

Sip of Wisconsin Rally

Monroe WI 53566

June 5-9, 2024

Come join us at the First Sip of Wisconsin Rally in Monroe, Wisconsin, home of the second oldest brewery in the United States. We will tour two breweries, enjoy a wine tasting and Polka in the street (bring your dancing shoes). No visit to Monroe would be complete without visiting the National Cheese Museum and hearing Tony, a Swiss sheep herder, yodel! You will experience some of Wisconsin's finest beer and the best cheese you have ever tasted, while learning how to make cheese fondue!



Where:

Green County Fairgrounds
2600 10th St.
Monroe WI 53566

Camping is at the Green County Fairgrounds with electric only. Water and a dump station are available. The Fairgrounds does not take reservations, but knows we are coming so there will be plenty of room for all attendees. The Fee is \$25 per night and is payable by cash or check. All campers are required to fill out a registration form. You may fill it out at the Fairgrounds or ahead of time: <https://greencountyfair.net/pageserver/camping>

Please note that the campground is run by a small nonprofit independent county fair board. Their facilities are old but that is reflected in the price. 50 and 30 Amp service is available.

Monroe, Wisconsin is in Green County in the southwest corner of Wisconsin. The county is a rural area with beautiful dairy farms and rolling hills. The County was founded by Swiss Immigrants and the area still preserves a distinctive Swiss Character. This area is a perfect place to add a day or two to your trip. Check <https://www.southwestwi.com/> for ideas. Our favorites include: Madison, the state capital, and the home of the University of Wisconsin, Taliesin which

is Frank Lloyd Wright's 37,000-square-foot home, studio, school, and 800-acre estate, and The Great River Road.

Rally Hosts: Charlie and Linda Meinholz

608-698-9911 and 608-332-7114

Rally Home will be well marked or look for BRN# 19514

Rally Fee includes specialty cup, cheese trays first night, coffee and pastries, Fondue lesson, dinner music, bus transportation to New Glarus and back, two dinners, wine tasting, brewery tour, and Museum admission.

Nearest Hospital/Emergency Room:

Monroe Clinic Hospital
515 22nd Ave
Monroe WI 53566
608-324-2000

Nearest Urgent Care:

SSM Health Monroe Express Clinic
100 W 8th St
Monroe WI 53566
608-324-1940

Nearest Veterinary Clinic:

Monroe Veterinary Service
1317 31st Ave
Monroe WI 53566
608-325-2106

DISCLAIMER: Alcohol consumption has inherent risks. Alcohol consumption is voluntary at all parts of this rally. The hosts, Grapes & Grains, and ACI are not responsible for the consequences of your choices and actions. You are responsible for yourself. Attendance at group events, at the campsite or otherwise, is not mandatory to attend the rally. Have a plan to get back safely to your airstream.

Adult Activities: Grapes & Grains events are specifically centered around the responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages, which is considered an adult activity. These events will include visiting wineries, breweries, brew pubs and distilleries, which may require visitors to be of legal drinking age (21 years of age or older). Grapes & grains reserves the right to not allow anyone under the age of 21 to participate in any or all activities at a Grapes & Grains event.

REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY: Members who cancel after being registered for any event will forfeit any third-party non-refundable fees incurred by Grapes & Grains (G&G) or the event sponsor including but not limited to reservation fees, processing fees, site cancellation fees, prepaid excursion, tour, entertainment, and event fees. Any member/registrant who cancels within 30 days of the Rally start date will forfeit any prepaid rally fees and depending on the venue, potential RV site fees. Regardless of the reason or cause, if the timeliness of cancellation of your attendance does not allow G&G or it's Host(s) to find replacement attendees or obtain refunds from any of the vendors or providers, a refund will not be made, and forfeiture of those costs will be incurred by the canceling member.

If Grapes & Grains should cancel a rally or event, all fees paid by any member/registrant will be refunded.

This Grapes & Grains refund policy is premised on the concept that the Intra-Club should neither profit from nor subsidize the cost of any member or registrant who cancels after registering for a G&G sponsored or hosted rally or event. We understand that circumstances arise where a cancellation may be necessary, and every effort will be made to minimize the financial impact on both the Intra-Club and the member/registrant.

Any member/registrant who does not agree with a refund decision made by the organizers of a G&G sponsored event may appeal that decision to the G&G Executive Board by filing a written appeal request, including the reasons for a reversal of the refund decision, within 30 days of the original refund decision.

For those arriving early or staying late, here are some suggested non-scheduled activities as well:

- The New Glarus Cow Parade
<https://www.swisstown.com/new-glarus-cow-parade>
- The Golden Fleece Museum
<https://newglarusvillage.com/recreation/chalet-of-the-golden-fleece>

- Farmers Market on the square from 8AM until 1PM, Saturday
<https://www.mainstreetmonroe.org/farmers-market>
- Bike the Badger State Trail
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/badger>
- or the Cheese Country Trail <https://www.trailink.com/trail/cheese-country-recreation-trail/>
- Stroll the downtown Square, Shopping and Coffee Shops
<https://www.mainstreetmonroe.org/shops>
- Kelch Aviation Museum <https://www.kelchmuseum.org/>
- Green County Quilt Tour, Map inside Green County Visitor Guide
- Swiss Historical Village and Museum, 612 7th Ave, New Glarus, WI 53574
<https://www.swisshistoricalvillage.org/>
- New Glarus Woods State Park, <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/ngwoods>



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A rally of the ACI's Grapes & Grains Intra-Club

June 5 - 9, 2024

Hosts: Charlie and Linda Meinholz

All times approximate

To reduce waste, please bring your own table setting to happy hours and meals.

Wednesday June 5

- **2pm** – Earliest check-in time
- **5pm** – Happy Hour; Green County cheese and sausage trays
Welcome and review agenda.
NOTE: If your BRN# ends in an even number, please bring crackers or fruit to enhance the cheese and sausage.
- **6pm** – Dinner on own, although the shared appetizers are often enough.
- **Dusk** Campfire

Thursday, June 6 *(all activities included in rally fee)*

- **8:30am** – Coffee and Swiss pastries from New Glarus Bakery
- **10:00am** – Tour at the National Historic Cheesemaking Center Museum, 2108 6th Ave., at the intersection Hwy. 69S & 21st St. Retired cheesemakers and knowledgeable docents lead the tour offering colorful stories about cheesemaking and cheesemakers in Green County.
- **11:30am** - proceed to the Alp & Dell Cheese Store, located north of museum at 657 2nd Street where we will get a tour of the Emmi Roth Cheese Factory by owner Tony Zraggen. This cheese factory has a viewing room which provides a glimpse of the cheese making process. Tony, a Swiss sheep herder who immigrated to the United States in the 1980s, will conclude the tour by Yodeling. You will not want to miss this! After the tour, feel free to browse through the Alp & Dell cheese store. Many samples are available. This will also be a good chance to stock up on your favorite cheese from our happy hour the night before. (save some room in your fridge)
- **12:00pm** – Lunch and the afternoon you are on your own to explore Monroe and Green County.
 - Our favorite thing to do is bike or hike the Badger State Trail
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/badger> or the Cheese Country Trail
<https://www.traillink.com/trail/cheese-country-recreation-trail/>

- **5:30pm** – Gather at the campground for Pizza, salad and dessert. If your BRN# ends in an odd number please bring either a salad or dessert to share. Pizza, from Vince's, made with Green County cheese will be delivered to the campground.
- Dusk – Campfire

Friday, June 7 – New Glarus

- **8:30am** – Coffee and Swiss morning breads from New Glarus Bakery
- **9:45am** – Morning Free
- **12:00pm** – Lunch is on your own.
- **12:30pm** – Board bus for New Glarus
- **1:00pm** – New Glarus Brewery, self-guided walking tour, tasting room is on a cash basis. The walking trail from the bus parking to the tasting room includes over 20 stairs and an elevation climb of almost 100 feet. The walk is a steep rustic wood chip walk through the woods. Please let the rally hosts know if you need alternate transportation.
- **2:45pm** – Bus departs for Bailey's Run Winery and Whiskey Run Distilling Co.
- **3:00pm** – Hybrid tasting/tour. Scenic setting with a Winery and Distillery, live music outdoors during our visit.
- **5:00pm** – Bus departs for dinner at the Chalet Landhaus.
- **5:20pm** – Catered Swiss dinner and how to make fondue lesson and sample.
- **6:15pm** – Walk over to Polka Fest (two blocks), be sure to wear your dancing shoes. During the Polka Fest on 6th Avenue open beverages are allowed on the street. New Glarus Beer will be sold on the festival grounds and cocktails and wine can be purchased from local businesses and brought outside.
- **10:00pm** – Bus departs from Polka Fest (pickup at the Chalet Landhaus, New Glarus)

Saturday, June 8 – Monroe

- **8:30am** – Coffee and donuts.
- **9:30am** – Free Time
- **2:00pm** – Tour and Tasting at the Minhaus Brewery, which is the second oldest brewery in the United States. Our tour includes take home pack of 4 craft beers and 1 Blumers Soda and a branded sampler Glass (included in rally fees)
 - Minhaus Distillery is located across the street from the brewery, be sure to check it out (not included in the rally fee).
- **6:00pm** – Farewell dinner at Minhaus Kitchen (included in rally fees).

Sunday, June 9

- **8:30am** – Coffee
- **12pm** – Check out time. Cheers and see you down the road!