

# September Sugarcreek Rally





Our club parked in the campground at Sugarcreek





Quality entertainment nightly







Larry Kurkowski drawing for door prizes. Multiple drawings each night



Our club having dinner under the shelter









Come join the caravans of silver trailers and Airstream motor homes from across the USA and Canada as they wind through the beautiful hillsides of Ohio's Tuscarawas County to gather for the **Annual Swiss Festival National Rally**, the longest running rally within the WBCCI. Let the host unit, Land-o-Lakes of Ohio, welcome you in their traditional Swiss costumes and entertain you for a week in Winklepleck Grove near Sugarcreek, OH in the heart of Amish Country.

Have you ever visited an Amish school? Watched a blind Amish man make a broom? Seen a collection of hand-carved trains made out of ivory? Learned how Swiss cheese gets its holes? Our three days of amazing tours may give you the opportunity to experience all the above. You'll need a working CB radio in your tow vehicle to hear your tour leaders. Do you have a motorcycle? Bring it! We've added a tour specifically for motorcyclists. The Swiss Festival Rally is pet-friendly, so bring your 4-legged family members, too!

In addition to our great tours, we'll have a community band concert, Sunday worship service, evening programs with professional entertainment, door prizes, a Day-in-the-Park where you can meet our Amish friends as they sell their baked goods, make putt-putt ice cream, give Amish buggy rides, and cook apple butter over open fires. There'll be a flea market, craft show, and a golf tournament, too. We also decorate our RVs for the season - we may have another decorating contest, so bring some of your favorite Autumn or Swiss decorations! (Please, no spooky Halloween decorations-we don't want to offend our Amish friends.) Help stir our ham and bean soup dinner as it cooks in massive kettles over open fires. (Make sure you pack a saucepan and hot pad, so you'll be able to take your portion back to the trailer when the dinner bell sounds!) You'll want to be first in line to buy tickets for the opportunity to eat a home-cooked dinner in an Amish home; you'll leave there loosening your belt by a notch or two.



There'll be plenty of shopping in neighboring communities at gift shops, antique, craft, and bulk food stores, and numerous cheese factory stores. Check your ditty bags and the bandstand bulletin boards for coupons, maps, brochures, and menus for local sites and eateries. We'll wrap it all up by busing you back and forth to downtown Sugarcreek for two days of their annual Swiss Festival (or you can explore and see/do more in the area on your own). There'll be wine and cheese tasting, fest foods of all kinds, a craft tent, polka bands and dancing, carnival rides and games, musical entertainment on two stages, a cute kiddy parade, and the main parade which includes a decorated Land-o-Lakes of Ohio unit float with unit members dressed in their Swiss costumes.



Our rally site has very limited amenities; it's used primarily by the Amish for picnics during the summer. You should arrive with full propane and fresh water tanks but your gray and black tanks should be empty. Your rally fee includes one dump. We provide port-a-potties in several locations but there are no shower facilities. Water is daisy-chained between trailers. Electricity is only 7-amp. That means you'll be able to run your TV and life-sustaining equipment. Other electrical appliances (coffee makers, microwaves, air conditioners, hair dryers, etc.) draw too much electricity, so you will have to adjust your daily lifestyle accordingly (think "dry camping"). But we plan to keep you so busy that you'll only be in your trailer to sleep!

We invite you to view slide shows from previous rallies posted on this website. Select a year to view from the left column. You'll also find a [Registration Form](#) to print and send in with your check and a self-addressed stamped business envelope. There is a printable map of the bullpen and rally site posted, as well. If you travel in a caravan, please arrive onsite with a minimum of 5 pre-registered RVs for early parking. Caravan leaders should identify themselves when registering and provide the Registrar with a list of caravan members, WBCCI, and registration numbers. If you travel in a smaller group or alone, you may park one night earlier for a \$25 fee. We look forward to entertaining you, **so sign up now!**



# 54<sup>th</sup> Annual SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY

"In the Heart of Amish Country"

September 24 - October 2, 2016 in Sugarcreek, OH

Hosted by Land-o-Lakes of Ohio Unit for 54 Years

Website: <http://landolakesohio.wbcci.net>



COME JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED RALLY! Park at Winklepleck Grove for nine days of fun, fellowship, excitement, and new things to see and experience. We provide water, 7-amp electric, 1 black water dump, a wide variety of tour choices, nightly entertainment, hospitality, and door prizes. Pets are welcome! Play a game of golf at the 27-hole golf course adjacent to our rally site. Enjoy a delicious home-cooked dinner in an Amish home or nearby restaurant. Shop in the many furniture, gift, antique, and craft shops in the area. Buy world-renowned Swiss cheese to freeze for the winter or take some home to share with friends and family. Take in the sights, smells, and sounds of the 64<sup>th</sup> annual Swiss Festival Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 when we shuttle you downtown for the festivities and parades. Bring your motorcycle and enjoy the back-roads tours planned for you.

Our "DAY IN THE PARK" on Thursday features some homemade Amish baked goods, Amish craftsmen, and free horse 'n buggy rides, along with our own Airstreamers' Hobby/Craft show, Flea Market, Golf Tournament, homemade ice cream, fresh popcorn, and a ham and bean dinner cooked in huge kettles over open fires. We'll put you in a toe-tapping, festival mood after the Joey Tomsick Orchestra entertains us before their annual downtown performances at the Swiss Festival.

SUGARCREEK, OHIO is located in the rolling hills of Tuscarawas County, 8 miles west of Dover (I-77) and 18 miles east of Millersburg (Holmes County) on scenic Route 39. It is surrounded by a prosperous farming community and populated largely by the Amish. With eight Swiss cheese factories located in the area, Sugarcreek is recognized worldwide as the center of some of the finest made Swiss cheese produced in the USA.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE/OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CELLPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ REGION/UNIT# \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  LOL/AFFIL

HANDICAPPED  1ST-TIMER  CARAVAN LEADER CARAVAN: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTORHOME / LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_  TRAILER / LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_  MOTORCYCLE / SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

Region or National Officers (specify title): \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF: ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_ GUESTS OVER 18 YRS \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN UNDER 18 YRS \_\_\_\_\_

Interest to Participate:  HOBBY SHOW  FLEA MARKET  GOLF  MUSICAL (Bring your instruments)

- Airstream, 2 Adults  \$225
- Airstream, 1 Adult  \$175
- Each add'l >18 yrs  \$115 x \_\_\_\_\_
- Each child <17 yrs  \$50 x \_\_\_\_\_
- Early Parking (Indiv.)  \$25 (Sep 23)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK NUMBER: # \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **SWISS FESTIVAL NATIONAL RALLY**  
**PLEASE ENCLOSE a stamped, self-addressed business envelope**  
to mail back your **Acknowledgement Card** (receipt) & rally info.

Send check, reservation form, & business envelope to:  
Vicki Ettenhofer  
1474 Devonhill Ct.  
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Home Phone: 614-841-0098  
Rally e-mail: [SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com](mailto:SwissRallyRegistrar@yahoo.com)

Register before March 31, 2016 to be eligible for a special drawing during the rally.

**Rally Parking** starts Saturday, September 24 at 9:00am from the Rally Bullpen; early **individual** rally parking Friday (1-6 pm) for a **\$25 fee**.

**Caravans** arriving with 5 or more **pre-registered** RVs may park one day early at no extra charge on Friday, Sept. 23, from 1-6 pm.

**Cancellations:** 10% service charge before August 31, 2016. Refunds after September 1 are at the discretion of the Rally Chair after rally's conclusion. All refund requests should be submitted in writing to the Rally Registrar and accompanied by your **Acknowledgement Card**.

**KARIN & LARRY KURKOWSKI, 2016 RALLY CHAIRMEN**  
**C: 586-214-1777**

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Date Rcvd: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Rcvd: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date Card Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Deposited: \_\_\_\_\_

Cancellation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Rfnd Amnt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Check Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_ RALLY ID # \_\_\_\_\_