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Points of Interest

• We German-Americans love our sauerkraut. It has many health benefits listed below:

- Improves digestion.
- Boosts energy levels.
- Boosts immunity.
- Reduces inflammation.
- Strengthens bones.
- Helps prevent cancer (anti-oxidant).
- Enhances heart health.
- Improves skin and eye health.
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2017 AUTO SHOW

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Our 13th Annual Euro-American Auto & Cycle Show (hosted by us and the German-American Society) was held on July 15th and was another success.

An early misty and drizzly morning may have kept some vehicles away...but we had 71 cars and cycles attend in addition to eight of our AutoKlub and Old School Euro Car Club (helpers) rides.

The overcast conditions cleared out by 11AM and we had a sunny afternoon. Several hundreds from the public and our club stopped by to enjoy the cars, cycles, vendors, food and drinks.

Our own Mike Lenyo and the Trentones (photo below on right) provided musical entertainment along with music by DJ, Brian McCue of BSR Entertainment.

There was a large variety of Foreign and American vehicles in attendance. These included antiques, classics, and custom rides.....one nicer than the other making judging very difficult. Entries included; VW Bugs/Buses/Dunebuggies, Porches, BMWs, a Messerschmidt three-wheeler auto, street rods, rat rods, antique pick-ups, big wheel trucks, Mustangs, Vettes, Cameros, Chevelles, Harley cycles, Novas, and many more models.

The Club wishes to thank Jimmy McShane and Rick Search, Dave Wood and Jack Doherty (from the Old School Euros Car Club) for their help at the show. Dave and Rick have helped out every year...Vielen Dank!

The show could not have been possible without the support of all our sponsors (see list on page 6) and our friends from the German-American Society. Proceeds will again go to our Student Scholarship Fund.



Club Matters, Members & Stuff



We'd like to take this opportunity to thank **Herr Ludwig Jakober** and his team of Spiessbraten experts for once again, preparing the pork in June and July to perfection!

And thank you to **Frau Eva Martini** and her kitchen team for the outstanding roasted chicken, and all the sides and salads!

We also cannot forget to thank **Frau Helga Kusenko** for her baking expertise! The cakes are always beyond delicious! There are many more volunteers who participate regularly in many ways in keeping the Club alive and well! A heartfelt thank you to all! **What would we do without our many volunteers! *****



This years Landestreffen is in Cincinnati, OH over the Labor Day weekend. Mark you calendars. Contact a club officer for details. ***



2017 Langhorne Car Show

Club members, Dennis Bauer, Terry Huff and Pat Huff entered their "rides" (first three autos) in the June 2017 Langhorne Show. They were joined by several of our friends from the Old School Car Club (OSECC). The rain held off until half-way through the show....but the gang enjoyed the day anyway. A OSECC bug took a trophy. Stop by their Toys for Tots Car Show in November. (see flyer below) **

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GERMAN DAY 2017



The 2017 Annual German Day was held at the Vereingung Eregebirge in Southampton, PA on Saturday, June 24. A number of our club members attended (see some folks above).

GAUFEST 2017



Some of our club members joined the United German-Hungarians of Pa at their 2017 Gaufest in Buffalo, NY.

2017 ANNUAL CAMPING & CANOE TRIP



Club members and friends camped and canoed over the July 4th in Northeast PA on the Delaware River for our annual event. They had some rain...but it was sunny and hot the rest of the trip.

Membership News



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Get Well to members, Keith Carson, Jacob Bauer, Sepp & Sophie Brandecker, Hilde Schintzler, Richard West and Erika Volltrauer, and those members that we were not aware of.

Membership Happenings (births, engagements, weddings, deaths, anniversaries, graduations)



Congrats to members **Joe and Caroline Brandecker** (picture to left) on the celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.



The **Herd Family** is proud to announce the graduation of their daughter Alexandria "Lexie" from the Texas Tech University with a Masters of Science Degree in Atmospheric Science focusing on human Bio Meteorology. Lexie and boy friend Matt Brothers, also a meteorologist, are now residing in Fort Collins, Colorado. Lexie has taken a position for the Department of Environmental Quality for the State of Wyoming and is working out of Cheyenne. She will be responsible for predicting low level ozone risks for implementing state wide health warnings.



Congrats to member **Dennis Bauer** (left with 1975 Super Beetle convert) on winning the Best of Show — Cannstatter Choice

trophy at the August **12th Cruisin Classics Car Show** held at the Cannstatter German Club in Philly. Dave Wood of the Old School Euros Car Club took a Top 40 Trophy. Six bugs from the OSECC entered (above photo).



Congrats to member **Bob Walter** on completing his first Triathlon (NJ). A great feat.



A great article was published about member **Katie Marx** and her life in Palanka, the partisan camps and coming to Philadelphia. The complete article can be found at : *Fox Chase: Survivor Of Danube Swabian Ethnic Cleansing Shares Her Story - Philadelphia neighborhoods.com - July 6, 2017.*

Deutsche Ecke, Seite I

Serbia unveils memorial to Germans expelled after World War II

NEWS

(source: <https://www.news-in-europa.com/2017/05/06/serbia-unveils-memorial-to-germans-expelled-after-world-war-ii-deutsche-welle/>)

Serbia finally has recognized the expulsion of hundreds of thousands of Germans at the end of World War II. They had a pre-war population of 550,000. Now only about 4,000 remain.

The Danube Swabians settled in parts of southeastern Europe, including Yugoslavia between the 17th and 19th centuries in lands emptied by wars with the retreating Ottoman Empire. During World War II many ethnic Germans were conscripted into the occurring German Army.



Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic laid a wreath at the memorial to hundreds of thousands of Germans (Danube Swabians) who were abused, expelled, and murdered in the former Yugoslavia after World War II.

"Only through respect for foreign victims will we have the right to demand respect and rights for our own victims," Vucic said inaugurating the memorial in the village of Jarek, north of the city of Novi Sad. Over 550,000 "Danube Swabians" were living in the former Yugoslavia at the time.

Afraid of retaliation, about half of the Danube Swabians left their homes with the retreating German army. As many as 160,000 remained behind and were deemed "war criminals and enemies of the people" by the regime in Belgrade and were expelled, abused, and in many cases murdered.

Jarek detentions 1944-1946

Between December 1944 and April 1946 some 17,000 Germans were held. In a concentration camp established in Jarek. About 6,500 people died at the camp. In all, tens of thousands of ethnic Germans died in such camps of disease and starvation. Many were murdered. The issue was met with silence in the former Yugoslavia. There are only 4,000 Danube Swabians left in Serbia.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel had personally advocated her colleague Vucic allow the memorial at Jarek.
cw/jm (dpa)

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ERINNERUNGEN AN JAREK

Der ausführliche Bericht im „Palanker Heimatbrief,“ für die Monate April – Juni 2017, über die Einweihung von der Gedenkstätte für unsere donauschwäbischen Landsleute, ist sehr interessant und ausführlich.

Die vielen Fotos zeigen ein vier Meter grosses Kreuz und zwei Tafeln mit Text, die aus sehr massiven Granitstein bestehen und sehr gut verankert sind. Es ist eine schöne Anlage und umfasst zirka 400 qm. Es ist gut zu sehen, dass so viele Vertreter von Regierung und Glauben sich beteiligten, vom Ministerpräsident der serbischen Regierung, Aleksander Vusic, sowie dem Erzbischof Dr. Rober Zollitsch, ist einmalig.

Jarek war eines der Lager und eins wo wir, also meine Grossmutter, Mutter, ein Jahre alte Schwester, sowie ich, 8 Jahre alt, eine lange Zeit verbrachten. Meine Mutter die nur einen roten Rock zum anziehen hatte, war eine der Köchinnen, bekam den Namen die „Frau mit dem roten Rock“, viele kannten sie. Alle waren immer hungrig. Wenn jemand etwas kochen wollte, sei es Sperling, Katze oder was immer, sofort kam der Lagerleiter mit zwei Aufseher und wollte wissen was gekocht wird. Meine Mutter hatte etwas zum kochen für meine kleine Schwester, was diesen Kerlen nicht gefallen hat und der Lagervertreter fing an zu schreien und watschte meine Mutter tüchtig ab. Es war für mich eine schreckliches Erlebnis. Man flüsterete, dass der Lagerleiter ein Deutscher sei, also einer von uns.

In unserem Zimmer mussten ungefähr 18 or so Leute schlafen. Wir waren wie Sardinen in einer Dose, und haben auf dem Fussboden auf einer dünnen Strohunterlage geschlafen. Es waren meist Frauen mit Kinder. In unserem Raum hatten wir einen alten Mann der immer sehr freundlich zu mir war und mir oft Geschichten erzählte. So wenn die Zeit zum schlafen kam, dann musste ich zwischen meiner Mutter und diesem alten Mann schlafen. Er war immer früh auf morgens und voller unterhaltsamen Geschichten tagsüber. Oft weckte er mich morgens und sagte es ist Zeit zum aufstehen.

So kam es eines morgens, dass ich von selbst aufweckte und er noch ruhig neben mir lag, so wollte ich ihn auch mal wachrütteln, er aber war steif. Sein toter Körper schockierte mich, meine Grossmutter sagte mir das ich einen Schrei losliess. Dieses Gefühl von steifen, toten Körper habe ich heute noch immer, obwohl ich als Tischler Särge produzieren musste und da unser Meister auch die Bestattung leitete, musste ich hin und wieder helfen mit den Toten in die Särge zu legen, es war immer ein Problem für mich.

Obwohl diese Lagerzeit, besonder die Zeit im Lager Jarek mit unmenschlichen Geschehen endlos waren, so kann ich mich noch ganz gut auf den einsamen Leiterwagen, gezogen von einem alten Gaul und alten Mann auf dem Sitz mit dem Zaum in der Hand, mit der er die Strassen Jareks durchstreifte und vor jedem Haus halt machte um tote Menschen zu sammeln. Man warf die Toten wie Holz auf den Leiterwagen, der sie dann zu den Massengräber führte die sich in der Nähe von diesem Denkmal befinden. Dieses tägliche Einsammeln von Toten brachte viele Leute aus den Häusern um zu sehen, wer gestorben ist.

Es war damals eine hoffungslose Zeit.

In Jarek gab es keine Möglichkeiten oder Auswege, die kamen erst nachher in Kruschivle, von wo wir uns über die Grenze nach Ungarn schleichen konnten.

Endlich, nach 72 Jahre nach dem Kriegsende wurde diese Gedenkstätte errichtet und man reicht sich die Hand und versucht eine neue Richtung einzuschlagen, ein vereintes Europa aufzubauen und auch Serbien miteinzureihen. Es ist ein grosses Unternehmen, wo noch vieles aufgearbeitet werden muss und wir die Vergangenheit nicht vergessen dürfen.

Einige die dieses bekannte Vernichtungslager überlebt haben, sind noch am Leben. Herr Andy Franz, Eva und ich sowie meine Schwester Maria sind noch am Leben, wahrscheinlich gibt es noch mehrere Landsleute die dieses Lager auch überlebt haben. Für uns, die Lebenden und alle die in diesem grausamen Vernichtungslager Jarek umgekommen sind, gibt es endlich eine Gedenkstätte wo man für die vielen unschuldigen Landsleute, die hier in den Massengräber ruhen, beten kann, und das auch zugleich ein Mahnmal ist für Jeden der diese Gedenkstätte besucht und zugleich Zeugnis gibt was damals in den Nachkriegsjahren sich hier abgespielte hat.

Viele wollen jetzt nach 72 Jahren ein Schluss-Strich ziehen, das ist vielleicht zum Teil möglich, nur vergessen dürfen wir es nicht.

Adam Martini

Zitat - von Hermann Hesse.

**„Wir verlangen, das Leben müsse einen Sinn haben –
aber es hat nur ganz genau so viel Sinn,
als wir selber ihm zugeben imstande sind.“**

Car Show Thanks



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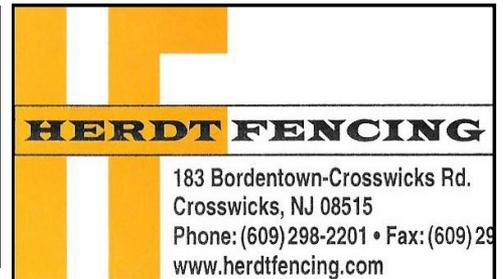
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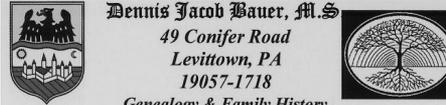
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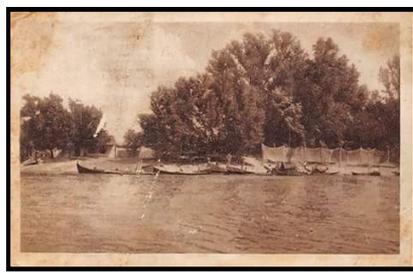
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Enjoying the water



Enjoying the cars.....



Enjoying the Pig fest.....



***2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
DONAUSCHWABEN OF TRENTON***

January 22nd, Sunday, at 1:00 PM Winteressen

January 29th, Sunday, at 1:00 PM Club's Annual Meeting

February 12th, Sunday, at 12:30 and 3:00 PM SCHLACHTFEST

March 12th, Sunday, at 1:00 PM "Back Home Again" Dinner

April 9th, Sunday, at 1:00 PM Easter Dinner

May 7th, Sunday, at 1:00 PM Mother's Day Dinner

May 21st, Sunday, (all day) Canoeing in the Pine Barrens

June 11th, Sunday, at 1:00 PM PIG ROAST

4th of July (before, during and after) Canoe & Camping Trip

July 15th, Saturday DS/GAK Euro-American Auto & Cycle Show

July 23rd, Sunday, at 1:00 PM PIG ROAST

September 2nd, 3rd and 4th DS Treffen in Cincinnati, OH

September 17th, Sunday, at 1:00 PM Harvest Festival

October 15th, Sunday at 1 PM Club's 61st Anniversary

November 5th, Sunday, at 1:00 PM Memorial Service

November 19th, Sunday, at 12:30 and 3:00 PM SCHLACHTFEST

December 3rd, Sunday, at 1:00 PM St. Nikolausfeier

Scholarships, Culture & Congrats



Club Cultural Museum

Scholarships
have been presented at all three Hamilton High Schools last week....Steinert, Hamilton West and Nottingham

We were delighted to welcome four of our six scholarship recipients to our Spiessbraten yesterday. They and one guest were invited to attend and participate in this wonderful cultural experience.

A total of \$2,600 was presented to students based on their achievement in the German language, overall good scholarship, volunteerism, community service, and character! Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our members and friends, money was raised through various raffles throughout the year, through the Euro-American Car Show, and through various donations. A heart felt thank you (Danke) to all who supported this great cause! The recipients are as follows:

Thomas Fitzgerald
Parker Herrera
Axel Delakowski
Sarah Bower
Caitlin Maurer
Steven Puac



Dedication Ceremony in Ulm, Germany



On Monday July 10, 2017 a dedication ceremony was held on the banks of the Danube River for the new plaque for Donauschwaben from America. The Cleveland Jugendgruppe danced and sang as Father Peter Zillich, Heimatpfarrer, presided over the blessing.

Also present at this event was Oberbuergermeister Gunter Czisch of Ulm, Weltdachverband President Stefan Ihas, DS Landesverband Vorsitzender Hans Supritz, President Margot Maurer of Cleveland, and Robert and Elisabeth Filippi from the Landesverband USA.

Many local citizens participated in the ceremony. A floral arrangement was placed at the monument honoring deceased members of our worldwide Donauschwaben community by Ava Fabian and Lukas Biondich, assisted by Stefan Ihas and Robert

Club Events for the Summer 2017

2017 Summer

EVENTS— DATES & TIMES—
Come out and join us!

♦ July 15—13th Annual Auto show, 10am-3pm, German-American Society Grounds in Yardville, NJ.

♦ July 23—Pig Roast, 1pm.

♦ September 1-3 _ Annual Donauschwaben Treffen, Cincinnati, OH.

♦ September 17—Harvest Fest Dinner, 1:00pm.

Please call Frau Eva Martini (609) 586-6109 for all meal reservations (advisable, especially for Schlachtfests) or email at dsatrenton@aol.com. Chicken is always available as an alternative dish (except at the Schlachtfest). Please let us know ahead.



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Vielen Dank !

To all of our members who do the work that always needs doing, THANKS!! Whether it's in the kitchen or out by the tables; serving refreshments or baking pastries; selling tickets or cleaning up; it takes many fine people a good many hours to make dinner events a success. We truly have some of the finest club members anywhere. Danke Schön!!

A great big THANKS!! also goes to all of our members and friends who attend the club's activities and purchase our Club jackets, shirts, hats, etc. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you again soon.



**Auf Wiedersehen bei den
Donauschwaben!**

**TRENTON DONAUSCHWABEN CLUB COOKBOOK IS
HERE**

Attention All Cooks/bakers— The cook books have arrived! The book contains over 95 recipes (breakfast, main dishes, appetizers, sides, desserts, etc). A big thanks to all of the many members and friends who contributed their treasured recipes. Also a special thanks to Christa Tindall Pullion & Kim Walter and their helpers for all their hard work putting this book together. Vielen Dank! The cost for this keepsake is just \$12. We have two hundred copies, so get yours before they are sold out. ****

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