

Bogenschneider Family News

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Did You Know?

- According to the 2000 census, 15.2 percent of Americans share a German heritage.
- The first German settlers came in 1608 to Jamestown, Va., to supply the settlement with craftsmen.
- In 1683, the first permanent German settlement was founded at Germantown, Pa., which is now part of Philadelphia.
- By 1790, Germans made up 10 percent of the total population of the U.S.
- Between 1800 and 1900, 5 million Germans immigrated to the U.S.; the largest wave was in 1830-40 due to failed revolutions in the homeland to united the German states.

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Reminder — Bogenschneider Family Reunion

There will a **reunion** of the Bogenschneider family on Sunday, **June 29, 2008 from 11:00 until 5:00** in conjunction with the celebration of *Pommerntag* at Mequon City Park, 11333 N. Cedarburg Rd., Mequon, Wisconsin 53022.

Pommerntag is sponsored by the Pommerscher Verein Freistadt (Pomeranian Society of Freistadt) and celebrates Pomeranian heritage. Continuous entertainment is provided by the



Pomeranian Costume

Alte Kameraden Band, the Pommersche Tanzdeel Freistadt (folk dancers), the Pommersche Späldeel Freistadt (folk singers), and other entertainment. There are also displays on Pomeranian genealogy and his-

tory. There is no admission charge

Food service begins at noon, and features the cold Pomeranian cherry soup (Kirsch-suppe), which is unique to the Pomeranian culture. In addition to brats, hot dogs, roast pork, German potato salad, sauerkraut, red cabbage, and great homemade Pomeranian desserts, there will be some good German beer and soft drinks. The prices for the food and beverages are very reasonable.

We invite all the Bogenschneider descendants (whatever their name is) to celebrate their Pomeranian heritage, and for the first time to have the opportunity to meet all the different U.S. Bogenschneider families.

It appears that we will have representatives from most of the Bogenschneider family branches in attendance. Ray Bogenschneider, 85, the current patriarch of



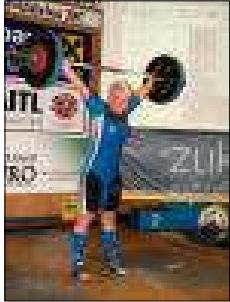
Raising of the Pomeranian Flag

the Chicago branch will be attending with his wife Ann and daughter Paula. Bob Britzke, from the Lake Mills, WI branch, is coming from Arkansas. Ron Bogenschneider and his family are coming from the Kankakee, IL area. Some representatives from the Derge family will be in attendance. Plus many more!

For further information and to announce your intention to attend (I need to give the Verein a rough count of how many are coming), contact:

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Bogenschnaiders in the News



Antje Bogenschneider qualifies as the strongest Bogenschneider woman. Antje won weightlifting championships for 18

year-olds on July 6-7, 2007 in Ladenburg/Baden-Wuerttemberg and on September 1, 2007 in Magdeburg.

This was reported to us by Jens Bogenschneider.



Strongest Bogenschneider Woman

Shirley M. Klein, 81, of Hammond, WI died on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, at the American Heritage Care Center. She was born the daughter of Theodore and Elsie (Bogenschneider) Duckert (1887-1979) on Nov. 27, 1926, in Roberts, WI. Her grandfather was Karl Friedrich Bogenschneider (1859-1925), who emigrated to Jefferson County, Wisconsin from Blumberg, Kreis Randow, Pomerania in 1880.

On Sept. 20, 1947, she married Joseph Klein at the St. Paul Cathedral. The couple spent their entire married life residing in Hammond.

Bogenschneider - Cook



Mary and Allan Bogenschneider announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Bogenschneider, to Jonathan Cook, son of Mike and Betsy Yarborough of Statesville, NC and Reece and Elaine Cook of Mooresville, NC.

Carrie is a 1996 graduate of Hartford Union High School. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire in 2000 with a degree in journalism, and in 2006 from the University of Southern California with a mas-

ter's degree in creative writing. She resides in Los Angeles, CA, and works for Event 360, Inc.

Jonathan is a 1990 graduate of the Asheville School. In 1994, he graduated from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in psychology and a minor in philosophy. He lives in Los Angeles, CA, and is a web designer for the Visionaire Group in Playa Vista, CA.

They are planning a July 5 wedding in Los Angeles.

Carrie is the daughter of Allan Bogenschneider, the granddaughter of Herbert Bogenschneider (1902-1989), the great-granddaughter of August Wilhelm Otto Bogenschneider (1871-1960), and great-great-granddaughter of August Bogenschneider (1837-1919), who emigrated to Wisconsin

in 1871 from Kreis Randow, Pomerania.

Carrie's father, Allan, was a dairy farmer in rural Mayville, WI until he retired from farming in 2007. Carrie's siblings include: Marcy (married to Thomas Galasinski); Jeffrey (married to Brooke Palser); and, Lisa Bogenschneider. Carrie's mother is Mary Langenecker Bogenschneider.

We wish the young couple much happiness in their marriage.

Joshua Richard Haefs and Colleen Mary Dineen were married on March 29 in Lomira, Wisconsin. Joshua is the son of Kevin and Lynn Bogenschneider Haefs. His grandfather was Willard Bogenschneider; great grandfather was Alvin Bogenschneider; great great grandfather was Herman Bogenschneider; and, his great great grandfather was August Bogenschneider (1837-1919)

Burkhard "Börks" Bogenschneider

A few of us here in the U.S. corresponded with Burkhard "Börks" Bogenschneider, who lived in Lübeck, Germany. Börks died on September 22, 2007 from pancreatic cancer in Lübeck. He was born in 1944 in Berlinchen, Neumark, Soldin (near Stettin), Pomerania.

Börks was a post-war war refugee child, who fled with his mother and two younger siblings while being pursued by the Russian army from Pomerania. The family established itself in Lübeck. His father,

Erwin, was killed in the war.

Very early in his life he took an interest in music, with a special interest in the emerging Rock n' Roll movement. His interests progressed over the years to Rock a Billy and also to country music. He also had a keen interest in football. He traveled at the early age of 16 to distant places as a ship's cabin boy. Over the years, he worked as a sailor, mostly on cargo ships, but once even on the cruise ship Stella Maris. When he returned to land, he remained interested in ships

and lighthouses. He had a web site showing these interests. As a former DJ, he was a free-lancer for radio and TV, and he also worked as a columnist, author and co-author of various articles in magazines and journals, as well as specialty books. For over thirty years, he was the chairman of the "Memory Hits Fan Club (MFC)" radio broadcast of the DLF with Gerd Alzen, with whom he was also a friend, and about whom he had also written a noteworthy article in Country-Home.

We offer our sympathies to the family.

Bogenschneider—Kraszewski



Larry and Nancy Bogenschneider announced the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Sue Bogenschneider, to Erik Arthur Kraszewski, son of Rich and Kathy Kraszewski of Indiana.

Andrea is a 2001 graduate of Mayville High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, with a degree in biological aspects of conservation. Erik is a 2001 graduate of Bartlett High School, Bartlett, IL, and is also a 2005 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, with degrees in religious stud-

ies. The couple was married on May 17 at St. Andrew Catholic Church in LeRoy, Wisconsin.

Andrea is the granddaughter of Lawrence Bogenschneider (1928-1971), great-granddaughter of Frank Bogenschneider (1899-1989), and great-great granddaughter of Franz Bogenschneider (1866-1942), who was born in Blumberg, Kreis Randow, Pomerania.

Miscellaneous Items

The Reunion

Seating is available at Pommern-tag, but you may feel more comfortable by bringing your own lawn chairs.

We will have our own family area and a gazebo set up at Pommer-tag. We plan on having family dis-

plays of pictures and memorabilia.

We encourage family members to bring family pictures and family stories.

Please spread the word about the reunion to all Bogenschneider family descendants.

Lodging

A few out of town guests have in-

quired about motels in the area. The closest hotels that are within several miles of the Mequon park include:

Best Western, 10330 N. Port Washington Rd., Mequon, 53092 (262)-241-3677

Chalet Hotel of Mequon, 10401 N. Port Washington Rd., Mequon, 53092, (262)241-4510; (800)343-4510

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Pomeranian Coat of Arms

We're on the Web!

<http://www.bogenschneider.org>

Why is there a Pommerscher Verein Freistadt? Why are there so many Pomeranians in the area? Why is Pommerntag celebrated here?

Prussian King Friedrich Wilhelm III united the Reformed (Calvinist) and Lutheran churches in 1817 on the 300th anniversary of the Reformation. A new church liturgy was introduced in 1827, and by 1829 there was a threat of a fine if this liturgy was not used in Pomeranian churches. Initially about 2,000 Lutherans and a growing number of clergy resisted this new Union church. They formed the Free Lutheran Church in June 1830. This group went by many names such as Breslau Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Prussia. The nickname Alt Lutheraner (Old Lutherans) came about after about 1845.

In the Lutheran dominated areas of Saxony, Mecklenburg, and Pomerania, it was feared that Lutheran beliefs were being replaced with Reformed doctrines. Lutheran church services were banned, and clergy not accepting the Union liturgy were dismissed or arrested. Children were to be sent to Union schools, and money was paid to support Union pastors even if they didn't attend Union services. Secret Lutheran services were held in homes, barns, forests, or quarries.

This all started discussions of emigration to have religious freedom. The first group of Old Lutherans decided to emigrate in 1837, with others following the next few years. They went to Australia, Canada and the United States. Starting in 1838, the emigrants were required to take with them a like-minded pastor. In 1839, 40 Pomeranian families bought more than 1,000 acres of land in the western part of the Town of Mequon. This area was given the name Freistadt ("free city"). They founded Trinity Lutheran Church, which became the first German Lutheran Church in Wisconsin.

Directions to Pommerntag / Reunion

Directions to:

Pommerntag

Bogenschneider Reunion

Mequon City Park

11333 N. Cedarburg Rd.

Mequon, WI 53092-1930

From US-41 north of Milwaukee

- Take the Lannon Rd. / WI-167 exit (**Exit 54**) toward CR-Y / Mequon
- Go East on WI-167 / Lannon Rd. for 8.6 miles
- Turn Left or north on N. Cedarburg Rd.
- Go 0.1 miles and the park will be on the left side or

west side of the road.

From I-43 north of Milwaukee

- Take I-43 North toward Green Bay from Milwaukee or I-43 South if coming from the north
- Take the Mequon Rd. / WI-167 West / WI-57 South exit—(**Exit 85**)
- Go west on WI-167 / WI-57 S / W. Mequon Rd. for 3.1 miles
- Turn slight Right onto N. Cedarburg Rd. for 0.1 miles and the park will be on the left side or west side of the

road.



Parking

- Free parking is available behind the municipal pool, on the street, and small lots. A short walk is required to the park.