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Message from the President

Dear Swiss Club Members

With twelve Postillions per year and all events being so well attended and liked, there are some months when I simply have not much to say other than enjoy the upcoming all new Fahrt ins Blaue, refresh your language skills (Schwizerdütsch, French and maybe Italian) in the Café (also all new, see inside this Postillion), and look forward to our National Day Celebration Saturday July 30 at the embassy. With best wishes for a happy summer

Christian Haudenschild,
President, Swiss Club of Washington DC

Swiss Club Agenda for 2011...

Kaffee Klatsch, Saturday June 11, Swiss Bakery, Springfield starts at 9am
Fahrt ins Blaue, Saturday June 18, meet at Swiss Embassy at 9am
Swiss National Day, Saturday July 30: Swiss Embassy
Kaffee Klatsch, Saturday August 13, ?
3rd Jass Tournament, Sunday in August/September
Fall Festival Picnic with Swiss Rifles, September 11: Thurmont, MD
Kaffee Klatsch, Saturday October 8, ?
Annual General Meeting, October tbd
Raclette Evening, November 5, Swiss Embassy
4th Jass Tournament, November 13, Swiss Bakery
Metzgete, November 13, Swiss Bakery
Grittibenz Baking, Sunday December 4, Swiss Bakery
Samichlaus Party, Sunday December 11, Swiss Embassy

Who is willing to help with a new Event? Please contact Reto at tel. 703-624-6880

MEMBERS CORNER..... This section is created for anything such as recommendations, hints, thank yous, congratulations, requests, suggestions for discussion or activities, historical reminiscences etc.

Visit our website for pictures and updates ...

www.swissclubdc.org

American Helvetia Philatelic Society www.swiss-stamps.org/index2.htm

The American Helvetia Philatelic Society (AHPS) is the largest group for collectors of Swiss stamps outside Switzerland. Collecting Swiss stamps is a great hobby and offers a wonderful opportunity for individuals and families to learn more about the history, politics, and culture of their ancestral homeland. The AHPS will meet at the NAPEX postage stamp show the **first weekend in June**. Everyone is welcome to attend the show, examine exhibits, meet Swiss collectors at the AHPS host table and programs, and take home a few free postage stamps to start collections. Other show attractions include a booth for children, stamp dealers selling a variety of collectibles, and a first day ceremony of a new United Nations postage stamp (11 am on Friday).

NAPEX Postage Stamp Show 2011

Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Virginia

Friday, June 3rd: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 4th: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, June 5th: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION - www.napex.org

Swiss Stamp and Mail Exhibits on Display include:

- *Classic Swiss Issues of the 19th Century*
 - *Campione d'Italia*
 - *Imprinted Envelopes*
 - *Swiss Mail to the USA*
 - *Essays and Proofs of Swiss Stamps*
 - *Swiss Airmail*
 - *The 1939 Swiss National Exhibition*
 - *Swiss Postmarks and Military Mail*

Excursion to Historic Fells Point in Baltimore Waterfront.

This year Fahrt ins Blaue takes us to **historic Baltimore**, a city rich in history including both the War of 1812 and the Civil War. Specifically, the Fells Point ship builders produced the fast schooners and privateers that held the Royal Navy.

Program

9:00am is departure from the Swiss Embassy in Washington DC for those who will carpool

10:20am we will meet at Fells Point Visitors Center at 1724 Thames St. in Baltimore for those who may choose to come directly to Baltimore.

10:30am - 12 noon

A 90 minute historic tour entitled the 'Secrets of a Seaport' given by the Town crier, author and historian of Fells Point. It costs \$9 per adult, kids free.

12:30pm - 2:00pm

The group will board the water taxi (tickets are \$10 and are valid for the day.) to a crab feast at the famous Captain James Landing Marina at 2127 Boston, Baltimore, 21231, for a traditional Baltimore Cuisine. The crab feast options range from \$38 to \$54 for All-You-Can-Eat steamed crabs, Barbecued baby back ribs, Maryland crab soup, fresh steamed corn on cob, etc. Other meal options will also be available at the Marina.

2:15pm to the end

Options to visit the rest of the 13 scenic stops of the water Taxi around the Baltimore harbor like Fort McHenry (of the War of 1812 and near where the national anthem 'Star's Spangled Banner', etc.

More information will follow. Please mark your calendar for this fun trip. If you have question do not hesitate to contact Benjamin Arthur (benjamin.arthur@swissclubdc.org)

NEW... Kaffee-Klatsch to practice Swiss language...

Kaffee/Café/Caffè Hour

Come join us for an hour of coffee and conversation, in a Swiss language! This is an opportunity for those beginners who want to practice their language skills, native speakers who want to socialize and help others learn, and for everyone in between. Sit at the French table, the Italian table, or the Swiss-German table... Our first Kaffee/Café/Caffè Hour will be held at the Swiss Bakery in Springfield **at 9am**. We will schedule more events the 2nd Saturday of every other month (August 13th, October 8th, etc) and move the location to cafes around the DC metro area. The event itself is informal and free, so we encourage you to support our gracious hosts by enjoying their delicious beverages and treats.

Please contact Alexis Sullivan with any questions and to register. She can be reached at swissalexis@hotmail.com or 703-774-3132. Although there is no cost to participate, we'd like you to sign up by June 10th so we know how many people to expect. Just tell her your name and how many people will attend. Looking forward to talking over coffee very soon!

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Veterans of the Swiss Folklore Group are honored...

Our Swiss Folklore Group was founded in 1954 and joined the Eidgenössische Jodel Verband (Swiss Federal Jodel Association) in 1978. Many members were honored as EJV veterans 25 years later, but for some, the honors came only recently, when Ursula Banzhaf requested them from Switzerland. At a joyful mid-May party the EJV certificates and pins finally were handed to the Jodel Veterans **Otto and Odette Müller, Fran Walters, Roger Watkin and Naomi Rogers**, and were sent to Sally Hirsh and Felicitas Cotner. Erwin Bürlimann, Anneli Fielding und Usula Banzhaf will receive theirs this June when they participate at the Eidg. Jodlerfest in Interlaken, Switzerland. Congratulations to all!



The Edelweiss Pin



Ursula Banzhaf congratulating
Odette and Otto Müller



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