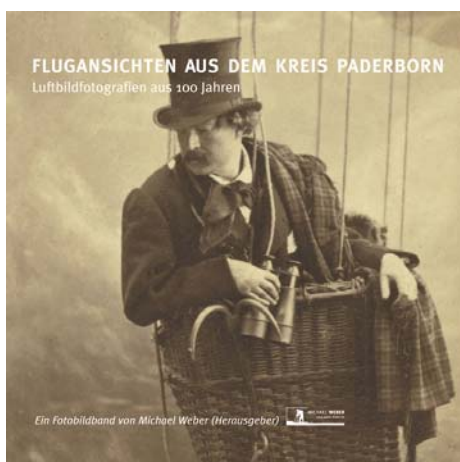


Michael Weber is an amateur photographer and has published 4 books in the 5 years between 2000 and 2005. The photographs shown in his books deal with local nature especially the landscape as seen during the 4 seasons of the year. A single chestnut tree was good enough to keep Michaels photographic attraction for many years. Then a local river "Altenau" struck his curiosity: From the rivers origin down to its end he walked its way down for 2 years. The life of the local people and villagers next to the river is dealt in 2 other books: One describing second world war fights in the village of Etteln in which the great American soldier Major General Maurice Rose was killed. Another book describes the events during the biggest flood in local human history in the year 1965 when 7 persons drowned in the Altenau. The latest book shows Michaels home from above in many fantastic aerial photographs taken during 5 years out of a small CESSNA airplane.

Most of his photos are made with a high quality 6x6 cm (2.4x2.4 inch) Hasselblad and 4 different lenses. He used FUJI Films (VELVIA) for best picture quality. Sometimes a Leica R4s is used. No digital photographs.

Michael started to learn about photography at the age of 5, when a business partner of his father gave him an old AGFA box camera as a plying gift. Every since Michael could not let loose on photography. Although he never learned it professionally, he made his practical experience during many tours and trips in the world, taking pictures in Island, Greenland, Scandinavia, USA (west coast), Canada, New Zealand, Nepal, Europe and Chile. After publishing some very successful calendars, he decided to put his efforts locally, rather than touring hectically the entire world. It seems better to take the time and see an object, rather than just passing it by. So, what can be more fulfilling for a photographer to have time available to make the best shot?



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