

Terre Haute German Oberlander Club



July 2025

From the President!

Hello Oberlanders, and welcome to July! It's a beautiful month to enjoy the summer. With warm weather and sunshine, enjoy our culture and community! Whether you're near water, spending a day swimming and sunbathing, or if you have a garden, spending time planting flowers or growing vegetables, it's rewarding and relaxing. Visit an outdoor cafe or restaurant and enjoy an evening meal with friends.

For those of you that didn't make it to the June Membership meeting, we discussed some upcoming activities that may interest you. On July 25th *German Fest Milwaukee* begins. This fest lasts from Friday to Sunday and hosts a variety of German and German American bands. It's a great festival with lots to do and see. And plenty of German food and beer.

So, what's the story with our fall Oktoberfest? If you attended the membership meeting on May 28th, you'll recall members present agreed we should host an Oktoberfest at the Club on Saturday, September 13th. The board discussed this plan at its meeting on June 5th. During that discussion, it was suggested that a final decision be delayed until we could confirm whether any other major events were scheduled for that day — concerns about competition for attendees and resources.

Ron Hinsenkamp researched and compiled a list of September 13th events and presented the list at the membership meeting on June 25th. The list included eight local happenings—such as the Big Fun Cruise-In Car Show, the Annual Cruise-In for Kids Car & Bike Show, Mansfield Beans & Cornbread Festival, Terre Haute Pride Festival, and Balloon Fest 2025. Most of these events feature vendors, food, and live music—and one even plans to include a biergarten. After reviewing and discussing the crowded event calendar, members at the meeting agreed that hosting our Oktoberfest on September 13th would not work. The target date was then shifted to Saturday, October 4th.

Once again, we researched community events scheduled for the new date. At the board's July 10th meeting, Ron reported that the only event currently planned for October 4th that he could find is the Fall Festival at the

Mark Your Calendar

July

Fri, 04 – Independence Day
Thu, 10 – Board of Director's Meeting, 6:00 PM
Thu, 17 – Bowling, Vigo Bowl, 6:00 PM
Wed, 23 – Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM
Thu, 31 – Jasper Strassenfest

NO MEMBERSHIP DINNER IN JULY

AUGUST

Fri to Sun, 01-03 Jasper Strassenfest
Thu, 07 – Board of Director's Meeting, 6:00 PM
Sat, 09 – Annual Picnic, 5:00 PM (See enclosed flyer.)
Thu, 21 – Bowling, Vigo Bowl, 6:00 PM
Wed, 27 – Membership Meeting, 6:00 PM



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Vigo County Conservation Club, which includes a chili cookoff. With October 4th looking promising, he reached out to the Streamliners Band to check their availability. Unfortunately, the only date the band is available in October is the 11th — which won't work for us, as the Club is already booked for a wedding and reception that day. Trying to find another band at this late was discussed. However, after much discussion and deliberation, the assembled board members made the difficult decision that the Club will not host an Oktoberfest this year. With limited time to secure entertainment, recruit volunteers, and effectively promote the event, it really isn't feasible to organize a successful fest on this short notice.

The good news is that Strassenfest and Oktoberfest planning will be the central focus of our 2026 strategy. As part of that process, the board will propose dates for these festivals, along with other key events for 2026. All of this information will be shared with everyone at our Annual Membership Meeting on December 17th.

We are hoping to have an Oktoberfest Dinner in October like the one we had last year. More information about this dinner will be included in the next newsletter.

Tom Nascimbene, President



Danke!

Thank you to Kara Cress, Rosey Weber and Spring Wilson for hosting *Crafts & Cocktails* on Friday, 06/27/25. Everyone who attended this event had lots of fun honing their artistic skills. In addition, the food and refreshments were great. Because of Rosey's donation of all the food and clay pots, and Kara's donation of the art supplies, the Club netted almost \$400.00 from this event.

Thanks also to Ray Weber who spent several hours trimming trees, cutting down trees, and cleaning up limbs and debris at the Club.

Join Us for a Colts & Packers Joint Practice Trip

The Club is organizing a summer outing to watch the *Indianapolis Colts and Green Bay Packers joint practice* at Grand Park in Westfield, IN, on Wednesday, August 14th, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

🎫 Tickets: \$10 per person

🚗 Parking: \$5 in advance or \$10 on the day of practice

🚗 Transportation: We'll likely carpool from Club — more details to come once we have a headcount.

And here's a fun twist: if there's enough interest, we'll try to make dinner reservations after the practice for some *gemütlichkeit!*

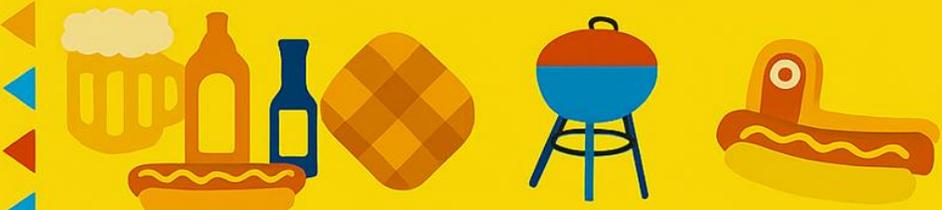
If you're interested in this outing, please contact either Rosey (812-236-2326) or Ray Weber (812-239-0337) no later than July 25th so we can coordinate tickets, rides, and dinner plans. [Click here](#) for more information about Colts training camp or to buy your tickets for the joint practice now.

Membership Meetings

Based on feedback we received after the last couple of membership meetings, we're implementing some changes this month that should help us stay on topic and be more mindful of everyone's time.

The next membership meeting will be on Wednesday, 07/23. Happy hour will begin at 5:15 PM and the meeting will start promptly at 6:00 PM.





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ANNUAL PICNIC

 Saturday, August 9, 2025

 Starts at 5:00 PM

 At the pavilion (we'll move to the clubhouse if it rains)

It's picnic time!

The Club will provide the brats, hot dogs, and condiments -- just bring yourself and a dish to share if you can -- or just chip in \$5 per pers.

What to Bring:	Activities Include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A - G: Side Dish• H - O: Salad• P - Z: Dessert	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cornhole• Bingo• Mini-Biergarten

Bring your lawn chairs and sunscreen - we're planning for sunshine and good times!

RSVP by Wednesday, August 7

Contact Spring Wilson at (812) 201-4568

Let us you know you're coming so we can plan for enough meat, buns, etc.