



DRIVING NEWS

Spokes & Spurs Inc Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All!!

I hope that you all are taking advantage of the mild weather we've had. Your board members have been busy looking over events for 2025. Unfortunately life has been interrupted due to family obligations for a few of us, so I apologize for the delay in news.

Our next event will be our annual meeting, held on **Dec 8 at 1:00 PM at the CAA Bldg. at the KY Horse Park**. The club will provide lunch and drinks. We have also had a request to hold the annual silent auction. We have already been notified of donations.

2025 begins another two year term for officers. I will remain as President with Doug Lindsey volunteering as Vice-President. Jennifer Harber will take over the newsletter. Hugh Bellis-Jones will stay on as Treasurer. We will need a secretary—don't be shy! Of course, we will entertain nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Our Calendar is starting to take shape for 2025. We still need to meet with the farm owners to confirm dates and events. In Feb., we will meet at the CAA Bldg. and have a presentation by Terry Shaw on Harness Care & Cleaning. Terry has a remarkable resume and background in grooming and showing for some absolutely top-notch farms and shows. We are looking to make up the CAA Driver Proficiency Exam—Level 1 and Road Driving. I still need to confirm with our evaluator and farm. Charlotte's Creek will host a fun drive and cookout in July. If there is interest we will also hold another practice pleasure show with judging and critiques. Another event that we would like to promote is encouraging young drivers. We are hoping to have help from our members and encourage young equestrians to explore the world of driving. As always, the board welcomes your ideas and suggestions.

Thank you so much to all of our officers and event volunteers as well as farm owners. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by such remarkable establishments for the world of driving. It takes a tremendous amount of work and planning to create such beautiful facilities. **Thank you to Charlotte's Creek, Valkyrie's Haven and Coach House!**

And last but not least, thank you so much to David Gaston for serving for many years as former president and the Newsletter editor. And many thanks to Kathi Davis for serving as our Vice President. Your enthusiasm for the club and events are truly appreciated.



Spokes and Spurs 2025 Calendar

Date/Time	Description of Event	Location
Dec 8, 2024 - 1:00pm	Annual Spokes and Spurs Meeting	CAA Bld, KY Horse Park
Feb. 9 - 1pm	Harness Care & Cleaning by Terry Shaw	CAA Bld, KY Horse Park
Mar 13-16	Live Oak International	Live Oak, FL
April 3	Southern Pines CDE & CT	Raeford, NC
April 12	Aiken Carriage Classic	Aiken, NC
April 17-20	Katydid CDE	Tryon, NC
April 24-27	National Drive Spring Fling	Edinburgh, IN
April TBD	CAA Driver Proficiency Program Level 1 and Road Driving	Valkyries Haven Paris, KY
May 2	Carriage Classic in the Pines	Southern Pines, NC
May 10	Carolina Carriage Club DT & CT	Mooresboro, NC
May 16-18	Charlotte's Creek CDE & CT	Charlotte's Creek Farm Georgetown, KY
June 7	MHDVA Blue Ribbon Driving Show	Ionia, MI
June 13	Midwest Carriage Festival & CY	Elkhorn, WI
July TBD	Spokes and Spurs Fun Drive & Cookout	Charlotte's Creek Farm Georgetown, KY
Summer TBD	Spokes and Spurs Pleasure Fun Show	TBD
Summer TBD	Spokes and Spurs Youth Drive	TBD
Aug. 29 - 31	Suzy Stafford Clinic	Charlotte's Creek Farm Georgetown, KY
Sept 5-7	Villa Louis Carriage Classic	Prairie du Chien, WI
Sept 18-21	Tryon Fall CDE	Tryon, NC
Oct 7-12	National Drive Fall Drive	Edinburgh, IN
Oct 17-19	Nashoba Carriage Classic	Germantown, TN
Oct TBD	Halloween at the Haven DT & CT	Valkyries Haven Paris, KY



2025 Membership Drive

Don't forget that dues are due for 2025. Please fill out the Membership form & Mail check made out to: Spokes and Spurs (\$35 family, \$30 individual) and this membership form to: Hugh Bellis-Jones, 1145 Hill Rd., Paris, KY 40361 Link to Membership Form www.spokesandspurs.com

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 Rob-

On behalf of the Spokes and Spurs Board of Directors, we would like to wish all members a Happy Holiday Season and a wonderful 2025!

