



Super SOL Saturday Report by Mike Glithero

Saturday 14 April dawned a glorious day for SOL Classic Car owners, after a week of dreadful rains - the sky had raised the reservoir levels substantially!!!!

Breakfast over the shining classics left Hotel Las Camelias at Torreguadiaro, near Sotogrande, at 11 am on a magnificent 140km drive.

Lynn + Sandra Lacey and Robert + Sonia Kynaston had jointly planned an absolutely fabulous route through Cadiz and Malaga Province to lunch at Venta El Mirador in Caseres.

Passing through the delightful square at San Martin de Tesorillo, then Campo de Tiro, onto the hillside village of Los Angeles over the level crossing and left onto the CA 8201.

An uphill drive along the stunning mountain road through the cork and pine forests gave way, at 61km, to a deserved coffee stop at Venta Puerto de Galis. The reporter having a delicious plate of venison - on taste other members ordered the same.

Tales of horned cattle standing in the middle of the road - perhaps admiring the classic cars - and a donkey laden with a cork harvest, plus other wildlife events, abounded.

Moving on the scenery became even more spectacular with birds of prey above - Vultures, Hawks, etc - goats and sheep being herded and wild bore hunters at work. The everyday wonders and gorgeous sights of Andalusian mountain life.

At the 94km mark a cava stop had been organised by Lynn, Sandra, Robert & Sonia - near Villa Maria finca and Mirador Corcho - a view point with a stunning mountain scape and overlooking the Reserva Nacional de Cortes de la Frontera.

Passing motorists stopped to chat with car owners, including a German called Manfred from Frankfurt who told us great stories from his 31 years of living in a local mountain finca.

Descending the final 56km we passed through Cortes de la Frontera - over the rail line - via Gaucin and onto the faster A377.

Our much needed final stop at 3pm was the splendid Venta El Mirador. Not only was the terrace view spectacular but the 3 course local cuisine was superb and the hospitality was equally complimentary. Well worth a drive up from the coast.

The weather, views, roads, forests, venues and hospitality had made it a "Super SOL Saturday", better than many a so called football "Super Saturday".