rose. Pam was 1st in Training Level Dressage, 3rd in Cones, and 3rd in the marathon. Jack Goodman drove his athletic Pittsburgh Playboy. Jack was 2nd in Dressage, 2nd in the cones and 2nd in the Marathon. Kathy Smock, from Versailles, drove her super pony Oak to a 3rd place win in Training Level Dressage, 1st in cones and 1st in the marathon. Dede Delaney drove for the very first time her fantastic new pair of German riding ponies. Ghillie now drives with her sister, Georgie. Dede was 1st in Training

Dressage and had the best Training score of the entire day. She was 2nd in Cones and Jose drove her pair in the marathon placing 3rd. Fred Dearborn came over to have some fun driving his pair of stylish Morgan's. Fred was 2nd in Dressage, 1st in Cones and 2nd in the Marathon. Also competing in the Training pair was Robert Burrows from Wadsworth, OH driving his pair of Haflinger ponies. The Single Horse division consists of Maggie Garrison driving her dandy Thoroughbred X named Darby.

Maggie was 1st in Dressage, 2nd in Cones, and 1st in the marathon. Shirley McQuillan was driving her awesome 17.2 hand Dutch horse Revelry. Shirley has only been driving Revelry for a couple of months and did a fantastic job. Shirley was 2nd in Dressage, 3rd in Cones. Also in the training horse division was Ron Cowan from Harriman, TN, driving his Gypsy horse. Leonard Courtemanche competed Corey, an enthusiastically talented Morgan, in the Preliminary Single Division winning all 3 phases. Our final competitor was Rachel Nicely driving a unicorn, from Strawberry Plains, TN.

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers that made this event possible. My Dressage scribe, Paula Simmons and gate steward Anna Newman. Our Cones Judge Leslie Hernandez, timer Kate Whaley,

scribe Jan McKinney, Dana Banfield and his cones crew, Jerre Cashion, John Cashion, Jerry Bratfish, Diane Bratfish, Vickie Short, Paul Short and Sheppy Jude. Gail Austin-Ellman was the score runner for her husband Chuck who was our scorer for the day. Most all of the above also worked the marathon with the addition of Kathy Courtemanche. A big thank you to all for a very enjoyable day! -Debbie Banfield

The volunteers also made the **Gayla Bluegrass CDE** possible! Thanks to each of you who gave of your time both on the day of and during the weeks before in preparation for this great event. There was an awesome turnout for the **Gayla Work Day**, during which we did everything from paint dressage letters to build stages! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nt5SI78zGAA>. We had a fantastic selection of both new and experienced volunteers this year, many of you preparing to volunteer for the Lexington Classic CDE (Oct 2009) and WEG2010. We couldn't possibly name you all, but thank you dearly for your help!

Stay tuned for more information regarding the upcoming Gayla Schooling Events in July & August and the Adult Driving Camp, August 10-15.

## Classified Ads

**Carriage** Beautiful Pacific Carriage Co. Spider Phaeton. Barely used, less than three events. This is a gorgeous vehicle, used with a 15-3 horse. Suitable for single or pair. Black with gold pin-striping. Only a handful produced. South Central Kentucky. (would transport for free to IN, KY, IL, WI; negotiate other states) \$7500.00 Contact Ann for pictures [cdedriver@scrtc.com](mailto:cdedriver@scrtc.com).

**DRIVING ITEMS & SLEIGHS FOR SALE:** Red wooden Country Sleigh, yellow clothe seats, horse sized comes with wheels, in good condition: \$450 Black Cutter Sleigh, Patent Leather dash, red clothe seats, pony to small horse size up to 15h, good condition, \$750. Black George Bowman Driving Harness, horse size \$150. Please contact Heidi [BOEL2003@AOL.COM](mailto:BOEL2003@AOL.COM) OR CALL (502)254-1386, CELL (502)609-0404

**Wanted: farm to rent** where I could live and also board my 2 horses. I am looking for a three bedroom house that would be no more than 1200/month including horse board. I would prefer that it be located in one of the counties immediately surrounding Fayette County. I would appreciate any help you could give me. Kristin: (859) 492-9398 or email [kcpulley@gmail.com](mailto:kcpulley@gmail.com)

## In The Know...

Last Months Answer is: A .Furious Driving is: A Speeding/reckless driving from horse-drawn carriage days.

All harness has furniture.

- A. True
- B. False

Encyclopaedia of Carriage Driving by Sallie Walrond

### National Carriage Driving Artist

Kathi Peters is hosting an art show in Lexington for a short time. "Finding My Voice" - Solo Show at Gallery B

Location: Gallery B, 145 West Maine Street, Lexington, KY

Event Dates: 5/8/2009 - 6/6/2009

A metaphorical journey through her art explaining how she found her voice after suffering Aphasia during a stroke in 2006. More information can be found on <http://kathipeters.com/>

**Junior League Horse Show:** the last year at the Red Mile. The Lexington Junior League Horse Show began in 1937 and serves as the Junior League of Lexington's primary fundraiser. The show has generated over \$3.75 million dollars for the benefit of the local community. The Lexington Junior League Horse Show has become a prestigious event in the Saddlebred industry, the first leg of the Saddlebred Triple Crown. The Horse Show runs for a week every year in mid-July, attracting exhibitors from the across the world. Approximately 1,000 exhibitors compete each year for \$70,000 dollars in prize money and the prestige of "Winning at Lexington". Traditional driving classes include: Pair of Hackney/Harness ponies on Tuesday, Open Phaeton Single or Pair on Wednesday, Thursday holds the Commercial/Trade class and the Coaching 4-in-hand class.

## 2009 Calendar of Events (events in bold are Spokes and Spurs)

### June

5/8-6/6-Finding My Voice: Kathi Peters art show

### 13-14 Shaker Village Driving/Riding Weekend

17-20 CAA Conference, Morven Park, VA

19-21 Metamora CDE Metamora, MI 25th Anniversary Edition

Training-Advanced.

### July

### 5 Driving at the Whaley's

6-12 Junior League Horse Show

18 Schooling Show, Gayla Driving Center

25-26 Carriages in the Park, Cleveland, OH

### August

### \*1 Drive at the Ball's

10-15 Adult Driving Camp, Gayla Driving Center

### 15 Cookout at Cindy Goff's

22 Schooling Show, Gayla Driving Center

### September

5-6 IN CDE

### 19 Drive at Bob Mayo's

22-25 Southern IN Auction

### October

1-4 Lexington Classic CDE, National Championships for 4-in-hands, pairs, single horses and ponies. KY Horse Park. Volunteers will be on list for 2010 World Games, Driving volunteer jobs.

**6-12 National Recreational Drive. Spokes and Spurs free day of driving on Saturday October 11.**

### November

**27 Day after Thanksgiving Trail Ride, Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill**

December-Holiday Party



MAY WAS NATIONAL CARRIAGE DRIVING MONTH, HOW DID YOU CELEBRATE?

\*The Balls need to change the date of their drive to July 25 from August 1.

## Misc. Business

Some of our officers are going to need replacing or are looking for a partner. Due to the tragic death of Sue Lyon, our Vice-Presidency is an open seat. Chuck Ellman will be missing our annual meeting from now on, so he would like to either step down or add a co-Treasurer. If any of you would like to step up to one of the positions, please contact Leslie.