A SUMMER FULL OF GERMAN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

Although we do not have any formal programs arranged throughout the state as in past years, this does not mean that there will be a shortage of German-American activities this Summer.

The IGHS will continue the Stammtisch series throughout the Summer and there will be plenty of other related organizations sponsoring events.

As announced in our last NEWSLETTER, the Indiana German Heritage Society will be conducting two Stammtischs, one for beginners and those more interested in culture on Wednesday, and a more advanced German conversation class on Thursday. Both events will begin at 6 p.m. with supper in the Rathskeller Restaurant at the Athenaeum. All programs will follow the meal.

The Wednesday programs have been set through December and are as follows:

June 8: “Breweries of Indianapolis” presented by James Talley, a descendant of the C.P. Schmidt Brewery of Indianapolis and immediate past president of the IGHS. PROBABLY NO SAMPLES!

July 13: “Hoosier German Tales” hosted by editor Eberhard Reichmann who will speak about the making of his book of tales, combined with readings. Do bring your own German-American tales! Eberhard is in the process of collecting material for a second volume.

August 10: “Louis Trenker as Kaiser of Californien” (video) on the life of the Swiss settler Sutter during the California Gold Rush.

September 14: “German Architecture in Indiana” presented by William L. Selim, Associate Director of the Athenaeum Foundation.

October 12: “Two 19th Century German-American Cartoonists: Thomas Nast and Joseph Keppler” presented by Dr. Annemarie Springer, Bloomington.

November 9: “German Customs and Traditions During the Winter Months” delivered by Drs. Eberhard and Ruth Reichmann.

December 14: “Christmas in Bavaria and in the Erzgebirge” (video) hosted by Bavarian native Ernestine Dillon.

A special to Ernestine Dillon for arranging the Stammtisch programs.

INDIANA GERMAN FESTIVAL CALENDAR

June 5-12, Germanfest, Freimann Square, Fort Wayne.

July 16, Freudenfest, Oldenburg.

August 4-7, Jasper Strassenfest.

August 12-13 Germanfest, Vincennes.

September 2-3 & 9-10, Oktoberfest, German Park, Indianapolis.

September 9-10 & 16-17, Oktoberfest, Terre Haute.

September 17, Oktoberfest, Athenaeum, Indianapolis.

September 17, Kunstfest, New Harmony.

FOR ADDRESSES CONSULT YOUR IGHS GERMAN LANDMARK CALENDAR.
GERMAN INFLUENCE ON THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

On 5 January 1889, the Scientific American had reprinted an earlier report of the Zeitschrift illustrierte Zeitschrift about the successful use of the high speed Daimler engine, together with woodcut illustration of the Benz car. When the first news about the success of the Daimler and Benz vehicles reached America, inventive minds soon responded. There is a report of a car built by a German immigrant, Henry Nadig, in Allentown, PA in the early 1900s. At the same time another automobile designer of German origin, Gottfried Schloener, built a vehicle which ran 12 miles per hour in Milwaukee in 1889.

Other vehicles became known such as those built by Charles H. Black in Indianapolis in 1891-1893. On July 4, 1894, Elwood Haynes drove his Haynes automobile on the Pumpkinvine Pike near Kokomo, Indiana. While this was not the first automobile built and operated in Indiana, this well documented event is serving as a focal point for our celebration of the history of automobiles.

In the last 100 years, more than 80 Indiana cities have produced more than 500 makes of motor vehicles. German-American involvement in these companies was substantial, with many successful companies being started by German-Americans or Americans of German descent. Some examples of lesser known companies with a German name
eres Zimmerman Manufacturing Company, Roman Eichstaedt, Herrmann Automobile Company, Hoffman Brothers Manufacturing Co., W.H. Kiblinger Company, and Merz Cyclecar Company. More famous names include Duesenberg, Studebaker, and Stutz. While some companies can be easily recognized through their German names, others cannot. For instance, the famous Auburn Auto Company was founded by the Eckhart Brothers, but named after their hometown. H.C.S., Ideal Motor Company and American Underslung were all Harry C. Stutz ventures.

German names can also be found in the engineering departments of famous companies, such as Gordon Buehrig who designed for Auburn, Cord and Duesenberg. Charles Greuter was the head engineer at Stutz after 1925. Studebaker employed Otto Kassmeyer and Ray Dietrich was head designer in South Bend.

The Duesenberg name is synonymous with excellence. Duesenberg cars were built in Indianapolis and their creators were the brothers Frederick and August Duesenberg, who immigrated as boys from Lippe, Germany in 1885.

The Studebaker ancestors, Clement and Peter, landed in Philadelphia in 1736. By 1851 the family had moved to South Bend. The next year, Henry and Clement of the fourth generation in the U.S., founded "Studebaker Brothers." In 1858 they were joined by two other brothers and became makers of Conastoga style wagons, known for stickness and durability. During the Civil War, Studebaker wagons were in high demand. In the 1890s, Studebaker was generally regarded as the world's largest wagon builder. The first Studebaker automobile was built in 1902, an electric powered, open carriage with tiller steering. 1904 saw the first gasoline powered Studebaker in production.

Harry C. Stutz first came to Indianapolis in 1903 at the age of 27. He married one Clara Dietz. In 1910 he started his own company and in 1912 the most famous Stutz automobile, the Bearcat, won 25 of 30 racing events. It also became the most popular sports car.

By Ruth Reichmann

*For a thorough coverage of the early story of the automobile in Indiana see the Spring 1994 issue of the Indiana Historical Society's magazine Traces, which commemorates 100 years of automotive history in Indiana. A National symposium of the Automobile sponsored by the Historical Society will be held in Auburn, Indiana on July 142. Call the Historical Society at 317-233-5658 for reservations and more program information.

SATURDAY IN THE PARK WITH GAK

The German-American Klub is sponsoring Saturday night festivals from 11 June through 6 August at German Park, 8600 S. Meridian Street, Indianapolis. Admission is $1.50 with German food being served at 5 p.m. and music and dancing to follow at 7 p.m. For more information call George Wehrle, 317-783-2667.
JUGENDBEGEHNUNG TO BE IN INDIANAPOLIS, JULY 19-29

The concept of Jugendbegegnung (Youth Meeting) originated in 1992 when Indianapolis’ Sister City, Cologne, Germany, invited a group of young adults (18-24 years old) to join similar groups from Volgograd, Russia, and Cologne for a meeting in Cologne. Nine young adults, accompanied by Nancy Ruckle, attended the first Jugendbegegnung in Cologne. The goal was the interaction of the groups and the creation of future international leaders and citizens. The meeting was a great success, and the tradition began.

In the Summer of 1993, a group of young adults traveled to Volgograd to attend a Festival for Gifted Youth, working to keep the tradition alive and vital, although the Jugendbegegnung had to be postponed.

We now have the pleasure of hosting the Jugendbegegnung in Indianapolis from 19-29 July. There will be ten young adults plus two group leaders from each city. We look forward to sharing our city and culture with these young people from such diverse backgrounds. There are many ways you can share our experience!

The participants will be housed at the IUPUI International House, at the cost of $15.15 per night. The German participants have arranged their own airfare, and our primary financial obligation will be housing and feeding them, in addition to program expenses. Cologne is paying the cost to bring the Russian group from Volgograd to New York, so our responsibility for that group will be airfare from New York to Indianapolis, health insurance and housing. Therefore, cost of sponsorship will be:

German: $155 per participant
Russian: $370 per participant

These sponsorships, as donations to Sister Cities, Inc., are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Individuals or families who sponsor a participant will be invited to join us in many of our activities, as well as receiving recognition. We also hope that sponsors would invite “their” sponsored person home to visit an American home and family.

There are many other opportunities to take part in this exciting program. Perhaps, you, your family, or your group would like to prepare a meal or take along lunch for the group. There are so many other possibilities for helping! For more information, please contact Nancy Ruckle (873-6651) or Giles Hoyt (274-2330). Thank you!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new IGHS members who joined prior to 23 May:

Douglas C. Fraker
Frank & Lynca Hoffmann
Moritz & Cathy Weiss
Mary Lou Brader
Louis & Ingeborg Lachenmann
Winifred M. Pushor

W.G. Brewer
Hans & Josy Jacob
Suzanne Snider

If you are not an IGHS member and would like to become one, contact Membership Secretary, Indiana German Heritage Society, 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. Dues are $15/year for individual and $20/family.

GERMAN LIFE

German Life, a new magazine highlighting culture, history and people will debut in July. This colorful publication printed on high quality paper may be ordered for $15.95 for 6 issues (33% off newsstand price) by writing to German Life, Circulation Department, PO Box 609, Grantsville, Maryland 21536-9984. The first issue is quite impressive and is worth a look.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
DR. ELFRIEDA LANG

Dr. Lang, founding member of IGHS, celebrated her 90th birthday on 22 May. Through her outstanding scholarship in the field of German Americana she influenced all of us who are now researching the Hoosier Germans and their contributions to Indiana’s development. She has also left her mark on the Indiana Magazine of History for which she provided valuable index volumes.

Happy Birthday Elfrieda! And many happy returns!
IGHS PUBLICATIONS UPDATE

This past Fall, all paid-up IGHS members received a free copy of Willi Paul Adams' 'The German-Americans, An Ethnic Experience,' published by our publications partner, the Max Kade German-American Center of the German Department at IUPUI. A continuous stream of library and individual orders are coming in, and colleges have begun using it as a textbook on that important American History topic of "ethnic experience." Share your reaction with us. Additional copies at IGHS membership discount are $4.50. Mention your membership when ordering from: NCSA Literatur, 430 S. Kelp Grove Rd., Nashville, Indiana 47448.

Five publications are in the pipeline for Summer/Winter 1994: A bilingual edition of Jacob Nix's The Sioux Uprising in Minnesota, 1862, edited by Don Heinrich Tolzmann, and The German Press of Indiana, edited by James Ziegler. The former deals with the battle of New Ulm, Minnesota-the only German Turner town in the U.S.-and the tragic white man/red man conflict. Captain Jacob Nix's son, Robert, became supervisor for foreign language instruction for the Indianapolis schools around 1900. James Ziegler's Bibliography is the most comprehensive one on the subject of Hoosier German newspapers and periodicals. It will be an extremely valuable tool for research in our field. Before World War I, the German press output in America amounted to more than 50% of all non-English publications.

James Divita and Giles Hoyt

with assistance from Michael Hughes have finished work on a special issue of articles on "German Religion in Indiana," to appear in what will be a series of occasional volumes: Studies in German Americana. Our second IGHS Calendar, for 1995, featuring German-American sculptures in Indiana, will be ready to be placed under the Christmas tree. A big volume on Emigration and Settlement Patterns of German Communities in North America is also nearing completion. E. Reichmann, Vern Ripley and J. Nagler are the editors. Other publications available from NCSA Literatur at membership discounts (prices include shipping & tax): The reprint edition of Witter's German-English Primer/Deutsch-Englische Schreib-und Lese-Fibel (1881)—still the fastest way to learn reading "Old German script." No knowledge of German required—but you will learn some ($4.50). George Th. Probst's The Germans in Indianapolis, 1840-1918—beautifully illustrated ($16.00). Th. Stempfel's Festschrift-Fifty Years of Unrelenting German Aspirations in Indianapolis, also well illustrated and a bilingual German/English edition by Giles Hoyt et. al. ($16.00). Eberhard Reichmann's best-seller, Hoosier German Tales, Small & Tall. 333 stories (all English and some German with translation) to make you laugh and cry ($8.00).

Remember, all of our publications make nice gifts, too!

VINCENNES-WASSERBURG UPDATE

Mary Belle Casting of Vincennes accepted the invitation of Mayor Dr. Martin Geiger, to visit Wasserburg and participate in the "Indammfest" festival in August. About 35 persons will accompany her. The Indammfest is named after its location: the festival takes place on top of the Damm (dam) that keeps the river Inn from flooding the city during periods of high water. The festival gathers together representatives from the city and surrounding areas, civil servants, civic and service clubs, veterans, music and folklore organizations, trade guilds, sports clubs and more.

The visitors from Indiana will be welcomed by the mayor, listen to the city orchestra, watch a soccer game, meet members of different organizations and become re-acquainted with the Schuhplattler group and other members of the "Trachtenverein Almrausch," who visited Vincennes, Jasper, Indianapolis, and Goshen, Indiana in 1992. The Vincennes group will treat the citizens of Wasserburg to accordion music by Jay Fox, the leader of the Bavarian Showtime Band in Fort Wayne. Wasserburg families have arranged homestays for the Hoosiers. The group will also take day trips to Munich, Innsbruck, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, and the castle Herrenchiemsee. (Continued on Page 5)
In May and June IGHS Vice-President Ernestine Dillon will visit Wasserburg to help with the planning, and to introduce Mary Bowman from Vincennes University to educators in Wasserburg to lay the groundwork for a future educational exchange.

By Ernestine Dillon

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION IN OLDENBURG

Holy Family parish of Oldenburg, IN will commemorate the 148th anniversary of their annual Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, 12 June at 11:15 a.m. (EST).

This religious demonstration in honor of the Holy Eucharist has continued since 1846 with a solemn and colorful procession that winds its way through the shaded lanes and flower strewn avenues and streets of the town.

There are two permanent brick chapels located in the Church-land woods and two more in town temporary set-up on Wasserstrasse and in front of the historic town hall. The altars are highly decorated by parish members. A brief service is held at each altar.

Everyone is invited to observe this heritage in scenic Southeastern Indiana.

By William Hoelker

INDIANAPOLIS GERMAN SCHOOL

Fall semester German classes for children, ages 5-13, will begin on Saturday, 10 September, and run for 12 weeks, concluding on 3 December (omit Thanksgiving Break). Classes will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Mary Cable Building on the IUPUI Campus at the corner of Michigan and Blackford streets in Indianapolis. Cost for the class is $90 for one child with a 10% discount for 2 or more. Deadline for registration is 2 September, although registration will also be accepted on the first day of class if space is available.

To enroll or for more information, contact Claudia Grossmann, German Dept., IUPUI, 425 University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46202, or phone 274-0062.

DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

IGHS and the German-American Center gratefully acknowledge recent donations of books in the field of German-Americana from:

Prof. Emeritus Edwin Becker, Indianapolis;
William Hoelker, Oldenburg;
Ray & Betty McGlothlin, Nashville;
Lucile Moore, Bloomington;
Paul Nawa, Indianapolis;
Paul B. Scheesele, Boonville.

If you have, or know somebody who has, handwritten or published materials pertaining to this heritage and wants to donate them, please contact us at 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis 46204.

RELIGIOUS HERITAGE TOUR

The Indiana Religious History Association (IRHA) is pleased to announce a two-day tour of sites in southeastern Indiana that are important to the religious history of the state.

The tour will be on 24 and 25 June 1994 and will include sites in or near Charlestown, Hanover, Madison, Versailles, Brookville, and Oldenburg.

Overnight accommodations (double occupancy) will be at the Clifty Inn in Madison, Indiana, and the total cost of the tour is $55.00 per person which includes lunch and dinner on 24 June, accommodations at the Clifty Inn, and breakfast on 25 June. Participants will be expected to furnish their own transportation; the tour will be conducted in a "car caravan" fashion.

The maximum number of reservations available is 40 persons, so reservations should be made as early as possible.

To make reservations, or for additional information, write to the Indiana Religious History Associate, Post Office Box 88267, Indianapolis, IN 46208-0267.

Checks for $55.00 per person should be made payable to the Indiana Religious History Association. A more complete itinerary and travel directions will be mailed to participants and IRHA members in June.

Oldenburg attractions include the Church and Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Family Catholic Church, and the "Old Stone Church".
COLUMBUS-LOHNE BECOME SISTER CITIES

What began as a retired German postmaster's personal pilgrimage has blossomed into a bond between two cities.

The city of Lohne, Germany approved a cross-continental partnership with Columbus, Indiana. Columbus city officials were expected to do likewise.

The relationship between the cities began years ago when Lohne residents relocated to Columbus. The Germans only knew their relatives had ventured to the New World.

Seven years ago, Lohne resident Hans-Gunther Lichte found just where the voyages went. He found relatives of his wife buried at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Clifty. The discovery revealed a myriad of connections and inspired Columbus residents to try to discover their roots in Germany.

Art Schwenk, who teaches German at Columbus schools, led trips to Lohne in August 1990 and 1993 to help Columbus residents find their window on the previously unknown past. Schwenk found more than a hundred-year-old link of ancestry.

He and others from the two cities found a living bond between the people and subsequently between the cities.

"They’re extremely warm, hospitable people, very kind and very receptive," said Schwenk, whose last trip to Lohne was for the city’s 1,000th birthday.

Schwenk is amazed at the similarities between the cities and their residents. He said their cultural and religious backgrounds mirror each other. He said another similarity is the benefits the cities have gained from the relationship.

"I have already seen so many benefits," he said. "Families have been reunited after 150 years. People who didn’t know their roots are finding where their connections went. People are being brought together through cultural and religious backgrounds. People are gaining an awareness of where they’ve been, a unified spirit."

Columbus city officials recently traveled to Lohne, Germany and discovered many similarities between the two areas.

Columbus mayor Robert Stewart said the partnership’s benefits transcend family lines.

"It helps develop cultural activities between the communities, recognizes heritage and promotes student and faculty exchanges," he stressed.

Stewart also believes the relationship could give the city and county economy a boost.

Stewart attended last year’s Hanover-Trade Fair in Germany to promote Bartholomew County. During the trip, he visited Lohne and met with the city’s mayor, Werner Hame, and other city officials.

"I was very impressed," said Stewart of his visit. "They are very hard-working people who are similar to Columbus in size and the realization of the international world."

Dan Arnholt, Bartholomew County REMC director, accompanied Stewart on his trip. Lohne’s gentle rolling farm land reminded him of a place not so far from home.

Arnholt touched the past, as he found relatives from five generations ago, and got a glimpse of the future, as he, too, saw the endless possibilities of the new partnership. The two seem to bridge the past with the present.

"They seem to have the idea that the world is a bigger place," said Arnholt. "The only reason I can think is because the wall came crumbling down."

[Reprinted from the Columbus Republic, 30 January 1994—Thanks to IGHS member Art Schwenk for supplying us with the information, and we encourage all interested IGHS members to keep us in mind when similar relevant events occur in their communities.]

NEW FORMAT

Please excuse any errors or lack of consistency in this Newsletter. The Editor is experimenting with a new publishing program and has not yet uncovered all the tricks. The appearance will improve with time and patience.
AUTOMOBILES & PIANOS

The story of the Steinway piano dynasty* is fairly well known; not so the connection between Steinway and Daimler Benz.

In 1886 the steamship and the railroad were the backbone of long distance traveling, however, the horse was still a part of daily life for riding and pulling vehicles. In that year of 1886 the first car, powered by a fast running combustion engine, left the cobblestone streets of Bad Cannstatt and Mannheim in Germany. This event initiated the era of the “internal combustion engine” and set in motion the greatest change in human history and the environment.

On October 6, 1888, a contract was signed by William Steinway of Steinway & Sons in New York and Gottlieb Daimler. The two men had become acquainted through Wilhelm Maybach who, during the World’s Fair in Philadelphia, visited his brother, an employee of Steinway. This contract provided for the manufacture of Daimler engines and products in America and the result of the contract was the “Daimler Motor Company” in New York. The site of the Steinway piano factory on Long Island, New York, offered sufficient space for the production facilities, especially for the installation of Hartford-made engines into boats.

William Steinway had made a contract with the National Machine Company in Hartford, Connecticut, for the purpose of manufacturing Daimler engines. A plaque in memory of the construction of the first Daimler engine in the U.S. can be seen on the building of the present Underwood Works in Hartford.

Around the turn of the century some basic changes in conception occurred in automobile construction which resulted in a hitherto not achieved efficiency of performance and roadability represented in a 35 HP car named “Mercedes.” The Mercedes conception had been achieved by Wilhelm Maybach in close cooperation with Gottlieb Daimler, dating back to 1883. The German-made Mercedes luxury cars are still popular in Indiana today.

By Ruth Reichmann

Based on “The History of Industrial Automobile Production in the United States Up to the Turn of the Century and the German Influence” in Antique Automobile, Vol. 35, Jan.-Feb., 1971

“...The founder of the Steinway dynasty, Heinrich Engelhard Steinweg was born in 1797. In 1850 he emigrated with his family from Wolfshagen, Brunswick to the U.S. and founded Steinway & Sons on March 15, 1853 in New York.”

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 16, 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum in Indianapolis
Nando Schellen, the Director of the Indianapolis Opera will speak about
“German Opera in Indiana.”

During the 1994-1995 season, the Indianapolis Opera will present two productions of German origin:
“The Abduction from the Seraglio,” the delightful comic opera by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and “The Merry Wives of Windsor” by Otto Nicolai, based on Shakespeare’s famous play.

For further information call the Athenaeum at 317-630-4569.

TRAVEL TO GERMANY

Are you thinking of traveling to Germany this Fall? Why not visit the Pastorius Home and our Bloomington members Ingelore and David Welch in Windsheim. They send their greetings and invite everybody to come and stay one night or longer. The Pastorius Home offers cozy, fully modern rooms, each with a bath for $25.00 per person per day, based on double occupancy. A traditional German breakfast is included in the price.

Pastorius Tours also offers 8-day tours between 1 September and 31 October for $849, 1 November and 31 March for $699. This includes roundtrip flight from New York-Frankfurt, first class “A” car rental for one week with unlimited mileage, and 6 overnight accommodations at the Pastorius Home.

For further information call Ruth Reichmann at 812-988-2866. If you are in Germany, give Ingelore and David Welch a call at 09841/7078. Tell them Ruth sent you!
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