

Objekttyp: **FrontMatter**

Zeitschrift: **Helvetia : magazine of the Swiss Society of New Zealand**

Band (Jahr): **73 (2007)**

Heft [7]

PDF erstellt am: **22.07.2024**

Nutzungsbedingungen

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Inhalten der Zeitschriften. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern. Die auf der Plattform e-periodica veröffentlichten Dokumente stehen für nicht-kommerzielle Zwecke in Lehre und Forschung sowie für die private Nutzung frei zur Verfügung. Einzelne Dateien oder Ausdrucke aus diesem Angebot können zusammen mit diesen Nutzungsbedingungen und den korrekten Herkunftsbezeichnungen weitergegeben werden. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. Die systematische Speicherung von Teilen des elektronischen Angebots auf anderen Servern bedarf ebenfalls des schriftlichen Einverständnisses der Rechteinhaber.

Haftungsausschluss

Alle Angaben erfolgen ohne Gewähr für Vollständigkeit oder Richtigkeit. Es wird keine Haftung übernommen für Schäden durch die Verwendung von Informationen aus diesem Online-Angebot oder durch das Fehlen von Informationen. Dies gilt auch für Inhalte Dritter, die über dieses Angebot zugänglich sind.

HELVE^{TI}A

Magazine for the members of the Swiss Society of New Zealand Inc
Helvetia is in its 73rd year

August/September 2007

1st of August - Swiss National Day

Since the end of the nineteenth century, the first of August has been celebrated as National Day.

The date refers to one of the first agreements made between the three cantons of Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden, who constituted the

public figure from political or cultural circles, accompanied by instrumental or choral performances, light athletic presentations, and the community singing of the national anthem are all traditional aspects of the celebration. Wealthy

majestically descending more than 20 metres to the Rhine below.

So, how do the Swiss in New Zealand celebrate the first of August? Well, the Wellington Swiss have a proper first of August fire. Though it is on Petone Beach, instead of a hilltop. Because, in New Zealand August is in winter, the warmth of the fire is very much appreciated. Do you remember how we used to try to persuade our parents that it was dark enough to light the lamps at nine o'clock? Here it is definitely dark enough at six! The children have started their own tradition: they roast marshmallows on little fires nearby. tb



Bonfire ready to be lit with Schilthorn in the background

focal point around which present-day Switzerland was built over the next 500 years. Men from these three cantons "at the beginning of the month of August" swore eternal allegiance to one another, promising mutual help and assistance. The alliance was formed against the Habsburgs, who at this time were trying to strengthen their position in the area leading to the Gotthard Pass.

In Switzerland, August 1st is celebrated exclusively in the communities; only a radio or television broadcast made by the President of the Confederation is an exception to this esteemed federal principle. Appropriate words of a prominent

communities, or tourist offices, sometimes provide a fireworks display.

Bonfires, mainly on hills or elevated ground, recall the expulsion of foreign bailiffs in the fourteenth century, which was signalled in this way. Children carrying lighted paper lanterns walk through the streets at night. Public and private buildings are decorated with national, cantonal and community flags, and the bakers bake bread rolls with a little Swiss flag on them.

A special kind of celebration takes place at the Rhine Falls at Neuhausen. The cascading water, rushing among the rocks before

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Editorial/President's report	2
Bodensee Bulletin	3
Club News	4-6
Children's page	7
National sausage loses its skin	8
Die Schwarzen Brüder	9
Tracking down the scents of the natural world	10
Disability Insurance in Difficulties	11
Bears must stick to rules - or risk to be shot	12
The first Swiss emigrants/ Poetry	13
Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi	14
Obituary/AHV	15
Solar power in Switzerland	16