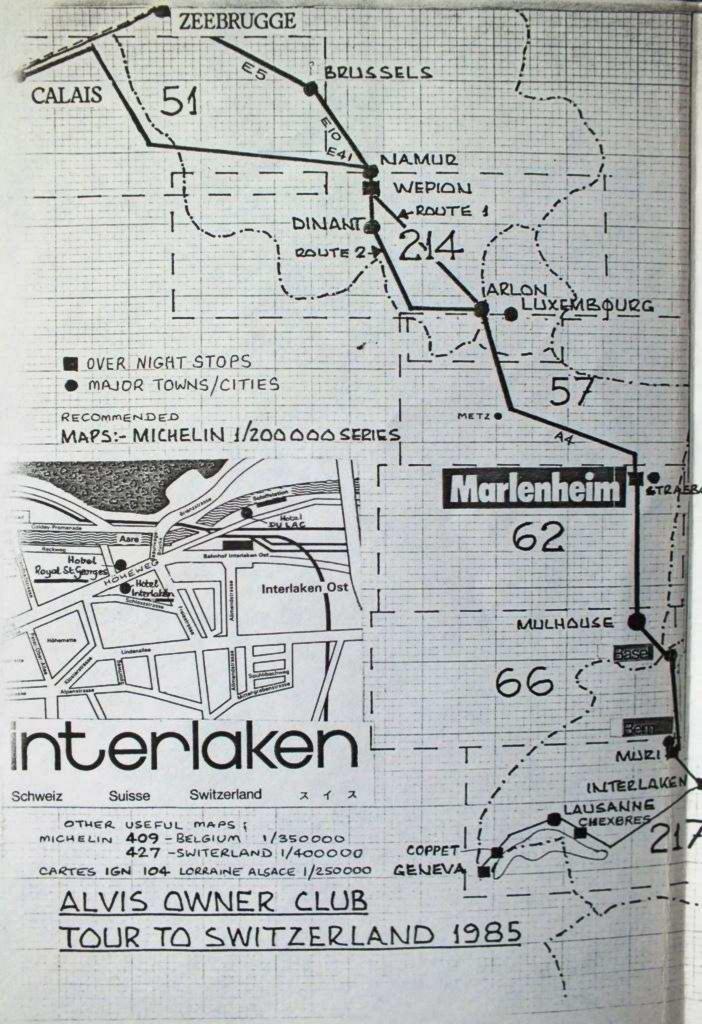


TOUR OF SWITZERLAND 7th - 14th September 1985





FOREWORD

Alvis cars have always been excellent touring cars and the Alvis Owner Club has a tradition of organising Tours both in Britain and in Europe for members to enjoy their cars and each other's company.

We can think of lots of reasons for going to Switzerland in 1985 but the main one is that it should be fun.

Tony and Rose, Nadine and I did a dummy run exactly one year ago and ever since the 7th September 1985 has been an important date on our calendars. We have been delighted that so many nationalities have joined us and that their Alvis cars range from 1933 to 1967 — we look forward to meeting the new friends made through our correspondence as well as renewing old acquaintances.

John Fox

In September 1978 John, Nadine, Rose and myself climbed aboard the Alvis with the intention of joining the Swiss members' Alvis weekend. The four of us plus quantities of luggage demonstrated the inadequacy of a fourteen year old suspension and we decided there and then to head straight to the Cote d'Azur, our ultimate destination - motorway all the way!

Since that day, I have looked forward to the time when we would visit our Swiss AOC friends, completing the 1978 intention and at the same time reciprocate their visit to our first Knelworth Alvis Day in 1975 (we will not be bringing a 50 kilo cheese).

I am most pleased therefore, to be part of the organisation which has made this tour possible and hope that all participants will enjoy their Alvis travels from various parts of Europe, homing in on the location of Hermann Graber's contribution to Alvis history.

I would like to thank John, Nadine and Rose for their parts in our combined organising of this Tour and acknowledge the contributions made by Jean-Jaques Vollbrecht, Christian Merz, Jörg Gerster, Sepp Dietrich, Hubert Patthey and Madame Graber, all of whom met us last year in Bern to discuss our stay in Switzerland and volunteered their services in arranging this Tour.

Happy Alvis motoring.

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MONDAY

DRIVE ON THE RIGHT

Directions on page 8

In contrast to yesterday's motoring this morning's trip to the Schlumpf collection means competing with commercial traffic for 112km (70).

We have made special arrangements to park on the forecourt of the Museum entrance and we shall be paying reduced group entrance rates. We will be joined by some new Tour members here and to avoid any problems on entry PLEASE BE THERE BY 11.30am.

(Last year's recce shows we left the hotel at 9.45 and went through Molsheim, the home of Bugatti at 10.00, had passed through Colmar before 11.00 and before 11.30 had parked in the car park at Schlumpf).

The restaurant there is self-service so you can eat and drink as little or as much as you like when you like.

.....THEN INTO SWITZERLAND!

When you can prise yourself away from the collection you actually make your way into Switzerland - we drove down the A35 (remembering not to continue onto the Airport) arriving at Customs in about 40 minutes, and continuing the drive through the City to the autoroute for Berne.

Again this part of the route was quite busy on a Monday afternoon with a number of long climbs and tunnels. It is about a 2-3 hour drive, depending on your speed all on autoroute (much, much longer if you wish to keep off motorways) and with the hotel in Muri being close to the motorway junction and easy to find. (see brochure map).

ADDRESS: CH-3074 MURI/BERN TELEPHONE: 031 52 71 71 THUNSTRASSE 80 TELEX 32 305 STMU/CH

The approximate cost of dinner bed and breakfast is 82 SFr. or about £27 per person. Dinner will be a set menu and our Berne resident member Christian Merz and will be there together with our Swiss Co-ordinator Jörg Gerster to meet us.

MONDAY MORNING

Maps 62,66 and 217

DRIVE ON THE RIGHT

Marlenheim to Mulhouse

Turn right out of hotel and drive back through village along N4

After 1km turn left at sign D422 MOLSHEIM

After 11km at Molsheim (Bugatti) follow signs "OBERNAI, COLMAR"

After 8km at Obernai follow signs "SELESTAT, COLMAR"

After 3km join N422 for Selestat

After 17km join motorway. A35 to COLMAR bypassing Selestat

After 12km at end of motorway join N83 for "COLMAR, MULHOUSE"

After 16km at Colmar follow signs "BÂLE, MULHOUSE" to N422 join A35 motorway for MULHOUSE

After 38km Leave Motorway for MULHOUSE CENTRE and follow BROWN SIGNS FOR MUSEE NATIONAL DE L'AUTOMOBILE

Parking at the Museum private forecourt -NOT in the car park

MONDAY AFTERNOON

Follow motorway signs for "BALE" join A35

After 35km follow signs "SUISSE TOURIST"

After Douane border crossing follow green motorway signs

After 82km join motorway following signs "BERN" on N2

At "BERN" join N6 THUN

After 3km leave motorway at exit



Hotel und Landgasthof Sternen Muri

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SUNDAL AFTERNOON

The afternoon's motoring offers a choice of autoroute and ordinary main road. We recommend the autoroute as it avoids all towns and is smooth traffic free motoring. It is about 176km (110) from the picnic stop to Hostellerie Reeb.

Recommended Route:

From AIRE DE THIONVILLE continue into THIONVILLE

After 4km at Thionville follow signs "D14 METZ" THEN "A31 METZ"

After 17km join "A4 STRASBOURG (Peage)" 19.50FFF last year Continue direction STRASBOURG 13-18 50 = 31.50 ... ul.50

After 123km take exit "D6 SAVERNE" on new by-pass to N4

After 8km join "N4 MARMOUTIER WASSELONNE"

After 12km at Wasselonne continue on N4 to "MARLENHEIM"

After 5km Hostellerie Reeb in Marlenheim is on the N4 road to Strasbourg on the far side of the town ON LEFT HAND SIDE.

SEE BROCHURE ENCLOSED ** Logis de France run by M.& Mme. Reeb.

Marlenheim is a small Alsace village worthy of a couple of hours ramble prior to an excellent gourmet meal.

We have reserved virtually all of the available 33 rooms.

Dinner will not be a set meal. You can choose from the splendid table d'hote and a la carte menus and sample some delightful Alsace wine.

The car park will be locked. There are one or two undercover garage spaces for the more vulnerable.

ADDRESS: 2 RUE DU DOCTOR SCHWEITZER TELEPHONE: (88)87 52 70

Prices per person for dinner, bed and breakfast in French francs (£1=FFr11.85) All major credit cards accepted

from 200 double

SUNDAY MORNING

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DRIVE ON THE RIGHT!

From Wepion the day's drive to Marlenheim is one of the longest days on the road. However being a Sunday the roads will be quiet and the motoring easy with only a few lengthy but gentle gradients. The hotel val meuse is providing us with a picnic lunch and we plan to all meet on the autoroute, south of Luxembourg just north of Thionville at "Aire de Thionville" which is about 112 miles from the hotel taking the main N4 (route 1) or a little further if you prefer to meander through the Ardennes (route 2).

In any case do not forget to fill up with petrol in Luxemboure which starts at Martelange on the N4 - there are half-a-dozen petrol stations to choose from most of which take credit cards.

TOTAL	ROUTE 1 - Distances showm are approximate km.(miles)
odometer miles	Turn left out of hotel on N17 to Dinant
1	After 1.6km(1) turn LEFT direction YVOIR over the bridge
2	After 1.6km(1) turn LEFT direction LUSTIN, COURRIERE
	Cross over autoroute - sign "ARLON 115"
9	Turn left onto N4 direction ARLON, LUXEMBOURG
67	After another 93km(58m) arrive in MARTELANGE (Petrol) Continue to ARLON
80	After another 21km(13) join the E9 LUXEMBOURG
107	After another 43km(27) CUSTOMS DOUANE
112	After another 8km(5) AIRE DE THIONVILLE - STOP!
ROU'	TE 2 - Turn left out of hotel on N17 and follow to DINANT
14	After 23km(14) at Dinant follow "N47 BEAURAING/BOUILLON
27	After 20km(12) at Beauraing follow signs "N47 BOUILLON"
49	After 35km(22) join N28 for Bouillon

After 8km(5) AIRE DE THIONVILLE - STOP!

After 60km(37) at Arlon join E9 for LUXEMBOURG

After 44km(27) CUSTOMS DOUANE

After 10km(6) at Bouillon follow signs "N44 ARLON"

SATURDAY

DRIVE ON THE RIGHT!

Most of the tourists will be meeting for the first time in Belgium at Wepion near Namur at one of the Novotel motels called "hotel val meuse" situated by the River Meuse.

This large international hotel has a swimming pool amongst its many facilities.

UK members travelling from Calais already have a route card. Those landing at Zeebrugge will probably find the easiest route is direct to Brussels taking the Ring south (anticlockwise) towards Namur.

To find the hotel follow signs to NAMUR (NAMEN) thereafter

follow signs AUTRE DIRECTIONS

until you see N17 DINANT

The hotel is at WEPION about 10 minutes drive from Namur situated on the left hand side of the road. BROCHURE ENCLOSED.

ADDRESS: Chausee de Dinant 1149 TELEPHONE: 081 46.08.11 B-5150 NAMUR WEPION TELEX: 59031

Prices per person for dinner, bed, breakfast and picnic lunch in Belgian Francs FROM:

1700 double 2200 single 1500 triple CREDIT CARDS: Visa, Eurocard, Amex, Diners