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News of the Colony

WELLINGTON SWISS CLUB

On a truly magnificent spring day (September 28th), 14 crews set out to compete for honour and prizes in the Swiss Club Car Rally 1975.

The course led through the verdant countryside surrounding the city, providing a feast for the eyes of those who allowed their minds to wander from the serious purpose of finding the next checkpoint.

At those checkpoints a variety of skills were tested: General knowledge (i.e. which is the windiest place on earth? Answer: NOT Wellington!). Driving all wheels onto four bits of strategically placed cardboards, shooting, blowing up and popping balloons with darts, using one's power of observation to pick out odd things (among the oddest, an iron dangling from a tree, an odd pair of shoes on somebody's feet), crawling at a deadly 35 kph on a main highway, singing a song that was recorded and later played to the assembled party, and, of course, changing a wheel and naming parts of the mysterious interior found under the bonnet-lid. Some competitors lost precious minutes looking for an elusive checkpoint up a steep hillside, for others the nuts on the wheel would not budge, and a few had trouble finding Moonshine Road. It was stimulating and it was fun and in the end everybody arrived safely at Mr Fuhrer's farm in the Ohariu Valley for a post mortem and a most welcome buffet dinner.

Those who came out tops were the crew of Mrs E. Bischof, 79 points; Mr H. Ittensohn, 76 points; Mr A. Gelin, 74 points; Mr F. Adams, 72 points; Mr K. Schob, 72 points.

Mr and Mrs Lengweiler did a superb job organising the rally. To them and to all those dedicated people who manned the checkpoints a great big thank-you. L.N.

Forthcoming Events

AUCKLAND SWISS CLUB

Once again the festive season is nearly here. Why not come to the Swiss Farm, Kaukapakapa, on December 7th for the Family Christmas Party and meet Santa, who will be arriving at midday. We can promise fun and games for all ages.

Lunch will be available. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Your Committee,

Valerie Harrison.

HAMILTON SWISS CLUB

Our Family Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, 7th December, on Mr and Mrs Villiger's farm, at Kiwitahi.

A day of games, especially for the children, is planned and, of course, Father Christmas will be there with a sack full of surprises.

Hot sausages, coffee, cakes and cold drinks will be available.

R.E.W.