



Programme of the 3rd worldwide Somsen reunion 17-19 August 2007

**Location: Riding-school De Achterhoek in IJzerlo
(Aalten)**

Friday August 17

from 16.00

Informal welcome for all Somsens from abroad and all the other fans (e.g. the campsite Somsens) at the campsite farm 't Hoftijzer (adjoining Riding School De Achterhoek) in IJzerlo (Aalten).

A foretaste to get into the right mood!

Saturday August 18

Festive morning programme in the brand-new hall of Riding School De Achterhoek in IJzerlo (Aalten). Nursery and programme for children.

from 09.30

Follow the signposts - arrival - free parking - free coffee and currant bread - payment reunion - distribution badges, reunion buttons and programme

10.30 Festive welcome (surprise)

11.00 The Big Somsen Game (surprise)

12.00 Lunch

13.00 Meeting each other (much time and opportunity to meet one another)

- ♦ Exposition by Somsen painters and of paintings of historical Somsen houses
- ♦ Exposition of artistic photographs, poems, sculptures and woodcarving
- ♦ Genealogische helpdesk
- ♦ Permanent DVD-show: Reunions 1997 and 2002 + Campingweekends
- ♦ Market stalls with:
 - The family pictures, documents, subjects you brought
 - Books about De Achterhoek, The Netherlands and English books
 - Somsen collector's item: Our Family book (the very last copies), Somsen Horizons, T-shirts, Posters, DVD-Somsen Panorama, Buttons, Stickers, etc.
- ♦ Products of traditional Old-Dutch trades: wooden shoes, clothes and honey
- ♦ Workshop Violaar (see Somsen Horizon 18)

16.00 Unveiling commemorative plaque at the Somsenhuis (the origin of our family)

17.00 Spraying the Somsen-lime-tree at the Japikshuis with gin

18.00 Drinks at Riding School De Achterhoek

19.00 Buffet

during which: demonstration horse riding, permanent show Somsen Panorama

vanaf 20.30 Amusement after party: chatting, drinking and music.

Sunday August 19

A free morning, but for who is interested a few options:

- * Church service in the Protestant Helenachurch in Aalten (the 'Somsen-church')
- * Guided walk through the old centre of Aalten
- * Church service in the Protestant Walburgis Church in Zutphen (a majestic church in the capital of De Achterhoek) with next a walk through this 14th-century Hanseatic city.

13.00 Departure from IJzerlo for the Pakkebier farm in the Hamlet of Dale (Aalten).

From this farm Jan Hendrik Somsen and Janna Rauwerdink emigrated to the USA in 1881

16.00 Climbing the Aalten water tower (splendid view of Aalten and its surroundings)

18.00 Drinks and farewell dinner in Stegers restaurant in the marketplace in Aalten (price ca. € 25 per person).

Monday August 20 - Friday August 24

Though the 3rd worldwide Somsen Reunion is over, yet there must be foreign visitors and guests at the campsite who would like to enjoy their stay in The Netherlands a little longer.

The Somsen Foundation could be helpful. We do not have a programme for this, but we have facilities to meet with the wishes of our guests.

So please let us know what you are interested in and we will try to make an attractive programme!

A few suggestions:

- ♦ Boat trip on the IJssel River from Zutphen to Arnhem (capital of the province of Gelderland) and back.
- ♦ Roundtrip through the Achterhoek by car
- ♦ Cycling-tour of one or more days
- ♦ Visit to the Kröller Müller Museum (many Van Goghs)
- ♦ Visit to the castle of 's Heerenberg
- ♦ Visit to the former Zuiderzee-islands Urk and Schokland
- ♦ Visit to the ancient Hanseatic cities of Deventer, Zutphen, Hattem or Elburg
- ♦ Visit to Amsterdam
- ♦ Visit to a German city: Münster, Cologne

The nearest hotel:

Hotel Restaurant Brüggenhütte in Isselburg-Anholt, (ca. 5 km. from IJzerlo, just across the border in Germany). The Klein Hesselink family runs this hotel and they speak Dutch and English. The hotel has 6 double rooms (€ 65 per night, breakfast included) and 3 single bedrooms (€ 40).

Telephone:

+49 287491470



Brüggenhütte

Please bring old family pictures, documents and objects!
And do not forget your pictures of the 1997 and/or 2002 reunions.
Many people are interested in them!
We see to it that there is a place to display them.

Would you please let us know if you have video recordings of the 1997 and/or the 2002 reunions. We borrow them from you, copy them, edit them and make a DVD.

Then we will show these historical pictures at the reunion.

Have you got any preference for one of the options on Sunday? Contact Theo Somsen as soon as possible (see colophon).

If you want to take part in one or more of the activities between August 20 and 24, please contact Theo Somsen as soon as possible (see colophon). Also tell us which activit(y)ies appeal to you most of all.

The finest campsite:

Of course campsite 't Hoftijzer (Riding School De Achterhoek) in IJzerlo.

This campsite, owned and run by Eddie en Alice Sticker-Westervelt has been booked by us and you can make a reservation directly at the campsite. Phone: +31 543466693.

Please contact Theo Somsen (see colophon).

In the neighbourhood of Aalten there are numerous places where you can stay. Information can be found at VVV-Aalten: +31 543 473052 or www.vvvaalten.nl Yet we give you some possibilities:

Hotel Golden Tulip in Winterswijk

Camping 't Hofijzer in IJzerlo

Hotel Restaurant Brüggenhütte in Isselburg-Anholt

Other hotel (more expensive):

Hotel Golden Tulip in Winterswijk (ca. 15 km. from IJzerlo).

The hotel has many rooms.

Phone +31 543517755 or their site (in English):



www.goldentulipwinterswijk.nl

If you want to take part in the farewell dinner in Stegers restaurant on Sunday evening (see above) please register: Theo Somsen (see colophon).