



NEWSLETTER



December 2007

fröhliche Weihnachten und a Merry Christmas to All!

This has been a very full year for Phyllis and me. Our work project with *Greater Europe Mission* in the early summer at a church in Malmö, Sweden, also gave us time to visit with **Hermann** and **Gundi Altstadt's** family and with four of Phyllis' cousins in Denmark. So our airfare was multi-purpose! The six weeks spent "across the pond" found only a little fruit on the genealogy tree, but a very enjoyable time touring and being with family.



That's us at Neuschwanstein Schloss in Bavaria

This September, we RV'd back east, as is our custom, to visit the kids and grandkids...and also attend the Altstadt Reunion in Evansville, IN. The Evansville Altstadt clan (pg. 68) is hosting the 2009 AAA Reunion, and Phyllis and I wanted to see how plans were going. We had a super time and more on the 2009 Reunion is in a another column in the newsletter. Phyllis and I were disappointed that we couldn't "muster" enough cuzzins for a Spring or Fall tour of Germany...so we are putting that on the back burner and will discuss another Germany tour at the 2009 Reunion.

A few years ago, Phyllis and I stopped by an Ohio Welcome Center and picked up a fresh Ohio map. The map showed that eight presidents came from Ohio, so this year we visited five presidential homes and/or museums from Cincinnati
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2009 AAA Reunion scheduled for July 4th weekend in Evansville, Indiana

With rain in the forcast...the annual Evansville Altstadt Reunion potluck gathered again at the "Hund House" on September 9, 2007, at **Wayne & Diane Altstadt's** place without a drop of moisture falling to mess up the festivities.

There was ample food, as usual, and the meal was followed by a discussion on the 2009 AAA Reunion.

Jim Altstadt told the group, of around 40 folks, that he had checked on use of the 4-H Center at the Vanderburgh County Fairgrounds during *Germanfest*. He found that the facilities had already been spoken

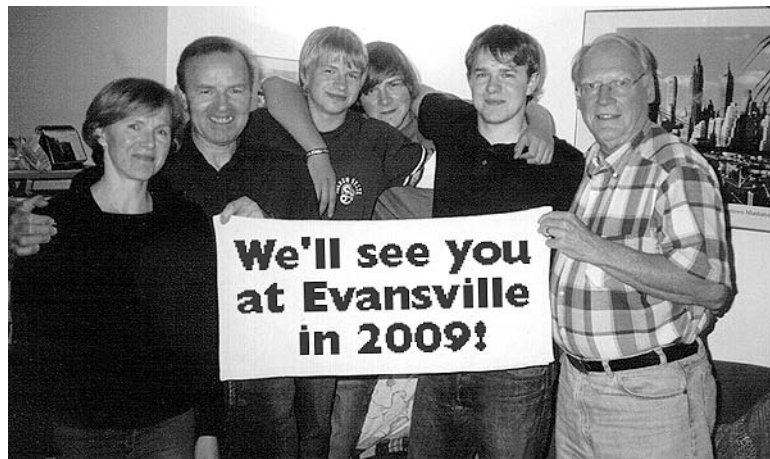
for, but also found that the July 4th weekend was still open. So the group voted to reserve the July 4th weekend for the national event.

Clarence 'Lefty' Altstadt said that as a special feature for this reunion, he will set up a golf tournament on Friday before the reunion starts on Saturday. *Family golfers are welcome to bring their clubs!*

After the foodfest and reunion update session was finished, the much celebrated annual washer tossing tournament was held under extremely warm conditions.

2009 activities and a schedule will be included in next year's newsletter. Much is

being planned and...there is a lot to see and do in south-west Indiana.



All the Hermann Altstadt family will be coming from Germany to see their American cuzzins at the 2009 AAA Reunion. Start making your plans to attend...it will be great fun!

The Germany tour for '07 has to wait for a better time!

Both the proposed 2007 Spring and Fall Germany tours have been placed back on hold for discussion at

the 2009 AAA Reunion. Maybe the "greenback" will rebound and help us out. Anyway, for those still wishing to participate....start saving now!

We're updating the newsletter a bit...



Heinricus Alstedius

Starting this year, we are displaying the known family crests in the newsletter banner header. By current research, five different family lines have been located in Germany. The Altstadt and Alstede lines from Nordrhein-Westphalen; Alstad and Altstedt lines from Hessen; and the Allstaedt lines from Allstedt...plus the Alstetten lines from Switzerland. As no Altstadt link has been found prior to the mid-1650s, no link to royalty is inferred. So the above names were either taken from towns or areas of Altstadt influence, thus the crests of these towns/area are shown. If any link is ever made to a royal line, you will be first to know!

Alstott out for season; won't speculate on future

ESPN.com news services



TAMPA, Fla. -- **Mike Alstott's** season, and perhaps his career, is over.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Thursday placed the six-time Pro Bowl fullback on injured reserve with a neck problem. Alstott said it is not related to a career-threatening injury that required surgery in 2003.

"It is what it is. The facts are the facts. I can't put on the helmet and jersey this year," the 33-year-old Alstott, flanked by Bucs general manager Bruce Allen, said during an emotional news conference at the team's headquarters.

"One thing is, you don't mess with the neck. There are always situations where it can be worsened by playing. It is a severe injury and it's a situation you don't mess with," he said.

But Alstott, arguably the most popular player in team history, couldn't bring himself to say that he may have played his last game. Several reports earlier Thursday from Tampa Bay-area media outlets indicated Alstott might hang it up, but he shrugged off several retirement-related questions, saying that's something that will be answered in time.

The team's second all-time rusher with 5,088 yards had been preparing for his 12th season but became concerned when soreness in his neck persisted as training camp progressed at Disney World.

Tests performed by team doctors revealed a new problem, and the decision to place him on IR was made after Alstott consulted with his personal surgeon, who operated on the fullback during the 2003 season.

"I just want to tell everyone I was ready to play football this year. My mind was set: I'm playing this game and I'm helping this team. It's not like I went out there and the body wasn't working," Alstott said.

Alstott is the club's career leader in touchdowns (71) and TDs rushing (58). He was selected to appear in six straight Pro Bowls from 1997 to 2002.

"It's quite emotional because the man loves football, period," Allen said in the locker room.

Cuzzin Contact...

Hi Jerry,
Long time since we've corresponded. Hope you two are doing well and travelling like crazy <g>. Basically I continue to be stuck at home with four critters to care for. Also been running to Cleveland to visit mom as much as I can. She's 86 now.

Love, **Lona Wilson**, pg. 460

Jerry,
I am please to announce that you can add two more Aldstadt boys to our family tree. I am **Eric John Aldstadt**, son of **John David Aldstadt** and **Lorrie Aldstadt** (Merwar). My wife Vera and I had twin boys born on November 18, 2006:

Nicholas Robert Aldstadt and **John David Aldstadt**

Thank you for adding them to the website and all of the hard work you do for our family's heritage. Thank you, **Eric Aldstadt**, pg. 476

Dear Jerry,

My name is **Chris Mushinski Ladusau**. My great-grandfather was **Thomas? (William) Ambrose Altstatt**, and his daughter, Florence, was my grandmother. **Imogene Brown Mushinski** is my mom. I recently took a trip to Washington, DC, to do some family history research and since returning home I cannot find ANY of my notes anywhere. I am just sick over this. Is there any way possible that you could send information for me to pass down to my children and grandchildren.

Last October I was on a month long trip visiting my daughter and family members back east (I am originally from New Jersey, now living in Moore, OK).

My grandmother's name, is spelled Florence with an "E." At least that is what is on her grave marker. And so many of the people listed have passed away. **Louise Mirick**, her son, Edward, Aunt Betty (**Betty Lou Brown**).

Once again, thanks for all the help. You don't know much it DOES help me!

God bless, **Chris Mushinski**, pg. 249.

Jerry,
My husband's mother was **Doris (Allstot) Leslie**, daughter of **James P. Allstot**, son of **Albert Allstot**.

Margaret Allstot was a sister-in-law of Doris.

Margaret passed away on October 8, 2006.

Cordially, **Ann Leslie**, pg. 407
Margaret was a great Christian lady, a wonderful wife and spent untold hours in researching her South Dakota Allstot clan, Phyllis and I miss her and her hospitality!

Dear Cuz Jerry,

Well you are a wonderful man! LOL! Thanks for the info (**Johnny McKinley Altstatt** clan) and I have tons to fill in your blanks LOL. I love genealogy and will enjoy this info thanks. I have a few error corrections I'll be sending to you with this tree info after I fix them. I have been really doing great in my research in my family.

I understand from my grandfather that we had Cherokee blood through the Altstatt's side but haven't been able to prove it at all. He did come from the Hillbilly side so I don't think it would've been documented because they really kept to themselves and had a ton of family troubles. They always made it their duty to stay off the "Radar."

My grandfather was what some people like to call an Apocalyptic type. He was always worried about the world ending because of peculiar reasons. But that's what makes up a family. LOL all different kinds of people huh? LOL.

Thanks again for the info. There's a lot there I didn't have aka d.o.b.'s and names of quite a few married to great uncles and so forth. Have a wonderful day and happy hunting. Cuz-**Gina Janisse**, pg. 245.

Dear Jerry,

I hope you have good luck at the genealogy library in Hanau, Germany. I am trying to "tighten up" a lot of my lines and wind up research on a few of them where it seems unlikely that anything further can be found...at least in my lifetime!

Have a good summer, and keep me posted!

Judy Stubbs, pg. 197.

Hi Jerry,
My new address is Goethestr. 16M, 39646 Oebisfelde, Germany.

Yesterday I got a call from my father, **Hermann Allstadt**, that his brother, and my uncle, **Adolf Allstadt** passed away at age 81 on Saturday, May 19, 2007.

Greetz, **Tobi Allstadt**, Oebisfelde

Dear Jerry,
Thank you very much for your information on the Allstadt line in America. I soon will write a letter to **Morton Fry**, pg. 20. I got in contact with more relatives of the Mayer family in Paris, Brimingham (GB) and Toronto. When I have collected all informations I will write it down and send a copy to everyone.

Norbert Koch, Langen, Germany
Norbert is related to the Jewish Allstadt family recorded on page 18 of the family history book, he is not the only member of that lineage - read on about an E-mail received from New Zealand...

Hi Jerry,
I will sort out all the information I have on my section of the Allstadt family and send it to you. I have information on the other children of Heinrich, (pg. 18) and Ricka (pg. 18) some of whom perished in Theresienstadt Concentration Camp. My mother is Gerda and she is still alive



Heinrich Allstoedt



Ricka Allstoedt

and very well as is her sister Eva, who is still in England. We don't practise the Jewish faith but Eva's family all still do. Rosa Allstadt did not die in Germany but moved, with my grandmother Stephanie and her family, to England prior to the second World War and she died in 1961 at the ripe old age of 96.

Here is what I know of the family from our side. Hoping to press my mother for more but her memory isn't what it used to be.

Is it possible that **Henry and Trudy Allstadt** (pg. 18) made a trip to London in 1947, and saw my grandmother (Stefanie) and Great Grand Mother (Rosa)? I noticed they were married that year in May and they could have come over for the honeymoon perhaps. My mother

insists that is him in a photo taken outside the house in 1947. He has a woman on his arm whom she does not recognize and it could be his new wife. I get the impression that Mother and him were good mates before he immigrated to the States.
Kind regards, **Penny Smith**, Dunedin, New Zealand. pg. 18.

Dear Jerry,
How are you doing? We are sorry to hear that the trip to Germany didn't work out. Surely, there are many different reasons why you couldn't find enough participants this year. We hope that Phyllis and you will have a wonderful and successful trip to Sweden, and maybe we'll meet again in the course of an Altstadt-Allstädt-Clan tour in the near future.
Best regards to both of you, **Gisela and Fritz Allstadt**, Bad Homburg, Germany

Hi Jerry,
How is it going with your plans of the "Rundfahrt 2007?" It would be great to see you all again. No matter if in Bremen or elsewhere. Hope you are OK and we hear soon from each other!
Your friend, **Jörg Allstadt**, Bremen, Germany

Jerry,
Did you do the Germany trip this past April? Is the next reunion in August of 2009? The last newsletter I had was from December 2005. Was just wondering what was happening?
Thanks, **Marilyn Allstot Sudbeck**, pg. 393.

Dear Cuz Marilyn, yes and no! YES, the 2009 Reunion is on for Evansville, IN. And...there was NO Germany group tour this year.

Dear Jerry,
Uncle **Glen Meek**, pg. 297, passed away in his sleep, very peaceful yesterday, February 4, at 2:00 in the afternoon....he was 98 years old.



I talked to his daughter Jan this evening and got to hear a sweet "Hi" from Aunt June. She had taken her meds and was ready for bed and sleeping.
Otie will go into the Richland, WA., hospital early in the morning for cancer surgery and

will be in the hospital for a week. I'll keep you posted.

Marv Kennedy's cousin, Mick, called Otie yesterday and they had a long good talk about cancer etc. Mick is a young man, a new grandfather and was pleased to help Otie with some answers.

Our gr-gr-dau is to have her tonsils out on February 23. She is only two years old and the doctor has never had such a young one in for tonsil surgery. They are quite bad and she is losing too much weight etc. So a lot is going on.....

I'm at the tail end of a cold and we had two family big dinners, on Saturday it was seafood and for the Super Bowl we made four big pizza's etc. So today I did a lot of sleeping! Talk about gett'en old...I'm there!
Love, Cousin **Pat Kennedy**, pg. 295.

John "Melvin" Carlson, pg. 516
April 4, 1926 - November 24, 2006
John Melvin Carlson, age 80, of



Johnstown, Colorado, died November 24, at his home. He was born on April 4, 1926, to Herman and Astrid (Anderson) Carlson. He was raised on the Carlson family farm in Johnstown. He graduated from Johnstown High School in 1944.

On December 7, 1947 Melvin married **Elaine Nicks**. At the age of 21 Melvin purchased their farm from his grandfather Albert Anderson. He lived there until his death. Melvin and Elaine had four children Richard, Stephen, Kathy, and Michael. Melvin was a prominent farmer, cattle feeder and horseman. He showed steers and dairy cattle in 4-H and won numerous awards and honors including Grand Champion steer at the National Western Stock show in 1947 and Grand Champion showman in 1948. He became a life member of the National Western Stock Show. He was a member of the Colorado Guernsey Cattle Club and joined the American Guernsey Cattle Club in 1955. He was also active in assisting with many farm organizations and 4-H groups, as well as a member of many other agricultural organizations. Melvin's interests later turned to horses. He and his family

raised many champion horses and won multiple awards. He was an active lifetime member of the American Quarter Horse Association and the Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association.

Melvin is survived by a sister Phyllis Bender of Lakewood; one son **Richard Carlson** of Johnstown; a daughter, **Kathy Kidston** and husband David of Tempe, Arizona; five grandchildren, **Ryan** and **Russell Carlson**, **Therron** and **Cameron Carlson**, and **Danielle Kidston**; along with many other loved ones. He was preceded in death by two sons, Stephen and Michael; **Elaine (Nicks) Carlson**; and a brother Norman Carlson. There was a celebration of life held at Cornerstone Evangelical Church in Johnstown on Friday December 1.

Zachary 'Zack' Evan

Hardcastle, pg. 45

PITTSBURG, IL - **Zachary "Zack" Evan Hardcastle**, 17, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, as the result of injuries



sustained in an automobile accident.

Zachary was born on April 19, 1989, in Evansville, Ind. to Frank A. and **Julie (Alstat) Hardcastle**. He is survived by his father, Frank A. Hardcastle of

Pittsburg; mother, **Julie Hardcastle** of Winston-Salem, N.C.; brothers, Nick and Dustin, both of Pittsburg; grandparents, Frank and Helen Hardcastle of Cartersville and **Pam Alstat** of Marion; great grandmothers, Aline Bosworth of Herrin, **Viola Alstat** of DeSoto, and Doris Boyd of Lexington, Ken.; uncles and Bunts, Brad and Mickey Hardcastle of Vincennes, Ind., **Jeff and Jacinta Alstat** of Carbondale, Tracy and Dennis Johnson of Herrin, and Jill and Mike Robertson of Cartersville; cousins, Jesse Jordan of Herrin, Dimitri Johnson and Haley Johnson, both of Baltimore, Md. Zack was preceded in death by his grandfather, **James Alstat**.

He was a senior at Marion High School, where he served as a writer on the school newspaper. After graduation, Zack was going to college

to become a history teacher.

He enjoyed playing the bass guitar, music, and flying.

Zack was full of life and will be sadly missed.

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to Cleveland. Also on our Ohio list was a visit with **Everett** and **Thelma Aldstadt** in St. Mary's, Ohio. What great fun recounting old times.

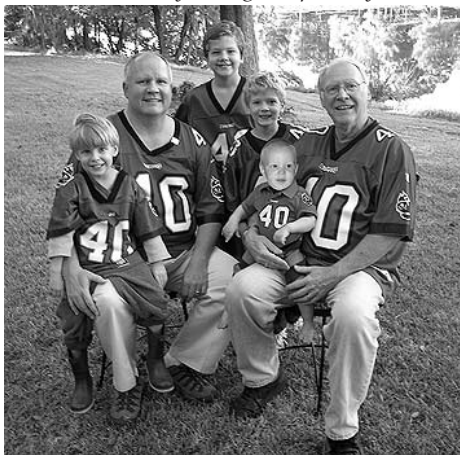
From Ohio we drove through New York and enjoyed some New England fall color before visiting Phyllis' niece's family in New Jersey. Heading south we skimmed down the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia and stopped by to see **Doc Alstadt** in Salem.

Doc was glad to see us, and sheepishly showed us the new brick on the backside of his garage. Seems as if a few months ago he pulled into his driveway and pressed his garage door opener then stepped on the brake pedal - - which was actually the GAS pedal. You guessed it - - he sailed into an opening garage door - - through the garage - - and stopped six feet into the side yard past the back garage wall. How much more excitement can one add to his life!!! Anyway, Doc escaped with not a scratch, and the work on the wall was so good, you would never know the accident happened. House and car were both fixed.

From Virginia, we headed down via North Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama to Georgia and a visit with our daughter and her husband, **Tim** and **Cherilyn Vaughan**. Granddaughter Emma is a cheerleader for her elementary school varsity, grandson Nick is finishing up Jr. College and grandson Eric and his wife Sammy will be presenting us with our first greatgrandchild in April!

On to Texas and a visit with our son's family. Roger and Anne's boys, Geoffrey, Ben and Andrew have started home schooling this year, that's a handful! Our

Roger's four boys, Andrew, Geoffrey, Ben and 10 month old Zachary with grandpa Jerry Allstott

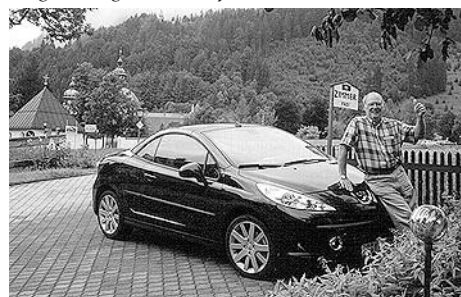


latest Allstott grandson, Zachary Aaron, was born last December 29. The picture shows all of us wearing our **Mike Alstott** jerseys.

So we have had a very busy 2007, and wish everyone in all our AAA clans the merriest of Christmases and happiest of New Years 2008! (*Where has the century gone?*)



Above: Hermann & Gundi Altstadt with Jerry & Phyllis Allstott at Nuremberg Castle. Below: Touring Bavaria in a Peugeot at 140km on the Autobahn, test driving a Smart car in Erlangen and exploring mad King Ludwig's Linderhof castle



FR. DAMIAN DIETLEIN, O.S.B. 50 Years Ordained

Fr. Damian (Leo) Dietlein O.S.B., (pg. 112) is from Braddock, ND, being born June 16, 1932, to Peter and Regina (Heembrock) Dietlein. He completed high school at the Abbey High School, and then went to St. John's University, Collegeville, MN, for two years. In 1951 he entered the novitiate at Assumption Abbey. After his novitiate year he completed his seminary studies at St. John's and then at Sant' Anselmo, Rome, and was ordained on July 25, 1957.

But ordination did not complete his educational endeavors. He returned to Rome where he completed a Licentiate in theology (STL) in 1959. After that he began Scripture studies at the Biblicum in Rome. He received a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture (SSL) in June, 1961.

After completing these two degrees, Fr. Damian was prepared to teach in our seminary. From the fall of 1961 to the spring of 1967, when our seminary closed, he taught Scripture and Dogmatic Theology. During the summers of 1964 and 1965 he taught Scripture to the Sisters at St. Teresa's

College, Winona, MN, and during the summer of 1966 he studied German at Marylhurst College in Oregon.

When our seminary closed in 1967, he was appointed prior of the monastery and taught in our school. But considering his talents and education it was thought that his talents could be used better in a seminary. So in the fall of 1968 he traveled to southern Indiana and began teaching Scripture at St. Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN. He has been there ever since.

After forty years of teaching Scripture at St. Meinrad, Fr. Damian is regarded as "the grand old man" of the faculty. Not only is he the senior member, he is considered one of those unifying figures who help bind together the whole school, faculty and students. Fr. Damian has long served as the advisor to the visiting monks in the St. Meinrad Seminary, which currently includes our Bro. Anthony Baker.

Fr. Damian has had the opportunity to enjoy a number of sabbaticals that have kept him current with Scriptural and theological developments. He is especially interested in feminist theology. His return to Assumption Abbey each summer has enabled him to maintain strong ties with his fellow monks. He helps out at work needing to be done,

especially baling the hay for our ranch and doing pastoral work on weekends.

Fr. Damian is someone who shows how to be an active and involved monk while spending most of his time away from the monastery.

Assumption Abbey Newsletter, Richardton, ND, July 2007



Painting honors professor for years of service.

With his short-cropped, military-style hair and unassuming dress, Fr. Damian doesn't necessarily look like a professor. But, for the past 39 years, the man known as Fr. Damo has seen hundreds of students pass through his classrooms.

Through the years, he has been called guru, mentor, uncle, father and friend.

On October 13, 2007, a reception was held at Saint Meinrad School of Theology to honor Fr. **Damian Dietlein**, OSB, associate professor of Scripture, for his many years of service. Attending the reception were students, faculty, staff and school administrators.

During the reception, an oil-on-canvas painting, "Exodus," depicting the Israelites crossing the Red Sea on their way to Canaan, was unveiled and hung in the Alumni Commons in his honor.

Lay graduate John Cornwell and his wife, Patricia, of Corydon, IN, discovered the painting while browsing at an art gallery in Sioux

Falls, SD. The South Dakota artist, Eyob Mergia, an Ethiopian painter, had several Scripture-inspired paintings on display, but this one caught their eye.

The Cornwells fell in love with the painting. Their love for Old Testament Scripture, fueled by coursework with Fr. Damian, prompted them to invite fellow students, faculty and staff to contribute to the painting and collectively donate it to Saint Meinrad

in honor of Fr. Damian. The Cornwells also arranged for the artist to be present at the dedication.

"Among the students, especially the lay students, Fr. Damian is held in high regard," says Marcia Hodde, associate director of Saint Meinrad's Lay Degree Program and a lay student, who helped coordinate the event. "He's been a powerful influence on so many of us." Fr. Damian says his relationship with the lay students is a two-way street. "I learn from them and they learn from me," he says. "I admire them for all the hard work they do in addition to their daily jobs and obligations.

"This was completely unexpected, but a pleasant surprise," says Fr. Damian, who adds that it was a special surprise to meet the artist in person.

"Exodus has always been a central part of my teaching and is central to Old Testament study. So this painting fits well as a tribute."

Left to right: Marcia Hodde, Maureen Sweeney, Damian Dietlein OSB, Eyob Mergia, John and Pat Cornwell and Betsy Dunman



The descendants of Heinrich Altstadt (c.1792) led by Jim and Katie Altstadt and Wayne and Diane Altstadt invite all the AAA Clans members to...

The 5th National Altstadt/Alstott Reunion



In Evansville, Indiana...the Vanderburgh County Fairgrounds will be the place reserved for our 2009 wingding!

The reunion will be the Fourth of July weekend 2009. The 2008 newsletter will include all the schedules and festivities!

Jim, Katie, Wayne and Diane Altstadt are looking forward to showing us a memorable time in 2009. They took Phyllis and me on a tour of the 4-H Center at the Vanderburgh Fairgrounds, in order to show us all the things available to our Clan Reunion. The 4-H Center at the Fairgrounds can easily support the 300+ cuzzins we are expecting to join together for this festive weekend.

The tree shaded RV area at the Fairgrounds is top notch for our RV cuzzins to hook up. All RV sites have electricity and there is a pond nearby...and the sites are just across from the 4-H Center.

See next year's newsletter for all the activities planned by the Reunion Team...you'll be glad that you put Evansville and the AAA Clan Reunion on your calendar for the Fourth of July weekend in 2009!

Come for the fun, food and Washer Tossin' Championships!



A few quips on Will Rogers uncovered by Bill Altstadt of Oklahoma City

Will Rogers, who died in a plane crash with Wylie Post in 1935, was a great political sage of this country. Enjoy the following:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are 2 theories to arguing with a woman...neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.
12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: *When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.*

June 2007: research in German records draws a big zero!

Hermann Altstadt and I had high hopes of digging back in time for both the Caspar Altstadt and Rhinehart Alstst clans this year.

Researcher Heinz Hang set us up an appointment at the Hanau genealogical library where we spent quite a few hours looking over microfilm records. Nothing popped up on Altstadt's at all. That was a real "crush."

The next day we ran up to Ravalzhausen to check church records and found that the church there had been built AFTER Caspar Altstadt was born. The church was built around 1680. The librarian there directed us to where the area records were kept in Langenselbold, but the librarian was on holiday. So we gave up on Caspar Altstadt research for this year.

Next we traveled down to the Allstätter (Alstst, pg. 40) region east of Darmstadt to Messbach to look in their church records. The church cemetery at Messbach is unique as it is the only cemetery in Germany that still uses wooden grave markers. The church clerk at Messbach told us that all their records had been moved to the church library in Eschau.

So we were off again for the 40-minute drive to the Kleiner Kirchenführer in Eschau. This time the librarian was home, BUT the library was undergoing restoration, and getting to view early church books with any Allstätter record was impossible.

So, we will have to reschedule to another year...probably our next Europe visit in 2010!



Hermann with the librarian at the church in Eschau



Above: the Lutheran church in Messbach where the Allstätter family attended. Left: graveyard showing the wooden markers



Family News for the AAA Newsletter depends on YOU!

Family happenings, marriages, births, obits. I want to thank all of those who share their family news, your written contributions keep the newsletter current!

Thanks to the many of you who help defer costs on the newsletter

My sincere thanks to each of you for supporting the "All-Clans" Newsletter with your wonderful articles and your annual (\$2.00) monetary support.

...Again...THANK YOU ALL and have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Next year we will report on the Altstadt/Rommel connection...

Start Making Your Plans Now for August 2009 in Evansville, Indiana...We'll keep the light on for ya!