

(Part Three)

I drove home from Hamburg this night, to be prepared for the next day to go to Straubing.

On Thursday I started in the afternoon my way to Straubing (400 miles) .

I stopped at Andreas home to pick him up and do the rest of the trip the next day.

So on Friday we started to Straubing and arrived at 1.30 pm. The venue looked like a beer tent... We were the first in line and at 5.30 they opened the doors, but they won't let us in the tent. Miss Ross arrived for the Soundcheck. We watched her from outside. She wore a black dress and Sneakers and she sang Love Child. It was nice to see her in the soundcheck. She was relaxed, made some jokes and laughed with the band. Later on when she finished, they let us in.

We ran to the front row and had some places in the middle. It was a Jazz Festival and before Miss Ross, they had 2 other

Bands (one of them was George Duke). At this time the tent was very empty...

At 9.15PM the tent was overcrowded, because of Miss Ross. This was the first venue where you had to stay seated and could not stand up for dancing, because the people at the back rows couldn't see anything....

Like in every show, Miss Ross was searching for us and when she found us in the audience she always waved or pointed with her finger on us and blew kisses to us...

After the show we drove to her Hotel. She just checked out and got in the car. She recognized us and waved out of the car and blew again kisses to us. She said anything, but we couldn't understand, because of the traffic noises nearby.

We stayed the Night in Straubing in order to go the next day to Freiburg.

We started at 5.30 am on Saturday morning to Freiburg which was 300 miles away. We were so excited because we had VIP Tickets for this evening. When we arrived, we drove strictly to the venue and were a little bit disappointed.

It should have been a Historic Courtyard in the Brewery, but it didn't look like.

We went at 4.00 pm to the venue and meet some of the band members at the VIP section. We talked to Steve Crum, Albert Wing, George Svetich, Gerry Brown and of course Fred White.

They were so nice They said how much they and of course Miss Ross appreciate that we are in the shows and they couldn't believe, that we know the lyrics of every song...

We had the chance, to meet this great guys again after the show and drank some champagne with them.

The show in Freiburg was very short. She didn't play 90 minutes.

We had some fun at "Ain't no mountain high enough". She was singing and I hold my banner to her with: There is no mountain high enough to keep us from YOU...