

# The **ANDY TIERNAN** blog

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## Veterama Manheim (Somewhere in Germany) Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2008.

It's that time of year again; yes German invasion time & Andy's off to Manheim to the Veterama. Coming along for the ride are able assistants Ginger & Graham

A late night ferry from Harwich takes our intrepid travellers to the continent, for the drive to Germany.

A quick stop on route, & a chance to make new friends & influence people (or in this case pigs).



*Ginger (nearest camera) & Graham wait in the van. The two able assistants & navigators. Don't worry guys it's not the end of the world - yet! What have they seen!*

*Whilst fearless leader finds himself a romantic attachment for the weekend - well he had left the wife at home. Love at first sight & an invitation to a breakfast of bacon & eggs.*



Moving on to the first planned stop in Cologne, a modern motorcycle show - 'Intermot', where our three adventurers send a day admiring the exhibits; nubile, mobile & static.



*Exhibits at 'Intermot', Cologne.  
Top left - Nubile. Top right - Mobile. Bottom left static.  
The bottom right - Andy & Ginger in front of the cashiers' desks before leaving.*



*Also at 'Intermot', the Royal Enfield stand. Creating a nice period exhibit with nubile, mobile & static all in one. Well why not?*

And onward they go to Manheim, their final target, accommodation & a welcome meal.



*Left - A fish & chip supper, it looks as though Gingers had too much vinegar. Right - Graham dropped most of his cash on the floor - all 1p of it! I am sure you'll all be glad to hear the penny was recovered intact.*



*Arriving at the Veterama, Manheim.*

*Left - Traders vehicles come in all shapes & sizes, trying not to look too overloaded. Right - Unfortunately the pig wouldn't stay for the egg & bacon breakfast, so Andy tries to make another new friend, but this one is keeping its tail down!!!*



*Welcome to the home of Andy Tiernan Classics for the weekend, stall 101 in field 6. Batman & Robin are ready (the two on the left, not the ones on the right)..*



*Out & about round the event.*



*All kinds of interesting motor cycles.*

*Left - A Henderson Four (circa 1930), just ripe for restoration. The price was pretty ripe to, at about 25,000 Euros. Right - A Belgium 'Lady' with Albion gearbox, & what looks suspiciously like an AJS engine from 1929/30.*



*Just a small selection of the motor cycles that were at Manheim. Andy stands by an FN from a museum.*



*This is a DKW model SB & Graham is looking for inspiration as he has been restoring one for 43 years, but he's assured us it will be finished soon. (N.B. The flying pigs are out of shot).*



*Nice caps - Wrong salute!*



*Show & autojumble catering German style.*



*Just a few stalls showing the wide selection of goods on offer.*

*Top left - Headlamps & silencers. Top right - American speedometer drive gears & parts. Bottom left - All the stainless steel fasteners you'll ever want. Bottom right - Tin ware & frame parts for German bikes.*



*Financial advice, as posted in the rear window of a van. Rough translation, 'Better to put your money into motor bikes than into the bank!'. Seems we could do with someone like this running the economy.*



*Top left - MZ stall having a quiet time. Top right - No, not a penny arcade, but you could buy a slot machine from this stall & play at home. Bottom left - This stall seem to have escaped from an agricultural event, but with some of the bikes on the sight....! Bottom right - Another agricultural machine, a flat tank Royal Enfield converted to a stationary engine. No doubt very ingenious in its day, but now waiting in the forlorn hope of being converted back into a motor cycle again!*



*Top left - The neighbour cooking up some Lentil soup & German sausage (well there had to be)! Top right - And fearless leader is being fed, Lentil soup & German sausage! Bottom left - Graham opts for something he thinks he recognises. Bottom right - More food anyone, but Graham may have spotted something!!!*

*Andy's bumped into an old friend. He sold this engine to a man many years ago, & the poor chap has never been able to sell it on. Well he came up with the solution, give it back to the guy who sold it to him in the first place. Andy is now reunited with his engine, & since he was apprenticed at Ransoms he will probably take it to bed with him.*





*Left to right. Jurgen, the last of the Mohicans & Horst, all admiring the wonderful quality of the reproduction motor cycle literature on Andy's stall.*



*The autojumlbers retreat, 'The Golden Angel'. A relaxing & enjoyable evening.*



*Left - Horst & his tyre, which he brought all the way from Austria & couldn't sell. Well Horst this isn't exactly a motor cycle tyre! Right - Fearless leader shows us all how to be a successful autojumbler. Is that a customer in the back ground? No it's Ginger & his wallet hasn't seen the light of day since it was made.*



*The heart of every German autojumble - the beer lorries.*



*Now how much room have got in the van?*



*Two interesting engines.  
Left - A BMW based stationary engine. Right - An early FN four cylinder.*



*Andy & Graham with Willi Hoff of the Veteranen Fahrzeug Verband (combined veteran vehicles) organisation.*



*Left - Andy consorting with the Dutch King of Darkness. Right - Graham checking out DKW parts availability for the next 43 years.*



*'Time to go home, time to go home, Andy is waving goodbye....., goodbye....., goodbye.....'*



*Great transport! A bus & matching trailer.*



*Left - The 'jumlbers start to leave. Right - The homeward bound procession continues on its way, into the arriving dusk.*

*“Now, before we go I must just take a look to see if....” & they had! Graham & his biggest bargain of the weekend. Makes the whole trip worth while, doesn't it ,Graham.*





*Squashing the last few items into Jurgen's van, just before the off.*



*The long journey home is almost over.*

Until next year  
**Auf Wiedersehen!**