

## Swiss Club of Washington, DC



## August 2024 Postillion

### Message from the President

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Happy August 1st and Happy Swiss National Day! As most of you know, Swiss National Day commemorates the original pact of confederation made by the three cantons of Schwyz, Uri, and Unterwalden in early August in 1291. Over seven hundred years later, SND continues to represent unity among the Swiss people and Swiss communities across the world. In the spirit of that unity, I invite you to join the global Swiss community in celebrating today!

Speaking of Swiss National Day, thanks to all of you who attended this year's SND celebration at the Embassy last weekend! It was so great to see all of your smiling faces while enjoying the amazing weather, delicious food, and engaging performances. Thank you to all of our generous sponsors who donated raffle and Tombola prizes, and/or other resources, and to our vendors and performers who enhance the experience of our guests. A special thanks to our wonderful volunteers who generously donated their time and energy to make this event possible. I also want to express my personal gratitude to our amazing Swiss Club Board for the months of planning, coordination, and action (before, during, after the event) that is necessary to ensure that SND remains a success. If you are still looking for a way to celebrate SND, we hope that you consider attending the event presented by Stable/SteakFrites DC today ([click here](#) for more info).

As the summer begins to close out, I wish you all a safe and happy end to the season. We hope to see you at our annual bike ride later this month!

All the best,

Kevin H. Sprenger





## Swiss Club Events for 2023

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| • Fall Bike Ride               | August 24, 2024 |
| • Picnic with the Swiss Rifles | Fall, 2024      |
| • Raclette                     | Fall, 2024      |
| • Grittibänz                   | Winter, 2024    |
| • Samichlaus                   | Winter, 2024    |

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