

# 60th Swiss Festival National Rally



September 23—October 1, 2023

*Where good fellowship is a constant companion.*

*- Wally Byam*

Tours  
Entertainment  
Hospitality  
Day in the Park  
Parade  
Hobby Show  
Flea Market  
Swiss Festival



**Sugarcreek, Ohio**  
*Heart of Ohio's Amish Country*

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# **‘WILKOMEN’ to Sugarcreek, Ohio**

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## ***OHIO SWISS VILLAGE***

*by Wiley McDowell*

There’s a village in Ohio down along the rolling land,  
Where the eyes can gaze in wonder at the beauty close at hand.  
And the people of the village, be they man or boy or miss,  
Will bestow the smile of welcome characteristic of the Swiss.

Come to see us in the spring when the fields are turning green,  
And the hills are grazing cattle in an atmosphere serene.  
Or perhaps you’ll come in summer and meander where you please,  
Be it shop or store or market as the magic word is cheese.

Then come back in the autumn when there’s music in the air,  
For the atmosphere is festive and the country lanes are fair.  
Hear the Alpine horns a-blowing, hear the yodeler’s pipe and call;  
Catch the gala Sweitzer music up above and over all.

For this village in Ohio has a touch of Old World grace,  
As they toss the stone to contest who’s the strongest in the place.  
But to all a gentle welcome, happiness to those who seek,  
As the Swiss turn out to greet you in our town of Sugarcreek.



# WELCOME and THANK YOU

We want to welcome each of you to the **60th** Swiss Festival National Rally, the longest, continuously-running rally in WBAC history. We believe it is also the best rally in the club! We hope you enjoy your time here and want to return next year with your friends. You are important to us.



We are in a very special community filled with a culture that may be different to many of you. Please be respectful of our Amish neighbors. Drive carefully; look out for children walking to school and people bicycling to work. Watch for the slow-moving buggies, particularly on curves and hills.

*Fred and Kathy Kiehl*

*Brad and Jane Briggs*

2023 Swiss Festival National Rally



Thank you to our  
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# ***ESCORTED RALLY TOURS***

## **TOUR 1: (South)**

Pearl Valley Cheese

Erb's Coleman Museum

*Lunch: Keim Lumber Carpenters Cafe*

Keim Lumber Co.

Walnut Valley Brooms

Guggisberg Cheese – Factory and Store

## **TOUR 2: (North)**

Weaver Wagons

*Lunch: Keim Lumber Carpenters Cafe*

Explore Kidron, Ohio -- On Your Own

Explore Sugarcreek, Ohio -- On Your Own

## **TOUR 3: (Northeast)**

Pleasant Valley Teardrop Trailers/  
nuCamp

Coblentz Leather

*Lunch: Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen Restaurant*

Weaver Leather, LLC

Heini's Cheese Chalet

## **TOUR 4: (West)**

Stutzman Buggy Shaft/Wheel Works

New Bedford Harness & Boot

*Lunch: Downtown Diner of Berlin*

Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center

David Warther Carvings (IShips)

## **TOUR 5: (East)**

Stoney Point Amish School

Warther Carvings and Gardens

Warther Cutlery Store

*Lunch: Buckeye Career Center Cafe*

Tour of Buckeye Career Center

Amish Casket & Funeral Provider

## **SELF-GUIDED DRIVING TOURS**

Self-guided driving tours allow you to choose



### **The Age of Steam Roundhouse**

**This tour is offered one day ONLY  
on FRIDAY, September 29.**

**Price not included in rally fee**



# REMINDERS

## Escorted Tours

- Tour schedule and events are subject to change.
- Sign up for escorted and self-guided tours on Sunday.
- On tour days, listen for the announcement of your specific tour **before lining up**, so you do not enter the wrong tour's caravan.
- Make sure you have a full tank of gas.
- Bring necessary medications and/or snacks in case you miss your normal meal time and need an energy boost.
- Wear closed-toe walking shoes.
- Ask your tour leader if photos are allowed during any part of tour.
- Follow your Tour Escort as GPS may not be accurate for some tour locations.
- **Please inform the Tour Escort** if you plan to leave the tour before it ends.



## Sign up for Extra Activities

- Hobby Show/Flea Market
- Amish Dinner
- Amish Kitchen Experience
- The Age of Steam Roundhouse



### *Beautify Your Silver Pumpkin*

Let's have some creative fun during Thursday's Day in the Park by decorating our Airstreams to fit the silver pumpkin theme.

# Volunteer at the Swiss Festival National Rally

Rallies are about fun, friendship, and exploring new places together. They are a big part of why we love Airstreaming. The Swiss Festival National Rally (SFNR) began in 1962 and has earned its reputation as the oldest, continuously-running rally in WBAC. The SFNR team also believes that it is THE BEST rally that the club offers.

If you want to become part of the team that produces this wonderful rally, we would love to tell you about the many positions in which you can volunteer your talents and time. Have a seat at our campfire! Let's make friends and have some fun while exploring this rally together.

*Fred and Kathy Kiehl*

*Brad and Jane Briggs*

2023 Swiss Festival National Rally Chairpersons



# 2023 SWISS FESTIVAL RALLY PROGRAM

*Hospitality and Programs are in the Pavilion*

## **Friday, September 22**

1 to 5 p.m.	Free fresh-popped popcorn	Pavilion
1 to 5 p.m.	Early Parking and caravans by appointment	
1 to 5 p.m.	Check-in	Chalet

## **Saturday, September 23**

7 a.m.	Coffee Hospitality-bring your own cup.	
9 a.m. to Noon	Parking	
9 a.m. to Noon	Check-in	Chalet
Noon to 1 p.m.	WORKERS' LUNCH BREAK	
1 to 5 p.m.	Parking	
1 to 5 p.m.	Check-in	Chalet
1 to 5 p.m.	Free, fresh-popped popcorn	Pavilion
7:15 p.m.	Announcements	
7:30 p.m.	<i>Amish Culture Presentation and Choir, Mr. Lester Beachy</i>	
8:30 p.m.	Rally Tours Announced	

*Hospitality and Fellowship following the program..*

## **Sunday, September 24**

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.	SkyMed Breakfast	
1 to 1:30p.m.	First Timer Meeting	Pavilion
1:30 to 3 p.m.	Get Acquainted Social - Bring beverage of choice and your questions.	Pavilion
3 to 4 p.m.	Sign-up for Tours and Thursday's Activities Steam Round House \$ Amish Kitchen \$	Pavilion
	Amish Dinner Tickets \$25 Extra Dump Tag \$35	
3 to 4 p.m.	Check-in for late arrivals	Pavilion
6:15 p.m.	Announcements	
6:30 p.m.	<i>Cambridge City Band w/ WBAC Band Guests</i>	

*Hospitality and Fellowship following the program.*

# 2023 SWISS FESTIVAL RALLY PROGRAM

*Coffee Hospitality and Evening Programs are in the Pavilion*

## **Monday, September 25**

- 7 a.m. Coffee Hospitality-bring your own cup.  
8 a.m. Daily Announcements on loud speaker  
8:10 a.m. Tour #1 Departs  
8:20 a.m. Tour #2 Departs  
8:30 a.m. Tour #3 Departs  
8:40 a.m. Tour #4 Departs  
8:50 a.m. Tour #5 Departs  
5:30 p.m. Amish Dinner departure. Advanced tickets required.  
Please Car Pool

## **Tuesday, September 26**

- 7 a.m. Coffee Hospitality. Bring your own cup.  
Pumping-ensure your tank is tagged, if pumping today.  
8 a.m. Daily Announcements on loud speaker  
8:10 a.m. Tour #1 Departs  
8:20 a.m. Tour #2 Departs  
8:30 a.m. Tour #3 Departs  
8:40 a.m. Tour #4 Departs  
8:50 a.m. Tour #5 Departs  
5:30 p.m. Amish Dinner departure. Advanced tickets required.  
Please Car Pool  
7:15 p.m. Announcements  
7:30 p.m. **SUNDAY Drive Band**

*Hospitality and Fellowship  
following the program.*



### **SUNDAY DRIVE**

**Featuring \*50's\*60's\*70's\*80's \*Comedy  
\*Classic Country\*Old Time Rock & Roll\*Gospel\*Patriotic  
\*Audience Participation \*Clean Family Friendly Show**

*What do you get when you combine the styles of  
Karen Carpenter, Randy Travis & Ray Stevens all on one stage?*

**AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE!**

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## Wednesday, September 27

7 a.m.	Coffee Hospitality-bring your own cup.	
8 a.m.	Daily Announcements on loud speaker	
8:10 a.m.	Tour #1 Departs	
8:20 a.m.	Tour #2 Departs	
8:30 a.m.	Tour #3 Departs	
8:40 a.m.	Tour #4 Departs	
8:50 a.m.	Tour #5 Departs	
7:15 p.m.	Announcements	
7:30 p.m.	<b>Campfire Social</b>	<b>Park</b>
	Bring your chair	

## Thursday, September 28

## Day in the Park

*Please - no photos of the Amish*

7 a.m.	Coffee Hospitality. Bring your own cup.	
7:30 a.m.	Amish making apple butter at the campfires	
8 a.m. -	Daily Announcements on loud speaker	
8 to 8:30 a.m.	Hobby Show (not judged) and Flea Market <b>setup</b>	
8:30 to 10 a.m.	Amish School Bake Sale	
8:30 to 10 a.m.	Hobby Show and Flea Market	
10 a.m.	Bean soup cooking at the campfires	
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Buggy and Mule-Team Wagon Rides (free).	
11 a.m. until gone	Amish putt-putt ice cream (ticket is in Welcome Bag).	
11 a.m.	Amish Kids Lunch	Pavilion
12 noon to 1 p.m.	Hot Dog Lunch	Pavilion
5 p.m.	Community Dinner	Pavilion
7:15 p.m.	Announcements	Pavilion
7:30 p.m.	<b>Joey Tomsick Orchestra</b>	Pavilion

*Fellowship following the program*

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## Friday, September 30

**Fill your fresh-water tanks today.** The water will be shut off .at 7 a.m. Saturday to put the water lines away.

*If you are planning to depart today, please be careful of the pumper trucks.*

***AVOID driving over their hoses!***

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| 7 a.m.            | Coffee Hospitality<br>Pumping-ensure your tank is tagged, if pumping today.                             |
| 8 a.m. to Noon    | Rally Workers tear down venue<br>Depart for the Extra Tours, see ticket for actual departure time.      |
| 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. | Enjoy the Swiss Festival. Shuttle to/from town under the arch. You must wear your badge/ribbon to ride. |

## Saturday, October 1

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| 7 a.m.            | Water supply shut off and water lines put away   |
| 11 a.m.           | Decorate Swiss Festival National Rally Parade Float  |
| 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. | Enjoy the Swiss Festival. Shuttle to/from town under the arch. You must wear your badge/ribbon to ride.  |
| 2 p.m.            | Swiss Festival Parade in downtown Sugarcreek.<br>Let's cheer on the Swiss Festival National Rally Float. |
| 4:30 p.m.         | Un-decorate Parade Float   |
| 7 p.m.            | Campfire fellowship. Bring your own chair.   |

## Sunday, October 2

Drop Survey in Box

Pavilion

**Rally Attendees Decamp**



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# EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL INFO

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## Call **911** for Emergencies!

**Rally site address: 2800 Winklepleck Rd. NW, Sugarcreek, OH 44681**

<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT (non-emergency)</b> .....	1-330-852-2212
<b>SHERIFF, HOLMES COUNTY</b> .....	1-330-674-1936
<b>SHERIFF, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY</b> .....	1-330-339-7743
<b>STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, NEW PHILADELPHIA</b> .....	1-330-339-1103
Pomerene Hospital, Millersburg (open 24 hours) .....	1-330-674-1015
Walnut Creek Medical (M-F, 9-5) .....	1-330-893-2431
Union Hospital, 659 Boulevard, Dover.....	1-330-343-3311
Berlin Medical Clinic, Berlin (M-F, 9-5).....	1-330-893-2341
Pomerene Express Care, Berlin (M-F, 4-7; S, 9-1).....	1-330-893-2754

### **The following medical practices are all located in Sugarcreek.**

Alpine Family Medicine, 126 N. Broadway St. ....	1-330-852-0704
Dr. Phillip Teague MD, 153 N. Broadway St. ....	1-330-852-3211
Dr. William Smith DC, 705 Dover Rd. NE.....	1-330-852-5127
Thomas Family DC, 233 Factory St. SE .....	1-330-852-3032
Insight Vision Care, 232 Factory St. SE .....	1-330-852-2512
Dr. Michael Nippert DDS, MS, 233 Factory St. SE .....	1-330-852-6143
Sugarcreek Veterinary Clinic, 306 S. Broadway .....	1-330-852-2321

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# IMPORTANT ITEMS

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**AMISH DINNERS:** Tickets are required for the limited seating. You may go to both a tour and Amish dinner on the same day. If necessary, leave your tour early to be back in the park by 5:15 p.m. Eat a light lunch-Amish meals are huge! Tickets will be sold on a first-come basis beginning on Sunday.

**EXTRA TOURS:** The Age of Steam Roundhouse and the Amish Kitchen Experience tickets will be sold on a first-come basis beginning on Sunday

**CHAIRS:** The chairs are rented specifically for our rally and must not be removed from the Activity Building.

**DRIVING:** Many Amish buggies and bicycles use the roads in this area, so please drive cautiously. Buggies are slow-moving and may not be marked with a caution triangle or light at night. Horses can be skittish and are often controlled by young people. Please review the Amish country Driving Tips flyer in your welcome packet.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST:** Check the bulletin board and tables on a daily basis for information about our rally and the community. You may leave items of interest to be posted e.g., items for sale, in the designated folder.

**PHOTOS:** Please do not ask or take photos of the Amish in or out of our rally site. It is against their religious beliefs. When touring, ask your tour leader if you may take photos of the places you visit.

**PROPANE:** Hillside Propane 2113 Dutch Valley Dr NW 330-852-4334

**TRANSPORT TO/FROM THE OHIO SWISS FESTIVAL:** Every year, thousands of people flock to this area to attend Sugarcreek's annual Ohio Swiss Festival making parking space a premium. We will provide you free daytime transportation to and from the Swiss Festival on Friday and Saturday. See the program schedule for times. You must wear your name badge and rally ribbon to ride on the shuttle.

**CHECK-IN AT THE CHALET:** Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday: 3 to 4 p.m. (Pavilion) Late arrivals and day-guests will be handled on a case-by-case basis after Sunday. See Fred Kiehl #203.

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# GROUND RULES

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**ELECTRICITY:** You are being provided shared 30-amp electric (one 30 amp service, 2 Airstreams). Electrical appliances such as AC, microwave, coffee pot, toaster/toaster oven, hair dryer, curling iron, electric blanket, overhead heat strip, or any appliance requiring large wattage cannot be used without coordinating with your shared neighbor.. TVs and CPAP machines are allowed.

**ENTRANCE** Please observe the **one-way** direction of traffic at the rally entrance and around the inner traffic circle **at all times!**

**FIRST AID:** If you need medical attention, you must engage medical help on your own and at your own expense.

**GARBAGE:** Trash, cans, plastic bottles, etc. must be compacted as much as possible and placed in the dumpster behind the Activity Building. If dumpster is full, **do not** leave trash bags on the ground.

**GUESTS:** Guests are always welcome at the rally. All guests whether staying in your RV the duration of the rally or visiting on a day-by-day basis, must register. Guests planning to attend rally programs and/or tours must pay a rally fee and wear a name badge and rally ribbon. Non-paying guests may not attend any rally activities. Turn in badges before departure.

**HOLDING TANKS (GRAY WATER):** The Ohio Revised Code does not permit draining gray tank water on the ground because of the probability of food particles in it. This also prevents stench and attracting wildlife.

**HOLDING TANKS:** Holding tanks (both gray and black) will be pumped out on your choice of Tuesday or Friday. Attach your red tag to your dump valve by 7 a.m. on your choice of day. To dump on both days, buy an extra tag at the Chalet (when open) or before evening programs. There are convenient port-a-potty locations on the rally site. Listen for further instructions.

**IDENTIFICATION:** All rally attendees **MUST** wear their WBCCI name badge and rally ribbon while on the rally grounds and to gain entrance to our rally activities, evening programs, tours, and Swiss Festival transport.

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# GROUND RULES

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**PARKING AREAS:** Your electrical pedestal has a location number on it. Your location will be tracked by that number. Your vehicle should be parked at your own RV site when on rally grounds. Guest parking areas are designated near the entrance gate.

**PETS:** All pets must be on a 6-foot, non-retractable leashes when outside the Airstream. Please always check collars and leashes to ensure they fit correctly and are working properly. A size-appropriate pet containment system can be used at the campsite. Except for working service animals, pets are not permitted in the buildings or during a meal in outside dining/food preparation areas. Well-mannered dogs are welcome to play and exercise in designated dog parks. Always clean up after your pet. And make sure your pet has an ID tag.

**SAFETY:** Be aware of your footing as you walk. The park has uneven ground, stones, water hoses, and electric cords. When rainy, expect slippery floors and stair steps and entrance/exit areas muddy. Use a flashlight to walk to your RV after the evening programs.

**SMOKING:** A city ordinance prohibits smoking anywhere on the park's grounds or in the Pavilion or Bandstand. You may smoke inside your RV unit or outside the rally ground's perimeter.

**SECURITY:** Protect and secure your RV, property, and vehicle at all times. We cannot always monitor "unwelcome" visitors from checking out our rally site (or your RV). Please help us keep a look-out for suspicious activity in our rally area.

**TREES:** Please do not trim branches or cut trees.

**WATER:** Keep your fresh water tank full. Your rally water supply is subject to disruptions and low pressure.



## SAVE the DATE!

The **61st** Swiss Festival National Rally  
is scheduled on  
**September 21-29, 2024.**



Information and Registration for the 2024



Scan the QR Code for  
more information:

- 1) Open your camera app
- 2) Center the QR code on your cam-

***Thank you** for attending the 2023 Swiss Festival National Rally. We hope you enjoyed your stay in this beautiful area, met new friends, and learned something new about the Amish and Swiss cultures.*

***Safe travels. We will see you down the road!***



Experience the “Darke Side of the Moon.” Region 4 is sponsoring The 2024 Eclipse National Rally in Greenville, Ohio at the Darke County Fairgrounds 7 - 11 April, 2024.

For more information go to the Airstream Club website.

<https://airstreamclub.org/great-solar-eclipse-2024-0>