



Desert Steiners

**Our next meeting is Saturday October 16, 2010 in
Phoenix at:
Monti Vista Village Resort, Pueblo Room
8865 E. Baseline Rd, Mesa**

To get there, get on Highway 60 and exit Ellsworth Rd. (Highway 60 intersects I-10 and also goes to Globe.) Proceed South on Ellsworth to Baseline (First traffic signal). Turn right on Baseline. Go about 1/4 mile and you will see Monti Vista Village on the left (South side) of Baseline. For those using the Red Mountain Freeway, turn off at Baseline Rd. and turn right on Baseline Rd; one quarter of a mile to Monte Vista Village on your right. Tell the Security person that you are going to the Pueblo Room. If you have problems, call Spencer at 503-998-1822 or 480-380-3513.

Lunch will be potluck. Due to the distance being traveled, and menu, we request the Tucson attendees and others that have to travel a long distance bring salads and/or deserts, enough for 8 or more. The local Phoenix members are requested to bring side dishes for 8 or more.

The Desert Steiners will supply the meat course, drinks, plates, cups, napkins, paper towels and ice. No alcoholic beverages due to Village restrictions.

There will be a \$5.00 charge per person to cover the meat dish and other expenses.

Agenda:

10:00-12:30 Talking and looking at what you bring

12:30-01:30 Let's have an enjoyable lunch and conversation with fellow steiners.

01:30-01:45 Club meeting.

01:45-? Main program

Last Meeting:

John Piet and Donna Stefanek host a terrific lunch. Brian Sanders was visiting his son Eric, who just joined. Brian is from the Thoroughbred Stein Verein chapter. He is writing a book on Cavalry Regimental Steins and spoke a little on that and cavalry dress.

Our own John Piet gave a great talk on student steins, passing around a lot of interesting examples.

Then Gary Kirsner auctioned off 8 Disney mugs that he donated to the chapter.

Here is a report from Ron Heiligenstein:

HERE'S A FIRST FOR S.C.I.!

The Desert Steiners and Alte Germanen chapters of Stein Collectors International recently agreed to become "sister chapters" similar in concept to the sister cities program that has existed between towns and cities in the United States and others around the world since 1931. Desert Steiners live primarily in Arizona, while the Alte Germanen members live throughout Germany, although they also have a few members in neighboring countries.

The primary purpose of this "sister chapters" arrangement is to create new and strengthen existing relationships between members of the two chapters.

Specifically, when traveling abroad, members are encouraged to attend "sister chapter" meetings and also make arrangements to visit member's at their homes to personally view their stein collections.

Further, chapter officers will be honorary members of the "sister chapter" and placed on email lists so they will receive newsletters, meeting notices and member's articles. It's anticipated that some articles will be translated and distributed to the members of each chapter. An exchange of program ideas may also help answer the oft asked question: what are we going to do for a program at our next meeting?

The Desert Steiners unanimously approved the "sister chapter" program at their spring meeting in Tucson on 10 April. The Alte Germanen approved the program two weeks later at their 24 April (Frühjahrstreffen) meeting in Ladenburg. At that meeting, Alfred Pabst, representing the Desert Steiners, as a token of friendship, presented the German chapter with a glass statuette of a saguaro cactus that's indigenous to the Southwest. The gift was warmly accepted by Alte Germanen president (1. Vorsitzender) Eberhard Jursch. At the upcoming Alte Germanen 17 and 18 September meeting (Herbsttreffen) in Bad Schussenried, an official "Partnership Certificate" will be signed by Eberhard Jursch and an attending officer of the Desert Steiners.

It's our hope that this program will further strengthen the good relationships already existing between our members and reinforce the international aspect of Stein Collectors International.

Next Meeting:

Joe Heater will report on the convention.

Ron Heiligenstein will have reports on his Germany trip. Along these lines, Ron will give us an update on our sister chapter, **Alte Germane**. They also get this newsletter now.

Of course, S.C.I. winter visitors are always welcome and you are encouraged to also bring a friend that may have an interest in stein collecting. We'll certainly make them feel welcome! Members coming from Tucson are encouraged to "car pool". It makes the trip go faster. If you are looking for a ride or if you are interested in having someone ride with you, either email or call Don Scheer (520.219.4472) on how to contact fellow members.

There will also be a Show and Tell table and a For Sale table. Please bring items for each. Please mark the price on the For Sale items. For the Show and Tell table bring your first stein, your latest stein, your most beloved stein, the stein your mother gave you, etc. or Character steins.

The 2010 Attendance stein will be given away at this meeting. Only members with up to date dues get a chance to win the attendance stein. I believe the 2011 attendance stein will be available for viewing.

Providing an e-mail address gets you the newsletter quicker and the club saves money.

2010 paid membership: Whittemore, Phipps, McCray, Piet, Stewart, Wessling, Reifenkugel, Scheer(elder), Scheer, Kirsner, Heater, Heiligenstein, Woods, Peters, Iserson, Pabst, Wurst, Montemayor, Bradbury, Riley-Kruppa, Friebus, Sanders

2010 dues are due now and are \$10 per family.

Remember: the SCI website: www.steincollectors.org

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