Prologue: In the last 16 years we have experienced a lot of things while geocaching. Jutta discovered this hobby for us. So I dedicate this cache to her.

16 years geocaching changed a lot in our lives.
- We have made new, intense friendships.
- We have seen many countries from very different perspectives.
- We have experienced many stories that have moved us a lot.
- We got a lot of things that you really need for caching
e.g. Bicycles, boats, climbing equipment ...

Fortunately, on business trips, I often used the time after work to explore foreign cities and countries.
Both of us have our own personal preferences.
Jutta likes to hike on beautiful trails and and is happy to find a few caches.
I actually look for every kind of caches. Lately, I like to search for caches on the water.

This cache is about the experiences we have had in recent years.

Here are 18 questions for the last 16 years

On October 3, **2002**, Jutta, who always reads a lot, discovered an article in the 'Frankfurter Rundschau' about the new game geocaching.
So we checked where we can find our first cache. Since this date, even me, who didn't like hiking, likes to go out in the nature to find some caches.
In our first cache, we discovered something.
Value for 2002 = sum of all letter values of the name.

In **2003** we found 79 caches. That was enormous for the caching density at the time.
We only 'found' 4 caches 'abroad' .
This caches are from a type that no longer exists. What was this cache type in English (12 letters)?
Value for 2003 = sum of all letter values of this type of cache.

At the beginning of **2004** we were far away on the other side of the world. Our second cache (18600 km from home) was placed from a geocacher we had met shortly before.
How many months ago was that?
Value for 2004 = month

On March 16, **2005**, I found a cache created by Christine (chrisstonycreek), it was later adopted by Nexus69. At that time I often was out caching with her. She has created very nice caches and intresting listings.
The listing is about the 'honor' (in German 'Ehre'). You'll find the word 'Ehre' in the cache title. How old was the man when he died?
Unfortunately, this cache is archived. I was very impressed and sad after reading this real story.
Value for 2005 = age of the man

In April **2006**, I found my first cache in Brazil, which was even an FTF. I had already contacted Fernando (cacher name nandonavigator) before the mission and we made an appointment for a cache tour. What is the color of the dress of 'Mi' blue, red, white, yellow or black?
Value for 2006 = (sum of all letter values – 4) if you take the English name of the color

In October **2007** I had an exhibition in a European country. I liked the caches there.
Value for 2007 = letter value of the first letter of this country.

In **2008** I was able to find the cache GC15KFQ near Los Angeles. I met the owner in 2006 in Marburg. The cache above became a mystery in my 'Master of Mystery Marburg'.
Value for 2008 = number of the month I found this cache in Los Angeles.

In **2009** I had a business trip to a European country.
I found a legendary cache there that has more than 2800 favorites.
The cache is located near N 53° 11.500 W 006° 04.800
Value for 2009 = number in the English cache name.

Beginning of **2010** I visited Asia for the first time.
But ... in which city was I? Sometimes it helps to filter for cache types (for example, mystery).
Value for 2010 = letter value of the first letter of this city.

End of July **2011** I found a very special cache on a business trip.
For me it was my found no. xxxx. (No Tradi, no multi ... but something special)
Value for 2011 = xxxx

In **2012** I attended my first mega-event.
This event and the people I met there deeply impressed me. I felt like being at home. I stayed with friends whom I happened to meet a year before while searching for a cache in front of their house. (Https://coord.info/GL55QY4W) Since 2012 Jutta and I visited Sue and Gary 4 times.
I will never forget these visits and their always 'open' house.
At the mentioned event I wore a T-shirt, which often led to confusion.
Value for 2012 = the last 3 digits of the eastern coordinate on my T-shirt

2013 I met two very nice geocachers. We are good friends since this meeting.
Sometime we meet for coffee and cake, sometimes for geocaching. Here (GC4G0PN) I met them for the first time.
In my log of that time, however, they were only mentioned as follows: 'met another geocacher couple'.
At that time, I thought internally: They looking well dressed. They won't become tough geocacher
Today I know I was totally wrong.
Value for 2013 = sum of all letter values of the geocache name of these persons.

I visited my favorite cache series in September **2014**.
The first cache of this mystery series is GC2ABTD.
The series is about Phileas Fogg, who travels around the world in 80 days.
Charisma took this story and build an 80-day real-time cache of it.
It actually takes 80 days to solve all 80 puzzles.
In September I biked many kilometers around Munich. On day #70 you will see all the stuff that I had with me.
How many kilometers did I cycle on this cache series?
Value for 2014 = Kilometer

On January 1th **2015** I found only one cache. But this was certainly the most elaborate cache I had ever visited. In the log you will also find a link to my diary.
What is the name of the animal that passes our tent?
Value for 2015 = number of letters of the animal

2016 After a business trip I attended my second Event in the southern hemisphere. For this event, I went with a South African geocacher, I had met a few days earlier on a mystery caching trip.
Value for 2016 = sum of all letter values of her geocacher name.

In **2017** I visited Slovenia with a friend. This friend is form the geocacher couple I met in 2013. In the last years we had done some paddling trips together. In Slovenia we want to improve our kayaking skills. At 'Lago del Predil' we had our first overturn exercises. At this lake we also found an Earthcache. After this training we searched on a small island for a cache. How many kayaks do you see nearby in the picture (not counting boats on the other bank)?
Value for 2017 = number

Together with Serendipita, I hid a mini cache series in August **2018**. This includes a letterbox cache. I met the person who logged the FTFs of this series 6 months before in one Asian country. She visited us in Marburg and meet Serendipita for a few caches. I was very touched about the fact that a 'simple' cache visit anywhere in the world can lead to a new friendship between Serendipita and her.
As another friend of her from Taiwan always says: Long live Geocaching.
If you found out her geocache name, you can answer my question for 2018.
We work together to hide a geocache far away from my home.
Value for 2018 = number in this geocache name

Epilog:
I still have a lot of stories to tell, but the 16 years are over.

I could not assign an exact year to an important person with whom I have been friends for more than 40 years. Let's call the person X. X was always there for me.
I introduced X with this hobby right at the beginning. In the first years we always looked for a few caches at Christmas or New Year's Eve together. Then, in 2012, the riddle fever X suddenly seized. From now on, whenever I got stuck in a mystery, X had a good idea.

Here is the riddle to this person.
X loves a special cache series that does not have its own icon. From this series, I hid a cache with the person I met in 2018.
Now you should know what it's all about.
On 14.10.2017 X found a cache of this series. How many finds of this series was it for X at that moment?

Value Zusatz = finds

Check your answers here:

http://murmeltier.000webhostapp.com/Test_16.html