# Friedrichshafen 2018



LAX → AMS

Downtown Amsterdam

Rhine River cruise

Basel by train to Friedrichshafen

Zeppelin flight

Zeppelin Museum

Hamfest / Maker Fair

FDH → AMS → LAX

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old harbor was filled in, creating semi-circular canals

sunny day!

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Some parking for small cars, but most park outside downtown & bike to garage.

Bicycles, motorscooters, motorcycles, boats outnumber cars.



Smoking, drinking coffee, drinking beer, eating fatty food.



Rijks Museum,
Van Gogh
Museum,
but much other
Van Gogh art is
in another
museum outside
of Amsterdam.



### River Cruise

We are seated for meals with a brother & sister couple from New Zealand.

He has been to
Macquarie,
Henderson, Ducie,
etc., because he was
in the Royal New
Zealand Navy.

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#### Pitcairn Island VP6

He was the school teacher, administrator, postmaster, & medic on Pitcairn 1969-1971.

Each night he would tell another interesting story about living there.

Tom Christian taught him to operate SSB.

Ships came only twice per year.

image from http://www.visitpitcairn.pn/



#### Harlem

2 weeks too late to see flower gardens, so only the city walking tour.

Bollards limit traffic to delivery vans, with key cards.



#### Harlem

Bicycles, cathedrals, & tiny cars.



Lots of old stuff.

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In the square: beer, cigarettes, raw fish.



### Harlem

In the square: beer, cell phones.



Pre-WW1 buildings preserved.



Old farmhouse.



Old farmhouse.



New tiles on the weather side.



Dutch, English, German.



Houses from different time periods.



Laundry.



Fishing cottage.

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Russell turns the Screw of Archimedes.

The wire mesh is there to keep tourists from getting hurt.



Sheep stampede.



Industrial sites.



Cruise ships are fixed size, to fit through locks, approximately 100 passengers.



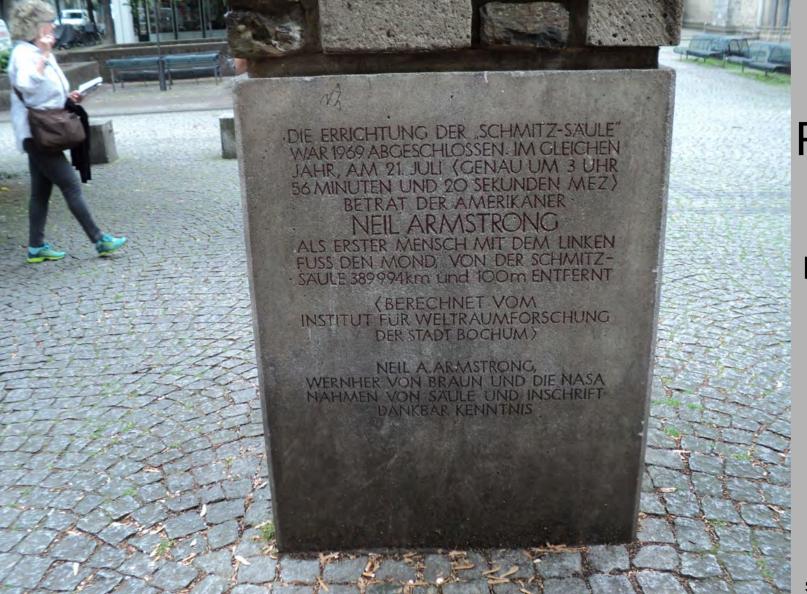
Lounge forward, restaurant aft.



outdoor seating on bridge deck.



High-water mark from 1784.



Moon Landing in 1969.



Cologne Cathedral survived WWII.



Cologne Cathedral survived WWII.

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Region where castles collected heavy tolls on river traffic.



Now operates as tourist venue.



Wear proper walking shoes.



Another castle that held sway for 100 years, sacked, rebuilt, modern owners live in part of it, partly ruined, shops & restaurant....



### Die Lorelei

Dangerous bend in the river.

Famous poem by Heinrich Heine about the siren's song luring sailors to wreck.

Statue added in modern times.

See it polished gold in the cruise advertisements.

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#### River Cruise

After walking 3 miles per day, it is time for a beer.



#### Rhine River

Very long river, navigable since Roman times from Switzerland to Netherlands, but swampy sections have been bypassed by canals, which hold constant water level.



### Rhine River

Very long river, the natural border between France and Germany.



#### Pitcairn T-shirt

As we went south, it became too warm to wear heavy clothes.



Let's have a beer.



#### Rheinfall

East of Basel.

Downstream from these falls, the Rhine is navigable all the way to the North Sea.



#### Basel Badischer Bahnhof

Our train is not there!

Because of construction, we had to take a train, bus, train connection.



### Friedrichshafen train station & bus depot

Buchorner & Seehotel are close by, also the Uferpromenade along the lake shore.

Transportation was good, but info was confusing.

A grocery store with inexpensive food & beer.



#### Buchorner Hof Hotel

Old building, but modern rooms

air-conditioning was barely adequate.



#### Bodensee Uferpromenade

Park & broad sidewalk along the lake shore.

Switzerland on south side of lake.

Sometimes the snow covered Alps were visible.



#### Pavillon am See Biergarten -Restaurant

Across the street from Buchorner.

German food & IndoChinese.



Pavillon am See Biergarten -Restaurant

Chicken, curry vegetables...

Plenty of dark beer.



#### Uferpromenade

sculpture, fountain, boat rides.

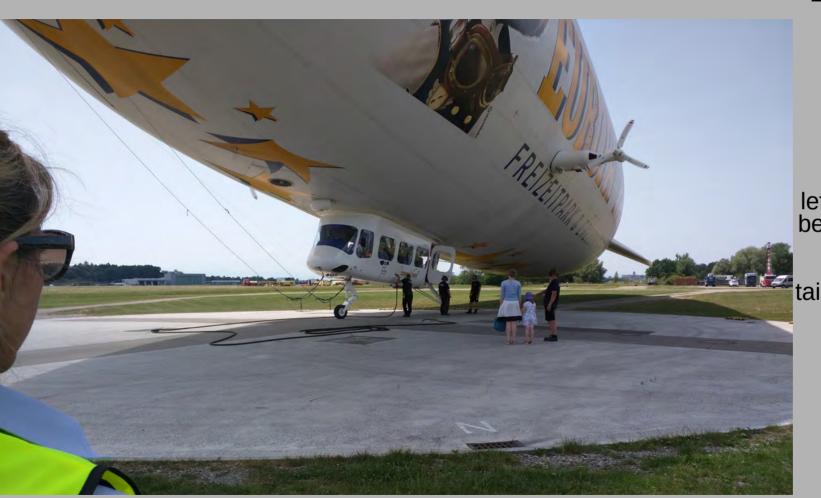
Swiss Alps visible in the distance.

Pop-up thunderstorms in the late afternoon.



ship always faces into the wind

2 off 2 on boarding to maintain neutral bouyancy



fueling on side of gondola

left & right engines can be rotated to act similar to ailerons

tail engine rotates to act similar to rudder & elevator



Pilot + Flight Attendant

2 rows of 6 passengers

rear seats were nice



take-off is almost straight up



### Messe halls

each as large as Zeppelin hangar

hamfest booths in one

MakerFaire in one

ham flea market almost filled 2



Window opens to take pictures without reflections

Do not drop cell phone out of window!



cruising 1000' AGL 35 miles per hour



controls similar to airplane



many ferries & sailboats on Lake Constance

we could not find info about dinner cruise



glint



#### Messe

looking southeast

big event is the aviation convention in April

parking lot at upper right had many ham RVs with portable antenna setups



A fixed-wing airplane could not make such a steep descent



## Zeppelin post-flight

Beer & schnitzel



east end of Uferpromenade, near ferry terminal



subsection of Hindenburg duplicated inside the museum



### LZ-129

cafe



### LZ-129

passenger cabin:

bunk beds small sink 1 chair



LZ-129

chronometer
compass
slide rule
sextant



large, easy to read slide rule





den Kurs festlegte. Morgens, mittags und abends wurder

#### LZ-129

most of the traffic was weather advisories

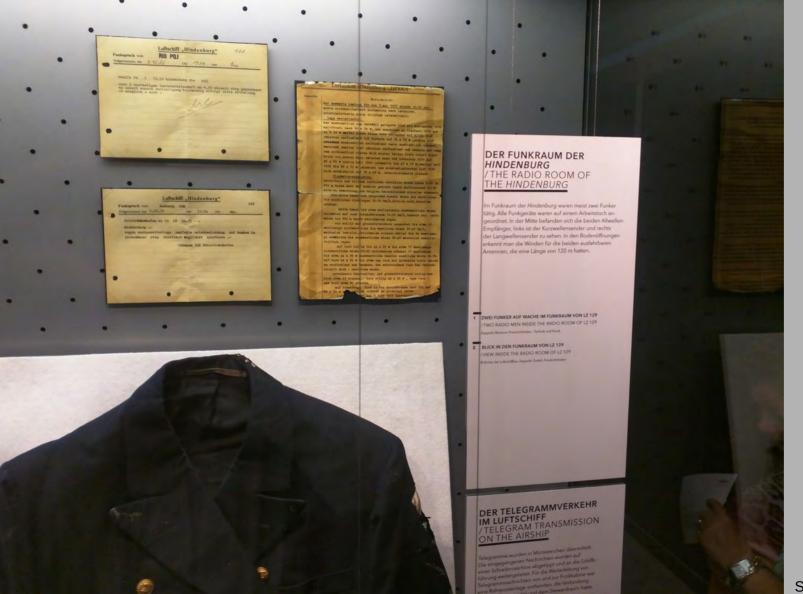
dual language sign: did they really need to translate "didididit ..."



FAX?



FAX?



2 telegrams

long weather report



LZ-129

recovered pieces of burned wreckage



# LZ-129

portion of structure which contained the gas bags



# LZ-129

Each V-16 Mercedes Diesel turned 2 propellers 6m diameter



# Zeppelin Museum

Restaurant, with terrace overlooking the ferry terminal



# Zeppelin Museum

Noch ein Bier.



Shuttle Bus to Hamfest

meeting some UK hams

waiting to get in





All the stuff we usually see, plus lots of EU junk.



Best selection on Friday, best prices on Sunday.



50 – 180 MHz receiver

Controls labeled in German and French.



5, 7, 12 Euro a piece!



old stuff



very old stuff



old Russian stuff



loaded rotatable dipole

Aluminum Mast sections

# 6m Crank-Up Mast



# Fiberglass Masts

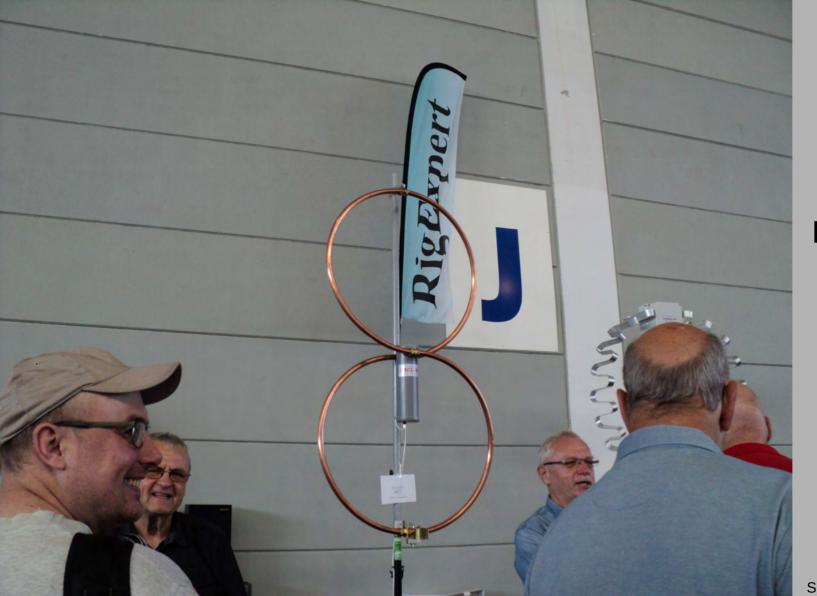
"GRP Mast 8.40m 50 Euro"

"6m 25"

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There were some nice looking dummy loads, but too big & too \$\$\$



loops are popular in EU,

because space is limited



MAGLOOP Fractal 60-30m bands 330 Euro + 170 Euro antenna control box



15-80m 198 Euro



# Midi Loop Antenna

heavy-duty



"BABY LOOP" ? 40 - 10m



homebrew?

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homebrew?

on mast

vacuum variable capacitor

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A7 Qatar



#### **DARC Germany**

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**HS** Thailand



I Italy



DX Clubs
OH Finland



YO Romania



EA Spain



S5 Slovenia



LX Luxembourg



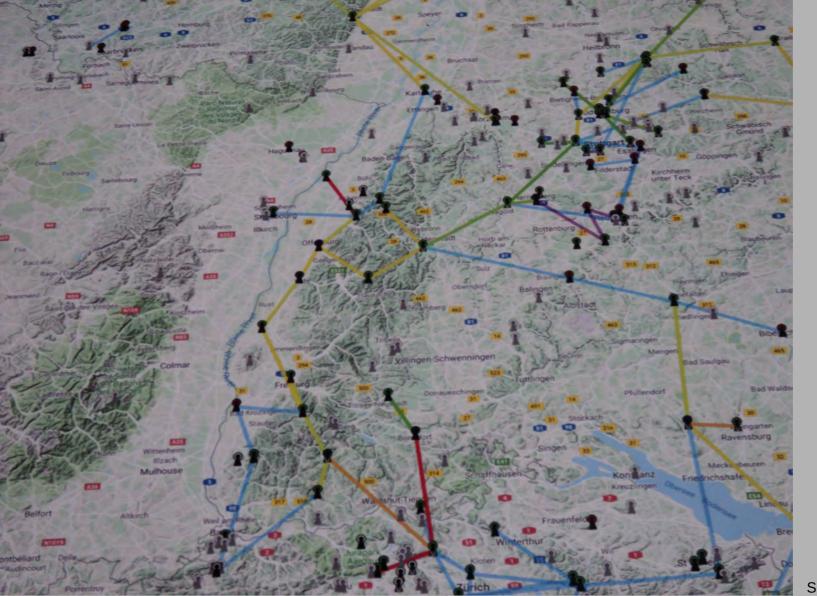
## Orlando Hamcation

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# ARDF Funksport

cross-country running + Radio Direction Finding



# **HAMNET**

VHF, UHF, microwave networking

# TOTAL MAST

Push-Up Quick-Lock Mast

#### Pump-Up Mast

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Various sizes

#### Pump-Up Masts

"Big discounts on exdemo and used equipment sold here today."



#### Pump-Up Masts

various sizes

with & without tripod

"Big discounts on ex-demo and used equipment sold here today."

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#### Pump-Up Mast

only 450 Euro would not fit in carry-on



# spiderbeam

22m fiberglass mast 369 Euro



#### Telescoping tower with self-propelled trailer

various sizes extremely \$\$\$



# Hilberling

HF+6m all mode full-size buttons & knobs



# Hilberling

HF+6m all mode matching amplifier/tuner



#### Yaesu FT-991A

HF/VHF all mode

replaces FT-847, but no full-duplex SAT

tiny buttons



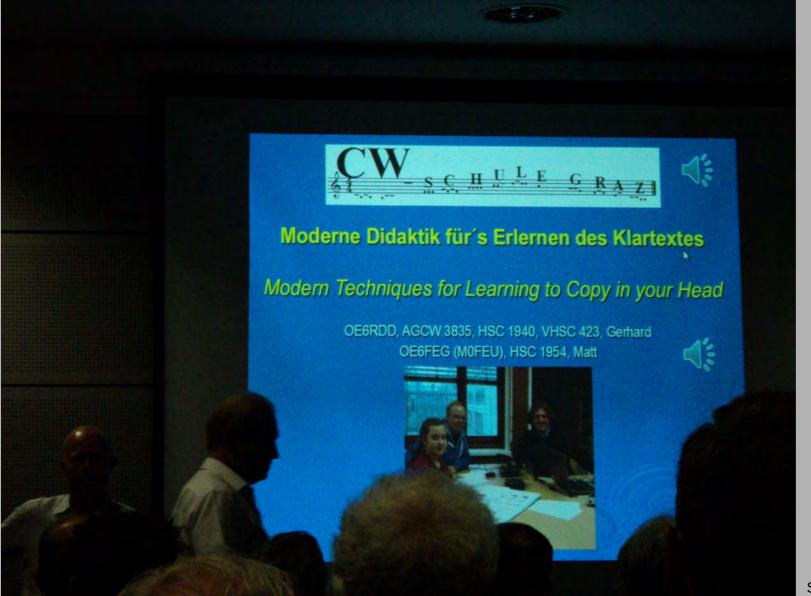
#### **Elecraft**

Eric WA6HHQ handling a pileup



# Emergency radio

heavy-duty tower trailer
7m crank-up mast
VHF log periodic



#### Special Interest Presentations

CW, SDR, ...



Die nächsten Veranstaltungen:















Mini Maker Faire



... weitere folgen.



10 events in 2018



upcycling:

whirligig made from spoons & bicycle wheels



upcycling
FLOPPY ORGAN

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educational toys

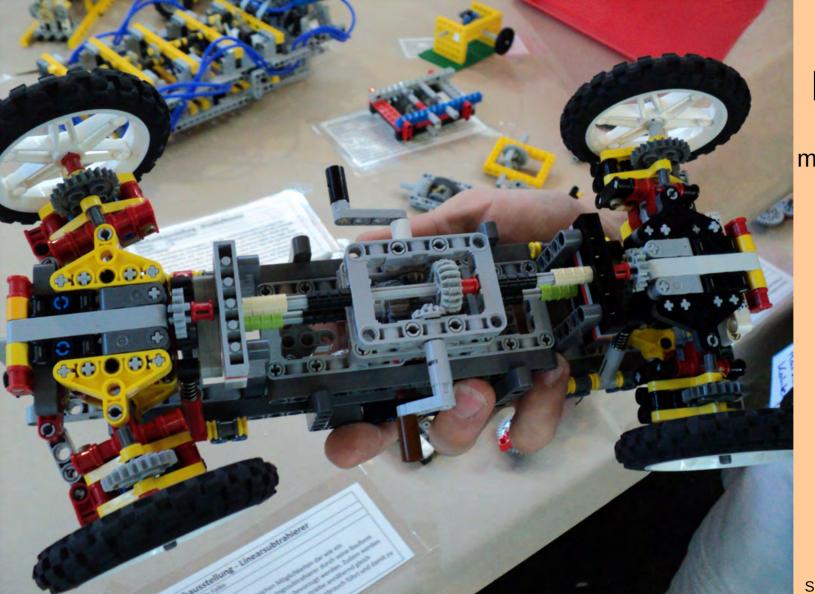
https://fillygons.ch/

"Bitte beruehren" means "Please touch"

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robots



more sophisticated than Lego or Erector Set



electronic signage



aromatics spiral knit socks



computer cases:
fancy lights
light show & fans
marquis lights



computer cases:

pirate motif

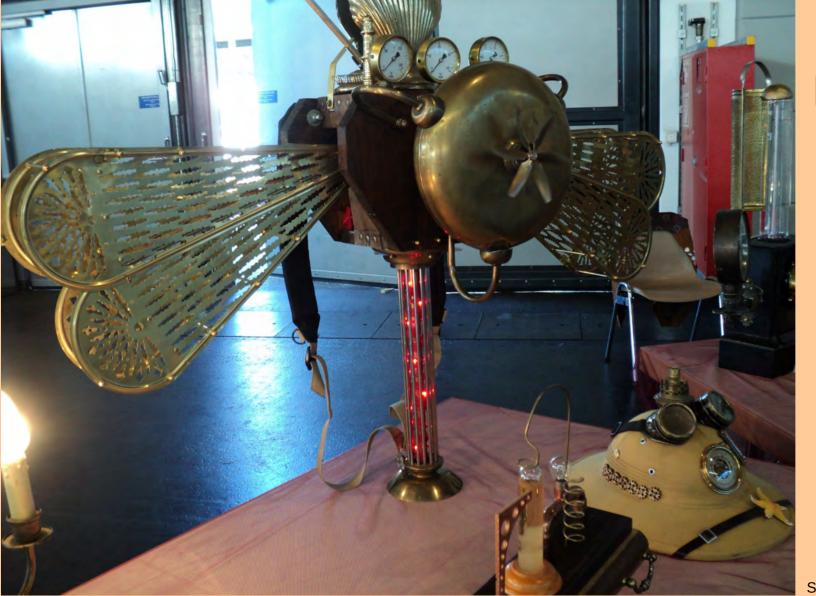
"drinking & gaming"



computer cases:
 art deco
 motorcycle
 steam punk



computer cases: war-game rig



Steam Punk



Sylvana

cosplay, sports cars, robots

This is why young people are at the Maker Faire, instead of the Hamfest.

Image from https://www.pictasite.com/post/Bjj6zpPgQGr



# Friedrichshafen 2019

2019 date conflicts with US Field Day

Nice tourist destination

Weather is warm, humid, thunderstorms in afternoon

No bargains at Flea Market