



Early in the drive to Berlin....



Someone's vacation has taken a turn for the worse.



We could feel the heat in our car as we rolled by.

We stopped for
lunch at a
monument to
Kaiser Frederick
Wilhelm.





Perched on the crest of a ridge it offered fantastic views of the countryside.

The Kaiser looks out at the Porta Westfalica, a gap in the ridge through which a river flows.



Evidence of Germany's commitment to renewable energy sources.





Our home
for the next
4 days, the
Hotel
Castell

Remains of the
Kaiser Wilhelm
Church, left as a
Memorial





**We join in the celebration of the opening of
the new U.S. embassy**



Berliners enjoying a lovely evening, listening to a German rockabilly band paid for by you and me!



On the left, Republicans Abroad, on the right..well, it's obvious.



One of the sausage vendors, from the South? of Germany maybe!

Some sights on
the street....



A municipal water
pump





TEA
Hüte die Tük
denk hoch
hast frei sein

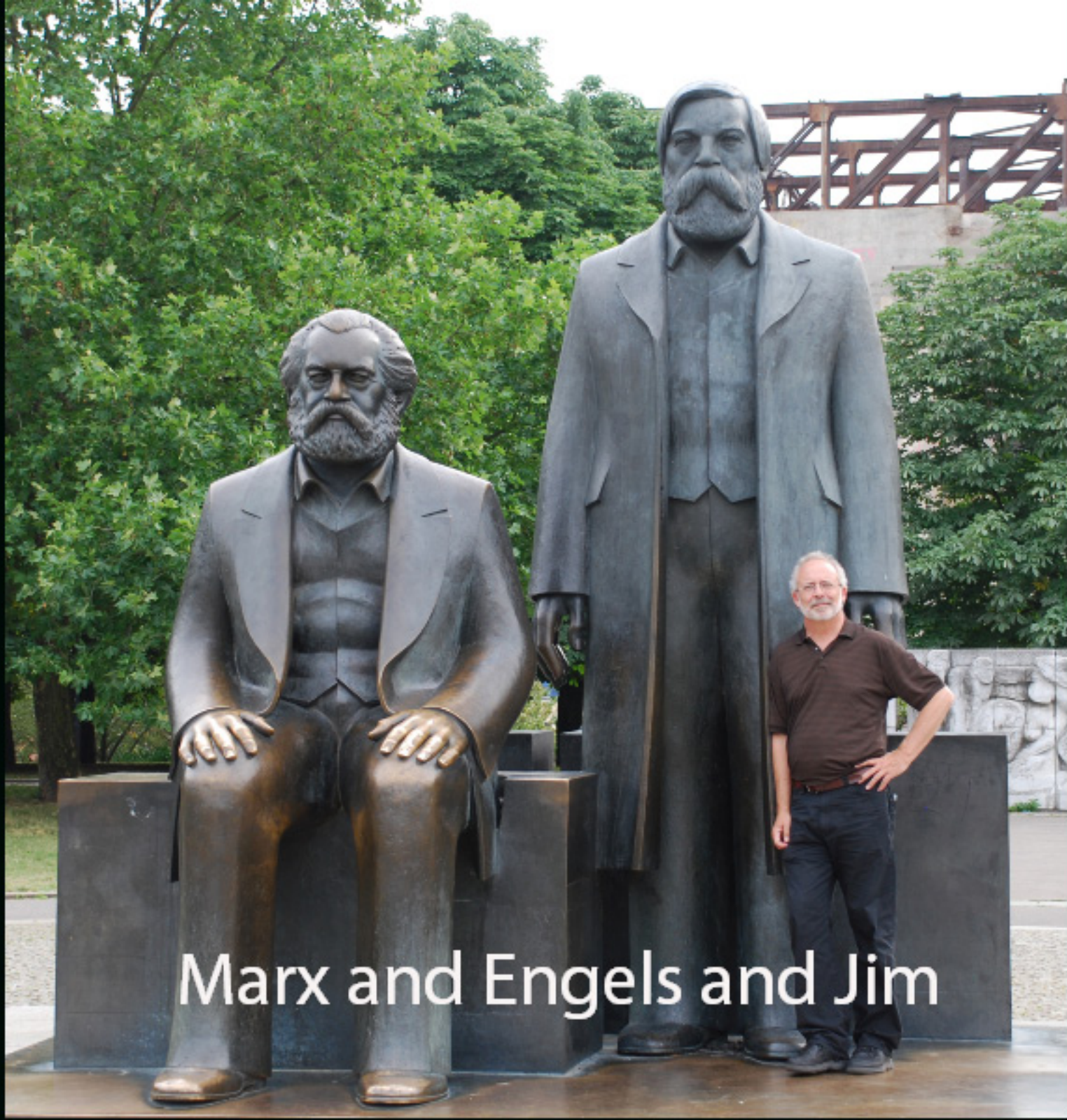
CONSEKRATION
STADT











Marx and Engels and Jim



War damage is still evident



Guardian of the gate to the Zoo

Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe















The bear
is Berlin's
mascot







artotel

Factory
restaurant
& bar

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THE WESTIN GRAND



This one's for Lena



A symbol of
East Berlin



The Berlin Cathedral on Museum Island





(Horse's ass on left)





There is nothing to add to this



The Ishtar Gate (made of tiles,
not Legos)



BERLINER MAUER 1961 - 1989

The Wall is marked with stones



And a small part is preserved as it was





In a U-Bahn (subway) station



DIE NATUR
BRAUCHT UNS
NICHT /
ABER WIR
BRAUCHEN
DIE NATUR





Schloss Charlottenburg, summer residence for a queen







The Reichstag, home to Germany's parliament



View from the steps



Restored in 1969 after severe destruction in WWII

The pleasant stroll from train stop to
Wulheide amphitheater, concert venue.



The beer comes to YOU!







In true Belgian fashion, we do not let a little rain put a damper on our enjoyment.





The greatest band today,
RADIOHEAD!



Leaving Berlin we stop in Potsdam to visit Sans
Souci



"CARE
FREE"

Palace of
Frederick the
Great, 1747



The extensive gardens outshine the palace





The terraces are functional as well as beautiful



They house figs and grapevines









The Chinese Tea House, 1754





Funny, these people don't look Chinese.

An elaborate
stone device -
the only
information we
get are the
initials, FW
(Frederick
Wilhelm).





A lovely Italian Villa housing "Roman Baths"





What a pain to mow around these cypress knees





Approaching the New Palace, 1765





The orangerie, where plants would be taken to over-winter



On a stone bench



Our last view before heading home