



Impressions

FROM THE VISIT
OF THE HOCKENHEIM DELEGATION IN
THE SISTER CITY MOORESVILLE/NORTH CAROLINA
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

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THE TOWN TWINNING

The city of Mooresville is located in the state of North Carolina in the USA. Since June 7th, 2002, there has been an official town twinning with Hockenheim.

At that time, Hockenheim's retired Mayor Gustav Schrank and Mooresville Mayor Al Jones exchanged the partnership certificate in the citizens' hall of the Hockenheim town hall. With the certificate, both cities, known for motorsport, affirm their friendly connection.

The partnership involves municipal-political and cultural exchange. The encounter of students and young people is of particular importance. The first student exchange between Mooresville High School and the Carl-Friedrich-Gauß-Gymnasium took place in 2004.

Through the town twinning with Mooresville, Hockenheim is part of the so-called Sister Cities International. This is a non-profit network. The association promotes citizen understanding between American and foreign municipalities.



A close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. The flag is draped and occupies the left side of the page, with the stars in the upper left and the stripes extending downwards and to the right.

REASON FOR THE VISIT FROM MOORESVILLE

On the occasion of the Hockenheim city anniversary, the three partner cities of Hockenheim were invited to the 1.250th-anniversary celebrations in June 2019. These were the French Commercy, the German Hohenstein-Ernstthal, and the American Mooresville. Representatives from all three cities came and celebrated with Hockenheim.

In 2022, a return invitation came from Mooresville to Hockenheim to celebrate their 150th city anniversary with them in 2023.

The invitation was gladly accepted, and Mayor Thomas Jakob-Lichtenberg then initiated the first organizational steps. Gradually, a plan was formed on how and with whom to plan this trip to realize the visit to Mooresville from October 1st to 8th, 2023.

Beforehand, there were several preliminary meetings with the participants to exchange information and be prepared for all eventualities.



THE HOCKENHEIM DELEGATION

Under the leadership of Hockenheim's Mayor Thomas Jakob-Lichtenberg and his wife Brigitte Völker, the travel group consisted of a representative from each faction represented in the municipal council.

For the CDU, City Councilor Patrick Stypa, accompanied by his sister Sabine Wesche; for the Free Voters, City Councilor Jochen Vetter; for Alliance '90/The Greens, City Councilor Larissa Rotter; for the SPD, City Councilor Marina Nottbohm, accompanied by her husband Klaus Nottbohm; and for the FDP, City Councilor Frank Köcher-Hohn with his son Paul.

A school and cultural delegation was also essential. It consisted of Principal Anja Kaiser and teacher Elke Schinko from the Carl-Friedrich-Gauß-Gymnasium. Representing the Hockenheim Art Association, Christian Kramberg traveled with his wife Dagmar Kramberg. Furthermore, Norbert and Christine Langer, who had hosted a guest from Mooresville at the Hockenheim city anniversary in 2019, were part of the group.

Thus, a total of 16 people visited Mooresville as the Hockenheim delegation.

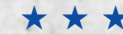


TRAVEL PLANNING AND PROGRAM

The Hockenheim delegation met early on Sunday morning at 6:00 am at the Hockenheim Town Hall to take a bus together to Frankfurt Airport. The flight route began in Frankfurt, went via Munich to Charlotte/NC, where the delegation was received by Serena, Rupa, and Murdoch.

From the airport, they continued by bus to Mooresville. There, the hosts were waiting for their Hockenheim guests. After a hearty welcome, there was a joint dinner at the „Barcelona“ restaurant. The evening concluded with plenty of soft drinks and good food, and everyone then went with their hosts to their respective accommodations for the week.

The next morning, the well-planned program for the coming week began, which had already been communicated to the delegation in advance. The program for the next five days was organized by the Sister City Committee under the leadership of Marian Lytle.



Draft Schedule August 3, 2023

October 1-7, 2023

Mooreville Southern Inland Sister City Delegate Visit

Day/Date/Time	Event	Action	Address	Sponsor	Suggested Dress Code	Sponsor Color Key
Sun 10/1	Land CLT	Meet Bus	Ground Pick Up	TOM	Casual	Town Sponsored Event
4:30 PM	Arrive	Eat and meet Hosts	Barcelona 500 S Main St, 28115	MFB		Corporate
7:30 PM						Potential future school exchange
Mon 10/2						
8:45 AM	Tour Langtree Charter	Optional Activity for delegates	304 South Main Mooreville 28115 Langtree 185 W Waterllyn Rd Mooreville 28117	Morrison/ Cedeno		
						Town Sponsored Event
						Town Sponsored Event
Time with Hosts						
3:00-5:00	Welcome Reception	Meet Elected Leaders and honorary deves	MART Depot 103 West Center Avenue 28115	TOM	Business Casual	Town Sponsored Event
6:00 PM	TOM Board Meeting	Official Proclamation with Mayoral Speeches	Town Hall 413 North Main Street 28115			Community Sponsored
7:00 PM	Lake Norman Philharmonic Practice	Optional Delegates and Hosts	Langtree Charter Academy Upper 185 W Waterllyn Rd 28117	Ed Cedeno and Lake Norman Philharmonic	Casual	Potential future school exchange
Tues 10/3						
8:45 AM	Meet at MFL for Tour MHS	Optional Activity for delegates	MFL 304 South Main, MHS 659 East Center Ave 28115	Morrison/Cedeno		
						Official Town Sponsored event
						Town Sponsored Event
						Town Sponsored Event
Down time with Hosts						
3:30-4:00 PM	Immersion Experience	Private Tour for Delegates and Hosts	CMCC 215 N Main St, 28115 Beer Garden	150 Mooreville	Business Casual	Town Sponsored Event
4:00-5:00 PM	Official Judges	Invitation only	CMCC	150 Mooreville		Town Sponsored Event
6:30 PM	Band	Diamond Rio	Liberty Park	150 Mooreville		Town Sponsored Event
7:30 PM						Town Sponsored Event
Wed 10/4						
8:35 AM	Tour Business	Drop off	Library 304 South Main Street 28115	TOM		Corporate
9:00 AM	Wreing Hold-Over USA		124 Crosslake Park Dr, 28117	TOM		Corporate
10:00 AM	Debatech		130 Infield Court 28117	TOM		Corporate
11:00 AM	Nascar Tech		220 Byers Creek Rd 28117	TOM		Corporate
12:00 PM	Tour and Lunch Pined NC		2456 Charlotte Highway, 28117	Food NC		Community Sponsored

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2:00 PM	Pick up								
Time with Hosts									
Thurs 10/5			Library 304 South Main Street 28115						
9:00 AM	Tour Downtown and Facilities								
12:00 PM	Lunch	Drop off	Library 304 South Main Street 28115						
1:00 PM	Pick up								
Time with Hosts									
6:00 PM	Ranquet	Delegates, Elected Officials and Hosts	Library 304 South Main Street 28115	CMCC	TDM	Casual			Town Sponsored Event
Friday 10/6									
Time with Hosts									
5:00 PM	Tailgate	Meal for delegates and families	Willow Valley Park 484 E McMillan Ave, 28115						
6:00 PM	MHS	Hawkeyesing	Mooreville High Coach Joe Papp Stadium 100 S Magnolia St, 28115	Wreing Hold-Over USA		Business Casual			Corporate
6:00-9:00 PM	Unkarred and Artis	Street Festival with art and wine	Downtown						
8:30 PM	Band								
Saturday 10/7									
3:00 PM	Depart for CLT		202 Main Street 28115						
			Library 304 South Main Street 28115						



MOORESVILLE AND LAKE NORMAN

Mooreville itself is a small town in the USA, located in Iredell County, North Carolina, with a current population of about 52,000 people and an area of about 38 km². The town is situated on the northeastern shore of Lake Norman, approximately 40 kilometers north of Charlotte.

In the mid-18th century, predominantly British, Irish, and German settlers moved here and began planting cotton. In 1856, the place was developed by the railway. In 1873, the small town was founded on the initiative of farmer John Franklin Moore, and it has borne his name ever since.

Lake Norman was created between 1959 and 1964 during the construction of the Cowans Ford Dam by the energy supplier Duke Power and is the largest man-made lake in the state of North Carolina. The coastline is 867 km long, and the surface area is over 80 km².

This lake provides electricity to the Piedmont region of both the Carolina states, North and South Carolina. The hydroelectric power plants and pumping stations at Cowans Ford supply cooling water to the Marshall Steam Station and McGuire Nuclear Station to cool the turbines. It also supplies drinking water to Lincoln County, Mooreville, Charlotte, and other communities in Mecklenburg County.

Together with the state of North Carolina, Duke Power established the Lake Norman State Park on the shores of the lake. In addition, two fishing areas and eight boat docks were built along the shore of the lake. Popular fish species for angling in the lake are mainly catfish and perch-like fish.

The lake is of great economic importance to the region. Many communities around the lake have built holiday resorts and residential complexes on the shore, attracting many people and offering countless types of water sports.









DAILY MEETING POINT

The starting point for the daily programs was the city library. In its parking lot, a special symbol of the connection with Hockenheim can be found.

A beautifully looking flower tower, along with an explanatory plaque, indicates the friendship and town twinning between Mooresville and Hockenheim, which is now over twenty years old.





The Hockenheim Delegation from left: Brigitte Völker, Thomas Jakob-Lichtenberg, Frank Köcher-Hohn, Larissa Rotter, Elke Schinko, Klaus Nottbohm, Paul Hohn, Christine Langer, Norbert Langer, Christian Kramberg, Dagmar Kramberg, Sabine Wesche, Patrick Stypa, Marina Nottbohm, Jochen Vetter, Anja Kaiser

SMALL CITY PARK

Located on the main street of Mooresville, opposite the art gallery, with an information board about the namesake of the city.

The park is beautifully planted and suitably arranged with autumnal pumpkin decorations.



SCHOOL VISIT NO. 1

The administration of Langtree Charter Upper School welcomed the Hockenheim delegation and showed them around the school.

Mayor Thomas Jakob-Lichtenberg, Principal Anja Kaiser from the Carl-Friedrich-Gauß-Gymnasium and department head Elke Schinko held discussions about a future student exchange program.





FIRST OFFICIAL RECEPTION

The first official reception by Mayor Miles Atkins took place in the M'Art Depot art gallery, where Mayor Thomas Jakob-Lichtenberg, along with city councilors and the chairman of the art association, Christian Kramberg, presented a painting by a Hockenheim artist as a guest gift.



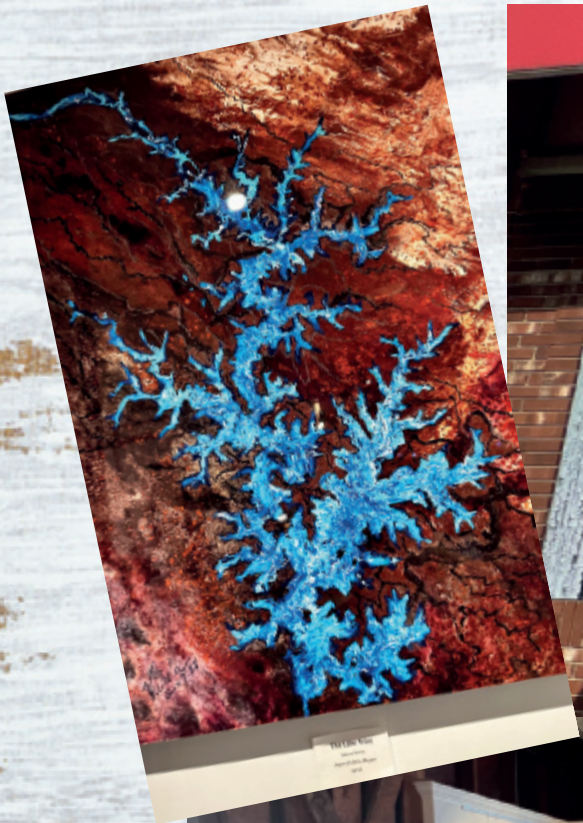


HOCKENHEIM ART

The Hockenheim artist Nina Kruser created the painting featuring motifs from Hockenheim, such as the water tower, the Hockenheimring, and the typically German white asparagus.

In the luggage of the art association chairman Christian Kramberg were additional paintings by Hockenheim artists, which will now enrich the great art exhibition in Mooresville in the near future.





The Blue Line
 Mooreville
 1894-1904



D.E. Turner & Co. circa 1894
 This building standing today at 111
 W. 3rd St. is probably the oldest standing
 commercial structure in town.
 Originally Turner & Co. had their
 building on Market Street.
 The W. 3rd St. building was the
 building for about 100 years until it
 was torn in 1964.
 Photographers are David Kilgus and
 McVee Smith and Cora Carter
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The Mooreville Museum
 The former home of Charles Mack
 and Mary Mackintosh at 112 East
 Center Street is now the location
 of The Mooreville Museum.
 The building was donated to the
 Town of Mooreville by John and
 Cheryl Mack in 2003. The Mack
 family owned the house here as
 their family summer home. In 1917
 they had given their business to
 their Mooreville development
 son-in-law at 138 Main St.

D.E. Turner & Co. 1
 Standing today at 111
 W. 3rd St. since 1894 is
 the oldest business in
 operating under the
 name when this photo
 1894. D.E. Turner
 is believed to have
 owned the building. The
 store has remained
 it was built.



MOOREVILLE
arts





VISIT TO A CONCERT REHEARSAL

The Hockenheim delegation, along with their hosts and Ed Cedeno, was invited to a concert rehearsal of the Lake Norman Philharmonic. Afterwards, they had a meal together, which was enjoyed in a typical american style.



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING IN MOORESVILLE

Mayor Thomas Jakob-Lichtenberg, along with the Hockenheim delegation, attended the municipal council meeting in Mooresville, where an official Sister City Proclamation was made.



Speech by Mayor Thomas Jakob-Lichtenberg on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the founding of Mooresville, North Carolina

Mayor Atkins, members of the Mooresville City Council and esteemed residents,

it is a distinct honor for me to speak here tonight as the Mayor of Hockenheim in your beautiful city of Mooresville, especially on such a momentous occasion – the 150th anniversary of the founding of Mooresville.

First and foremost, on behalf of the entire Hockenheim delegation, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to our esteemed colleagues, Mayor Miles Atkins, Library Director Marian Lytle, the President of the Sister City Committee Murdoch Morrison, their team, the citizens of Mooresville. Your hospitality and warm welcome have deeply touched us.

After the Second World War, Germany stood at a crossroads. It was a time of self-reflection, rebuilding, and most importantly, seeking a new, better path. During this pivotal phase of our history, we benefited not just from the financial and infrastructural support of the victorious powers. We received a gift far more valuable: the gift of democracy. It was a gift bestowed upon us by our friends, the United States of America.

World War II left deep scars on the world's soul. But out of this darkness arose a vision of peace, cooperation, and mutual understanding. City partnerships between former wartime adversaries were initiated to foster international understanding.

The sister city relationship between Hockenheim and Mooresville has deep roots that extend far beyond mere diplomatic ties. It is a partnership born out of the desire to strengthen the bonds of humanity and build bridges of understanding and respect.

City partnerships, like the one between Hockenheim and Mooresville, are living proof of this ideal. Since June 7, 2002, our cities have been connected through such a partnership, with the goal of bringing our communities closer together and ensuring that the horrors of the past are never repeated.

This partnership between our two cities exemplifies the desire never to forget the importance of reaching out across the ocean and recognizing that, despite being separated by thousands of miles, we share core values at heart.

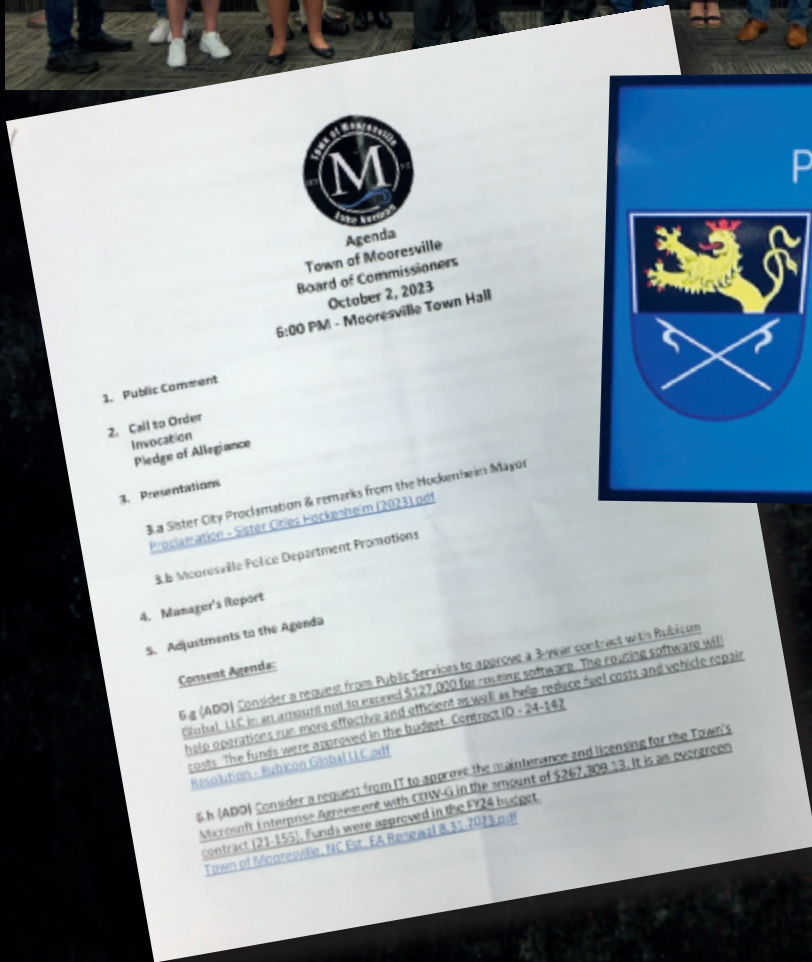
Over the years, we have enjoyed numerous valuable exchanges between our students, club members, and interest groups. Through these encounters, young people have had the opportunity to broaden their horizons, break down prejudices, and forge genuine, lifelong friendships. Mooresville and Hockenheim are also connected through motorsport. It's remarkable how motorsport - a domain of speed, technology, and teamwork - links our two cities. While Hockenheim takes pride in its Hockenheimring, Mooresville is home to numerous NASCAR racing teams and benefits from its proximity to the racetrack in Charlotteville. This passion demonstrates that despite our geographical and cultural differences, we share commonalities on many levels.

In a time when the world often seems divided, it is precisely these connections, these human bonds, that remind us that we all have one and the same goal: peaceful coexistence characterized by understanding and respect.

On behalf of the city of Hockenheim and all its citizens, I would like to express our deep appreciation and recognition for Mooresville. We are proud to be partners and friends. And as we celebrate this remarkable anniversary today, I also look forward with anticipation to many more years of cooperation and friendship.

May our partnership serve as a living example of what's possible when people reach out and say: „Let's work together for a better future.“ I congratulate you on the 150th anniversary of the founding of Mooresville and wish our two fantastic cities and their citizens a bright shared future.

Thank you all!





SCHOOL VISIT NO.2

The Mooresville High School was the second school visited by the Hockenheim delegation for inspection.

Here too, there was consideration of a future student exchange with Hockenheim. The large and well-equipped rooms for music rehearsals and physical education were impressive.





STREET FOOD FESTIVAL WITH BEER TASTING

The Hockenheim delegation was invited to a beer tasting from various microbreweries as part of the Street Food Festival in Mooresville, followed by an award ceremony for the winners. It was certainly a tasty and refreshing experience!

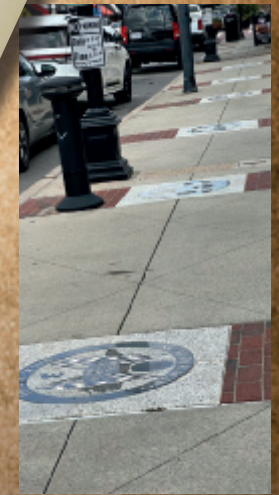




NC AUTO RACING WALK OF FAME

During the stay of the Hockenheim delegation, the WALK of FAME in Mooresville received two new honorary stones.

In addition, there was a classic car exhibition on the main street, where honors for Roger Penske and Edsel Ford were proclaimed. Afterward, there was an invitation for a communal meal.



VIDEO ANIMATION AND EVENING EVENT

At the Charles Mack Citizen Center, before the honors, there was an impressive video animation about NASCAR and its most famous drivers with their teams.

In the evening, at Mooresville's Liberty Park, there was a concert by the very well-known country band in the USA, „Diamond Rio“.

It was a great experience for the Hockenheim delegation.





THE MOORESVILLE MUSEUM

Located in the heart of downtown is the Mooresville Museum. The Hockenheim delegation and their hosts received a very informative and interesting tour through the history of Mooresville. There are many old and historical items to discover there, ranging from gum vending machines and typesetting drawers to uniforms, and even a safe belonging to the town's founder, Moore.





COMPANY TOURS AROUND MOORESVILLE

Starting with a visit to the German-origin company Weinig Holz-Her, which manufactures woodworking machines, the tour continued to DeBotech, a company that specializes in developing and manufacturing carbon parts for vehicles as well as for animal prosthetics.



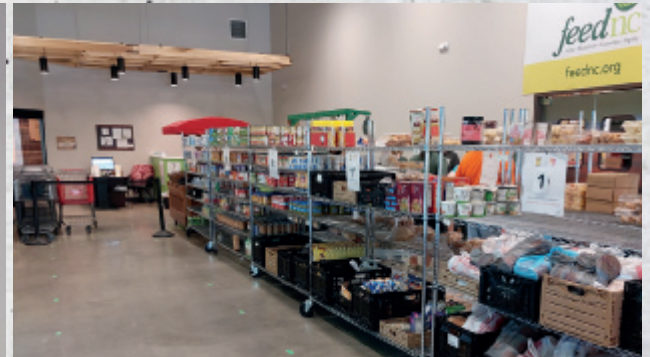


VISIT TO THE NASCAR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

As with the first visit of a Hockenheim delegation in 2003, the facility was toured this time as well. Participants were shown everything related to NASCAR, including the auto-specific training available there, which enables graduates to later join NASCAR teams.

At the end, Mayor Jakob-Lichtenberg signed the wall alongside many other celebrities.





FEED NC FOR FOOD – EDUCATION – ESSENTIALS – DIGNITY

Feed NC aims to reduce food waste. By collaborating with local restaurants, wholesalers, cooperatives, and farmers, this organization provides underprivileged individuals with good, fresh food, as well as various other daily life essentials that would otherwise be discarded.

The Hockenheim delegation, led by Mayor Jakob-Lichtenberg, was impressed by the tour and the efforts of this organization to help those in need. As a token of gratitude for the tour, a financial donation was made at the end.



THE MOORESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The new building of the Mooresville Police Department is impressively large. The Hockenheim delegation was able to see this for themselves during a tour with Assistant Chiefs Falzone and Dyson. But it's not just the size; the technical equipment of the local police also leaves nothing to be desired.

As a farewell, each participant received a small bag with gifts.





THE MOORESVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Since Moorsville is very large in terms of area, the city has not just one fire station but six stations spread across the entire city. We had the opportunity to visit Fire Station No. 6, and a few brave individuals even dared to climb the extendable ladder to dizzying heights.

As with the police, there was also a small bag with gifts as a souvenir of the visit .





REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The church was built around 1882 and is located just outside the downtown area of Mooresville. It is a modest neo-Gothic church, which retained its original appearance even after an exterior renovation in 1941.

It remains a historic connection as the only African American Presbyterian church and one of the few small Gothic revival-influenced churches in the Mooresville area and the greater Iredell County. Therefore, the church is also suitable for listing in the National Register of Historic Places due to its local significance in the realm of ethnic heritage, being historically the first and only surviving African American Presbyterian congregation in Mooresville.

From its founding to the present day, the church continues to be an important gathering place for the African American community in Mooresville and Iredell County. Following racial segregation in the 1950s, the church played a central role in the social fabric of the local African American community. It even served as the headquarters of the South Iredell County Chapter of the NAACP.



THE CLOSING BANQUET

The Hockenheim delegation experienced a wonderful evening with their American hosts at the Epic Chop House restaurant. Sponsored by Weinig Holz-Her USA, a delicious menu was enjoyed by all.

Before and after the meal, there was ample opportunity for everyone involved to engage in the famous small talk and to reminisce about the experiences shared so far. All members of the Hockenheim delegation received an award from Mayor Miles Atkins for their participation in the exchange, expressing gratitude. This was musically accompanied by a string quintet led by Ed Cedeno.

After Mayor Jakob-Lichtenberg's speech, there was a small surprise gift for the people of Mooresville. A banner, featuring the image of a specially designed pin for the visit and enough space for all the signatures from the members of the Hockenheim delegation.



Speech by Thomas Jakob-Lichtenberg, Mayor Hockenheim at the banquet in the Mooresville Epic Chop House



Dear Mayor Atkins, esteemed members of the Mooresville City Council, respected hosts and friends,

It is a great privilege and joy to stand here tonight amidst this wonderful community and in the elegant premises of the Epic Chop House. The warmth and hospitality that my delegation and I from Hockenheim have experienced here are overwhelming and remind us why our city partnership is so special.

On the 150th anniversary of Mooresville, I would like to convey our warmest congratulations on behalf of Hockenheim. Such an anniversary is not only a milestone that demonstrates the steadfastness and character of your city but also an opportunity for all of us to rejoice over the bridges we have built across the Atlantic.

Mayor Atkins, your vision and tireless work have made this visit and this anniversary truly special. We are profoundly grateful for your hospitality and dedication. Since 2002, when our cities officially became sisters, we have shared many common experiences and memories. From our shared love of racing that shapes our cities to the quiet moments of cultural exchange, our bond has consistently deepened.

The reception at the Epic Chop House tonight is not just a culinary feast but also a celebration of fellowship and goodwill. The ambiance, the food, and most importantly, the company are unparalleled.

I would like to express our deepest gratitude on behalf of the entire delegation from Hockenheim and, of course, on behalf of all the citizens of our city. Our partnership with Mooresville is more than just a formal relationship between two cities; it is a connection between two communities that share common values, ambitions and dreams.

Now to Library Director Lytle, dear Marian, your hard work and careful preparation of our program have made our stay here a true experience. The many highlights and encounters will remain in our memories for a long time.

Special thanks also goes to Murdoch Morrison, the president of the Sister City Committee Mooresville-Hockenheim, and his wife, Melody. Their warm care, the fascinating visits to landmarks, schools, and panels have not only touched our hearts but also given us valuable insights for our work in Hockenheim. Their extraordinary connection to our city shows how deep and meaningful our partnership is.

We are deeply impressed by American culture, the spirit of sports, and the traditions you have shared with us. These experiences have inspired us, and we'll be bringing back many new ideas and suggestions to Germany.

Finally, I would like to warmly thank Andy Turner, the representative of Weinig Holz-Her USA. Your generous sponsorship made this evening possible. Thank you so much.

Mayor Atkins, on behalf of Hockenheim and all its citizens, I thank you, I and all of the residents of Mooresville for everything you have done for us. We are not only sister cities but true friends. We look forward to many more years of collaboration and exchange.

Thank you and cheers to our friendship! Cheers!









JOYFUL GATHERING

On one hand, there was a private invitation for the Hockenheim guests from Murdoch Morrison and his wife Melody to an Open House party, offering an opportunity for getting to know each other and exchanging ideas.

On the other hand, on the last day of the Mooresville visit, there was a municipal picnic invitation to Willow Valley Park, where the Mooresville Fire Department grilled delicious hot dogs and hamburgers for the Hockenheims and their hosts. With refreshing drinks, it was still warm enough in early October to sit together in polo shirts or T-shirts without jackets.





RICHARD'S COFFEE SHOP

The Welcome Home Veterans Military Museum at Richard's Coffee Shop is a public meeting place, a support system, a vibrant military museum, a gift shop, a restaurant, and a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring and advocating for America's veterans, active service personnel, and emergency services staff, located in downtown Mooresville.

This extraordinary place was founded by Richard Warren, a Vietnam War fighter pilot in the U.S. Army, who opened the shop in 1995. Due to his background, Richard placed great importance on greeting every veteran who entered the shop with the traditional veteran's welcome, „Welcome Home.“

Richard also had a long-standing good relationship with Hockenheim, long before the actual town twinning with Mooresville. During his posting as a soldier from nearby Schwetzingen, he often made his way to Hockenheim, as he found the best cake there. Sadly, he passed away in May 2009.







MOORESVILLE SKATEPARK

To assess whether the new Hockenheim skatepark can somewhat compare to that of Mooresville, some Hockenheimers naturally visited it. It was newly completed and inaugurated towards the end of 2022.

As is typical in the USA, the Mooresville Skatepark is significantly larger compared to the Hockenheim Skatepark. Unfortunately, none of the Hockenheim delegation could test the facility, as no suitable skateboard was available. However, it can be said that it has become a great recreational facility for the local youth.





HOMECOMING

It is an annual tradition at universities, high schools and colleges across the United States. This celebratory event usually includes a banquet, football, basketball or ice hockey game in honor of former students in late September or early October.

In this case, the Hockenheim delegation was invited to the Blue Devils football game from Mooresville High School, which they watched with great interest and were able to familiarize themselves with the rules of the game of American football.



UNCORKED & ARTSY STREET FESTIVAL

Every spring and autumn, the „Uncorked & Artsy“ street festival in Mooresville uncorks bottles of wine. With wine and beer tastings in shops, an art walk where local regional artists display and sell their works along Broad Street and Main Street, live music, shop specialties, and light appetizers served both in the shops and outdoors on the sidewalks, visitors are drawn into the downtown area.

A ticket includes 16 tastings and a souvenir glass from Downtown Uncorked & Artsy. Admission to the art and live music performances is free, and a portion of the tasting proceeds benefits Mooresville Arts.





„ON TAP“ BEER BAR

A beer bar located in the heart of downtown Mooresville. The bar's website states, „Without a wide selection, we wouldn't be a true tap house – we have 23 taps with craft beers and cider from small, independent breweries and cider houses, mainly from North Carolina.“

The Hockenheim visitors saw this for themselves and spontaneously conducted a tasting session. Unfortunately, none of the attendees managed to try all 23 varieties.





DELEGATION 2003

The Hockenheim delegation consisted of the following individuals.

Picture above from left to right:
 Verena Koch,
 Hartmut und Sabine Tesseraux,
 Marion und Michael Hartmann,
 Ute Fath-Reiche und Elmar Reiche,
 Alfred und Helene Rupp,
 Michael Behr und Hildegard Linke,
 Jochen und Bärbel Vetter,
 Magarete und Gustav Schrank



2003 Hockenheim-Mooreville Exchange - Oct. 8-13, 2003

Date	Time	Event	Who is responsible	Host or Van?	Comments
Wed. 10/8	4:30 p.m.?	Pick up 11 Germans at airport; US Airways fl 183 from Frankfurt, Germany	Al Jones	2 vans	Call to verify flight arrival time
	9:30 p.m.	Pick up Delegation from First Baptist Church	Host families	hosts	
	7:00 p.m.	Deliver delegation to Citizens Center for Hall of Fame Banquet	Host families; Al Jones responsible	hosts	
	9:00 p.m.	Pick up delegation from Citizens Center	Host families	hosts	
Thurs. 10/9	10:30 a.m.	Deliver delegation to Citizens Center	Host families	2 vans	Hosts welcome to remain
	11:00 a.m.	Delegation to Racing Institute	Host families	2 vans	Hosts welcome to remain
	12:30 p.m.	Deliver delegation to First Presbyterian Church	Town/Host families; Bob things responsible	2 vans	
	12:45 p.m.	Welcome lunch and church tour	Town/Host families	1 van	
	2:30 p.m.	Walking tour of town - DeLuxe Ice Cream tour, Pal's Coffee Shop, etc.	Al Jones and Michael Mack		Hosts welcome to remain; "goodie bags" distributed
	4:30 p.m.	Pick up delegation at Citizens Center	Host families	hosts	Hosts welcome to remain
	9:00 p.m.	Bring delegation to Citizens Center for Rotary Dinner	Host families; Kathy Juch; separate	hosts	Hosts welcome to remain
	9:00 p.m.	Take delegation home	Host families	hosts	
Friday 10/10	8:45 a.m.	Deliver delegation to Citizens Center (Mayor Behr and Lowe's Motorspeedway for NASCAR)	Host families (Mayor Jones to go to Lowe's Motorspeedway with Mayor Schrank and associates)	hosts	
	9:15 a.m.	Take to Lowe's Customer Care Center	Town/Host families; Al Jones responsible	2 vans	Hosts welcome to remain
	10:45 a.m.	Take to Police station for tour	Town/Host families; Al Jones responsible	2 vans	Hosts welcome to remain
	12:00 p.m.	Take to Catawba Queen	Town/Host families; Al Jones responsible	2 vans	Hosts welcome to remain
	2:30 p.m.	Pick up from Catawba Queen	Taylor responsible	2 vans	Hosts welcome to remain
	3:30 p.m.	Deliver delegation to Citizens Center for Signing Ceremony	Host families	hosts	
	4:00 p.m.	Signing Ceremony	Host families	hosts	Hosts welcome to remain; Town gifts exchanged
	8:30 p.m.	Heavy Hors D'Oeuvres	Terrie Roberts responsible		
	8:30 p.m.	Entertainment in Auditorium	Doree Mack responsible		
	7:30 p.m.	Entertainment in Auditorium	Al Jones responsible		

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	8:30 p.m.	Take delegation home	Host families	hosts	
Sat. 10/11	3 p.m.???	Deliver delegation to Citizens Center for Race	Host families; Al Jones responsible	hosts	Hosts who buy tickets welcome on vans
	3:30 p.m.?	Drive to Lowe's Motorspeedway	Town	2 vans	
	2:30:00 a.m.	Deliver delegation from Citizens Center (mass provided to driver)	Host families/van driver(s)	hosts/1 van	
Sun. 10/12	8:00 p.m.	Bring delegation to Kurduz	Host families; Dolores Mack responsible	hosts	Hosts welcome to remain; Sister Olive gifts exchanged
	6:00 p.m.	Take delegation home	Host families	hosts	
Monday 10/13	Morning is free	Suggested activities for Sunday afternoon/Monday morning: NASCAR Hall of Fame, Memory Lane Museum, Renaissance Festival, Brickett Village, etc.	Host Families	Hosts	
		lunch with host families	Host Families		
	1:00 p.m.	Bring 11 delegates to Citizens Center for departure to airport; US Airways fl 182 at 4:20 p.m.	Al Jones	2 vans	Hosts welcome to take private cars

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to all those responsible and involved in organizing and making the Hockenheim delegation's stay in Mooresville possible. Thanks also to the companies based in Mooresville, as well as the local police and fire department, who opened their doors for a visit and provided insights into their daily lives.

It was an eventful week in which many new friendships were forged and old ones were renewed, in keeping with the Sister City relationship between the two cities.



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The Hockenheim delegation from left:
Jochen Vetter, Patrick Stypa, Thomas Jakob-Lichtenberg, Frank Köcher-Hohn,
Paul Hohn, Norbert Langer, Larissa Rotter, Christine Langer, Marina Nottbohm,
Klaus Nottbohm, Elke Schinko, Anja Kaiser, Brigitte Völker;
missing in the picture Christian and Dagmar Kramberg, Sabine Wesche.

