

International Fiat 131 Mirafiori meeting in the Black Forest



On May 14th Oldtimerfriends from all across Europe came together for four days in Loßburg. They joined the Maximum Mirafiori Mobilisation Attempt, called 3MA for short, which aims to assemble as many Fiat 131 Mirafioris in one place as possible. The participants came from Finland, Ireland, England, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland, the longest trip was more than 1600 Km, the shortest not even 16 km. After Ireland, Scotland and Italy it was now Germany, where the Fiat enthusiasts now in their fourth year since the foundation of 3MA would set a new record of 20 vehicles.



On the Sunday morning the group and their cars gathered in the town hall square in Loßburg. Here the participants were welcomed by Karin Armbruster, the tourist association manager, with a specially written speech and an extra Fiat themed poem, which Rene Knauber, the organizer of 3MA10 translated simultaneously. The Fiat 131 with its 1970s styling and colour schemes stands apart from the generally uniform look of modern cars and caused much admiration as well as some amazement from startled onlookers. Four-door limousines, practical estate cars called

"Panorama", and a "Volumetrico" (supercharged) version with luxury features were on show. Genuinely wild was the speedy two-door "Rally", made by Abarth which won three world rally championship for makes. Driven for some of its career by the legendary German driver, Walter Rohrl.



In his name a special model of the 131 sport was made called the Walter Röhrl edition and was sold only in Germany. All of the attending vehicles are not only prized historical possessions but are often still in daily use. During the four days the participants visited many of the attractions/points of interest of the Black Forest. The daily tours led to Feldberg, Titisee and the Schluchsee, the Schauinsland, the vehicle museum Marxell, the car collection Stein, the brewery and the Schinkenräucherei Pfau in Alpirsbach. The

starting point and destination was always Loßburg, with the friendly team at Hotel Traube, which offered a comfortable and enjoyable setting for the group. Here the attendees have been looked after very well in the culinary department and could relax socially for long hours with good German beer and conversation. This social aspect is significant for the success of 3MA. One comes as a 131driver and leaves as a friend. So in May 2011 many friends and new 131 drivers will meet again, and England will be the host country. See you then!



More information about 3MA is available at www.131mirafiori.com. This website is the largest english speaking forum for the Fiat 131. More than 500 members are already registered here. Text/Bild RoRoDesign 2010