






Austria & Germany Travels-2019: Ham Radio Themes and Genealogy Research



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Trip Themes

- This was a personal trip
 - I traveled in Austria  , Germany 
 - SOTA activation: in Lichtenstein 
 - I met “friends of the family”
 - It was a great learning experience for: Ham Radio, German.
 - I plan to return:
 - Friedrichshafen, Bavaria
 - Feldkirch, Austria; Mittenwald, Germany, etc.
 - Munich, Oktoberfest?

Friedrichshafen, Germany



- Bavaria, Germany, northern shore of Lake Constance
 - “Bodensee”
- a 4-season resort area
 - Zeppelin & Dornier Museums;
- Venue: Friedrichshafen “Messe”
 - AERO Expo



OE9XGV Ham Kamp - Vorarlberger Austrians and “guests” (like me)



Photo courtesy of Nigel Cawthorne, G3TXF



Werner, OE9FWV



HamRadio Kamp: a Multi-lingual, multi-ethnic campground



Slovenian

Bograč

German

Eintopf

English

Hunters' Stew

home-brew vodka, raki, wine, cognac

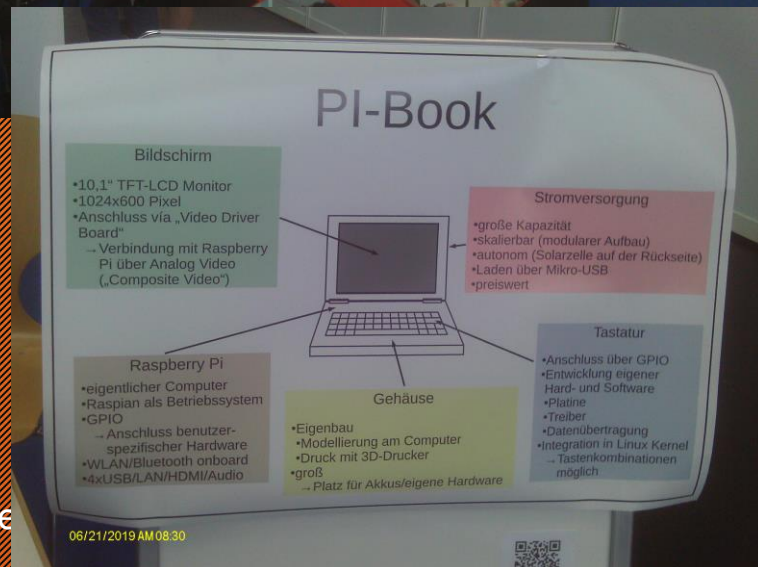
Friedrichshafen, HamRadio: facilities



- Exhibit Hall: ~280 ft x 280 ft.
- Flea Market (indoors):
 - Hall A1: ~280 ft x 280 ft.
 - Hall A2: ~280 ft x 280 ft.
- Flea Market:
 - RF Cables, connectors, adaptors
 - East German radios



Friedrichshafen HamRadio: Youth



Friedrichshafen HamRadio: Construction Project example



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Friedrichshafen HamRadio



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Friedrichshafen HamRadio: Food



- many food vendors, 'bistro's'



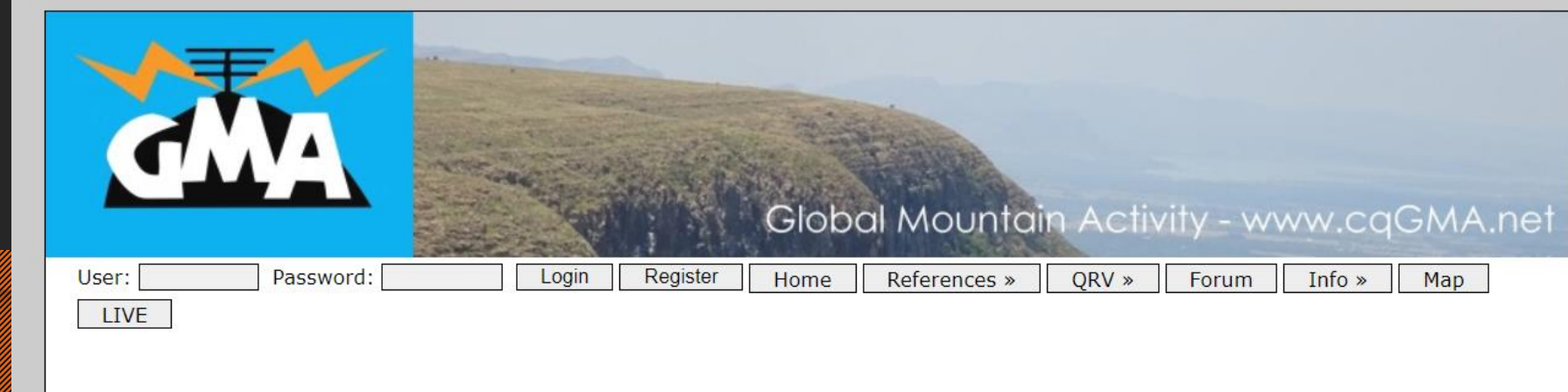
Friedrichshafen: People



Young Ukrainian family &
pet, from the Donbass
region war-zone



Friedrichshafen: SOTA forum



- Mountain radio without if's, and's, buts.
- Any summit from 100m above sea level can be activated.
- Germany: all non-SOTA references assign the prefix DA/, SOTA references are of course valid and assign the prefix DM/ and DL/).
- Outside Germany: all references of all mountains activity programs (i.e. WMA, SOTA, HuMPs Award) are valid for the scheme.
- There will be points awarded per qualifying summit on the GMA account.
- On this website the QSOs can be uploaded and compared with results from other HAM-radio operators.

Friedrichshafen HamRadio: Observations



- DARC: HUGE presence in fora, exhibits
- no “Maker Fair”, this yr.
- bldg. is concrete/steel, "tornado-resistant"
- camp area: crushed gravel, well-drained, even with steady rain , 3 nites
- seminars: (some) German language, with running English translator
 - DMR
 - SOTA
- only saw 2 electric scooters



Friedrichshafen: Zeppelin



Friedrichshafen Zeppelin, 2

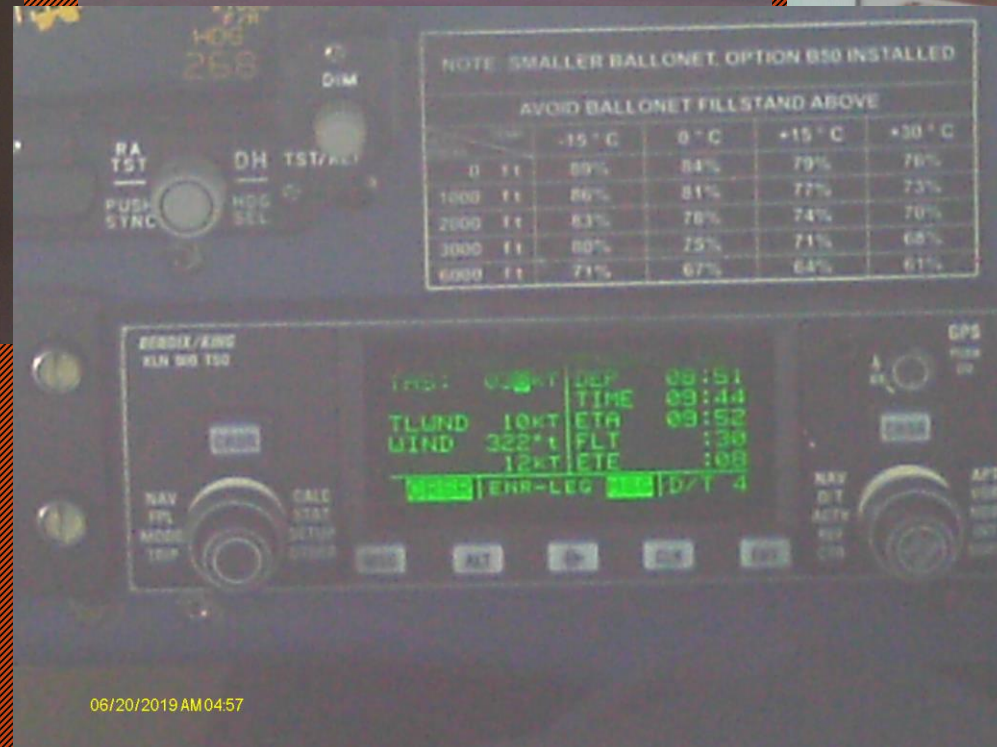


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Friedrichshafen: Zeppelin, 3



Friedrichshafen: Zeppelin,4



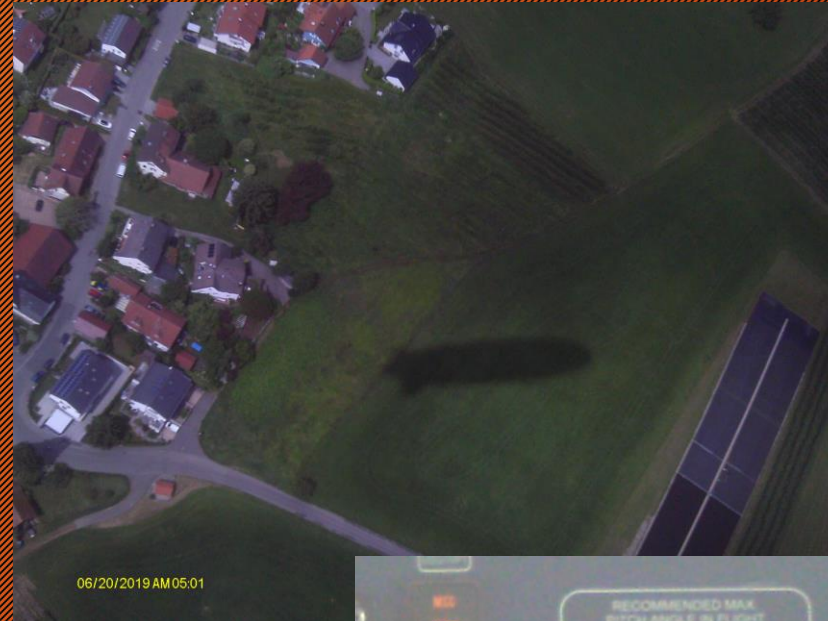
Reich Air Ministry,
“Reichsluftfahrtministerium“, RLM
-Telefunken, one radio equipment supplier.

Friedrichshafen: Zeppelin, 5



"Just the walk on the moon was nicer."

David Scott - Kommandant Apollo 15



Weekly meeting @ Cistercian Monastery, Bregenz, Austria



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“What creature has 3 things in common with women?”

“There are 2 theories about women, and neither one works.”



Bregenz, Austria: lake stage



SOTA- Getting to Helwangspitz, Liechtenstein



SOTA- Activating Helwangspitz, Liechtenstein, as: HB0/WB8BHN/P

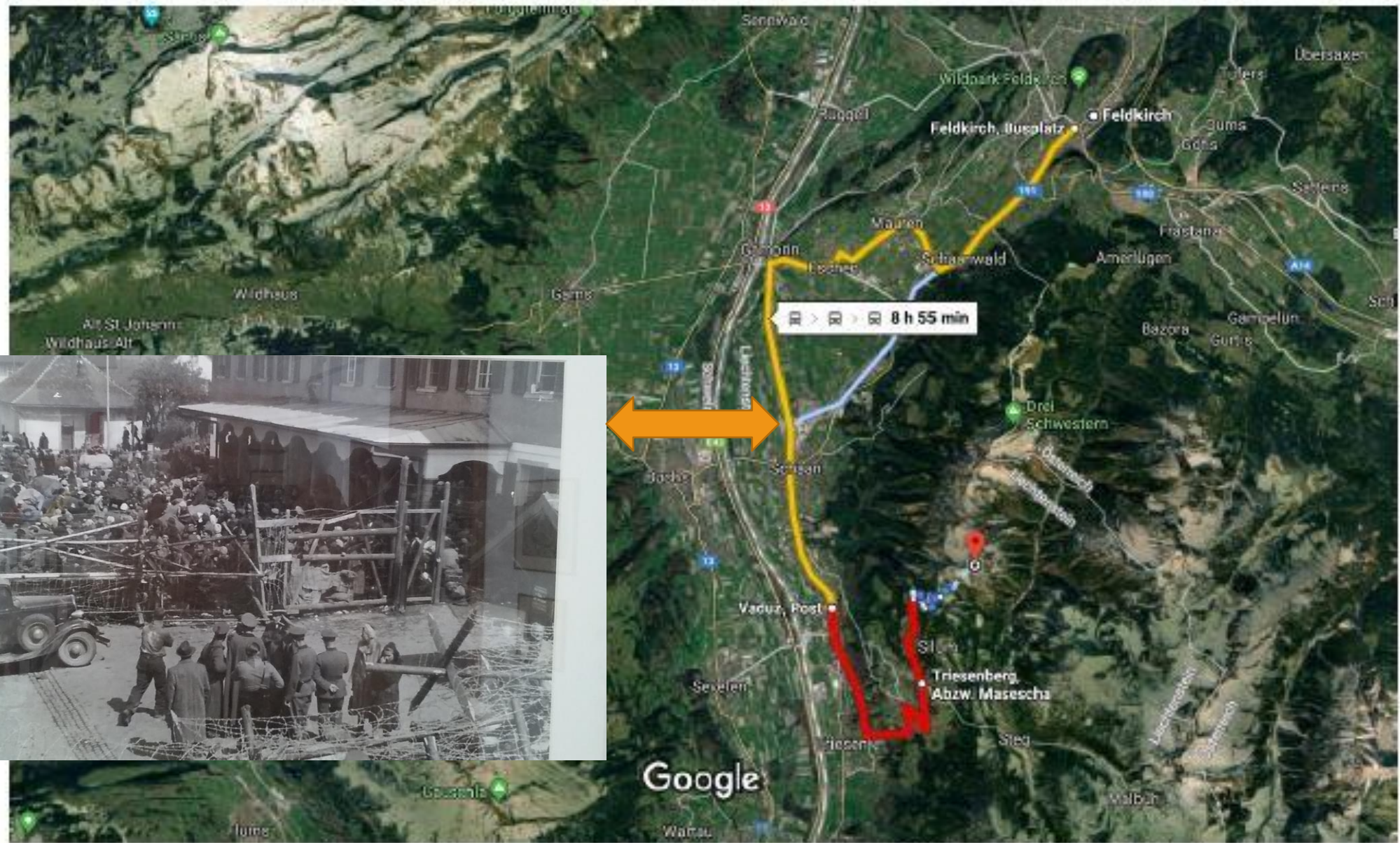


- HB0/LI-011, *Helwangspitz* - 2,000m., 6,521 ft. msl, 8 points
- Association: Liechtenstein, Region: Liechtenstein
- Latitude: 47.1486, Longitude: 9.5619
- QTH Locator: JN47sd

CEPT Radio Amateur License Recommendation T/R 61-01 allows US Amateur Extra & Advanced class licensees to operate in European Union countries and their dependencies listed below under CEPT T/R 61-01. The qualified US Amateur must carry a copy of:

- FCC CEPT Public Notice DA 16-1048: *Amateurfunkdienst in CEPT Ländern* (Sept. 16, 2016),
- your US passport, and
- your official FCC-issued license (not a reference copy).
- I added: HF/VHF Band Plan; *Bandgrenzen/Bandplan (160m - 70cm)*, 2 pages

SOTA- Getting to Helwangspitz, Liechtenstein



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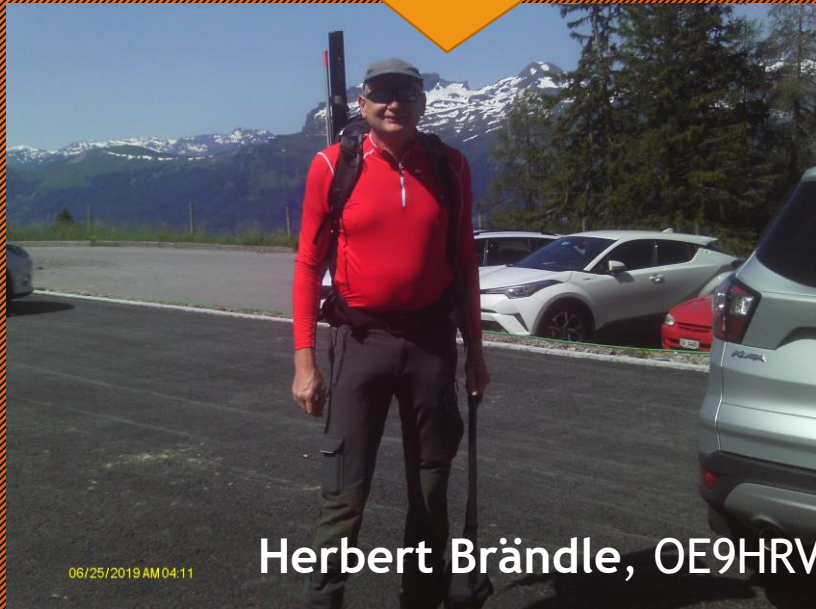
SOTA- Logistics for activating: *Helwangspitz, Liechtenstein (HB0/Li-011)*



English:

We'll take this soft American flat-lander to a high European Alpine peak and see what he is made of.

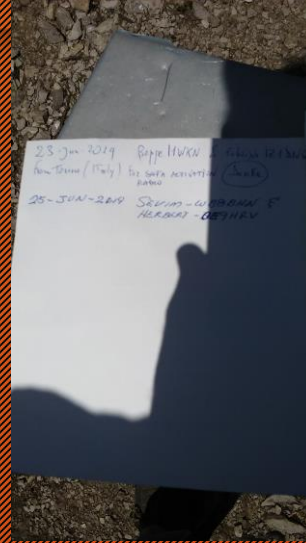
Psalm 104-8: “*The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them*”.



Helwangspitz: Getting there is “half the fun”



“We’re in the log!”



legfören
(mountain
pines)



- 2 Backpacks: 30 lbs, total, split
- Fuel on board, minimum: >3+ liters water, per person
- Time En-route: 1.4 hours (up); 1.2 hours (down)- including rests

HYPOXIA

- Climb Gradient: 500 m./3-km, 1640 ft./ 9842.52 ft = 16.662 %, 9.45 deg.
- Climb Rate: (3-km/1.4 hr) / 60-min/hr * (500 m./3-km) = 5.9 m./min.
- Air Pressure, at 2000-m. = 11.5 psi

Helwangspitz: Alpine “Security”



Most countries in western countries in **Europe** have signed the so-called Schengen treaty (1995), leading to open borders.

Crossing a border from one Schengen country to another Schengen country is usually like **crossing** from one U.S. state to another.



Helwangspitz, Liechtenstein: My Activator Results, Issue



“If DX gets in my way, I’ll
work it”-W9NXM

HB0/WB8BHN/P

QRV'ed on 25_June, 2019.

QSOs: 137

Countries: Canada, Crete,
England, France, Germany,
Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan,
N. Macedonia, Norway,
Poland, Russia, Scotland,
Switzerland, Sweden,
Turkey, USA

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Photo credit: Herbert Brändle, OE9HRV



“Summit to Summit” QSOs: 3



Getting Around Austria, Germany



DB Deutsche Bahn Rail



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Basic German Words



	Greetings	Conversation Starters	Signs	Pets	Sport	Transportation	Other
German Word	hallo	Was geht?	ausgang	hund	fussball	auto	Ich habe eine frage.
English Meaning	hello	What's up?	exit	dog	soccer	car	I have a question.

“I am pleased to meet you.”



“Ich freue mich, Sie kennen zu lernen“.

Austrian & German Culture; Germans can be formal:

You don't address a new friend by first name

Describing yourself to a German national



- I am an:

- Advance-degreed Electronic Engineer
- Instructor for Aviation Science
- University lecturer in Electronic Technology
- enthusiast in Amateur Radio

- Ich bin ein:

- Vorab diplomierter Elektronikingenieur
- Ausbilder für die Luftfahrt Wissenschaft
- Universitätslektor in der Elektronischen Technologie
- Enthusiasten in den Amateurfunk

East Berlin: Kartoffelhaus Restaurant



Kartoffelhaus N°1 *

Poststraße 4 , 10178 Berlin

RECHNUNG

Tisch: 220/01
Kellner: Uli .

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1x 0.2 Rotwe	4,70 €	4,70 €
1x 0.25 Bad Liebenwerda	2,50 €	2,50 €
1x Kartoffelpfanne-Würs	11,70 €	11,70 €

Total: 18,90 €

Incl. 19% MwSt. 3,02 € (Netto 15,88 €)

Bar 18,90€

Vielen Dank für Ihren Besuch

Tip is not included!

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Zweiter Weltkrieg



WORLD WAR II

- Germans are not happy about their history
- They acknowledge that WWII happened
- Not legal to say: “Heil Hitler!”
but.... there are neo-Nazi’s, today

Ostarbeitern - 1

Mom was an “Ost-arbeiter”, “eastern worker”

Translations:

- I live with a German family and feel great.
- help with the house work

REALITY: kids were taught in school that foreign workers were “unter-menschen”, sub-human



Ost- arbeit- ern-2



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Ostarbeitern -3



Patch worn by all
eastern workers



Östarbeitern -4

Herr (Michael)

Silke

Guido

Yonas



Frau
Gudrun

At age of 2,
survived USAAF
bombing &
machine-
gunning of
town, thanks to
Mom

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Östarbeitern, Family History - Research ... ongoing



Rankweil, Österreichisches Archiv



German Culture-future trip?



Photo credit: Danny Nick

- German Biergarten
- Music Fest
- Lederhosen



Fragen und Danke Vielenmals!
Questions and Thank You!



Haben Sie irgendwelche Fragen?
(Do you have any questions?)