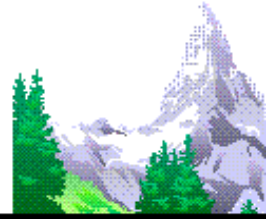




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## REUNION XX – LAS VEGAS, NEVADA - FINALE

Our President, Jim Natividad (Scheyern 47-54), has submitted the following after-action-report on our 20<sup>th</sup> reunion:

“Vice President, and on-site reunion coordinator, Ray Lash (Scheyern 53-57) opened the hospitality room at 1000 hours on Tuesday, October 25th. The day was spent meeting and greeting as, finally, 21 Alpiners with 17 spouses and guests arrived.

Wednesday began with a number of Alpiners enjoying breakfast in The Mad Onion restaurant with the day open to individual tastes. Wednesday evening 34 of us went by bus (a short ride) to the Hofbräuhaus for a wonderful outing with great food and lots of beer and music. We returned to Hooters around 10pm and reopened the hospitality room for a few hardy souls.

Thursday was again an open day, with a number of us partaking of the many gambling ventures offered. There were no reports of any large jack pots hit or, by the same token, any excessive charges to any one credit card. We (38 in total) assembled in the VIP room at The Mad Onion for our business meeting and banquet. I began the evening with a request for a moment of silence for our departed friends, welcomed all to Las Vegas, thanked Ray for a good job in coordinating our reunion, and thanked all for attending. I then opened the meeting with a request to the body for any nominations for the board. Received a motion from Bill MacDonald that the present board be reinstalled by acclamation, which was seconded, and approved (so, what's new, Ralph and Ray?). Thanked all for their donations to the general fund and asked for suggestions on where our 2012 reunion will be held. Three sites were forthcoming. First, Philadelphia, then Branson, Missouri, and San Antonio. Informed the group that the board would check out these locations based on access by air, coordinator availability and other pertinent aspects, and provide more info by the December newsletter. The buffet banquet was ready with prime rib, chicken breasts and salmon as the main courses. After a leisure meal we retired to the hospitality room for drinks and more reminiscing. Since a

number of us had early departures on Friday, hugs, God speed, and good byes took place at the hospitality room.

Kudos to Emmett Greenleaf, Kim Hines, and Larry Goodman for all the pictures they took of our reunion.

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And Ray Lash had a few comments to add. He says that “the Las Vegas reunion was a big success. We had 34 for the Hofbräuhaus Oktoberfest night. A good time was had by all and they really enjoyed the food. The band was a group of 4 young Bavarian guys. Only thing was, they were too young to know all the old songs. But everyone was impressed with them.

The buffet at Hooters was also great. The food was outstanding in my estimation. We had 38 for that event. Most gathered in the Hospitality Suite afterward long enough to watch the last several innings of game 6 of the Series. It was a full house.”

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ASA Sites represented by our attendees were Bad Aibling, Bamberg, Berlin, Coburg, Frankfurt, Göppingen, Heilbronn, Herzogenaurach, Hof, Mt. Meissner, Nottau, Ramstein and Scheyern,

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## **ASMN**

John M. (Mike) Hannan (Bad Aibling 67-69) writes: “Several years before my time at BA, I spent a winter in Zermatt, Switzerland. I mention it because you use a reproduction of the Matterhorn in the letter head. The Matterhorn is near and visible from Zermatt and I wondered if you use it for some particular reason or just because it's a beautiful mountain.”

*Editor: I wrote Mike back that I've been using it since 1999 and in those days, if I recall correctly, it was the only snow capped mountain picture I could find on the Internet. Since we had just adopted the name “Alpiners”, it seemed appropriate to use it. Too lazy to look up a picture of the Zugspitze and every time I mess with something already in place, I manage to screw it up.*

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William J. (Bill) Tully (Scheyern 51-53) writes that when he was in Scheyern he “talked Capt Jenkins into using the pool with the water in it for swimming in fact some of us went to Bad Tolz for a course in life guarding. I was the life guard. We had the dependents swim on the weekends.”

*Editor: The pool is long gone but I have many fond memories of the old swimming-hole.*

*As an aside to my previous comments on the changes in Pfaffenhofen, I forgot to mention that not only is there a Subway shop on the Stadtplatz but also two charging station for electric cars.*

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