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Swissair Uses Larger DC9's and Phases Out Its CV-990 Convair Coronados

Swissair will by the end of this year deactivate its seven Convair 990 Coronado jets which of late have only been used on a limited scale as they became increasingly less economical. They will be replaced from next year by the newest DC-9-50 model seating 120 passengers. In July 1973, Swissair had been the first carrier to order ten DC-9-50s. As deliveries of these units will begin only by mid-1975, the ensuing capacity gap will in agreement with the manufacturer, McDonnell Douglas, be closed by Swissair leasing four DC-9 Series 41 from Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) for periods of eight to twelve months. The first DC-9-41 now registered as HB-IDW and in Swissair colours has on October 9 been committed to line service. The other three DC-9-41s are to follow before the end of December. The DC-9-41s have a seating capacity for 107 passengers. They are thus somewhat larger than the 22 DC-9-32s that Swissair presently operates in a 92-seat configuration but smaller than the DC-9-50s Swissair has on order. All three versions carry 12 seats in first class.

Forthcoming Events

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

Our traditional picnic will be held on Sunday, 2nd of February, 1975, on Mr and Mrs J. Villiger's farm. Again we will have two Kegelhähnen, Schwingen and a new game, bottle fishing, which proved to be very popular at the Christmas party. There will be plenty of sausages off the grill, delicious cakes and ice cold drinks. Please bring suitable clothes for Schwingen and enrol prior to start with Mr E. Rust.

Don't forget to pack your sun umbrella, blankets and teacups.

R.E.W.

CHRISTCHURCH SWISS CLUB

A special weekend camp will be held at Mr K. Suter's farm, Akaroa, on February 15th and 16th, 1975. Please contact Mrs G. Schibli, Secretary Christchurch Club. Notice will be sent in due course to all members. Those unable to camp are welcome to take part in all camp and picnic activities.

Taranaki Swiss Club annual picnic is going to be held on 9th February in the Te Ngutu Park. Come to Taranaki Picnic, everybody welcome.

R.W.

Auckland Swiss Club annual Picnic will be held on 16th February, 1975, on the Swiss Farm in Albany. Further information later. S.R.

Wellington Swiss Club annual picnic will be held on 23rd February, in Woodlands Park, Waikanae. Further information by letter to members.

R.M.