



The Flyer

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Post President's Message



Kaiserslautern Post Has Busy Year

Throughout this past year the Kaiserslautern Post has completed a variety of great activities and stayed engaged as a positive force in the local community.

Early this spring, the Post supported *Mathcounts* where over 75 students forming 13 teams from 7 different schools participated in the annual competition. The Post also awarded two \$500 scholarships to local high school seniors and sponsored two junior high school students to the summer construction camp at the United States Air Force Academy.

During the summer, among other monthly meetings and presentations, members from the Post went on a tour of the Mercedes Benz museum where they were able to view vintage vehicles, on the showroom floor, under restoration, and behind the scenes in the warehouse. A second highlight of the summer for our Post was a tour of the Kaiserslautern Garden Show, a unique outdoor, and sometimes interactive, display of local flora and includes some history of the local town and dinosaur park. We also received two presentations regarding Kaiserslautern plans to host World Cup Soccer games in 2006 to support an influx of people, traffic and commerce.

The Post is currently preparing for an annual Christmas gathering in early December and is soliciting input for potential activities during the upcoming calendar year.

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SAME Christmas Party



SAME is sponsoring a Christmas Party.

Date: 16 December 2005
Time: 18:00
Location: Meet Stiftsplatz
Program:
18:00-19:15 Kaiserslautern Weihnachtsmarkt (Christmas Market). Enjoy a mug of Glühwein, sponsored by Arcadis Dinner and Christmas party at Weinhaus Stepp Restaurant.
19:15
Gift Exchange (Optional) Please bring a gift of €12/\$15 or less

RSVP by COB 12 December 2005 (including your menu choices for the restaurant) to either

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For the official invitation, directions and restaurant menu please check out the details on the Post WEB site.

SAME TOURS 2005

Kaiserslautern Gartenschau

On 28.July, 8 members of the SAME Kaiserslautern Post toured the Gartenschau in Kaiserslautern. During this guided tour, the history of the world was excellently portrayed. From the "Tunnel of Life" to the dinosaur park, there were many activities for adults and kids alike. The Tunnel showed the history of the local area from prehistoric to modern times in relation to nature and the environment.



As we exited the tunnel, we came across the full size display of Tyrannosaurus Rex. Later, during the walk through the dinosaur park, there were various full-size displays of dinosaurs separated into the eras in which they lived. It is here that we were told that the babbling brook running through the park was actually a tributary of the Lauter River. This river was encased in a long concrete tunnel with a major road being placed on top. There are also many activities that kids could practice their engineering skills as well as learn eye hand coordination.

Finally, there was a hydroponics display in an old warehouse. This showed the various ways plants could be grown without the use of soil.

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Fiscally, the Post is in good shape with an opening balance (beginning 2005) of \$10,083 and a present bottom line of \$8,177. However, we are looking for ideas and some activities to generate additional revenue to continue supporting scholarships and sponsorships for summer camp.

A revised version of the Post constitution providing for post elections/appointments in January has been completed and is located on our web site (<http://www.same-ktown.org>).

If you are interested in holding a post position during 2006, please contact Maj Matt Benivegna the Post Secretary (matthew.benivegna@ramstein.af.mil).

We had a great year during 2005, and with your involvement we can have another banner year.

DAVE C. HOWE, Colonel, USAF
Kaiserslautern Post President

the internal combustion engine based on motorcycle frames and the continued refinement of cars through the years. The tour included various racers from the past and sports cars from the future.

The type of cars that were displayed included the original design of the "Mercedes", so named after the racer's daughter Mercedes. Afterwards, the name became synonymous with Mercedes vehicles. There were also, the cars of Kaiser Wilhelm II and Emperor Hirohito. The "Silver Bullet" was renowned during the 1930s. The museum also had a few copies of the famous "gullwing" 300 SLs.



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Kaiserslautern Gartenschau

Also in this warehouse were various farm implements and machinery. One such device was for weighing cattle before selling them at the market or to the slaughterhouse.

Overall, the trip was a tremendous success and was greatly enjoyed by all participants. The Kaiserslautern post will be doing more such trips in the future so stay tuned.

Visit the Gartenbshau website at <http://www.gartenschau-kl.de>.

Mercedes Museum Stuttgart



On 21 July, 6 members of the SAME Kaiserslautern Post toured the Mercedes Museum in Stuttgart. During the tour, we were shown many automobile designs from the great Daimler-Benz history. Included were the first stages in the development of

After visiting the Mercedes Museum, we were given the opportunity to tour the Classic Car Center. It is in this location that pre-1963 cars are refurbished using Daimler-Benz specialists. The cars that come in are in all ranges of conditions. The specifications of parts for even the oldest cars were preserved during World War 2. Thus, local machinists are contracted to be able to provide the exact replacement part if one has to be remanufactured. In the picture at right, a vehicle that was given to the Franco in the 1930s is being restored for King Juan Carlos of Spain. The refurbishment can be superficial or full blown part by part restoration.

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For more info and pictures at the museum, visit this site http://www.mercedes-benz.com/content/mbcom/international/international_website/en/com/international_home/home/heritage.html.

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SAME Youth Program 2005

Mathcounts

This year's MathCounts Competition took place at the Ramstein Officer's Club on Wednesday, February 23rd, 2005. Our local SAME members provided assistance as scorers to correct papers, and to time the students. MathCounts was a service to keep the competition going among the students vs. a pedagogical solving of problems. Over 80 students from 7 different schools participated in the event, and felt it was a worthwhile competition to be a part of!

8th Grade Career Fair

Our local SAME members provided eager participants the opportunity to interact with young minds looking for a direction in their lives. This career fair was held at the Ramstein Middle School in May. Over 150 8th-grade students visited booths in a wide variety of career fields, and also had the opportunity to listen to different motivational guest speakers. The teachers matched student interest of careers based on a career inventory that 8th graders had recently taken.

Every student was required to go to three booths according to their score and two booths based on their particular interests. We arrived with specific information about the careers and the types of careers that would be available to someone in the civilian world if they had our type of educational background, so that the teachers could match up students with career possibilities. In addition, each student came with a specific list of questions to pose to the booth participants. It was an educational process for both the students and our SAME members who quickly found out what aspects of our jobs most appealed to the students!

College Scholarships

Our post awarded 2 - \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors. The winners, Rachel Van Buren and Jonathan Judge, were announced at their Ramstein High School Senior awards ceremony on Tuesday 7 June. Col Stu Hartford, our co-vice president did the honor of presenting the students with their mock checks. Rachel is a freshman at Virginia Tech, majoring in Engineering, and Jonathan is a freshman at Boston University with a dual major in Mathematics and Computer Science. Students were judged on the following strict criteria: class standing/transcript, extra-curricular activities, letters of recommendation, and a 1 page essay on why they wanted to enter the engineering/mathematics career field. Our post highly values these scholarship opportunities as a way to encourage competition among our best and brightest, and to assist them once they take the plunge into engineering academia.

Construction Camp

Our post was able to send 2 students from Ramstein High School to the USAFA Construction camp. Justin Smith and Paul Braden proudly represented Ramstein during their summer experience. Paul Braden stated, "I enjoyed every aspect of the SAME camp. I learned engineering skills and saw how those principles are applied in the military." Our students were welcomed at USAFA with tours including the research labs, and even NORAD.

The students were also challenged in activities such as temper tent, shed and concrete beam construction, and an engineering reaction course where physical fitness was tested. The "battle of the brawn" was a particular favorite among students - they were assigned to build a wooden bench as quickly as possible, to be sat on by one of the USAFA football players. Much to their dismay, their bench collapsed under the immense weight of the football player! All in all it was a great learning opportunity for our students, and a great recruiting tool for the engineering field and USAFA.

Advertisements

SAME Kaiserslautern Post Coins

SAME Kaiserslautern Post coins are now on sale for **\$6.00**.



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