

THE HOF CONNECTION *Newsletter*

January 8, 2001

SEPTEMBER SELECTED FOR 2002 HOF/SAALE REUNION

Results of the 2002 Hof Reunion Survey reveal the majority of the Hof Reunion Activity membership favors a 2002 Hof/Saale Reunion and will participate or will try to participate. Based upon the information provided in the survey, a 5 day, Hof Reunion will be held in Hof/Saale, September 2002. More details will be provided in the July 2001 Hof Connection Newsletter.

Hof Reunion Survey Data:

1. Definitely will participate in a Hof Reunion held in Hof/Saale.
44 Surveys total: 27 voted Sept. 12 voted July 5 voted May
2. May participate in a Hof Reunion held in Hof/Saale.
79 Surveys total: 51 voted Sept. 13 voted July 15 voted May
3. We will not participate in a Reunion held in Hof/Saale in 2002.
9 Surveys total (No remarks about item 4)
4. Would rather have a reunion in Minneapolis or Orlando in 2002 or 2003.
(Write In = St. Louis, Las Vegas). Many did underline 2003. 61 Surveys Total

Prior to the Colorado Springs banquet, a Hof Reunion had not been discussed or coordinated with Hanns Karl Ritter or Officials from Hof. As a result, we received a couple of very nice letters expressing concern for the possibility of wearing out our welcome with the German public by returning to Hof for a reunion so shortly after the very successful 1998 reunion orchestrated by Hanns Karl and our Deutscher friends listed on the Master Hof Roster. The writer's suggested we defer the 2002 Hof reunion to 2004.

Based upon the above information, I called Hanns Karl Ritter (Chair of the Hof Committee for the 98 event) who had already sent us an email offering his assistance with the 2002 Hof/Saale event. Hanns Karl said, "you will always be welcome to return to Hof for a reunion, however, the participants cannot expect the pomp and ceremony and level of official support provided for the 1998 reunion. That level of official support can never be achieved again, regardless of when you return to Hof for a reunion." Hanns Karl then stated he was under the impression that the majority of people in attendance at the Colorado Springs Reunion voted for Hof/Saale in 2002. I am not certain it was a vote, but with a show of hands, more than 50% did indicate they would participate in a 2002 Hof/Saale Reunion.

We will provide a survey/questionnaire with the July 2001, Hof Connection Newsletter, the membership can select a tentative month and location for the Hof Reunion Activity in 2003. Four cities with superior and reasonably priced air service have been nominated for consideration in 2003. The cities are Orlando, Minneapolis, Saint Louis, and Las Vegas. Each city has its merits. We expect to have an additional 200 paid members and 500 more names and addresses on the "Master Hof

Roster" by July 2001. We are certain some of the new finds will want to participate in this decision making process.

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Forming A Hof Reunion Association

We are in the process of writing a constitution and by-laws. When finished, we will be searching for people to serve as President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Treasurer, (I volunteer for Secretary), Membership Chair, Reunion Location Selection Committee Chair, and Nominating Committee. Volunteers for Officer Positions and Committee's should have Internet Service.

NEWS RELEASES

If you desire to prepare a news release, please send a copy to the Hof Reunion Activity, PO Box 276883-6883, Sacramento, CA 95816 or email >HofReunion@aol.com<. We want to prevent contradicting statements and duplication of effort.

Hof Reunion Activity Target Dates

Oct. 2000 – Sep 2001	People Search – Grow Activity Roster Reunion Planning, Research, Coordination
Jan	Newsletter & Roster Mailed
April	Constitution & By-laws Complete
June	Temporary Officers Selected
July	Newsletter & Roster 2003 Reunion Questionnaire
Sep	Reunion Planning & Coordination Meetings in Hof Saale
Nov	Reunion Update to Membership- Email & Letter Select Committee Chairman
Jan 2002	Newsletter & Roster Update Mailed Reunion Program Schedule Firm Commitment to Hof/Saale Reunion Results of 2003 Reunion Questionnaire
July	Newsletter
Sep	Reunion in Hof/Saale

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VIRUS ATTACK ON MEMBERSHIP
INTERNET USERS

An Internet Bandit somehow obtained an early September copy of the Master Hof Roster. In December, the NAVIDAD.exe virus was disguised and titled "Hof Master List" emailed to a large number of members using the email address of a person listed on the roster, living in Florida. Soon more attacks were made using the title of "Hof Master Roster" and the email address of a former Hof colleague living in Minnesota. The person in Minnesota claims he downloaded the email sent to him from Florida and it wiped his system program clean. The FBI & AOL have the virus attack under investigation.

As a result of the above incident, we have taken the following measures. The only email addresses authorized to send Hof Reunion Activity official messages are

>**HofReunion@aol.com**< and >**Cwilson940@aol.com**<.

We will also place our names or initials in the first sentence of the message in an effort to let members know the email is legitment.

As producers of the "Master Hof Roster" we hold proprietary rights and have not authorized and will not authorize any modification or changes to be made to the Hof Master Roster.

Please **DO NOT download** attachments from email addresses you do not recognize. We suggest you "**Delete**" any "**Hof**" messages you receive that are not from "HofReunion@aol.com or Cwilson940@aol.com.

PEOPLE SEARCH

Do you have the name and address of a former colleague in your annual Christmas card file? Do you have some old orders from your assignment to Hof or Doebraberg that will provide the full name and service number of a former associate that is not listed on the Master Hof Roster? Extract the names and service numbers or make a copy of the orders and mail them to us so we can place the names on the roster for a location search,

Phil Ruth extracted more than 200 names and service numbers from old orders. Ed Leach provided several organizational rosters & orders that contained the full name and service number of associates that were at Hof during his tour of duty. We deeply appreciate the commitment, that Phil and Ed have demonstrated, to grow the Master Hof Roster. Sometimes we are slow getting things done and need proding but we do appreciate the support.

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Colorado Springs participation list on Pg 5

COLORADO SPRINGS REUNION

8-10 September, 2000

The Y2K Hof Reunion was planned and organized by Richard and Beverly Hurliman, with the assistance of Hal and Dot Olson, Jim Smith, and Jim Riggin.

More than 200 former Hofer's participated in the event held at the Embassy Suites in Colorado Springs. Several well-organized tours were key to the success of the event. Special ceremonies at the Air Force Academy and a performance by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds were sensational.

Baron Ernst Von Waldenfels, owner of the Gottsmannsgruener Brauerei, and Hanns Karl Ritter flew in from Germany to attend the reunion. Baron Von Waldenfels provided a barbeque for the 1998 Hof Reunion participants. In a short speech, Baron Von Waldenfels invited us to return to Hof for another reunion.

REUNION PARTICIPANTS

Bob Aleksons, Billie Arnold, Mike & Ursula Assenmacher, Elfriede Babcock, Louis & Abbie Baldwin, Elizabeth Bennett, Jim and Gerti Berry, Tom Bryson, Barbara Chapman, Mike & Monika Bundy, John & Perilit Campbell, Gary & Sandra Cherpes, Nolan Creekmore, Bill & Marcia Combs, Wayne & Mrs Cookssey, JC & Rosie Critchley, George & Betty Crooks, Carl & Mrs Davino, Pat & Kathy Dicintio, Jim Eldridge, Dan & Dee Engelken, Bob Fernandez, Mister & Mrs Fieldbrook, Sid & Gayle Futrell, Milton & Virginia Gibbs, Bill & Mary Alice Gladis, Bill & Karin Hall, Bernard & Lisa Harland, Butler & Mary Harland, Tom & Cybthia Heather, Michelle Hurliman, Richard and Beverly Hurliman, Cherry Johnson, Paul & Angelica Kernan, Ken and Gay Kielbania, Karin Kittle Kingsley, Don & Beverley Koenig, Ivan & Jane Kukakfa, Dan and Mrs Lambert, Ed & Bonnie Leach, Jerry & Erika Librizzo, Billy and June Main, Jerry and Pat Mangas, Mr. and Corrinne Martinez, Tina McAliffe and Friend, Charles & Eve Meiller, Dick & Mary Metz, Peggy Minnsch, Missy Mittermeier, Dick & Arline Nelson, Tom & Monika Nickerson, Dick & Evi Obidinski, Hal and Dot Olson, Loren Omlid & Friend, John & Aggie Pace, Bill and Gale Partridge, Jim and Eadie Patterson, Pete and Margit Payne, Everett & Frieda Peterson, Ron & Zilla Pohle, Claude Proctor, Bill & Carol Quednow, Rose Egelkraut Queen, Charlie & Pattie Ridge, Leo & Ilse Root, Don & Eva Marie Ross, Joe & Sibylla Sandoval, Eddy & Ingrid Sheldon, Jim & Helga Shepp, Bob & Lieselotte Sherwood, Larry & Mary Lou Shriver, John & Eva Marie Slutz, Jim & Elfriede Smith, Claude & Myrtle Spicer, Charles Stankich, Ken & Gisela Stargardt, J.D. & Mrs. Steiger, Jackie & Edith Stewart, Doug & Ester Stutzman, Ron & Marilyn Suriaino, Wayne & Ursula Swartz, Dean & Shirley Thompson, Jim & Mary Trachta, Bob & Mrs Trojanowski, Marianne & Christine Way, Don Welch, Bill Wicker, Art & Karin Weatherwalks, Gerti & Sepp Walchofer, Toni & Randy Wiggins, Chuck & Monika Wilson, Gene & Jo Zutell

The above list was provided by Jim Smith of Colorado Springs.

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The Following Have Indicated
They Will Definitely
Attend The 2002 Hof/Saale Reunion

Bob Allekson
David Byr
Carl & Barbara Davino
Richard & Karin Holbrook
Jimmy & Jaydell Johnson
Ken & Gay Kielbania
Bill & Annette McCusker
Dick Nelson
Bruce Orr
Dave & Sieglinde Pheiffer
Ron Robinson
Phil & Rosalie Ruth
John & Eva-Maria Slutz
Dean & Shirley Thompson
Bill Miller

Larry & Jaqueline August
Eddie Crump
Marty & Alice Habecker
Paul & Erika Holmgren
Walter Lenki & Friend
Ivan & Jane Kukafka
Richard & Mary Alice Metz
Tom & Monika Nickerson
Bill & Gale Partridge
Ken & Kay Putman
Don & Eva-Maria Ross
Jerry & Helen Sommer
Robert & Lilo Sherwood
Jerry & Barbara Vitarelli
Charlie & Eris Sessions

John & Diana Bramer
Christa Devine
Terry & Carolyn Hart
Bennie Hopper
Paul & Angelika Kernan
Jerry & Pat Mangas Bill &
Steve & Donna Murphrey
Dick & Evi Obidinski
Jim & Eadie Patterson
Jim & Traudl Riggin
Leo & Ilse Root
Ray & Elfriede Schuety
Chuck & Monika Wilson
John & Donna Wild

May Participate

John & Luise Allison
Hugh & Jilena Bagley
George & Rose Bologna
Hilde Calisti
Barbara Chapman
Robert & Carol Conrad
Rich & Susan Coyle
Willard & Cary Cutler
Alfred & Sharon Duerbig
George & Ann Emmons
Dan & Shirley Frederickson
Tony & Adi Gambone
Bill & Mary Alice Gladis
Phil & Cathy Harnden
Kenneth Kemp
Dean & Rhonda Lautzenheiser
Keith & Mary Martin
Ron & Christine Meuse
Leonard & Karin Monte
Jack & Kay Nelson
John & Agnes Pace
Pat & Rosemarie Pirozzi
Roger & Carol Preslar
Harold & Helga Robinson
Ken & Gisela Stargardt
Ursula & Wayne Swartz
Tressler & Marianne Way
David & Judy Wilson
John Waldrop
Richard & Kathy
Gene & Jo Zutell

Mike & Ursula Assenmachaer
Dick & Jean Barry
Howard & Judith Brisson
Larry & Sherry Cann
Gary & Sandra Cherpes
George & Irmgard Coursey
Wayne & Becky Creekmore
Pat & Kathy DiCintio, Jr.
Roger & Edie Durdin
George & Christa Fahrback
Charlie & Janet Fullerton
Milton & Virginia Gibbs
John Kent & Lyn Graham
Jerry and Mary Hardjes
Jack & Barbara King
Pat & Renate Letendre
Frank Masters
Tracy & Ron Michael
Herman & Karin Monte
Tommy & Ann Nelson
Pete & Margit Payne
Lance & Kay Peterson
Claude & Doris Proctor
Greg & Elke Russell
J.D. Steger
John & Inge Traub
Jim & Betsy Weaver
Loran & Estelle Unger
Christian Walker
Ursula Wilson
Chet & Cookie Zaremba

Billie & Pat Arnold
Mike & Gabriella Becker
Tom & Denise Bryson
J.C. Campbell III
Ron & Joyce Coey
Larry & Brigitte Cowherd
George & Betty Crooks
Tony & Joan Donofrio
John & Mindy Elledge
John & Monica Frustace
Francis & JoAnn Fukumoto
Doug & Brigitte Gieben
Howard & Marianna Hatcher
John & Carole Jacob
Bill & Roberta Landers
Jerry & Erika Librizzo
Tina McAuliffe
Tom & Ingrid Mikloiche
Ron & Fran Neiswander
Arnie & Arnold Odegaard
Terry & Friend Persons
Keith & Gail Pitchford
Bill & Carol Quednow
Harvey Schmit
Jack & Edith Stewart
Dewey & Irene Tweed
Walt Whisner
Dirke Vallo
Bob & Ginny Ward
Rip & Jeannie Yarnell

Membership Form

HOF REUNION ACTIVITY

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The following membership action is needed to help cover our expenses. We enjoy maintaining the Master Hof Roster and searching for former colleagues, but cost associated with the above activity increases with the size of our roster, and increase in the number of missing people. We will provide expenditure statements in the "Hof Connection Newsletter" that will be mailed to each member in January and July. Any funds not required for administrative purposes will be held in reserve pending the writing of a constitution and bylaws & election of officers, required for Incorporation of a Hof Reunion Association.

Those of you that fill out the following form and send in a \$10.00 check will be identified on the "Master Hof Roster" as a "PM" (Paid Member). Those that indicate they are not interested will be identified with a "NI" (Not Interested) and will be removed from the Email Address Book & Postal Mailing List. "IM" will indicate a member is interested but has not mailed in the \$10 membership contribution.

The "Master Hof Roster" is expected to contain more than **1600** names of former HofColleagues by **July, 2001**. As of January 2001, we have listed more than **1100**, including the "Final Flyby".

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE FOLLOWING FORM

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Last Name: _____ First _____ Spouse Name: _____

Email Address: _____

(You may use the email address of a relative or friend)

Street Address: _____ Tel. No. _____

City: _____ ST _____ Zip: _____.

Year at Hof: _____ Organization: _____.

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

_____ **Enclosed is a check for \$10.00 made out to; C. Wilson/Hof Reunion Activity. I understand the \$10 is to be used for printing the "Master Hof Roster" and "Hof Connection Newsletter" each January and July. The \$10 will also cover postage, envelopes, address labels, and telephone expenses associated with reunion business and to locate missing colleagues.**

_____ I am **not interested** in the "Master Hof Roster" or "Hof Connection Newsletter". Please remove my name from the Email and US Postal listing.

Hof Reunion Activity
ATTN: Chuck Wilson
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8 January, 2000

Subject: Hof Reunion Survey, Newsletter & Master Hof Roster

Hi Folks;

Monika and I (Chuck Wilson) have volunteered to plan and organize the year 2002 Hof Reunion that is to be held in Hof/Saale, Germany. We have developed a questionnaire that may provide critical information and sufficient feedback to aid us in making rational decisions. The attached questionnaire is essential to the planning process so read the questions carefully, **fill in the form**, and please return it to the above address **within the next 10 days**, even if you do not plan to participate.

The **survey form** will tell us **who** and how many of you may participate in the Hof Reunion and who wants to be kept informed of future reunion activity. September has been selected as the month participants would prefer to travel. We still need to know **where** we should go on tours and **what** activities will generate the greatest interest. How many hotels room or pensions will be needed and the size of the banquet facility required for an evening of socializing with our German friends.

We will make an all out effort to make the "Hof 2002 Reunion" a memorable event: however; you should not expect the pomp and ceremony, salutations, and compliments generated by Hof Officials for the 1998 reunion. Hanns Karl & Regina Ritter have offered assistance and guidance for planning the reunion. News releases to the Frankenpost & Pro Hof Magazine will assure Hofer's know we are returning to their Stadt for a 2002 Reunion.

The "**Master Hof Roster**" and "**Hof Connection Newsletter**" Form is designed to update your personal data on the Master Hof Roster. The \$10 a year donation to produce the semi-annual "Hof Connection Newsletter" and "Master Hof Roster" will cover the cost of printing, envelopes, labels, postage, and telephone searches in connection with locating missing former colleagues. The annual donation will cover one year membership; September to September. People making the \$10 donation will be identified with a **PM** (Paid Member) on the roster and will be mailed a hardcopy of the Hof Connection Newsletter and Master Hof Roster in January and July or upon initial membership. Those who indicate they

are not interested will be identified with **NI** (Not Interested). We will remove **NI** people from the email address book and mailing roster. **IM** (Interested Member) will identify folks that have stated they are interested in this movement but have not paid their \$10.00.

We intend to publish an event chart with each Hof Connection Newsletter so you will be able to follow planning activity and know important dates in the decision making process. We do want suggestions and will consider them very closely when making decisions. **PLEASE ATTACH SUGGESTIONS TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE WHEN YOU RETURN THE FORM.**

We do plan to post "Hof Reunion Notices" with numerous veteran web sites, veteran magazines and newspapers.

We have established a "Hof Connection" telephone number **916-366-1811** and email address: **HofReunion@aol.com**.

The ball is now in your court folks. Please fill out the questionnaire and return it as quickly as possible.

Thanking you in advance for your support and cooperation.

God Bless You,

Chuck & Monika Wilson