

Arrival: June 27, 2009



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- Flew in on Ryanair from London-Stansted. The flight was comfortable and inexpensive, if on the basic side.



Settling in



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- My Dutch friends picked me up, and we drove to Tett nang, a beautiful small town near Friedrichshafen. We settled in at our “Ferienwohnung” (vacation apartment) in nearby Gornhofen...



Thursday Dinner



- ...and then joined Clemens DL4RAJ and his brother Rupert for a wonderful dinner at the “Krone” restaurant in Tett nang.



Off to the Expo Centre



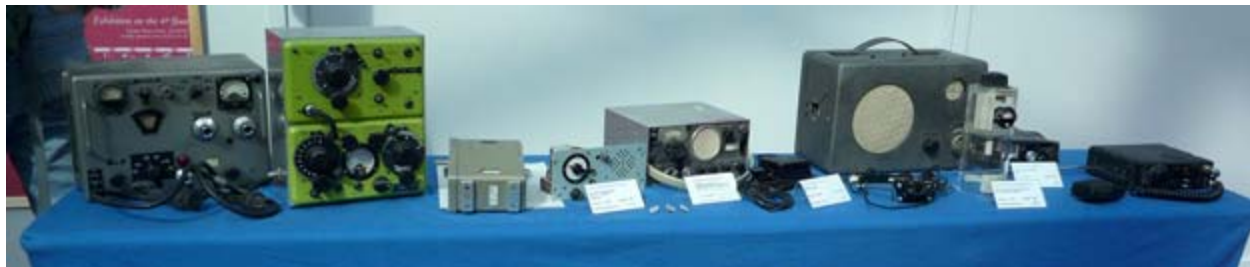
- The following morning, Friday June 28, we drove to the Expo Centre and registered. Amenities include a number of exhibit halls, a huge indoor flea-market (4 halls in all!) and an excellent cafeteria-style restaurant.



Lobby exhibit: *Ham radio in Post-WW2 West Germany.*



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- Some examples of radios and test instruments built by German hams in the early post-war years were on display in the Expo lobby.



Friday: Der Flohmarkt!



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- The huge covered flea-market filled 4 halls. An enormous selection of military and commercial radio equipment was on display, including rare German WW2 and Warsaw Pact Cold War gear (including “spy sets”).
 - There was sophisticated test equipment of all kinds, ranging from simple multimeters to signal generators, oscilloscopes and even network and spectrum analyzers.
 - Prices were fairly reasonable, although German WW2 equipment bore very high price tags consistent with its rarity.
 - Also on offer was an endless variety of Warsaw Pact surplus tubes and high-power RF components – a veritable amplifier-builder’s Nirvana.
 - There were also older tube-type amateur transceivers, receivers etc., but not much in the way of second-hand late-model ham radio gear.
 - Some fine examples of modern European VHF/UHF amateur equipment were on display – transverters, amplifiers, couplers etc.

Into the thick of it!

Like kids in a sweet-shop.



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A tour of the flea-market



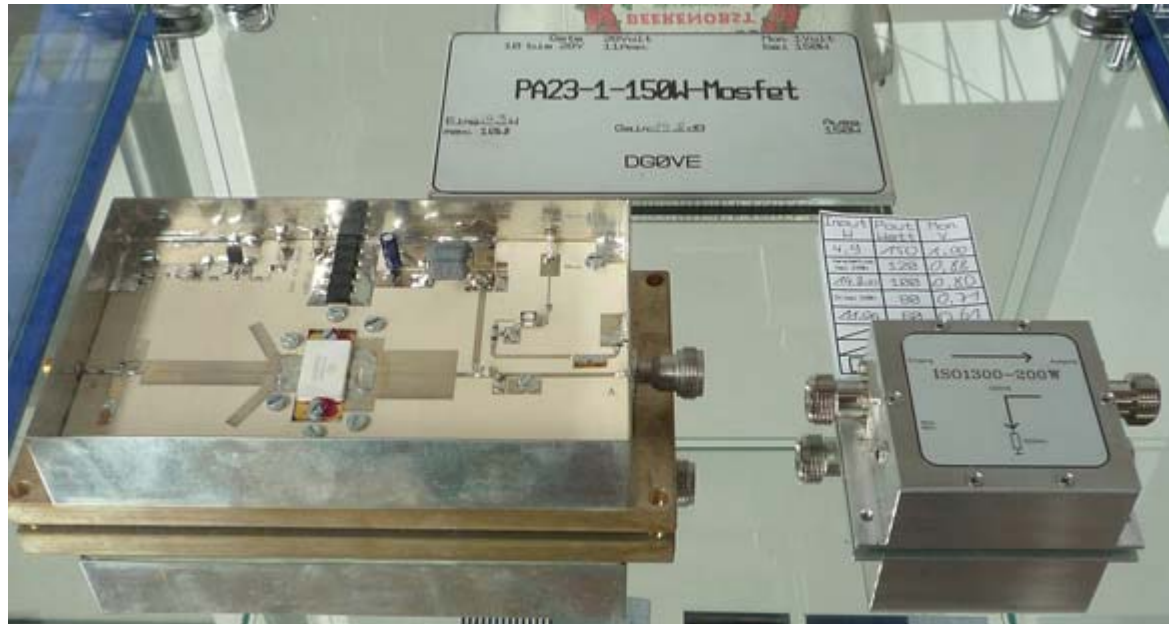
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- Overview of one of the halls, with test equipment in the foreground.



A modern German 23cm amplifier



- 150W 1.2 GHz MOSFET stripline amplifier with output isolator. This group also builds transverters, LNA's and down-converters.



Current-model test gear by HP/Agilent and Rohde & Schwarz.



More test equipment



Yet more test equipment



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These two guys are just looking
Note the "air-conditioning" in the rear of the hall!



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Homebrewer's paradise

- parts of every description.



For tube-amplifier builders



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- High-power RF components (rare nowadays).



More amplifier & ATU parts



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Need some big tubes?



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More tubes (receiving & transmitting).



*Still more tubes:
CRT's, imaging, transmitting, microwave.*



Some "big brute" HF amps



Homebrew 3 kW amp

"Ugly" Russian military amp



Broadband 1 kW amp

The end of a perfect day



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- Happily tired after a full day, we returned to the apartment for supper, a good bottle and some HF operating.



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The end of a perfect day

Friday evening.



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- Hans PA1HR operating our portable HF station on 40m (Kenwood TS-50, end-fed 40m $\lambda/2$ wire antenna). We worked stations all over Europe (including the UK).



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Saturday morning: Commercial displays.



- The main Icom stand: IC-7700, IC-7600, IC-R9500, IC-7800.



The Icom display

- Clemens DL4RAJ and Rupert trying out the IC-7700.



The Swiss ADAT ADT-200A direct-sampling SDR transceiver.



- The radio set and its internal DSP module are shown.



ADT-200A DSP Module

“OM Power”

HF amplifiers from Slovakia.



- Dick PA3DUV with a 1.5 kW amplifier.



“OM Power”

HF amplifiers from Slovakia.



- Detail of the 1.5 kW “OM Power” amp (note the resemblance to Alpha!)



More commercial displays



- The Optibeam stand.



More commercial displays



Swiss SAMS remote tuner



SPE 1K-FA 1 kW MOSFET amplifier



Small remote ladder-line tuner

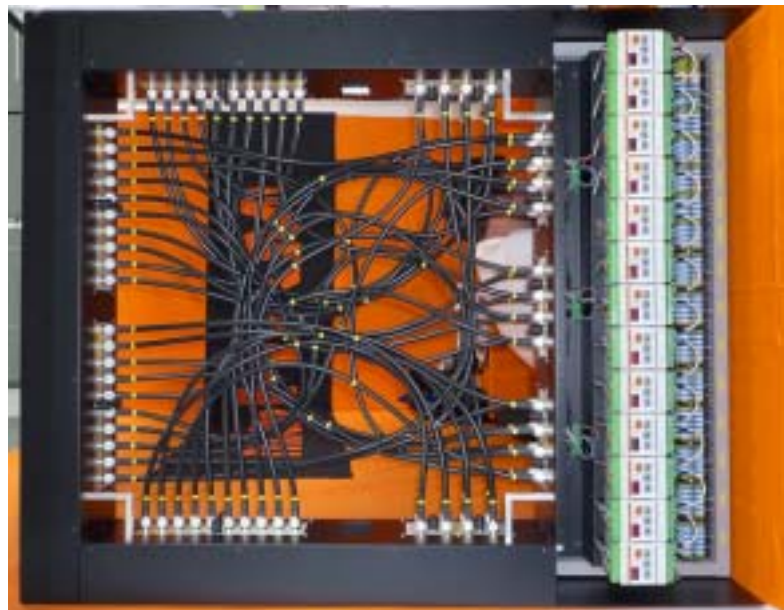


The "Array Solutions" stand



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The Matrix Antenna Switch



Detail of switch matrix

“WiMo”: a major German dealer



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*“UKW-Berichte” (VHF Reports):
a well-known German ham magazine.*



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Saturday afternoon: military radios at the flea-market!



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- **Modular German WW2 Luftwaffe radios (FuG 10): receivers, transmitters, power supplies. These sets are fully-restored and working.**



*The German WW2 Fu.H.E.c
HF intercept receiver, 3.5 – 26 MHz.
Asking price: 3200 Euro (\$4100)!*



Typical spare tubes

More German WW2 radios: restored and operational.



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Torn.E.b HF TRF receiver (0.1 – 6.7 MHz)



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Coil turret and tube sockets



R&S "Samos" receiver



- 90 – 470 MHz, AM & FM. Used as a radar intercept receiver. Its post-war successor ESD was widely used as a monitor receiver in the broadcast industry.



USSR R-311 HF Receiver



- 1950's-era, 1-15 MHz, AM/CW, very rugged, 2.4V battery-filament tubes throughout.



Collins KWM-1: a fine example of this rare rig.



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Sunday: Spy Sets, Crypto, Manpack



- USSR HF spy transceiver with Morse burst encoder.



More Spy Sets

- USSR synthesized HF “suitcase” spy set with internal ATU and PSU.



Czech VHF spy set

- 30 – 55 MHz AM, 0.25W. Based on German WW2 “Dorette” (Kleinfunksprecher D).



“Enigma” crypto machines



Swiss NEMA (1948)

USSR M-125 "Fialka" crypto machine & PSU



- Used extensively in the Cold War; declassified in 2005.



Manpack set

- East German RFT SEG 15 HF manpack: 1.6 – 12 MHz, 15W, AM/SSB/CW.



Departure: June 28, 2009

Sunday noon. Next stop: Switzerland.



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- All packed up for the ride to the ferry terminal. (No, that's *not* all my kit!)



Sailing from Friedrichshafen



- The city waterfront, viewed from the ferry.



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Romanshorn

on the Swiss shore of the Bodensee.



Thanks for watching!

