

Swiss Club of Washington, D.C. September 2017 Postillion

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President's Message

Grüezi, hello, bonjour and salute,

I would like to thank all members of the Board and volunteers who helped make this year's National Day celebration a total success! The weather cooperated beautifully despite the rainy forecast and over 600 people attended. There was plenty of food and drinks to go around. Upcoming events in September are our Fall Picnic and our participation in the Helvetia, WV, 100 year birthday bash. Our members are welcome to attend. For both events see below for more details.

Best wishes, Martin Perret-Gentil

Fall Picnic

Sunday, September 24th

We invite you to our Fall Picnic in Thurmont, MD for food, fun, and festivities. We will have a BBQ, shooting lessons (beginners welcome), a shooting contest, and some children's activities.

From 11am to 3pm ~ rain or shine

11am - 2pm ~ Shooting Activities

11am - 3pm ~ Children's activities

12pm - 1pm ~ BBQ Lunch

Bring your own lawn chairs, rain gear, mosquito spray, and sunscreen!

Admission Includes

BBQ lunch, coffee, soda, water & dessert

Ticket prices:

Member Adult \$20

Guest Adult \$25

Member Child (4 to 12) \$10

Guest Child (4 to 12) \$15

Shooting

We will have a shooting contest with prizes! Swiss rifle (Karabiner 31) with electronic scoring, 300 yard range. Small caliber shooting (children and teens ages 8 to 18), 50 yard range.

Rules will be explained by Swiss Rifles members to small groups before they go to the range. Shooting only with instruction and supervision by expert Swiss Rifles members. Wear regular outdoor clothing. The shooters stand or sit on wooden chairs, please bring your own sun glasses or goggles along. Ear plugs will be provided.

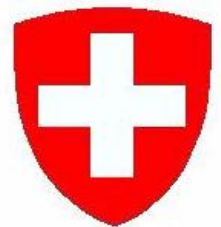
Please note: Children need to be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times, at picnic area, playgrounds and shooting ranges. Ear protection must be worn before approaching shooting ranges.

Ammunition cost is \$6 for 10 rifle shots.

Do you want to join the Swiss Rifles? Ask for registration forms at the entrance

Register Now : janine.ali@swissclubdc.org (tel. 703-313-6268, event is for members only)

Deadline to register is Thursday, Sept. 21



SwissRifles

Swiss National Day Memories:



Fair in Helvetia, West Virginia

This small community of 59 Swiss descendants in West Virginia performs its 100st community fair Saturday, September 9th 2017: <http://helvetiafair.com/>

Although no one speaks the Swiss dialect anymore, the event, besides being the oldest community fair in WV, is distinctly Swiss, with a beautiful parade, Swiss folklore dances and music, alphorn, fahnen- and taler-schwingen, a great variety of crafts and goods, Swiss food (like Berner Platte), competitions and much more. As this is a very special occasion, the Swiss ambassador Martin Dahinden and his wife Anita, together with other diplomats of the embassy, will be guests of honor, and a large delegation of the Swissclub DC's Folklore dancers with friends of the Alpen dancers will participate and perform. Here is a picture of our visit there last year, participating in the parade:



On YouTube you can find videos of the folklore dances there, and more videos of Helvetia life and culture: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2uoVd34NKM8&t=4s>

Helvetia is about a 6 hours drive away from Washington DC, has no GPS, limited cell phone signal, no TV, no camping sites, but 2 community halls, a library, a Kulturhaus that is post office, museum, general store and lodge combined: <http://kulturhaus.helvetiawv.com/>

Most housing is in the neighboring places Pickens and Elkins. As this promises to be a big local event, it may be difficult to find a lodging place. However, we may be able to organize rides and private housing for a few members of the Swissclub and associates (Rifles, Jass, Swiss Benevolent Society, Stauffacherinnen). If interested, please contact me before September 6 by email: hau7600@gmail.com

Helvetia Folklore Dancers
on their visit to the Swissclub
National Day Celebration 2011
Swiss Embassy Washington DC



Save the Date - Swiss Club General Assembly

Friday, October 27 at 6 pm

The Board of the Swiss Club of Washington DC cordially invites you to attend its annual General Assembly.

We appreciate your participation, input, ideas and suggestions!

Where: Embassy of Switzerland, 2900 Cathedral Ave., N.W., Washington, DC

Time: 6:00pm meeting starts
7:00pm potluck dinner

Please bring a dish to share for the potluck dinner (can be a salad, appetizer, entree, dessert, some bread) - we'll provide the drinks.

Remember, the Club benefits from an active and engaged membership, and its board is always open to new ideas from its members.



Happy Hours

Did you know the Swiss Club organizes monthly Happy Hours

We meet Friday evenings at different bars in and around DC.

Sometimes we'll even meet to do a fun event like ice skating, visiting an outdoor market, or going to a sports game.

Now that the weather is getting nicer, we'll be planning more outdoor events!

These meetups are open invitation to everyone, even if they are not Swiss Club members, so feel free to bring some friends!

Make sure you follow the Club's Facebook page to stay up to date on these social events. www.facebook.com/swissclubDC



Swiss Club Events remaining for 2017

September 24	Autumn picnic at the Swiss Rifle Range, Thurmont
October 27	General Assembly
November 11	Raclette evening
November 19	Jass Tournament, at Haudenschild residence
December 3	Grittibaenz at the Swiss Bakery
December 10	Samichlaus Party at the Embassy

About other Swiss Groups

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Swiss National Day 2017 at the Embassy



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Postillion Newsletter

September 2017

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