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Alpine Fest organizers say 32,000 people attended

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Despite some rain and electrical problems, this year's Alpine Fest reached higher attendance levels than 2008, according to club officials from the sponsoring Lake Zurich Lions Club.

"We did have a very, very large turnout for the matinee on Sunday," club Past President Footloose Frank said. "With a carnival, you usually get two good days, never three."



(Left to right) Gary Polkow, Gary Todd, and Michael Jay, of the band New Odyssey perform Friday at Alpine Fest.

The fest, from Friday evening through Sunday night, garnered about 32,000 people, according to Frank.

He estimated there were 2,000 people in the main tent listening to the band The New Colony Six Sunday night, and 1,500 people listening to the band New Odyssey Friday night.

"Definitely up from last year; we had one day that was a complete wash out (last year)," club director of advertising and publicity Bruce Schmidt said.

"The little spurts of rain didn't deter anyone (this year) thing."

