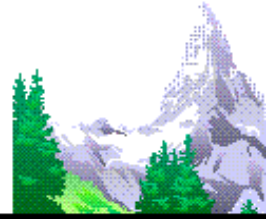




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It's not too late for you West Coast procrastinators to join us at the Hooters Casino Hotel. Just give Hooters a call at 1-800-522-7366 and tell them you are with the ASA Alpiners. Hopefully our reunion rate of \$47.60 will still be good when you call. Then make another call to our on-site coordinator and Vice-President, Ray Lash (Scheyern 53-57), and tell him you're coming. Call Ray at 408-296-7904 (Home) or 408-313-9375 (Cell). Ray will tell you your dining options, costs and where to send your money.

Don't miss out on this chance to meet and greet your ASA buddies from the West Coast. Who knows when, or if, you will get another opportunity to do so?

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Welcome back to Len Bittner (50-52) and the 114 SSC/331 CRC/307 CRB ASAers. These were the guys that started out at Herzo, moved to Hof, Giessen, Coburg, Rothwesten and Hammelburg (but not necessarily in that order). We've added about fifty of their names to our roster and hope to see them at our future reunions. Welcome back guys.

Your Editor, Ralph Thadeus (Scheyern 53-56) and Eda, spent most of September visiting family and friends in Bayern. Arriving in Munich our trip took us to Miesbach, Pfaffenhofen, Taufkirchen, back to Pfaff and finally back to Miesbach before our return to the U.S.

The physical changes in Pfaff, since our last trip there about ten years ago, have been dramatic. I've previously written about the loss of some of our favorite drinking places and in particular the Amberger Keller, Eda's family Bierstube. When we saw it, it was nothing more than a large hole in the ground. The only thing remaining of the old place were the five cement steps in the back leading to the beer garden. It brought tears to Eda's eyes.

Pfaffenhofen's Stadtplatz has been completely paved over. The space in front of the church is now for parking. And, believe it or not, there is a "Subway" franchise a few doors down from the old church. From Ingolstadter Str., towards the Rathaus, is about half parking and half a pedestrian zone. About the only thing remaining familiar to us is, thank God, The Müllerbräu.

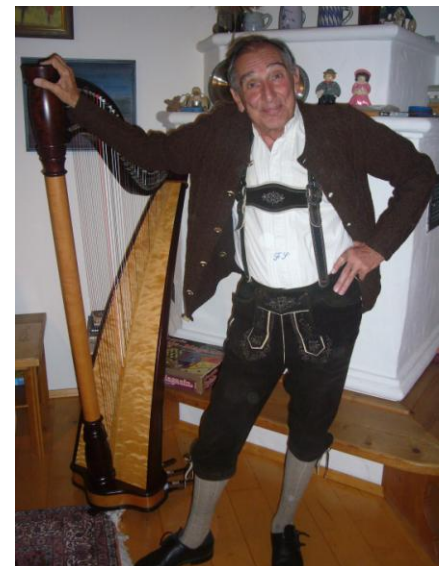
While we were first in Pfaff, the annual Volksfest was taking place. Even that has changed: The old 'one large tent, one small tent' has been replaced by a two story Doppelstockzelt – two story festival hall. But at least the atmosphere and entertainment was pretty much the same as during our times there.



Sunday, September 4th was the Standkonzert (open-air concert) in front of the Müllerbräu. The bands from Pfaffenhofen, Gerolfing, Hörgerthausen, Au and Wolnzach played then marched off to the Volksfest. This was the day of the "Boarischer Abend" where the Kreis Pfaffenhofen Trachten/costume clubs, Schuplattlers and bands performed. It was a blast.

Tuesday September 8th was old-farts day at the Volksfest. The city invited all their citizens 70 and older to get a free liter of beer and half a grilled chicken at the Volksfest. (As a side note, in August Pfaffenhofen officially added their 24,000th resident) The evening though had a much younger crowd and we joined in with some of our younger friends. The Oktoberfestband "Simmisamma" played some of our old German favorites such as "Rama Lama Ding Dong" and "Proud Mary". The Bier and Weißwurst were great and no hangover the next day.

Naturally we also made a trip up to my old base in Scheyern. Not much has changed since we were last there. It's still a children's school but with no activity since it was still their vacation time. We looked into the windows of the old Bar Charlie and the old main barracks where I used to live. The caretaker saw us looking in and opened up the building for us. All has changed in the interior but it turned out that the caretaker was the nephew of Archie Archuletta who served in Scheyern with me. Archie has since passed away.



Naturally we stopped by the Kolisterstubb for lunch and a couple of beers. And, if you already did not know it, the Kloster now has hotel rooms available.

So our vacation to Bavaria is now over and it may be our last. It was wonderful, but exhausting, and we were glad to get back home and into our own comfortable routine. Flying now-a-days is not a pleasure and God only knows if we want to put up with that exertion again. So mote it be.
