



May 22 – 25 >Event 2008< & 2nd Grand European in Speyer/Germany

Dear Cadillac & LaSalle-Club Members,

on behalf of all members of the Classic Cadillac Club, Deutschland e.V., we invite you to our 2008 meeting and encourage you to come and discover Germany's southwest with us. The CCCD is very proud to host the 2nd Grand European together with the Annual meeting >Event 2008<! We look forward to planning and preparing for an unforgettable weekend in the Palatinate region with gatherings, cruisings and Cadillacs from all over Europe! With the help and support of Dirk van Dorst, Director of European Affiliates, we hope to make the 2008 "Corpus Christi" weekend an outstanding memory.

Wilhelm Doering

Sigrid Hofmann



Altpoertel with pedestrian zone, east side

Speyer

The city of Speyer, located on the west banks of the Rhine River just south of Mannheim in the State of Rhineland-Palatinate, reflects more than 2000 years of history.



Altpoertel Tower & Gate, west side

The city silhouette is dominated by the gothic cathedral with its foundations constructed a millennium ago.



Cathedral

Roman traces are documented and the city's rich history is displayed at the town museum and state museum.



Maximilianstrasse w/Cathedral in back



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Speyer offers plentiful culinary experiences, from local palatinate specialties, French traditional cuisine to Italian style bustling street cafés framed by a nicely restored medieval architecture.



Maximilianstrasse

Our host hotel

The CCCD has blocked rooms in the “Hotel am Technik Museum” on the Museum’s grounds. The hotel offers newly decorated rooms in contemporary style, the special “Cadillac Club” rate includes breakfast buffet and free parking. Single rooms are 50 Euros/night, Double rooms are 75 Euros/night, please mention “Cadillac Club” when making your reservation. Handicapped accessible rooms, Trailer parking and RV-spots available. The Cathedral and old city are 5 walking minutes away. Those wishing to stay more upscale or in a historic hotel may contact Tourist Service or us for a list of accommodations. Speyer also has a youth hostel and a number of campgrounds.



New Arrival 2002, now on the rooftop



Jumbo Tailfin in Sinsheim

The Technik Museum

One of the most unique museums in Europe – displaying the history of transportation on land and water, by rail and through the air. From the humble beginnings of pushcarts and bicycles to the record-breaking “Blue Flame”, from the basket of an hot air balloon to 2 Supersonic passenger aircraft, from the first combustion-engine powered Maybach boat to U-9 Submarine, from a draisine to a highspeed steam engine almost everything can be admired.



Dragonflies Showcar



Concorde & Tupolev



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Tupolev Tail

The museum has two locations, one in Speyer, between the river and the cathedral, and the other one 30 miles east in Sinsheim.



This will give us the opportunity to drive there, display the Cadillacs and have a look at their artefacts while the Sinsheim visitors look at our cars. Both museums feature an IMAX movie theatre, the Sinsheim IMAX is 3-D while the Speyer screen is dome-shaped. The Speyer location was the former French military Headquarters, most of the buildings have been restored and adapted for museum needs.



Cars, Planes & Music

The "Wilhelmsbau" displays musical instruments, 19th & 20th century clothing and life, and the renovation history of the buildings. A hall for boats and the model builder's house complete the complex. Outdoors, the Boeing 747-200 "Yankee Mike" from Lufthansa towers historic "Lille Hall", the Antonov AN-22 cargoliner is nearby and a Blue Angels Aircraft

is also on display and from the "other side" a Russian government aircraft used by Chrushtchov carrying a ZIL automobile.



JU-52

Rail transportation is documented with a Swiss alp snowplow and a steam locomotive from China. There is so much more to see and discover in both locations, please check their website for more details.



Bugatti

Program Preview

Thursday, May 22 (Germany Holiday Corpus Christi)

Arrival of the teams and guests on the Museum grounds, welcome desk at the Hotel. We hope to have all 2008 Cadillac production models for Europe on display. The welcome reception will be held in the Antonov's cargo bay by late afternoon, followed by a guided tour through the museum and a movie at the IMAX theatre. Dinner will be in the Hotel's Maybach room with some tire kicking afterwards.



Saoutchik Mercedes

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Friday, May 23

After an opulent breakfast, we'll start a tour into the Palatinate rural landscape – the region west of Speyer towards France / Alsace Lorraine – and drive by forests and castle ruins. Wine making is big in Palatinate, the kind of grapes and taste are worldwide recognized so we might be stopping somewhere along the way for a hearty lunch and return in the late afternoon. The evening will be reserved for a 3-hour dinner cruise aboard the "MS SeaLife" riverboat. Bus shuttle service will be provided from/to the Hotel.

Saturday, May 24

It's off to Sinsheim! All Cadillacs will convoy on sideroads, cross the Rhine River and drive into Baden-Wuerttemberg, pass Hockenheim race track and reach the Technik-Museum's 2nd location, where the Cadillacs will be displayed in the yard.



'59 Biarritz

A guided tour to the Museum highlights will be followed by lunch in Tupolev Hall and an IMAX movie. Coffee and cake will be served on the patio. The return to the Hotel will be at everyone's disposition – you may wish to stay a little longer and take the "Autobahn" back to Speyer.

A traditional dinner with good local dishes and entertainment in the "Pfaelzer Weindorf" restaurant will fill the evening and cast some memories – you might get to try "Saumagen", former Chancellor Helmut Kohl's favorite food.



Nesthaekchen WWII Plane

Sunday, May 25

CCCD Member assembly at 10 am with board elections, please allow for about 90 minutes. Guests and non-members are welcome to attend. At 11 am, we'll start a Cadillac Parade on the Museum's grounds and the adjacent streets, each team will be greeted, the cars portrayed and they will be thanked for their presence. For those leaving, it's "Farewell & Goodbye", all others can enjoy the day in the Museum or the city.



1-Wheel Motorcycle



Maybach Workhorse



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Fokker Dr-1 in Lille Hall