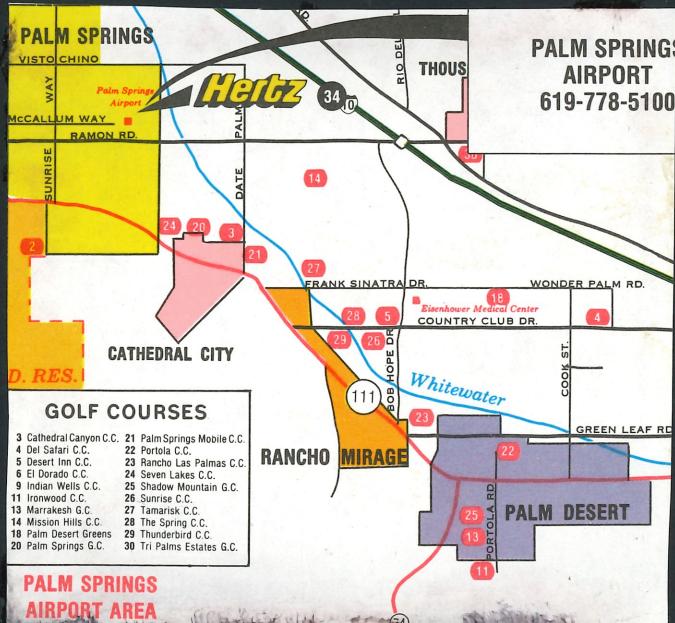


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September 5 - October 3 1991.
Jim Stanley Hans Wisman

day 1

Thursday September 5, Patrick drove us to the Palm Springs Airport, where we picked up our Budget rent-a-car.



We drove to Los Angeles arriving at the airport at about noon.

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We checked in with Martin Air.



We had plenty of time, so we drove around and had a snack at McDonald's before turning in the car.

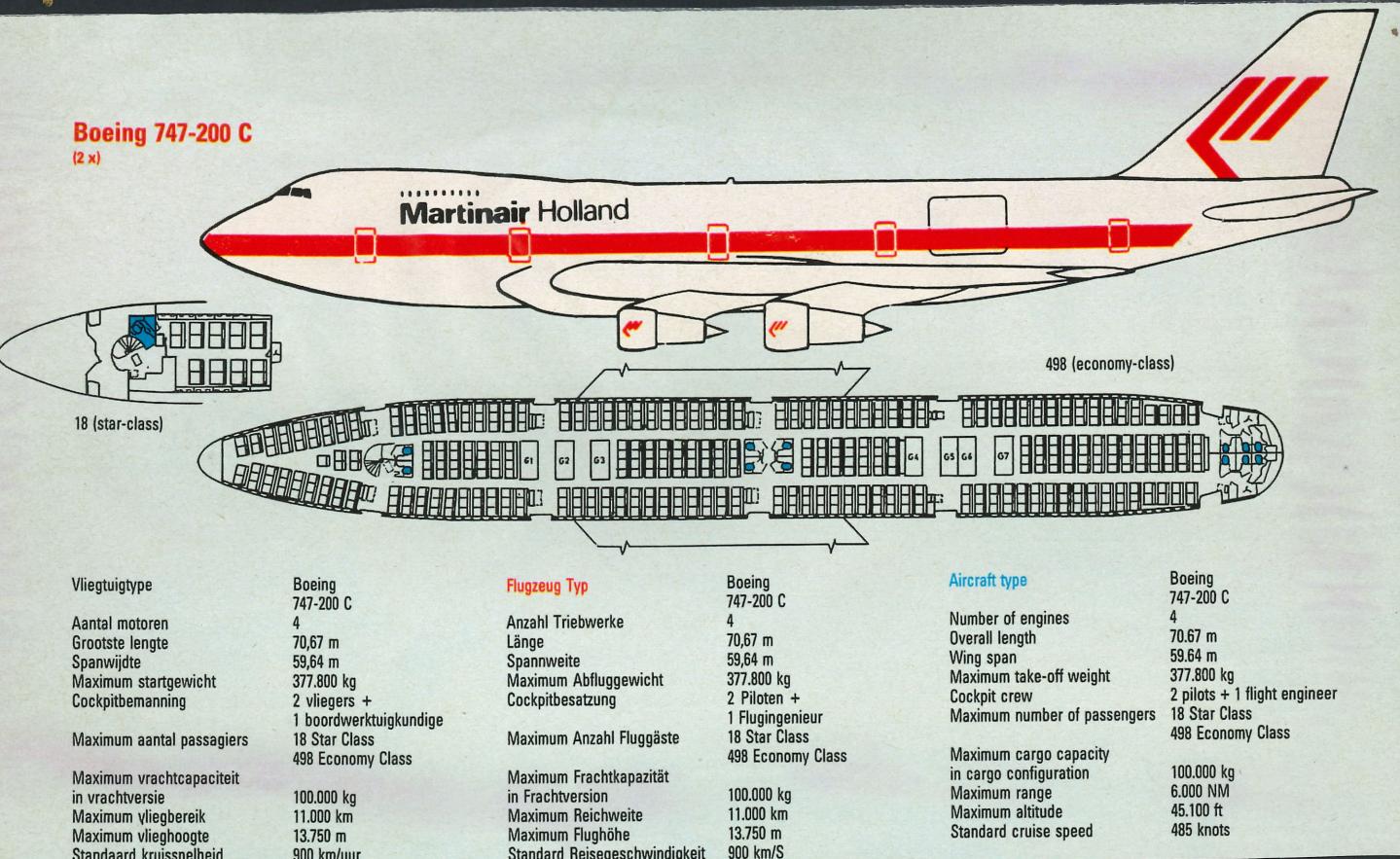
We walked around the airport, but were not allowed into the duty-free shop because the plane was stopping in Seattle.

We did change some money.



We boarded our Jumbo 747 about 3:00 P.M. and departed on time for Seattle.

Boeing 747-200 C
(2 x)



The flight was jammed, but not uncomfortable. We sipped a wodka-tonic as we flew north over Lake Tahooo and Mount Hood.

Martin Air has a unique feature on their flights. On the movie-screen, there is, first of all, a map showing the exact location of the plane.

also a chart, showing the vital statistics such as distance to and from destination, how long it is going to take, local time, etc. It is not only information, but it helps pass the time.

One annoying part of the trip was that we were not allowed off the plane in Seattle. That meant sitting for ninety minutes doing nothing. Very boring and frustrating, as we had ~~had~~ looked forward to checking out the duty-free shop.

The plane left Seattle on time and we headed out over the Canadian wilderness. We saw a few snow-capped mountains sparkling in the rays of the setting sun. Martin Air's service was excellent. We had another vodka (Stolly) on the house before dinner. Jim had chicken while Hans had beef.

Along with wine with the meal, we topped it off with a brandy.

Now we were ready for some sleep. We did so on and off, but the night was short. We played some cards and just talked.

Over Greenland and Iceland we were served a Dutch breakfast of cold cuts, cheese and bread.

We arrived on Schiphol right on time at 1:30 P.M. after a smooth flight. Total miles flown: 5559.

Day 2.

Friday September 6. (Cloudy).

After whisking through customs, we were met by Ad, a brother of Hans's, who drove us to his home in Leusden.

There we were met by Rie(tje), his wife, and eldest son Robert.

They have a very nice home with a yard that backs onto a small canal. Ducks in the canal and chickens in the yard give the place a very rural flavor.

Hans spent "hours" showing them our photos while Jim took a nap. The rest of the afternoon we spent relaxing and visiting.

We had a few drinks before dinner, which consisted of steak, potatoes, and green beans. And cheese of course.

After coffee and cookies, bed looked awfully good, so we turned in early and got a good night's sleep.

Day 3.

Saturday September 7 (Cloudy).

We got up about 8:00 A.M. and ate a typical Dutch breakfast of cold cuts, cheese, biscuits, breads of different kinds, and more cheese.

Ad drove us to Bunschoten / Spakenburg where we lucked out.

It is a very quaint old fishing village where they happened to have their annual festival, that day.





Hans Ad



Jim



De market
place was
full with
all kinds
of goodies





Hans got his smoked eel and raw herring



That
put
him
in
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also all kinds of old crafts were on display, like old sleds, mastmaking, etc. An organ-grinder added his tunes to the atmosphere.

A group assembled in one of the old ships and sang folksongs.

The mayor gave a speech as well as one of the natives, a woman in her eighties, talking about the local past in the local dialect. It was all great fun until it started to drizzle.



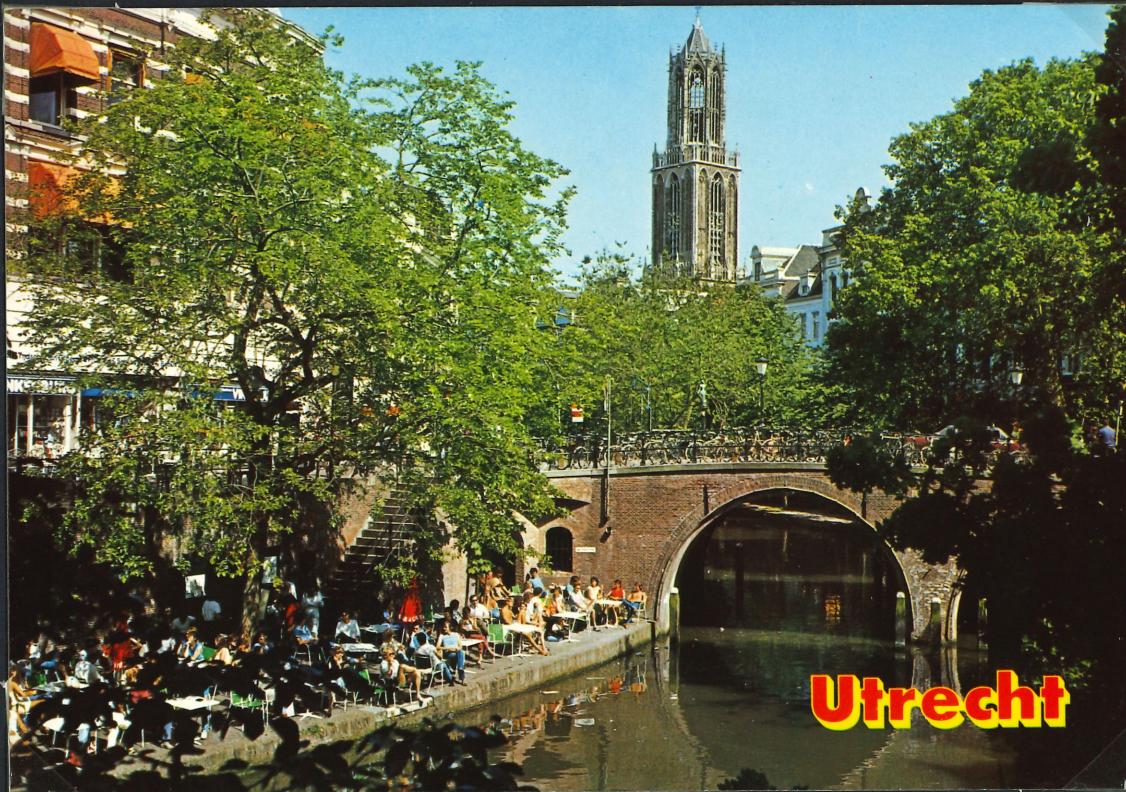


Naar een schilderij van Klaas Zwaan.



We drove back to the house about noon, and soon the van that we had rented for our trip, arrived. It was a white Mitsubishi and just the right size for what we wanted to do.

About 1:00 P.M. Ad drove us to Amersfoort, where we took the bus to Utrecht. A little change from Leusden. It was crowded and congested, even more so since it was Saturday.



We walked to the cathedral, then onto where Hans went to grammar-school. We had a snack of french fries at the market, which were about the best ever. We tried to get back into the cathedral for a concert, but we were locked out, since it had started already. Hans bought 100 gram of pottertjes, tiny, black, round balls of some sort of licorice, which was going to last him for the next three weeks.

We took the bus back to Amersfoort, where Ad and Leny met us. At home we met Tineke, who was busy in the kitchen, preparing for the family reunion later that evening. Just about the whole family was present, except for one brother, Wim, and two nephews, Wilco and Jochem. It was an excellent party, with much delicious food, wine, and good times. This was a rare occasion, since since the family is not very visit-oriented.

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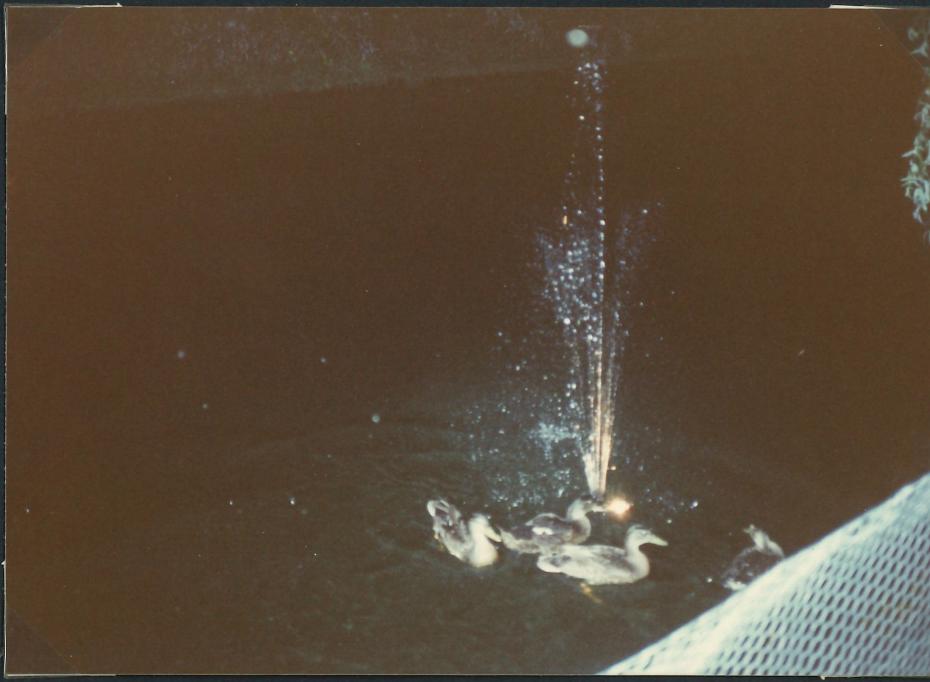
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The party broke up at about 1:00 A.M. Leny had suggested earlier, we go home to her house, following her and Tineke in our van, but we decided, that between the party, late hour, and unfamiliar car, we had better stay put. What a great night.

Day 4 Sunday September 8 (Sunny). We began the day with another Dutch breakfast with Ad and Rie.

We bid our goodbyes, and took off in the van about 10:30 A.M., headed for Loenen, for a visit with Ingrid and Hans. We also borrowed some camping equipment.

We had quite a problem finding their place. In fact, we had to call the house so they could pick us up, since we were lost. We happened to be practically around the corner.

After visiting a while, we took a nice leisurely stroll through the town along the river. We saw many beautiful mansions and quaint old homes.





It was quite a way to where Ingrids' husband, Hans, is in the process of building a beautiful sailboat. We spent some time climbing around it and admiring his work. It's quite an undertaking.



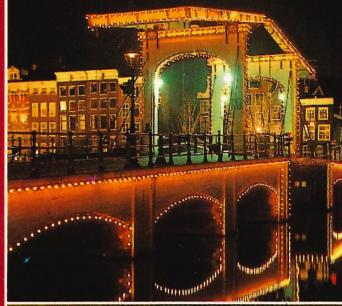
On the way back home we stopped at another marina, where Christel, Hans and Ingrid's daughter, is planning to move. We checked out her future home on the water, which again is undergoing renovations. It will be just right for her when it is done.

We all drove later to Vreeland, another quaint town, for dinner of dutch pancakes. We had one with ham, another with cheese, apple, and other combinations. And we all tasted from each other's, which made it even more fun.



We headed for Amsterdam about 7 P.M., and arrived a little over an hour later. We had a lot of trouble parking, and ended up quite a way from Wim and Nico's apartment. We finally found it. We had coffee and talked for a while before we all went over to the van to park it in front of the building. We unloaded it and went back inside, and took a tour of the apartment, which was tastefully decorated.

AMSTERDAM



HOLLAND

The four of us walked to a nearby neighborhood bar, where we sat by the window, watching the crowd. We had a few beers, conversation, and listened to the loud music in the street. Then back to the apartment. We went to bed about 1 A.M.

Day 5 Monday September 9
(first overcast, then nice)

Wim served us a pleasant (natural food) breakfast. Nico had left earlier. After that, we drove to Monnickendam, just on the outskirts north of Amsterdam. It is another peaceful, quaint seaside (now lakeside) village.

We walked around admiring the old homes. Naturally we stopped for coffee and pastry.



Wim lent us some utensils for our camping expedition that we're in their boat.



I drove back to Amsterdam and dropped him off at his place. Hans had a bad argument with him so we left in a hurry. Our next stop was the ANWB, where we got our insurance, maps, etc. We also changed some money.

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We walked around the Rijksmuseum, but it was closed for the day. We had a bowl of soup for lunch at the Leidscheplein to get our energy up. Then we walked back to the car.

We left Amsterdam about 3 P.M. and drove to Maastricht. It took a little over two hours. (We learned later that

We were photographed along the way, and were ticketed for speeding.) We checked into the Oriental Camp-grounds in Berg en Terblijt, just on the outskirts of Maastricht. It was very nice and clean, with all the necessary facilities. And even an indoor pool.

Plaats no. 73.

Aankomst: 9-9 19.00 uur

Voldaan tot 10-9

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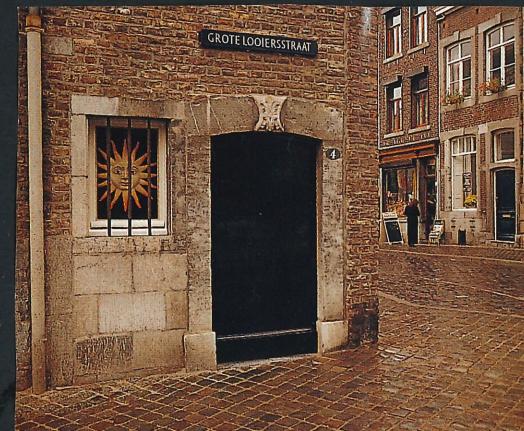
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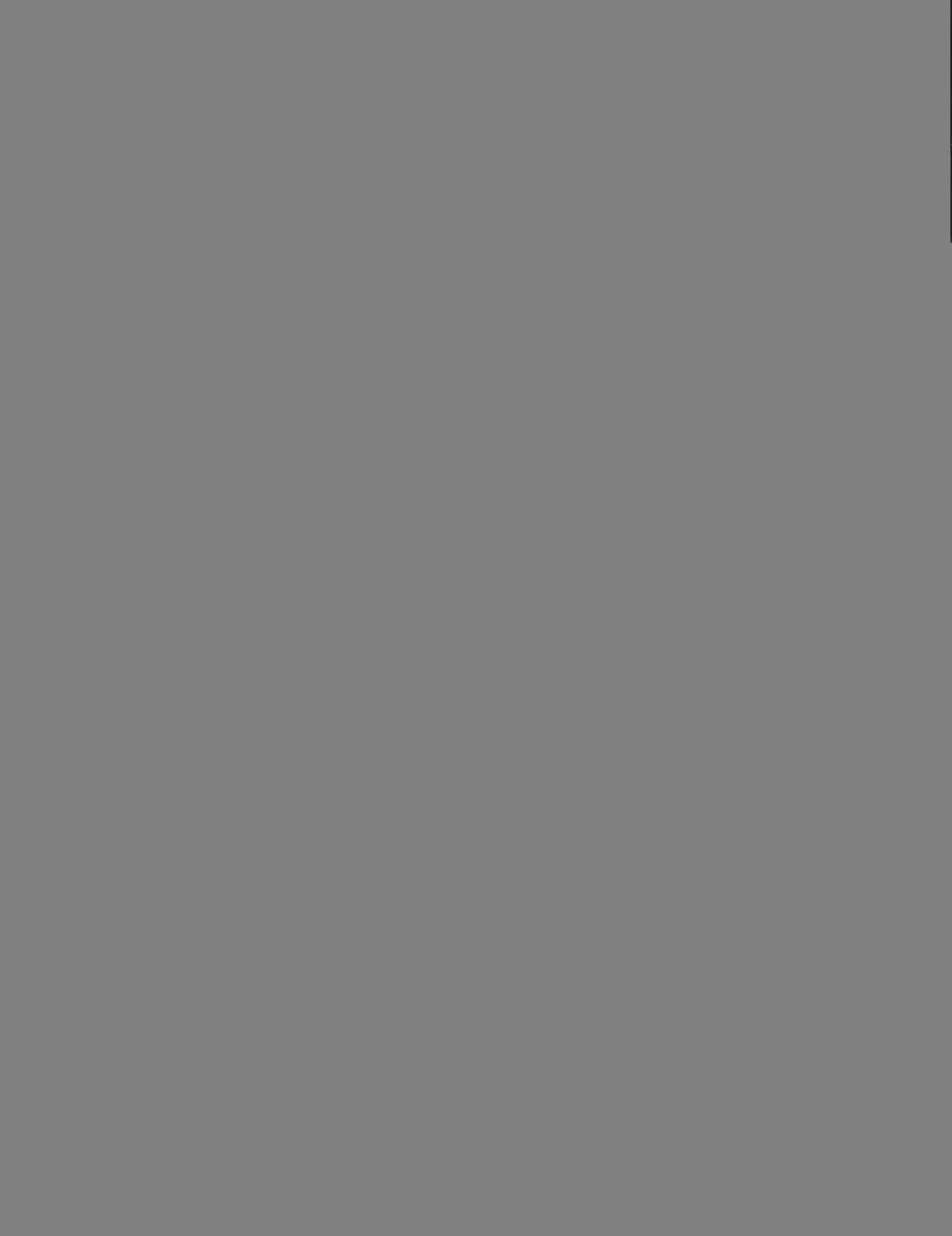


After setting up our tent, we drove into town. We ended up at the main square. A kermesse (Kermis) was in progress, and it made the atmosphere very festive.



We stopped at The Old Dutch Cafe, and sat outside on wicker seats (no plastic please). We had a dubonnet, wiener schitzel, fries and cal beer. Excellent food and atmosphere.





We drove back to the campgrounds for a nice hot shower. Then we were on our way to Germany. We stopped near Aachen to tank, change some money, and call Renate and Dieter to warn them, that we would be at their house early in the evening.

Abrechnung
Kopie für den Kunden

SORTEN-ANKAUF 10.09.91

Währung	Nennwert/Stück	Kurs	Betrag in DM
USD	50,00	164,0000	82,00
Referenz-Nummer	00114	Konto-Nummer	Wert 0.09.91
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We also tried to reach Grant and Willie in Frankfurt, but we got no answer there. The Autobahn was wild. Just like the Indy Speedway. Around Frankfurt we got enough of it and went along the Rhine on a very scenic and quiet road.













