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**Preliminary Program!**

# 10<sup>th</sup> European Cobra Meeting Davos / Switzerland 21. - 24. June 2018



## Highlights

- ab. 630 km complete (main event 445 km)
- 16 mountain passes complete (main event 11)
- ab. 13'710 highmeter complete (main event 10'110 km)
- Drive with f.e. Flüela (2383m), Stilsferjoch (2758m), Albula (2312m), Splügen (2112m)
- Brunch on the Schatzalp

**10th European Cobra Meeting**  
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Hello Cobristis,

A cordial «Grüezi» from your organizer team Nadja & Thomas, we are very pleased to invite you to the 10th European Cobra Meeting. We are proud to have received this anniversary event for Switzerland, which takes place from 21st to 24th June 2018 in Davos. For the Early Birds we start with our program in the late afternoon of the 20th June.

We want to show you what Switzerland stands for, Swiss hospitality, great landscapes and nature as well as great mountain roads and good food. For us Cobristis we focus of course on the landscapes and mountain roads; They also dominate our program. On the 2 main days, we drive almost 450 km over 11 passes and chase our Cobras over 13'700 height meters. There is enough time for the interchange and gasoline talks.

Our starting point Davos, located in the canton of Graubünden, is the highest city in Europe with 1560m and a high-altitude health resort with a long tradition. It is a holiday resort with an international ambience also known as the venue of the "World Economic Forum WEF" and the ice hockey tournament Spengler Cup. Thomas Mann also wrote his novel "Der Zauberberg" after a long-time stay in Davos.

Davos is easily accessible from Zurich by car via the A3 motorway and from the Landquart exit via easy-going country roads. You will also be driving through Klosters situated 13 km before Davos, which is famous for its illustrious guests from the British royal family.

Davos is surrounded by mountains and an ideal starting point for a drive over mountain roads which we will also undertake extensively with the Cobra. We have compiled a varied program for you, where you can enjoy the beautiful mountain world properly. For Friday and Saturday, we also have cobra-free excursions as an alternative in the program

The program highlights are:

Wednesday: **Arrival Early Birds**, dinner

Thursday: 185 km drive with 3'600 height meters Flüela (2383m), Bernina (2330m) and Julier (2284m)

**Arrival main event**, dinner

Friday: Team-Fotoshooting at the start  
205 km drive with 5'140 height meters Flüela (2383m), Stilsferjoch (2758m) and Umbrail (2501m)

- *cobra free option: visit Monstein brewery*  
Dinner

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- Saturday: Car presentation, group foto  
240 km drive with 4'970 height meters with Albula (2312m), Maloja (1815m) and Splügen (2112m)  
- *cobra free option: visit Clavadeleralp demonstration cheese dairy*  
Dinner
- Sunday: Lunch on the Schatzalp, the „Zauberberg“ of Thomas Mann  
Farewell, Check out, return home

Our goal is to present 100 AC Cobras and GT40 at this event, please help us with your participation. Certain room categories are only available to a limited extent; the principle is "first-come, first-served".

All participants stay at the Sunstar Hotel \*\*\*\* in nice single or double rooms. The hotel has gym, indoor pool, steam room and saunas, which can be used free of charge. Drinks from the minibar are also free. Wireless LAN is available throughout the hotel. In addition to wellness treatments in the hotel (hotel offer for wellness can be found on our homepage), Davos offers all sorts of possibilities, if your co-driver would like to have a rest day. You can also use the local bus and the cable cars free of charge with the guest card. If you want to stay earlier or longer in Davos than the packages offer, you can directly contact the hotel for this extension. You will of course get the same room rates for this extension days.

We did not make a reservation for lunch and coffee breaks similar to the previous ECMs. On the one hand, it is difficult to find restaurants that have capacity for so many participants. On the other hand, we want you to be able to make your own individual stops. There are plenty of possibilities along the route. In the later roadbook some recommendations are given. Dinner will be held at the hotel.

For further information as well as the booking possibility, please visit the following link:

[www.ECM2018swiss.com](http://www.ECM2018swiss.com)

or find the information as usual in the forum. Registration ends on 28.02.2018!

We look forward to a lot of shows and great days with you.

Your organizer team

Nadja & Thomas

## Description event:

The early birds will travel to Davos on June 20th and register at the hotel between 4 and 6pm to receive their rooms. We start at 7 pm with an aperitif and a greeting of the participants and enjoy afterwards a fine dinner from the hotel.

On Thursday morning we will start our first tour in the mountains around Davos. To warm up, there is a round of 185 km and about 3'600 heights, which must be overcome. First we start at the campsite of Davos towards the Flüelapass (2383m), which connects Davos in the Prättigau with the village Susch in the Unterengadin. The 26 km long, well developed pass road leads through a unique alpine landscape. The maximum gradient of the road is 12%, the pass is at 2'383 m. The Flüela Hospiz is located next to a small lake-eye, between the Schwarzhorn (3147 m) and Weisshorn (2653 m). Here, a first coffee can be taken, in any case, a photo stop should be done here. A few kilometers to Zernez we branch off into the duty free area of Livigno (cheap fuel, shopping?) and take the Passo del Gallo (1815m). We pass Livigno and we are on Italian ground. Via the Forcola di Livigno (2310m) we come across the Passo del Bernina (2330m), located in the Oberengadin. It is considered to be one of the most beautiful Swiss alpine passes and connects the Bündnerland in Switzerland with the Italian Veltlin. If we're lucky, we'll see the Berninabahn, which follows the road on the west side. The pass of the Berninapass is a few meters above and about 400 m east of the Ospizio Bernina or the large parking lot. Here are several small natural lakes as well as the large lake Lago Bianco. Together with the peaks of the Piz Bernina, Piz Morderatsch and Piz Chalchagn with their glaciers, they form a magnificent panorama. We reach the high point of St. Moritz and pass this ski resort, which definitely offers a stop. In Silvaplana we branch off to the Julierpass (2284m). The scenic, very attractive, well developed and easy-to-drive route crosses the steeper with 7 km long southern ramp however only scarcely 500 m height difference. Then continue on the approx. 34 km long north ramp 1433 m altitude difference in several steps down to Tiefencastel. There we branch right back to Davos. In the meantime the first of the other participants will have arrived at the hotel. With an aperitif and the welcome we start the main event of the ECM 2018. The kitchen will spoil us with a Swiss dinner.

Friday will spoil us with a great track with 205 km and 5'140 height difference, which offers several highlights. The data refer to without the later option Passo Torri di Fraele, which is only 30 km more but 680 height meters more fun. At the start of the stage is a photographer who shoots photos from each team. We take the Flüelapass (2383m), which is always a pleasure and then drive to the customs area of Livigno, but then turn off towards the Passo d'Eira (2208m). In this region it is advisable to fill the tank with cheaper fuel. The Foscagno Pass (2291m) takes us towards Bormio; Worth a visit is the view from the pass to the east in Val Viola. If you feel good and your Cobra has no thermal problems, a great option is now available, the Passo Torri di Fraele (1941m). The Valdidentro road, which branches off from Val Viola to the north, is now asphalted over Passo Torri di Fraele to the Lago di Cancano and San Giacomo lakes. Impressive is the southern ramp, which races over 17 turns on the mountain flank. The road is difficult and it is a nightmare in wet conditions or darkness. This historic street was once called "salt- & wine street" and connects the Valtellina with Switzerland. Above we have to turn again and pay attention to the one or the other cobra on the road. Just before Bormio (possible coffee stop), we branch off to another highlight, the Stilfser Joch (2758m). The Stilfser Joch, named after the northeastern part of Stelvio, is Italy's highest road pass and the second highest road in the Alps after the Col de l'Iseran, connecting Bormio to Lombardy with Prato allo Stelvio South Tyrol (NO). The route, which is often referred to as the "queen of all pass roads",

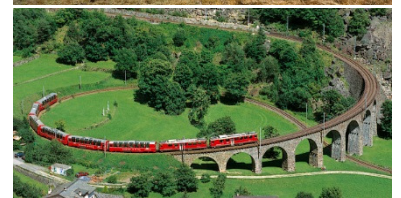


covers an altitude difference of about 1900 m on about 30 km and is probably the most impressive mountain road in the Alps, both from the landscape and from the route guidance. With a total of 34 turns on the southern ramp, the road is a guarantor for driving fun, please be careful with the single-tracked tunnels, which come in the ascent. At the pass, we turn and branch to the Umbrail Pass (2501m), which descends to Sta. Maria to the Münstertal. We return to Davos via the well-running Ofenpass (2149m) and the Flüelapass (2383m). After returning, relax in the pool and steam bath before we end the evening with a fine dinner.

As a cobra-free alternative for the daytime, we offer a visit to the Monstein brewery. The highest brewery in Switzerland and the first demonstration brewery in the canton of Grisons is in Monstein. It is housed in the former village dairy, a building that was erected 100 years ago. BierVision Monstein AG uses crystal clear spring water, Swiss hops and aromatic malt to brew Monstein beer specialties in accordance with a richly traditional recipe. Monstein is a picturesque hamlet located 1625 metres above sea level. The typical Walser houses and stilts lend the village with its two churches and two guest houses an unforgettable charm.

On Saturday, we will present a short vehicle presentation at Jakobshorn parking lot, a 5-minute drive from the hotel. Here the group photos can be shot. After that the 8-cylinders sound again. A round with 240 km as well as 4'970 heights are planned. From Davos we head south to the Albulapass (2312m). The road across the Albula connects Thusis in the Hinterrhein Valley with La Punt in the Engadine. The narrow track is only a little busy and enjoys great popularity among motorcyclists due to the magnificent high-alpine landscape in the crest region as well as the varied routes. Once up, the view opens onto a small high plateau with a small lake. The hospice is well equipped and the small souvenir shop next door invites you to browse. A longer break is worthwhile especially if you have a remote glass. In the summer, marmots and several alpine creatures can be easily observed from the hospice. The pass is crossed at an altitude of approximately 1800 m from the 5865 m long Albatian tunnel of the Rhaetian Railway, which runs parallel to the road in the lower part of the northwest ramp before it disappears in the tunnel at Preda. We turn right and drive via Samedan and pass St. Moritz to Malojapass (1815m). The Malojapass, the Italian Passo del Maloggia and the Romanesque Pass da Malögia, begins in Silvaplana. The total 43 km long pass ends in the village Chiavenna at 325 m asl. The Maloja is a very special pass, he actually has only one side. From Silvaplana, the road follows the Silvaplana and the Sils lake to the pass of Maloja at 1'815 m asl. Immediately behind the village, at the end of the long Engadina plain, actually the effective pass begins. Having arrived at Casaccia, the road, with a slope of about 11%, winds beautifully through the beautiful valley to the border of the country and then ends in Chiavenna. After Chiavenna we drive over Splügenpass (2112m). The Splügen Pass was already used in Roman times, on the Italian side the old Roman road is still to be seen. There is a lot of fun for the cobra drivers on the Swiss side! On the Italian side, the narrow road crosses a narrow vertical rock wall. From Splügen we take the old San Bernadino street. Between Andeer and Thusis, you cross a narrow canyon known as Via Mala ("Bad Road") since the 13th century. The Hinterrhein has cut itself up to 600 m deep into the rock here. As impressive is the course of the road - all the beauty can only be discovered by a visit to the touristic cliff. A quick stop, if only for a few photos, is worthwhile. Via Tiefencastel leads us back to Davos. Before dinner we make a first farewell and brief presentation of the ECM 2019.

As a cobra-free alternative for the daytime, we offer a visit to Clavadelalp demonstration cheese dairy. The Clavadelalp demonstration cheese dairy is situated at 2,028 metres above sea level and offers guests a stunning view of the alpine panorama. The demonstration cheese dairy can either be reached by taking the Jakobshorn cable car to Jschalp, followed by a 45-minute march on foot, or with the post bus to Clavadel followed by a one-hour walk, or on one of the many alternative marked footpaths from the valley. The demonstration starts from 10:30 - 11:45 h.



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On Sunday we walk to the valley station of the Schatzalpbahn. The cable railway takes us to the modern art nouveau hotel Schatzalp, built between 1898 and 1900 by the Zurich architects Otto Pfleghard & Max Haefeli and opened on 21 December 1900. The Schatzalp was designed as a luxury sanatorium and was the most advanced sanatorium in the region. Here Thomas Mann collected inspiration and content for his novel "The Magic Mountain". At lunch we enjoy the view over the valley. After lunch is the farewell of the participants.

