

TALL CLUB of MILWAUKEE – Summer Calendar, 2009

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Events subject to change; watch our website for updates and additions! You are strongly encouraged to RSVP to each event's contact person. See contact info at bottom of this list. Some events are in Madison and other locales; note the locations carefully.

SAT JUNE 27th – MADISON – RHYTHM AND BOOMS FIREWORKS annual outing. Meet at the Miller/WOLX Greatest Hits Stage on the corner of N. Sherman Avenue and Northport Drive for day-long live bands and the largest fireworks show in the Great Lakes region. Flyovers by F16 fighter jets at conclusion of National Anthem. Parking: best bet is to pay the \$10 fee charged by local churches and residents to park in their lots. Or, park in the Madison Area Tech'l College parking lot for \$4 and ride a shuttle bus to the park (roundtrip) for \$5. Obey all "no parking" signs because they ticket cars like mad that day! Inside the fenced-in stage area where we'll be camped for the day, there will be a steady lineup of bands playing from 2pm to 11:30pm. During the fireworks, the stage will broadcast a medley of music underscoring the show. Afterwards the club will hang around the park until 11:30, enjoying music until the traffic dissipates. The Greatest Hits Stage is located in the Warner Park Soccer Field at the northeast corner of the park (Sherman and Northport), just inside the Sherman Avenue entrance to the park. Gates open at 1pm, entry fee is \$5. Bring IDs with you in order to get a bracelet that allows beer or wine purchases. Also bring along a camp chair or blanket, mosquito repellent, sunscreen and something to provide your own shade as we sit out in the open. Flashlights are helpful. NOTE: carry-ins of alcohol are not allowed in the stage area. Food and coolers of soda and bottled water are okay. Grilled hamburgers, brats and hot dogs are sold by vendors supporting local children's charities. **RSVP:** Please contact Deb for carpooling info/arrangements **by WED the 24th at noon.**

FRI July 3rd – DEADLINE to RSVP for July 4th events in Cedarburg.

SAT JULY 4TH -- CEDARBURG HOMETOWN FOURTH celebration with a parade at 10am, live music all afternoon long and fireworks at dusk. Join Deb for the best small-town Fourth of July celebration in the region! **Parade starts at 10am** and lasts almost two hours. Watch the parade from the air-conditioned comfort of the front window of the Cedarburg Coffee Roastery. **Then we'll walk two blocks to Cedar Creek Park** where a drum and bugle corps puts on a show and where there is **live music all afternoon long, plus food and beverage vendors.** Fireworks display in that same park starts at dusk; we'll sit so close you almost have to lie flat on a blanket for the best viewing! **For parade-lovers: meet Deb at the Cedarburg Coffee Roastery at 9am** on Washington Avenue between Center Street and Turner Street. Parking available along Hanover Avenue or in lots along Mill Street east of Washington Avenue. Bring lawn chair or blankets (and flashlight if staying for the fireworks.) Bring picnic items or purchase food from the vendors in the park. If you want to join up later in the day, call Deb's cell phone anytime from noon to 4pm or after 6pm. But do **RSVP to Deb by FRI the 3rd.**

FRI JULY 10th – RSVP DEADLINE at NOON for the Art Fair on the Square Outing. Contact Deb.

SUN July 12th – MADISON – ART FAIR ON THE SQUARE. This is one of the best and largest juried art, sculpture, pottery, photography and jewelry fairs in the country. Vendors are arranged around the Capitol Square and include food and beverage sellers. BONUS: Art Fair Off the Square is located on a side street adjacent; many craftspeople exhibit a wide variety of hand-made wares. **Meet in front of the Wisc Veterans Museum, 30 W. Mifflin promptly at 1pm.** Parking garage located right behind the museum. Contact Deb about carpooling arrangements no later than a week prior, please. **Dinner at 5pm at Himal Chuli Nepalese restaurant** on State Street across from the Overture Center, only 2 blocks from the Capitol. Outside seating available. Their fabulous chicken, lamb, beef or vegetarian dishes are a cross between Indian and Asian cuisine. Remarkably good flavors and not "hot" spicy, but simply savory. Contact Deb for carpool info and to RSVP by Fri the 10th please.

THURS July 16th – SWIM and see the WATER SKI SHOW, Pewaukee, meet around 5pm. Join Dave for a swim in Pewaukee Lake at the beach in downtown Pewaukee on Wisconsin Avenue (the main drag thru town.) **“Junior” WATER SKI SHOW at 5:30, regular WATER SKI SHOW at 6:45 in Lakefront Park,** just north of the beach. Call Dave to RSVP and meet up with him; also to coordinate “snackage” for the show.

THURS July 16th – DEADLINE 9pm to RSVP for the Hartford Balloon Rally on the 18th. Itinerary for the day will be decided by the participants.

SAT July 18th – HARTFORD Chamber of Commerce Annual BALLOON RALLY. *Free* parking and admission. Events start at noon at the Hartford Airport, 4200 County Highway U. Weather-permitting, there will be a lift-off 1 ½ hours before sunset. They also plan to have a night glow, where balloons are tethered to the ground but fire up their burners for a beautiful light show. Food will be available for purchase. Directions: Take I-45 north from Milw, stay to the left (follow signs to Fond du Lac) when freeway splits just north of Menomonee Falls. Exit at Highway 60 and turn west at end of exit ramp. Proceed west on 60 approx 8 miles to downtown Hartford and turn RIGHT/north onto N. Main Street (also called Hwy 83.) Go one block past the railroad tracks and turn LEFT onto W. State Street (also labeled Hwy N). Proceed northwest about ¾ mile and turn RIGHT/north onto Airport Drive for one mile. **TIMETABLE AND CARPOOLS PENDING.** Contact Deb to RSVP by Thurs night the 16th. Other great venues nearby:

- Washington County Golf Course
- Holy Hill Shrine
- Wisconsin Automotive Museum
- The Mineshaft, Wisconsin’s largest bar and restaurant with one floor dedicated to adult-friendly pinball and video games
- Pike Lake State Park. **(Is anyone interested in meeting for a lakeside picnic at the park?)** Park has a small beach and access to the water, pavilions for picnicking, many shade trees, and restrooms with flush toilets at the beach. Also near the picnic area: a wheelchair accessible nature trail along the water. Direction: Follow signs from Highway 60 just west of Slinger. From Hwy 60, turn left onto Kettle Moraine Drive. Proceed approx one-half mile south (a hilly road) and watch for the road to the beach and picnic area on your right. There is a ranger station there where you can buy a daily sticker (\$5) or get your state park sticker good for the whole year. (If the ranger station is unmanned, just drive in.)

THURS JULY 23rd – RSVP DEADLINE – Contact Deb if you are thinking about attending the upcoming weekend’s activities.

SAT JULY 25th – GERMAN FEST in Milwaukee – The Milwaukee DANK CHOR (German clubs choir) will be performing on the MILLER STAGE from 8-9pm. Our tall member Clara is part of this group. *We have no official host for this day; let Deb know if you plan to attend on SAT and would be willing to hook up with tall friends.*

SAT JULY 25th – DODGEVILLE BLUES FEST – The Milwaukee and Madison tallies have made this an annual event: spend a fabulously relaxing day listening to five bands playing from 1pm to 10:30pm in downtown Dodgeville. If we get there early enough in the day, our group will be able to find some shade under an overhang. Or, bring your umbrellas with your camp chairs if you need shade. Food booths available near the stage or at various cafés just a block or two from the venue. Downtown Dodgeville has quaint shops that are fun to explore. RSVP to Deb about carpooling no later than THURS the 23rd please. Carpool departure time is pending.

SUN JULY 26TH – GERMAN FEST IN MILWAUKEE – The church service (Roman Catholic mass this year) starts at 10:30am at the Marcus Amphitheatre on the southern tip of the summerfest grounds. All attendees get into German Fest for the day for FREE!!! RSVP to Deb no later than THURS the 23rd please, if you are thinking

about attending. Street parking is free on that side of the grounds, but be careful about “no parking” signs. *We need a host for this event.*

WEEKEND OF JULY 31 – AUG 2ND – DOOR COUNTY TRIP – a house available for our use on the northern tip of the peninsula comes our way compliments of Donna from the Mad-Town Talls club. Location is a log home 2 miles from Gill’s Rock on the water, with water access down a staircase (30 feet down) on a bluff. Reserve your sleeping space with Pat from Madison. **Space available on a first come first RSVP’d basis.** Everyone needs to provide their own food and beverages; full kitchen is available. Bring your own towels and bed linens or sleeping bags. Sightseeing side trips will include Washington Island and whatever anyone wants to see while there. The area features lighthouses, county and state parks, wineries, specialty shops, performing arts organizations, farmer’s markets and fabulous restaurants and watering holes. Pat from Madison will be the point-person for the planning. RSVP to her ASAP to reserve your spot for this outing!

WEEKEND OF JULY 31 – AUG 2ND – ROCHESTER NY WEEKEND – *A Weekend about Nothing – A Seinfeld Tribute weekend.* See more info and flyer at www.tciweekends.com.

FRI AUG 7TH – MILWAUKEE MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL— TGI FRIDAY’S happy hour and dinner. Restaurant offers half price drinks and appetizers from 4-7pm. Margaritas for \$3! Suggested location: the TGIF on S. 76th Street between 894 and Layton Ave. Kris will be our host. Please RSVP to her no later than **noon that day** by calling her.

WEEKEND OF AUG 14-17 – Sacramento Calif – Houseboat Cruisin’ Weekend – www.tciweekends.com.

SUN AUG 16TH – MILWAUKEE IRISH FEST on the summerfest grounds. Tim from the Madison club will be competing in the tug o’ war competition that day. Mad-Town talls will be coming into town for the day. *WE NEED A MILWAUKEE HOST FOR THIS EVENT.*

THURS AUG 20TH – CONCORD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA outdoor concert at Boerner Botanical Gardens, 6:30pm. Come and see Dave R, the world’s tallest violinist, play along with the CCO as they reprise their greatest hits from the last season. Contact Deb about carpooling. Event is free! (Admission to the gardens is free after 6pm that day.)

SAT AUG 22ND – MONTICELLO – Tim and Wanda’s ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC for all their friends including tall club members. Partying starts at 4pm, potluck dinner around 6pm. Wanda’s famous sloppy joe sandwiches will be the main course. Everyone should bring a dish to pass, soda and beer provided but beverages are also welcome. Also bring a lawn chair. Packers play that night at 7; see the game on their big screen TV. Bonfire that night, weather permitting. Address: W3131 County Road EE, Monticello. Contact Deb about carpooling no later than Thurs night the 20th please.

FRI, SAT, SUN – AUG 28-30 – TALL CLUB OF MILW WISCONSIN GETAWAY: Balloons, Paddling, Camping and Cabins weekend, twenty miles north of the Dells! See link to the flyer:

FRI SEPT 4TH – RSVP DEADLINE for the Sept 6th reenactment activities.

REMINDER: pre-purchase your ticket for the **boat ride and brewery tour** on the 12th!

SAT SEPT 5TH – TASTE OF MADISON, meet at 2pm. Wander around the Capitol Square sampling tidbits and food from local restaurants. Listen to bands along the way at each corner of the square. Meet up in front of the Wisc Veterans Museum at 30 W. Mifflin Street promptly at 2pm. There is a parking garage behind that building.

SUN SEPT 6th – SAUKVILLE – REVOLUTIONARY WAR encampment and reenactment at PIONEER VILLAGE, 1pm and SUPPER AT WAYNE’S DRIVE-IN. Pioneer Village is a living history museum and park located just north of Saukville at 4880 Highway I (as in the letter “i”). The village contains 20 restored and authentically furnished houses, barns and outbuildings. Members of the Northwest Territorial Alliance (including Deb’s daughter) and other reenacting groups will do demonstrations of how people lived and fought during the colonial period. See and hear cannons and other artillery from the period. Watch the parade of colors where spectators see both the colonial forces and the British army parading for inspection. Hot sandwiches and food and beverages are sold indoors on site. Plenty of free parking. Admission is \$8-10 for adults and \$6-8 for youth and seniors. Directions: Take I-41 north from Milw and exit at Highway 33. West/left onto Hwy 33 at end of exit ramp; proceed approx 3 miles. Turn right onto County Highway I (as in the letter “i”) and go north approx 4 miles. Pioneer Village is just north of the Hawthorne Hills Golf Course on that same side of the highway.

DINNER AT WAYNE’S DRIVE-IN, Grafton, approx 5pm. Wayne’s is an authentic 1950s style drive-in with fabulous burgers, brats, fish sandwiches, real-potato fries, root beer floats and ice cream cones. Wayne’s has indoor (air conditioned) and outdoor (breeze conditioned) seating. Located at the Five Corners intersection where Highway 60 meets Washington Ave/Hwy NN west of Grafton. Directions: take Highway I south from Pioneer Village for approx 8 miles to Hwy 60. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 60 and at the first stoplight, turn north onto either Covered Bridge Road or Hwy NN. Five Corners Dodge will be on your left at that stoplight. After you turn north you’ll see the drive-in, a round white building in the middle of a huge parking lot, located in the V made by the roads Covered Bridge Road and Wash Ave/NN. Visit the famous **CEDARBURG COVERED BRIDGE PARK** before you go home. Covered Bridge park is just north of Wayne’s. Exit the parking lot on the east side of Wayne’s and turn left onto Covered Bridge Road. Proceed approx 1 mile and you’ll see one of the last remaining covered bridges in Wisc and the park on your right. RSVP to Deb by NOON ON THURS the 3rd. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to use on the hill overlooking the battlefield and weapons demonstration.

SAT SEPT 12TH – Milwaukee Membership Social: BREWERY BOAT TOUR on the Milwaukee River. Guided brewery tour and beer tasting starts at **1pm promptly at Milwaukee Ale House, 233 N. Water Street.** Boat departs at 2 and will return at 5. Trip includes tastings at three breweries and a boat ride on the river in between each stop. **Other stops will be Lakefront Brewery and Rock Bottom Brewery.** Tickets (\$28) must be purchased in advance. Milw Ale House is located in the Third Ward, just south of the Milwaukee Public Market on Water Street between E. Buffalo and E. Chicago Street. There is a parking structure just around the corner from the brewery; structure is at 225 E. Chicago. Call the boat company (Mondo Brothers) at 414.283.9999 for reserved tickets. Pre-purchased tickets are required. No refunds. Call Deb if you have any questions, and please RSVP so we know to look for you.

WEEKEND OF SEPT 11-13TH – Kansas City Weekend – Blues, Jazz & BBQ – www.tciweekends.com

SUN SEPT 27th – OKTOBERFEST at the BAVARIAN INN PARK, Milwaukee. Time TBA. Mad-Town Talls will be joining us for this annual event.

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