

17. Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest

Hosted by
Germania Almrausch Schuhplattler Verein
and Germania of Poughkeepsie



Saturday, June 5, 2010



Willkommen zum Kinderfest

The Kinderfest 2010 Planning Committee is proud to welcome the 17th Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest to Poughkeepsie, New York! We are encouraged to see so many children participating in Schuhplattler und Folktanz Vereine all over North America. We are grateful to the Auerhahn Schuhplattler Verein for founding the Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest so that our children could have a festival devoted solely to honoring them as our future; a festival that provides them with an opportunity to showcase their talent, strengthen lifelong friendships and start new friendships. We welcome everyone that has traveled to be with us today for Kinderfest, especially the Kindergruppen.

The committee has worked incredibly hard to fundraise, plan and organize today's festival. It could not have been done without the support of our mother club Germania of Poughkeepsie. Germania nurtured us in our founding years and continues to encourage us to preserve our Tracht, promote Schuhplattler dancing that originated in Tyrol-Austria and Southern Bavaria, and express our tremendous pride in our roots. It also could not have been done without the individual members of both Germania Almrausch and Germania of Poughkeepsie that have assisted us in our fundraising efforts, supported our program book, made donations, solicited community support and are working at the festival today. We also wish to thank the various businesses and organizations that have supported our hosting of Kinderfest 2010 in one way or another.

Did you know that Germania Almrausch is celebrating 40 years and Germania of Poughkeepsie, formerly the Germania Singing Society, is celebrating 160 years?! We are pleased that Kinderfest could be a part of these celebrations. In closing, we wish everyone a fun filled day and a safe trip home.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen,

Dave & Faith Yearack, Karen Rose, Jennifer Reichert, Evelyn Wuytack
and George & Gloria Hupe

Welcome to the 17th Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest:

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June 5, 2010

Dear Kinder and Families,

Welcome to Poughkeepsie as Germania Almrausch S.V. hosts their first Kinderfest!

It was several years ago when Karen Rose approached our club and the Germania Executive Board to propose that Germania Almrausch along with our Mother Club, Germania of Poughkeepsie, host the Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest in 2010. We realized that Germania of Poughkeepsie would be celebrating their 160th Anniversary that same year. We are proud to be partners in promoting and fostering a love for the German heritage with all the kinder and their families.

The Kinderfest Committee has worked hard to provide you with a memorable day of activities, dancing, and the forging of new friendships. I hope you enjoy the festivities this afternoon and evening.

I regret that I will be unable to attend but you will be in my thoughts!

Christine Pattantyús

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June 5, 2010

Welcome to Germania and the 2010 Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest!

Germania is proud to be your host for this wonderful event celebrating our shared German Heritage through the participating, energetic Kinder groups.

Germania members will be here throughout the weekend and hope to do all we can to make your visit with us a wonderful experience. Please make yourself at home, relax and enjoy.

If there is anything Germania can do to make your experience here better in any way, please approach one of our members. We will do whatever we can to assist you.

Our volunteers are manning food and beverage areas and will be working hard all weekend long to help make Kinderfest 2010 a successful endeavor for all of you and our daughter club the Germania Almrausch Schuhplattler Verein.

Thank you for preserving the celebration of our German Heritage through your children. Passing the knowledge and traditions on to our kids ensures that future generations will continue to see and hear what we all hold close to our hearts.

Enjoy your stay with us and celebrate this time with your kids!

Jon J. Wagner

Jon J Wagner
President



Germania Almrausch Kindergruppe



at Germania Picnic, early 1970's

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Germania Almrausch Kindergruppe 1975
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Our Kindergruppe with the adults in 1979 at Germania Hall, 197 Church Street, Poughkeepsie, NY



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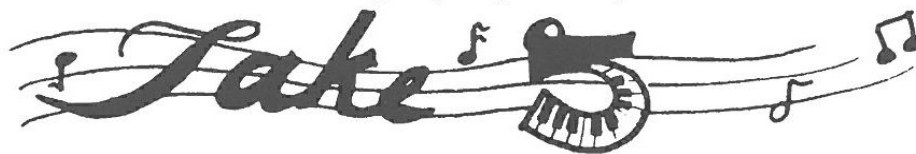
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GERMANIA ALMRAUSCH KINDERGRUPPE HISTORY

The Almrausch members who had children encouraged the children to learn the Schuhplattler dances. By 1971 the Germania Almrausch Kindergruppe had taken its formation under the direction of Gloria Hupe. Gloria first taught the Kindergruppe the Bandl (maypole) dance. The original children dancers were Hugo Fueglein Jr., Diane Hupe, Norman Licis, Audrey and Robert Rose, Charlotte Barnum, Joey Huettinger, and Cindy Plumb. By August of 1971 the Kindergruppe consisted of approximately eight couples and Hugo Fueglein Sr. helped teach. Successor Kindergruppe directors were Bob and Dorry Rose and then Fred & Elizabeth Wilkins who directed the group at a time in its history when Kindergruppe was broken into a children's group and a teen group. Members Gábor and Christine Pattantyús, who took leadership of the Kindergruppe from 1979 until 1993, were proud to have the children present the 'Miner's Dance' at the Almrausch 19th Anniversary, a dance that was taught to them by Adam Levine. Gábor also brought the Ambosstanz to the Kindergruppe and taught them the Steire Figurin Tanz. After the Pattantyús' retired as Directors, Dan Bauer and Pam Capelli took the leadership. In 1994 they took the Kindergruppe to the 1st Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest hosted by Auerhahn SV in Oley, PA. Sadly, membership dwindled when Pam's family relocated to Florida and Kindergruppe folded. It was revived in year 2000 under the direction of David and Faith Yearack with their niece and nephew dancing and families Rose, Doedee, Zehner and Zuck, and the Kindergruppe continues under their leadership today and is growing again. In 2007 Dave attended a workshop hosted by our Patenverein Edelweiss-Passaic and brought back the Besentanz to the Kindergruppe; at our 37th Stiftungsfest the dance was showcased using broom props donated to us by Edelweiss-Passaic. In 2010 Dave and Faith re-introduced the Bankl Tanz at the urging of their son Erik; the benches for the Kindergruppe were handmade and donated by Hank Parslow.

TRACHT: The first dirndls worn by the children were made by a seamstress in Beacon, NY. After that life member Dorry Rose-Mathewson, who was honored at our 40th Stiftungsfest as a 40-year member, made the girl's dirndls (a blue one and a red one) until she moved out of the area in 1986. The Kindergruppe then adopted a black spencer and maroon Tracht skirts handed down by the adult women. Since the group continued to grow in size and the girls outnumbered the skirts, in 2005 the girls then wore a green skirt with pink hearts and other colors, and a mauve colored apron and shawl set, that was made by Anny Mueller of SG Alpenland Montreal; they first wore it at our 35th Stiftungsfest. Singer Helga Razey Nowak later made a new mauve apron and shawl set for the girls. In 2009 the girls adopted a blue dirndl and a multicolored checked apron made by Bergland Trachten in Kansas and wore it for the first time at the 16th Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest. Our boys wear lederhosen that we purchase from Ernst Licht Embroidery and Imports and alternate between white shirts and blue checked shirts.

MUSIC: The group's first musician was Fritz Doneit who mastered his accordion with much encouragement from the group; he played for many years for the adults and the children. When he retired his accordion he played piano for the children's group into the early eighties. Fritz became a member of Germania in 1938, Honorary Member in 1999 and sadly passed away at age 98 in 2001. The group was also fortunate over the years to dance to the accordion music of Ursula Holl, Esther Odelsachli and Steve Mazzuca, and the button box music of Adam Levine. Currently the Kindergruppe

performs to the accordion music of adult dance member Marion Bauer who learned to play from band leader and longtime Almrausch friend Joe Unger.

TODAY: The Kindergruppe enjoys dancing at Germania and other events such as Union Vale Oktoberfest at Tymour Park, Netherwood Elementary School, Hunter Mountain Oktoberfest, Black Forest Mill Restaurant, Poughkeepsie Galleria Mall and Yulan Fire Department Oktoberfest. We are proud to have our Kindergruppe dance with us whenever possible. Today the group is 14 children strong: Janneke and Sabine Doedee; Zachary Hildenbrand; Christian and Jarred Kuklis; Alex, Victoria and Mikey Joe Reichert; Timmy Reichert; Rachael Rose; Gregory and Jason Wuytack and April and Erik Yearack.



GERMANIA ALMRAUSCH KINDERGRUPPE 2010:

Standing: Rachael, Gregory, Zachary, Jarred, Timmy and Alexandra
Sitting: Victoria, Michael, Erik, Jason, Christian and April
Missing: Janneke and Sabine

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Program for June 5, 2010

Festival Grounds Open for Registration	11:15 AM
Kindergruppe Parade (line up at 11:45) Followed by Invocation by Rev. Dr. Marion Bauer DD, National Anthems by Germania Kinderchor and Welcome Speech by 2010 Kinderfest Committee member David Yearack	12:15 PM
Kinderfest Group Picture (Please gather at bleachers/picnic tables on soccer field.)	immediately after opening ceremonies
Games and crafts open 1:00 PM * Kinder Lunch served 1:00 – 3:00 PM Dance Music throughout the day by The Austrian Boys	
Ehrentänze (games and crafts closed during) Germania Almrausch Kindergruppe Choral Performance by Germania Kinderchor Edelweiss-Passaic Kindergruppe, hosts of the 2011 Kinderfest SG Alpenland (Montreal, QC) Alpenland Tanzer (New Britain, CT)	2:00 PM
Kindergruppe Leader Meeting at Germania Hall	2:30 PM
Ehrentänze (games and crafts closed during) S.V.V. Original Enzian (Franklin Square, NY) United German Hungarians (Kinder)(Oakford, PA) United German Hungarians (teen group)(Oakford, PA) Harugari Junior Schuhplattlers (West Haven, CT) Bayern Verein Newark (Newark, NJ) Gemutlichen Enzianer (Franklin Square, NY)	3:30 PM
Ehrentänze (games and crafts close for day) Die Erste Gottscheer Tanzgruppe (Ridgewood, NY) Auerhahn Schuhplattler Verein (Oley, PA) Alpenrose Schuhplattlers (Lancaster, PA) GTEV Schlierachtaler Stamm (Franklin Square, NY) GTV Edelweiss (Reading, PA) Bavarian Club Edelweiss (Westchester, NY)	4:30 PM
Massenplattler, Kindergruppe Raffle Drawing	5:15 PM

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With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
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From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

UNITED STATES NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
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We wish everyone a wonderful time.



From the Reichert Family,
Michael, Jennifer, Alexandra,
Victoria and Michael



Welcome to Kinderfest 2010!

We are happy that you can be here to celebrate with us.

We wish you a day full of fun and friendship.



Herzlich Willkommen zum Kinderfest 2010.

Wir sind froh daß Ihr hier sein könnt um mit uns zu feiern.

Wir wünschen Euch einen Tag voll Spaß und Freundschaft.

Erik, April, Faith, and David Yearack

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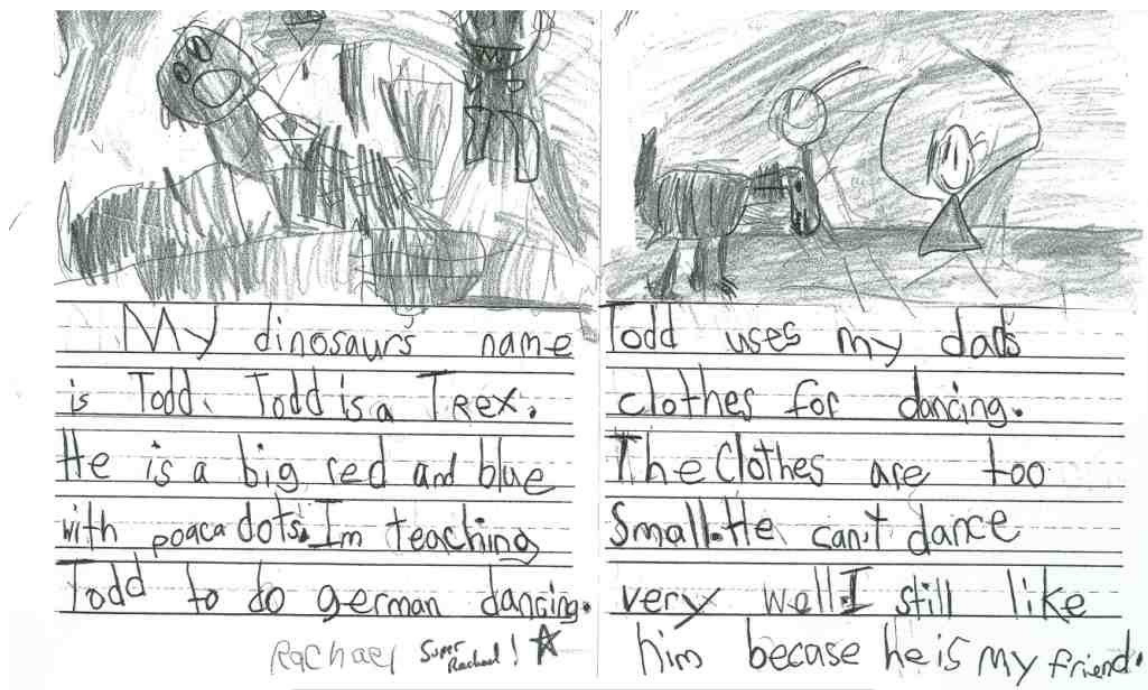
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BOTTOM ROW: Barbara Felton, Meret Blume, April Yearack, Victoria Reichert, Sabine Doedée, Gabrielle Felton



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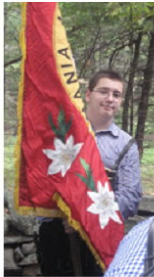
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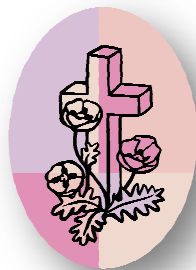
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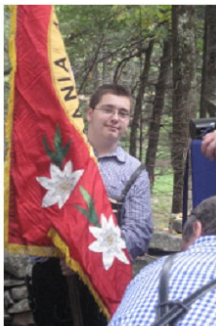
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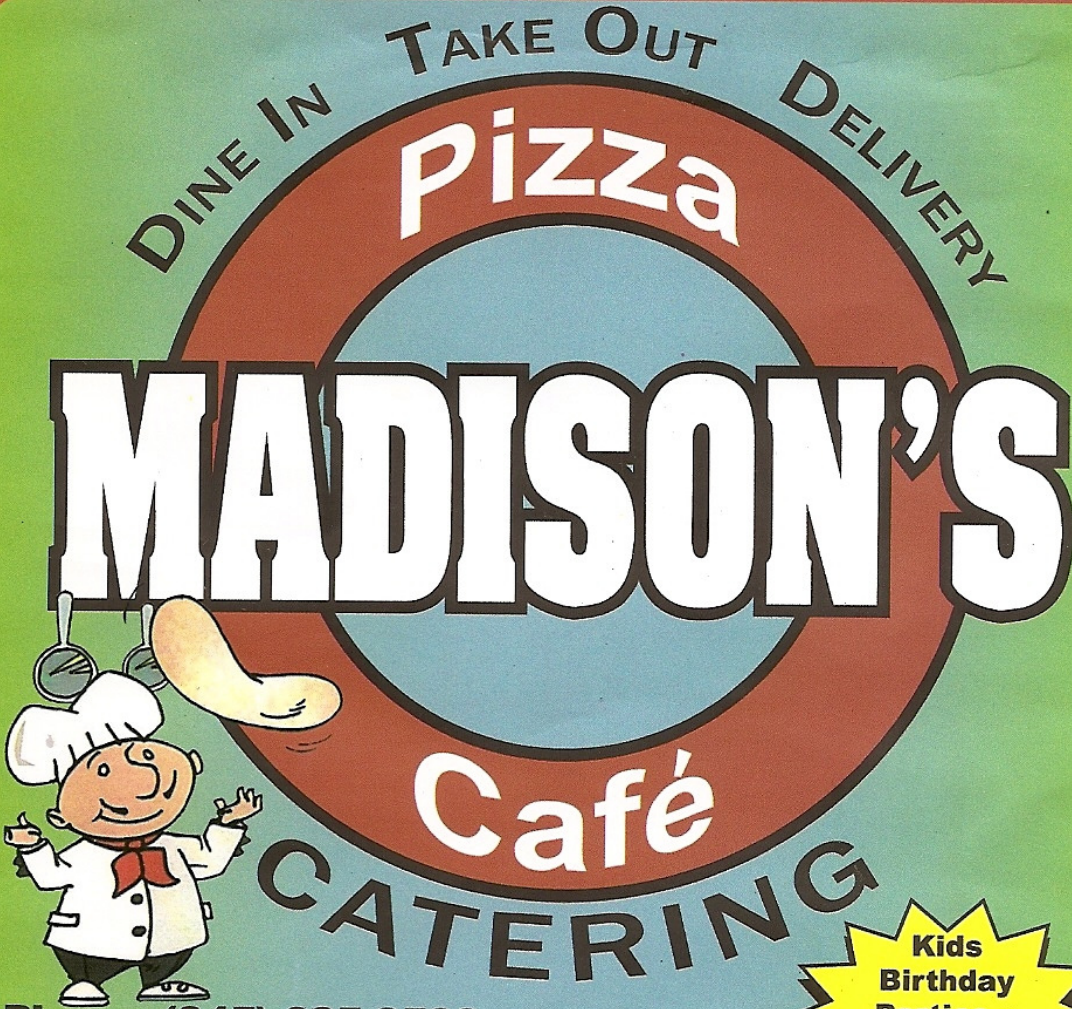
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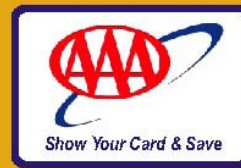
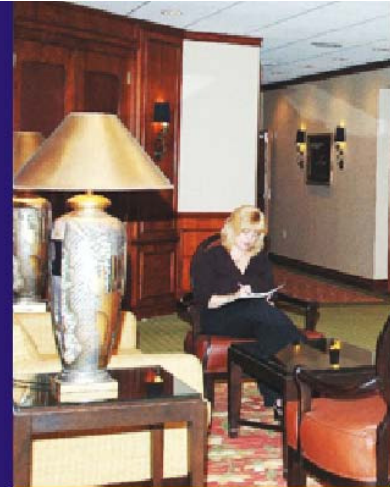
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THE HISTORY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC KINDERFEST



The Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest started with the goal of giving the youth of our area Vereine an opportunity to get to know one another, and to share dances and music with one another. In 1994, the Auerhahn Schuhplattler Verein had many young members, mostly between the ages of 6 and 10. They enjoyed dancing. They had attended and performed with our adults at the Gaufeste in 1987, 1989 and 1993. In 1993, they participated in the first Kinder Gauplattler at a Gaufest. However, children were only starting to attend the Gaufest and there was not very much mixing of the children of the different Vereine.

To encourage youth involvement, the Auerhahn Schuhplattler Verein decided to host a festival with the children in mind. The day started with a parade of the children holding simple signs with the Verein name on them. The children were given a handmade pin to commemorate the special occasion. The entertainment was a German band, carnival style games and a magician. All activities stopped when it was time for the Kindergruppe to dance (with adult assistance, when necessary). This encouraged the children to watch the others dance and they also were not missing any other activities while they were dancing.

The first year, 1994, approximately 60 children attended the Kinderfest. They represented 7 Vereine: GTV Edelweiss, Enzian Volkstanzgruppe, Germania Almrausch SV, United German Hungarians, GTV Almrausch, Auerhahn Schuhplattler Verein and Alpenrose Schuhplattler. In 1995, even more children and Vereine participated; close to 120 children attended. It was very exciting to see a school bus full of participants from Delaware!

In 1996, GTV Almrausch from Philadelphia volunteered to host the Kinderfest. This was the start of this festival becoming the *Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest*. During this event, leaders of the Kindergruppe, with the help of the 1996 Gaujugendvertreter, Tommy Keith, established guidelines for a traveling Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest. Three main points were decided for future Kinderfest: 1. The festival must be fun for the children. 2. Minimal travel time for the majority of the Vereine. 3. The festival should be as inexpensive as possible for the attendees. At that time, the 3 main regions were established: Southern Region – Philadelphia and Delaware; Central Region - mid-Pennsylvania (Berks and Lancaster Counties); and Northern Region - Northern New Jersey and New York City area. The fest would rotate from year to year, region to region. A time for the fest was also established to be the weekend containing the first Saturday of June. The day of the fest, Saturday or Sunday, would be decided by the hosting Verein.

In 1997, the Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest traveled to GTEV Schlierachtaler Stamm. Thanks to sign maker Kenny Kasper and painter Elisabeth Elenis, this was the first year for official signs for each Verein to carry in the parade. From there the fest has continued to travel among the three established regions. Each host Verein has added its own style of games and entertainment for the children. All have been a great success!

The Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest has grown to include over 15 different participating Vereine and close to 200 children from 5 different states. We are looking forward to the continuation of the Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest and thank everyone who has assisted in making this a great success for almost two decades!

MID-ATLANTIC KINDERFEST HOST HISTORY

1994 – Auerhahn Schuhplattler Verein, Oley, PA
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1996 – GTV Almrausch, Philadelphia, PA
1997 – GTEV Schlierachtaler Stamm, Franklin Square, NY
1998 – GTV Edelweiss, Reading, PA
1999 – Enzian Volkstanzgruppe, Newark, DE
2000 – Bavarian Club Edelweiss, Westchester, NY
2001 – Alpenrose Schuhplattler, Lancaster, PA
2002 – United German Hungarians, Oakford, PA
2003 – Bayern Verein, Newark, NJ
2004 – Auerhahn Schuhplattler Verein, Oley, PA
2005 – GTV Almrausch, Philadelphia, PA
2006 – Alpenland Tänzer, New Britain, CT
2007 – Alpenrose Schuhplattler, Lancaster, PA
2008 – SVV Original Enzian, Franklin Square, NY
2009 – Harugari Jr. Schuhplattlers, West Haven, CT
2010 – Germania Almrausch SV, Poughkeepsie, NY

Pictures:

- (1) Germania Almrausch Kindergruppe at the 9th Annual Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest hosted by UGH in 2002
- (2) Germania Almrausch Kindergruppe at the 14th Annual Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest hosted by Alpenrose in 2007
- (3) Bottom three: 16th Annual Mid-Atlantic Kinderfest hosted by Harugari in 2009



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