



STRASSENFEST "Calling All Chickens!"

Whether you're a full-fledge German or just an honorary German for the day, you must enter into the infamous chicken dance contest at the Jasper Strassenfest, a well-known German street festival held every August in downtown Jasper. Flap your arms, wiggle your derrière, and cheep like a chicken to become the champion of the chicken dance! Though nerves will attempt to spoil you prior to Thursday and Friday's contests on the Biergarten dance floor, remember that practice makes perfect. If your attempt at the chicken dance isn't as successful as you anticipated, be sure to try your hand at one of the many other contests, including a log sawing contest, a keg toss, polka contest, a hot air balloon race, duck race, a chili cook-off, a Brewmeister (home brew beer judging) contest, the Autolauf (a three to four hour German-spirited scavenger hunt from your vehicle) and many others. From the ceremonial tapping of the first beer keg on Thursday to the parade and fireworks on Sunday, the Jasper Strassenfest is a whirlwind of events, fellowship and good times! Then, there's all the wonderful food...

Snippets of other information:

- A picture of a couple enjoying themselves at the Strassenfest graces the front cover of the 2007 Indiana Festival Guide.
- The Strassenfest attracts approximately 30,000 visitors per year.
- In 2005, the Strassenfest welcomed a group of approximately 50 visitors from Jasper's sister city, Pfaffenweiler, Germany.
- 4,000 pounds of turnips are used each year to make the famous turnip kraut.
- 1,331 pounds of Bratwurst are grilled by the German club during the Strassenfest.
- Each year a variety of German bands and dancers perform throughout the festival.

