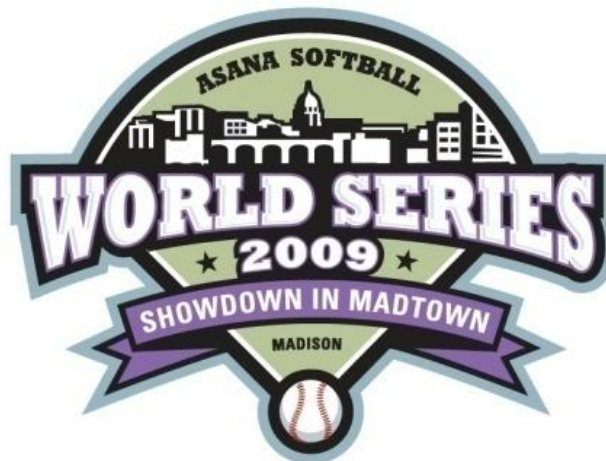


SHOWDOWN IN MADTOWN GAYZETTE

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Dear Players, Coaches, Umpires, and Fans:

We hope you are all doing well and are excited about coming to Madison. We also hope you found the first volume of the Showdown in MadTown Gayzette useful. This volume provides tips on flying to Madison and information about our Wives Club. We will also introduce you to local ladies Sid Heezen and Amanda Evenstone, as well as our other Homerun Sponsor, the Shamrock Bar. In addition, Showdown in MadTown Planning Committee members Mary Hitchcock and Michelle Sawyer share their five favorite things to do in and around Madison.



Thanks again for reading this and be sure to check out our web site – www.madtown2009.org – for the latest information on Showdown in MadTown!

Play ball!

Ben Monty and Dawn Siebert
Host City Co-Directors for Showdown in MadTown

AMERICAN IDOLS LIVE TOUR 2009 IN TOWN DURING THE SERIES!

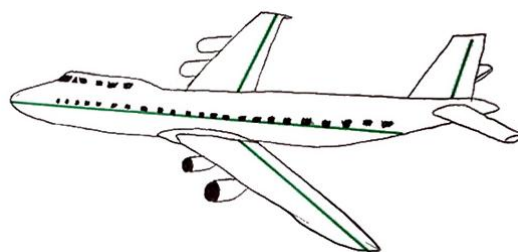


The American Idol 2009 Summer Tour will be stopping at Alliant Energy Center on Friday, September 4th! Although we have great events planned for that evening, we know that some of you may prefer to check out this show. For tickets, visit:

<http://www.ticketmaster.com/event/0700428DBFF67625>

TIPS ON FLYING TO MADISON

So you are coming to Madison, chances are you're going to need a flight. We know budgets are tight and hopefully you've been doing some fundraising to help pay for your trip. To give you a hand with your plans here is some information on selecting a flight to Madison.



Madison is conveniently served for air travel by the Dane County Regional Airport (airport code MSN). The airport is located 5.5 miles from downtown Madison. Cities with direct flights to Madison include Atlanta, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas-Fort Worth, Denver, Detroit, Memphis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New York, Newark, St. Louis, and Washington DC. Airlines serving the airport include Delta, American, United, Continental, and Northwest.

Flying into Madison is convenient; however, being a mid-size city, flights tend to be higher than when flying between major cities. Here are some suggestions to get the most for your traveling dollar.



1. **Use your miles to pay for your trip.** You have been collecting them Series after Series and storing them up for too long. Using them to get to Madison could maximize the value that you get out of them.
2. **Monitor the prices.** Start checking prices for flights early and sign up to receive notifications of price drops and flight promotions from your favorite airline. The prices for flights may also vary based upon the time of day, so try checking at different times and even different days of the week. .
3. **Consider flying into Milwaukee.** If you are planning to rent a car anyways, Milwaukee is located 85 miles east of Madison and flights tend to be cheaper. Milwaukee's airport code is MKE. Currently, AirTran, which serves Milwaukee, has a flight sale through June 30th. Chicago O'Hare Airport (airport code ORD) located 135 miles southeast of Madison may also be another option for flights.
4. **Check the airline web site after finding your flight.** You can usually save a few dollars by booking directly from the airline versus using a general online travel search engine to bring up many flights from different airlines. After you find the flight you want, check the airline to see if the price is the same or slightly cheaper.

Hopefully, the above tips are helpful because we want to see you here in September! Good luck finding your flights!



MEET OUR SPONSORS: SHAMROCK BAR

It's time to look at another sponsor bar here in MadTown! Our second Homerun sponsor is The Shamrock: "A Bar For Everyone!" Established in 1985, the Shamrock Bar has offered its full support of the ASANA World Series. Boasting the best Happy Hour in town (2 for 1 drinks), the Shamrock Bar is the closest gay bar near a Series hotel, located just off the Capitol square at 117 W. Main St. across from the Inn on the Park. A neighborhood bar with great service, its staff and patrons will be toasting the Series and its athletes all week long. Stop in and see one of their friendly bartenders for drink specials, events, and a Lil' gay Irish luck! Be sure to ask them about their amateur strip show fundraisers, which were a huge hit!

MEET ANOTHER TWO OF MADISON'S FINEST!

Madison is known for being a bike-friendly city! Coincidentally, this month our two featured local ladies are biking enthusiasts. If you're driving to Madison and got the rack, feel free to bring your bike! Rentals are also available if you want to get in some miles between games!

AMANDA EVENSTONE

Amanda Evanstone is a Wisconsin native currently living on the east side of Madison with her girlfriend Dawn Siebert and their 2 dogs, Dylan and Emma. Amanda has been involved with sports her whole life. She played softball, basketball, volleyball, and cross country at Nathan Hale High School in West Allis, WI and Rugby at the University of Wisconsin where she majored in Biology, Psychology, and Women's Studies. Currently an organizer and lobbyist for student rights, Amanda still stays active



playing rugby, football, and softball in her spare time. Amanda participates in the SSBL Monday night co-ed league Green Queens and on Tuesday night she plays for the OutFielders in Madison's women's league. This spring Amanda accepted the position of Commissioner of the SSBL. When not running around playing sports she likes to bake and tend to the house. Amanda is really looking forward to ASANA 2009! She is excited about meeting new people and playing fun and competitive softball!



SID HEEZEN

Sid Heezen has lived in Madison for 9 years. Originally from South Dakota, Sid made her way to Madison via a short stint in Des Moines, Iowa. She is the Web Coordinator for a local bike company. Sid enjoys working out, bicycling, and riding her Harley. Sid loves living in Madison because of the community, the great people, and the fun things to do! She is looking forward hanging out with friends and watching some tournament games during the ASANA World Series!

JOIN THE WIVES CLUB!

"My partner plays softball, and although I love her dearly, I wish I didn't have to spend my entire vacation sitting in the bleachers watching games. Can you help me Showdown in MadTown Planning Committee?"

Yes, we can! The Showdown in MadTown Planning Committee wants you to join the Wives Club and provide you with alternative activities to watching softball! Interested in bicycling? Canoeing? Walking tours of Madison? Then this is the "Club" for you when you're in Madison. The following is a list of tentative events for the Wives Club. For more information, contact Ken Baker at k_a_baker@sbcglobal.net. Events are also listed on the Showdown in MadTown web site under Events.

Mon, August 31	Bike Tour of Madison - approximately a 15-mile ride exploring Madison's shorelines and other points of interest - bike rentals available
Tues, September 1	No "Wives Club" Activities
Wed, September 2	Kayak Lesson and Tour - a 2 hour exploration of Madison's Lake Monona - kayak rentals available
Thurs, September 3	Day Trip to Ho Chunk Casino Feeling lucky? Slots and table games available for the opportunity for you to leave with more than you came.
Fri, September 4	Art & Architecture Tour of Madison A 3-hour walking tour of Madison's Isthmus exploring the masterpieces of Frank Lloyd Wright and Cesar Pelli with additional stops at the State Capitol building and Madison's Museum of Contemporary Art.

TOP 5 THINGS WE LIKE TO DO IN MADISON"

BY MARY HITCHCOCK (AND MICHELLE SAWYER)

Mary and her partner Michelle have been active with the Showdown in MadTown planning committee since we first asked for volunteers. They both have been volunteering on the committee for the Opening Celebration. Mary plays softball and hockey, while Michelle is active being her number one fan.

There are so many things about Madison to like, how can someone only pick a few things? Michelle and I have given it some thought and here are our top things about Madison we like:

1) Let's go to the Zoo! Michelle's favorite Madison place is the Henry Vilas Zoo. It isn't the biggest or most flashy zoo around, however, past renovations and planned future construction have given it new life and make it one of few free public zoos that continue to run primarily on visitor donations. Nestled

between Lake Wingra, St. Mary's Hospital, a residential neighborhood, and the University of Wisconsin Arboretum, visiting this little zoo is a fun way to spend a few hours with the family. When you are done visiting the zoo, having a picnic, toss the Frisbee, or let the kids (or yourself if feeling feisty) play on the jungle gyms next door at Vilas Park or Lake Wingra to end the day.

2) Being the geek I am, I dig looking at all the architectural styles around town. If you take the time, more than likely you'll find almost every type of style from Queen Anne, Frank Lloyd Wright, High German, to Greek Revival. Madison has many buildings that are on the National Registry of Historic Buildings, and a few that are on the National Registry of Historical Landmarks. My favorite buildings are the Capitol building on the Square, State Street, and the Red Gym and Science Hall on the UW campus. All are open to the public.



3) Hitting the dirt, grass, field, or courts, Madison loves it sports! All throughout the year, you'll find Madisonians playing basketball, ultimate frisbee, softball, baseball, kickball, tai chi, biking, tennis, rugby, roller hockey, curling, ice hockey, sailing, waterskiing, jogging, running triathlons or marathons, and countless other things. Cheering on the Ironman athletes, Polar Plunge plungers, or the annual Birkebinder contestants is a great way to encourage athletes of all skills. Don't forget to take an early morning run in the UW Arboretum!

4) Getting past the dust, I love museums and history. Michelle is usually amused at my need for a "dust-fix" every so often. Madison has some great museums like the Wisconsin Historical Museum and the Wisconsin Veterans Museum on the capital square. If you really like Grey Poupon, check out the Mustard Museum of Mount Horeb. In addition, the Wisconsin Historical Society is one of the nation's most premier research libraries and archives in the country. If you are interested in genealogy, that's that place to be when you're not on the diamond. Don't forget to check out the art galleries, the Chazen Museum of Art on the UW campus, and the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art on State Street.

5) Ok, if you really are interested in historical sites, Madison has no fewer than 22 archeological sites. Numerous Native American effigy mounds can be found throughout Dane County, while a handful has been preserved within Madison—5 effigy sites on campus alone, more than any other university in the world. Also, Madison is one of the few places where Confederate soldiers are still buried. "Confederate Rest" is the final resting place to close to 140 soldiers from Tennessee, Alabama, and Arkansas who died while prisoners of war at nearby Camp Randall during the Civil War.

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