Black Forest Week 2016, see <http://www.ahcbf.org/index.html>

To quench the appetite of those already booked and those who still haven`t made up their mind, here some details to one of the drives we scheduled for the Black Forest Week 2016.

Starting from the hotel its a 110 miles drive along beautiful valleys passing picturesque Black Forest farmhouses, climbing up and down pass roads. These are mainly B-roads and there are spectacular views in all directions. Along the roads are plenty so called “Gasthof” – restaurants – which offer all the regional food specialities and coffee & cake´s for the traditional afternoon break which are like pearls along the roads. On their terraces you can watch your Healey friends and other cars passing.

The route follows the lake Schluchsee to its concrete dam, to pass St. Blasien with its magnificent Dome, a smaller copy of the St. Peters Dome in Rome. It then passes close to the peak of the second highest mountain in the Black Forest, the “Belchen”. Here we suggest a lunch break at the “Kälbelescheuer” – the calves alp, see picture 1. This traditional alp Gasthof offers a fine selection of local goodies like home made “Wurstsalat” (sliced sausage salad), ham & mountain cheese plate, or for the sweeties a broad selection of cakes like Black Forest Gateau, Rhubarb Tart, Blueberry Tart, traditional Plum Pie. The view from this Gasthof is spectacular in all cardinal directions.

Down again into the Münstertal (Münster valley), you pass the huge St. Trudbert Monestry before you climb up one of the hidden narrow roads to the “Schauinsland”, another of the mountain peaks.

Decending again along the “Schauinsland Bergpreis” Hillclimb racetrack towards Freiburg, the Capital of the Black Forest, you can smell the fumes of former glory. This track hosted one of the most famous hill climbs in Germany, which was run up into the 70s. Many well known Grand Prix winners were frequent guests. When down, why not try going up again in less than 10 minutes for the 7 miles, but be careful, it’s a public road.

Leaving Freiburg the route leads you up again to St. Peter and St. Märgen with again fantastic views over the mountains to the Alps. Again plenty of the traditional Black Forest farm houses along the (winding) roads. By now you have encountered a countless number of bends. Next you may follow one of the narrower roads down into the “Hexenloch” – witch hole – where you find one of the most picturesque water mills in the Black Forest, the “Hexenlochmühle”. Its worth a stop and visit of the mill works and the coffee shop. Sorry but the Black Foresters love their coffee & cake in the afternoon.

Out of the Hexenloch you will head along the “Jostal” – Jos valley - towards the lake “Titisee” and the touristic town of Titisee. Here you meet the crowd, as its one of these places tourists think they have to visit when they are in the Black Forest. The road goes up again reaching the “Feldberg” pass and back to Lake Schluchsee. Feldberg, the highest mountain in the Black Forest, with an altitude of 1494 meters.

Josef Eckert

Organising Committee