



Tuesday 27th September was the start of the tour organised by Evelyne and Victor Rodrigues. I had a very short drive of 68 kilometres from my home over the Feldberg (1493m) to Titisee-Neustadt in the black forest in Germany. The hotel was just next to the touristic centre of Titisee and was very suitable for MG V8 party. We were welcomed by “coffee and cake” which was very nice to warm up after the drive through the rain.



On Wednesday we visited the Badish state brewery Rothaus and the monastery of St. Blasien. As the rainy weather continued for the day, we were very happy to make the drive together in a veteran Swiss post bus. Same as our cars this bus had also a V8 engine, but in contrast to our cars it was a 160 hp Diesel. The brewery fortunately is independent from the global beer companies and is owned by the state of Baden-Württemberg. After the tour we were hungry and very thirsty indeed and so we were longing for the Lager and white beer that was offered to the meatloaf and potato salad in the restaurant being part of the complex. The second part of the day was visiting the round shaped dome St. Blasien, also called the Pantheon of the black forest. Originally a Benedictine abbey it is today a famous school run by the Jesuits.



Weather improved on Thursday and so nothing could stop us driving in our own V8 MGs to Furtwangen to visit the German Clock Museum. We were offered two guided tours (one in English and the other in German) to learn more about clock making in the black forest area. The famous cuckoo clock was by no means the only kind of clocks the produced in the area. The original black forest clock was invented by a railway engineer who used the style of a railway station for creating the housing of the clock. A very short drive to us to the Kolmenhof and the hydrological source of the Danube River. After taking a good number of pictures and crossing the “river” by one small step over the water, we enjoyed a good black forest lunch with a nice choice of local specialities such as the smoked crude ham, sausages, cheese and so on. The day ended, as the previous evenings, with a fine meal in the hotel and visit to the bar.



Friday was our almost 300 km transfer day from Titisee (Germany) to Prangins on the lake of Geneva (Switzerland). After one third of the route we stopped in Safenwil to visit the Emil-Frey Classic AG Museum.



Emil Frey is one of the major car importers into Switzerland and made its start with importing Standard-Swallow sidecars, later Jaguar, Austin, MG, Rover from England as well as Toyotas from Japan. After a light lunch we pushed on to get through the Friday afternoon traffic to the lake of Geneva (Lake Lemman). Prangins is not far from Morges, where the British Car Meeting took place in the next morning. The hotel Barcarolle is situated close to the lake in a very luxurious area where the Onassis dynasty as well as Michael Schuhmacher have their estates.



Saturday morning was the organised for visiting the annual British Car Meeting in Morges. Most of the cars could be parked and displayed along the Quai along the lake. Our British friends we often surprised by the number and choice of the cars which showed up despite the rainy and windy conditions. Also, rare cars such as Rover 75 V8, Rolls-Royces, Bentleys were showing up and brightened our faces despite the rain. The day was finished this time by the Gala dinner at the hotel. Our friend Michel Borghi organised some friends who played the typical Ländler music from Switzerland.



Thank you, Evelyne and Victor, for organising the tour and the enormous work you loaded on your shoulders to host 40 guests from UK, France, Germany, Portugal and Switzerland.
It was an unforgettable event.



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