

Dear Alpenfest sponsor

This years 45<sup>th</sup> Alpenfest will prove to be bigger and better, with our theme of **“45<sup>th</sup> on the 45<sup>th</sup>”**. With 45 years of experience, and our great location on the 45<sup>th</sup> parallel, this year’s festival will be fun for our community and our visitors.

This year’s celebration will be held July 14<sup>th</sup> thru July 18<sup>th</sup> in downtown Gaylord. From our opening day with the Alpenfest honors luncheon, opening ceremonies and the queens pageant, the worlds largest coffee break, and The Young Americans concert, our 2009 schedule is packed with fun for the entire family.

Our Alpenstage will be incredible with outstanding entertainment every evening. In addition your Alpenfest will highlight many local musicians on the pavilion stage. We kick off Wednesday night with the return of the fabulous and Zany **“New Odyssey”**...three extremely talented musicians playing thirty instruments. Thursday evening features rising country star **Anita Cochran and Kentucky Strait Band**. Anita Cochran launches her new album in 2009 and will bring a high-powered show to Alpenfest.

A special musical night for the entire family highlights Fridays Alpenstage, beginning with the **Saline Fiddlers**, a polished stage show full of energy, followed by Northern Michigan’s favorites **“The Pub Runners”** featuring Jerry Belanger and Doug Berkshire, singing all of your Irish favorites, and then the **Irish Dance Company** of Lansing kicks up their heels to close out the night. We close the 45<sup>th</sup> Alpenfest with **“The Kentucky Headhunters”** on Saturday Night, with their heavy metal influence to country music.

Alpenfest started as a celebration for Gaylord and Otsego County residents, and we welcome visitors to join in the fun. Your Alpenfest celebration is based on support of businesses and individuals in our community. Sponsors of events during Alpenfest will be highlighted before, during, and after Alpenfest. Sponsorships will also appear on our new website.

We, as a committee, ask for your continued support of the 45<sup>th</sup> Alpenfest. If you would like to make a donation, please send your check to: Alpenfest, PO Box 513, Gaylord, Michigan 49734. Or better yet, stop by the chamber office, and we’ll have a cup of coffee ready for you. You are what allows us to make Alpenfest happen. We welcome and appreciate your donation.

Thanks for your continued support.

Bill Wishart  
2009 Alpenfest President