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No Sks to report.

Regular Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month with lunch at 11:30 AM at the MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Av. in Kettering .The Meeting starts at 12:00

No meeting in August 11 Sept. Meeting. Report from Germany

Happy Birthday to :W9NBS8-6-38W8LZW8-7-38WA8ZWJ8-12-51	KB8KEB W8ASH KB8ZR WA8NBY	8-23-44 9-2-54 9-16-51 9-28-36	K8GKJ K8GKH	9-29-41 10-5-46
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President's Column:

I hope you all had a good summer. We took a break and, after a few years, went back to our home country Germany for the entire month of July. The occasion: the probably last class reunion of my XYL's class of 1954. We combined the trip with visiting relatives. This led us first to the Rhineland where I grew up, and where I still have a younger sister.

Then we proceeded to Franconia to see the xyl's older sister and her family. To this point we'd taken trains for transportation. In Ansbach, our second stop, we rented a car and drove to Northern Bavaria, the Fichtel Mountains, where the xyl grew up.

We like this area, it is near the village of Nagel. There we stayed at a B&B guest house. For recreation, there is a small lake. It takes 20 minutes to walk around, nice for daily exercise. The xyl also enjoyed swimming there!

Wunsiedel, a small town, where the reunion took place, is a 20 minute drive from there.

We all went to an outdoor theater built around a rock labyrinth, a collection of huge granite boulders strewn about by nature. The crowd was immense and one would expect huge traffic jams upon leaving, but it was very smooth and we made it back to our hotel quickly.

The other activities went over quite well also, we took the occasion to meet some local friends, visit the countryside, see two Porcelain Museums, once the dominant local industry. We were amazed at some old machinery. Originally, everything was powered by steam engines. One big engine is maintained, and once a year it gets fired up for a demo.

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