**Soon it will start!**

FASZINATION MODELLBAU Friedrichshafen with real steam-

Hall Meeting & LEGO Fan Exhibition, 3 - 5 November 2023

*In just a few weeks, the event of the year is just around the corner: Faszination Modellbau from 3 to 5 November in Friedrichshafen with spectacular demonstrations, trade fair innovations, top exhibitors and hands-on activities in all sectors. Let's get ready for the highlights from aircraft, ship, RC car and truck modelling, let's look forward to steam engines, railways and the LEGO fan exhibition.*

**Airshow action against an Alpine backdrop**

With the "FMT Stars of the Year", the exceptional airshow organised by the leading magazine FMT awaits us against the unique backdrop of Lake Constance Airport with the Alps on the horizon. And the display promises are promising! In the "Stars of the Year" this year we are looking forward to the new Scale Jet World Champion Frank Westerholt, the successful German F3K National Team with Carolin Weihe, Paul König, Colin Angermann and Leo Bednarz - as well as the F5J National Team with Anna and David Schütz, Lukas Dietrich and Tobi Schur. In addition, we expect the winners of the Jet Synchronised Flight German Championships Matthias Hocke and Marc Petrak. And the German champion of the F3N-Heli-Freestyle class Tillmann Bäumener together with third-placed Matthias Wohlrab. Superstar Gernot Bruckmann will also be back with a 3D freestyle performance and in synchronised aerobatics together with Patrick Georg.

**Corporate flying indoors and outdoors**

At the outdoor company flying event, which is taking place for the first time, the manufacturers Kavan, Multiplex, Mahmoudi Modellsport and Akatja/Chaservo, who are exhibiting in exhibition hall A3, will be presenting selected product highlights in action. Of course, VTH will also be represented and will be showing, among other things, the latest Teufel! and Do-228 builder's models.

At the "FMT Indoor Action" in the Foyer West, the spectrum ranges from delicate 1.5 g models to huge indoor self-built models with an incredible 2 m wingspan, from purely functional and sports models to beautiful scale models. In 2023, there will again be the tried and tested interplay of pure show slots - some with exotic home-built models - and company presentations of series models.

**Truck Night Show and Forklift Competition**

Don't miss it: On Friday and Saturday from 4:30 p.m. the lights in Hall A4 are dimmed down - and the spectacle begins: the show trucks display their dazzling light effects, construction machinery warns with flashing beacons, the fire brigade races to the scene with blue lights - and the snow groomers light up the slopes. Commercial vehicle modelling shows all its fascination here. Together with the extremely detailed design of the truck courses, the boundaries between reality and fiction, between prototypes and originals, become blurred. An amazing show.

Drive a forklift yourself? Exhibitors Fechtner-Modellbau and Andy's Ladegut cordially invite you to take part in the forklift competition at Faszination Modellbau: in the courtyard in front of Hall A4. Not only is it great fun, there's even a Carson forklift truck to be won every day!

**Three halls for the "Real Steam Hall Meeting**

The "Echtdampf-Hallentreffen" is the world's largest meeting for steam-powered models of railways, road vehicles, ships and layouts. In all conceivable scales, we again expect hundreds of exhibits in Halls B2 and B3. They hiss and steam - and captivate us with their beat. The Echtdampf-Hallentreffen is also represented in Hall A2 with the stationary steam models and the modular layout in I and IIm scale.

Private participants, clubs and associations present their models on rails, platforms and on the water. Experienced steam model builders explain the fascinating mechanics of their models. And as a very special experience, visitors can take a ride on a steam train across the exhibition grounds.

**Plastic Model Making Special Show "70 Years of Corvette**

This year's highlights in plastic model making are the thematic focus "Space travel in model making" and the special show "70 years of Corvette" - both organised by the Plastik-Modellbauclub Bodensee e.V. and friendly clubs. Even an original Corvette C6 will be on site!

There's not only a lot to admire, but at the traditional children's and young people's handicrafts, the future model makers can also be creative themselves, under the guidance of experienced club members. And in the Model Making Forum in Hall A3, Thomas Plösser will be giving a lecture on the current topic of 3D printing in model making in the afternoon. We will also experience live demonstrations of special model-making techniques. Entertaining - and instructive.

**"Cast off" on the 400-m² water pool**

The huge 400 m² water basin in Hall A5 is once again a dream. There we will see huge container ships and even fully functional working vessels pass by. Hot action also awaits the spectators - from sailing matches to jet ski races and sea rescue exercises. But the traditional duck push is not to be missed either: Which team will manoeuvre all the ducks with the small Ramborator push boat models into the opposing goal this time and leave the ship hall victorious?

A visit to I.G. Yachtmodellbau (stand number 5052), on the head side behind the large water basin, is also highly recommended. There we will experience demonstrations of noble yacht models, in a separate water basin with a model yacht harbour. This year, the stand of the trade magazine ModellWerft (stand number 5022) is considerably larger. There, the expert authors will present their favourite models and competently answer all the questions of the fair visitors. As a special highlight, ModellWerft author and real steam specialist Thomas Hillenbrand has announced his presence. Among other things, he will bring a paddle steamer in 1:49 scale with a massive length of 323 cm!

**Model ship building for children and young people**

At the Neckar Pirates' stand in Hall A5 (stand number 5030), the "Shipyard for Kids" awaits all children and young people: under expert guidance, they can build their own model boat and then launch it on the specially constructed small water basin. Of course, the children can take their new model home with them after launching.

Once again this year, the young model ship builders will be awarded their helmsman's certificate - a certificate they can be proud of and which they will be ceremoniously presented with after being instructed in how to steer and manoeuvre a model ship. And the popular scavenger hunt with its valuable prizes is not to be missed: The aim is to answer riddle questions at the exhibitors' stands throughout the exhibition halls. Anyone who wants to take part can pick up the questionnaire at the entrance to the fair or at the VTH stand - or simply download it at www.modellwerft.de.

**Huge model railway layouts and LEGO fan exhibition**

Model railway layouts of all gauges can be found in halls A1 and A2, with replicas of legendary stations and landscapes, with beautiful dioramas, historic bridges and passes. The tracks lovingly built by clubs inspire with their layout and attention to detail. But the prominent representatives of the industry will also be there again: manufacturers such as Märklin, ROCO/Fleischmann, BRAWA, PIKO, Hornby, Bemo, Tillig, Faller, Herpa, Noch, Viessmann and many more. They present their locomotives, track systems and accessories. In addition to the big players, the many specialised small-series manufacturers round off the gigantic range. But it's not just about being amazed, at many hands-on stations visitors can also get involved in the hustle and bustle of the fascinating action themselves.

Hall A7 is also completely filled: with LEGO bricks! The fabulous world of the LEGO fan exhibition is created from millions of these little bricks: we immerse ourselves in famous city districts, buildings and film scenes and ask ourselves how such things could be created. We experience the LEGO product range at the many specialist retailers in Hall A7 - and we even get to build with LEGO ourselves on site.

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