**Faszination Modellbau: A dream event for all**

FASZINATION MODELLBAU Friedrichshafen with Real Steam Hall Meeting & LEGO Fan Exhibition, 3 - 5 November 2023

*Model aircraft, ship or truck building, RC cars, race copters, airships, steam engines, railways, plastic and cardboard models or LEGO worlds? No matter what your heart desires: the FASZINATION MODELLBAU Friedrichshafen trade fair unites all these passions and presents the diversity of hobbies in their most beautiful form. And in just a few days the time will come! We are looking forward to spectacular flight demonstrations, trade fair novelties, top exhibitors and hands-on activities in all sectors.*

**Railway Romance with Hagen von Ortloff**

Who doesn't know the TV show "Eisenbahn-Romantik" by and with Hagen von Ortloff? This year, the likeable presenter will once again come to the fair for an autograph session: He will tell his railway stories in a relaxed and up-close manner and engage in conversation with the audience. On each of the three days of the fair, he will be there for everyone at his own presentation stand (Hall A1) from 14:00 to 15:00.

Halls A1 and A2 are then also full of railway romance: here we find model railway layouts of all gauges, with replicas of legendary stations and landscapes, with beautiful dioramas, historic bridges and passes. The tracks, lovingly designed by dedicated clubs, inspire with their ingenious layouts and attention to detail. But well-known manufacturers such as Märklin, ROCO/Fleischmann, BRAWA, PIKO, Hornby, Bemo, Tillig, Faller, Herpa, Noch, Viessmann and many more will also be back. In addition to the major suppliers, specialised small-series manufacturers will complement the extensive range. But the focus is not only on amazement - at numerous hands-on stations, visitors can actively participate in the fascinating happenings themselves.

**Real Steam Hall Meeting with models weighing tons**

The Echtdampf-Hallentreffen is the world's largest meeting for model railways, road vehicles, ships and installations powered by steam. An absolute highlight is the historic Tasker Little Giant steam engine on an incredible scale of 1:1.3 and weighing an incredible 2.7 tonnes! This is one of the largest and heaviest steam model replicas in Germany.

In Halls B2 and B3, hundreds of exhibits in a wide variety of scales await us once again, fascinating and captivating us with their hissing and steaming operation. The Echtdampf-Hallentreffen will also be represented in Hall A2 with stationary steam models and the modular layout in I and IIm scale. Private participants, clubs and societies proudly present their models on rails, platforms and even on water. Experienced steam modellers will be on hand to explain the inspiring mechanics of their models. As a very special experience, visitors can also enjoy a ride across the fairgrounds in a steam train.

**Airshow against a dramatic Alpine backdrop**

Something like this only happens at FASZINATION MODELLBAU: The airshow "FMT Stars of the Year", organised by the leading magazine FMT, promises to be a spectacular event against the unique backdrop of Lake Constance Airport, with the majestic Alps in the background. We can look forward to top-class show acts, including the newly crowned Scale Jet World Champion Frank Westerholt, the successful German F3K National Team, the F5J National Team - and the winners of the Jet Synchronised Flight German Championships, Matthias Hocke and Marc Petrak. Not to forget the German champion of the F3N-Heli-Freestyle class, Tillmann Bäumener, together with third-placed Matthias Wohlrab. In addition, superstar Gernot Bruckmann will be there with a breathtaking 3D freestyle performance and a synchronised glider aerobatics show together with Patrick Georg.

At the first-ever outdoor company fly-in, exhibiting manufacturers such as Kavan, Multiplex, Mahmoudi Modellsport and Akatja/Chaservo will present selected product highlights in action. Of course, the Verlag für Technik und Handwerk is also part of the party and will be presenting the latest "Teufel!" and "Do-228" builder's models, among others.

**Model aircraft action in the hall**

The bright and sunny foyer at the western entrance area, under a gigantic glass roof, offers ideal conditions for the "FMT Indoor Action", an indoor air show on a 30×30-metre area. And this year visitors to the FASZINATION MODELLBAU can also look forward to some special highlights here. The spectrum ranges from tiny 2-gram indoor models to impressive scale models with a wingspan of 2 metres. Spectacular helicopter aerobatic shows and a rousing aeromusical also await the spectators.

In 2023, there will again be the popular interplay of perfectly staged show flight demonstrations - with the partly exotic homebuilt models - and presentations of series models by the manufacturers.

**Made of millions of bricks: LEGO fan exhibition**

The LEGO fan club Bricking Bavaria e.V. presents breathtaking fantasy worlds and impressive buildings made of millions of LEGO bricks in Hall A7. When visiting this exhibition, we immerse ourselves in famous city districts, impressive buildings and iconic film scenes - and wonder how such masterpieces could be created. In Hall A7, we can also discover LEGO's extensive product range at numerous specialist retailers and even build creatively with LEGO ourselves on site. Families and children can expect a wealth of creative play fun with products such as LEGO Technic, LEGO Minecraft, LEGO DREAMZzz, LEGO Friends and LEGO NINJAGO.

A special highlight this year: adults and children are invited to participate in the construction of the large LEGO Creative Wall. Through everyone's creativity, an impressive work of art will be created over the duration of the fair.

**Show truck spectacle, forklift driving, snow groomer course**

On no account should you miss when the lighting in Hall A4 is dimmed from 4:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday - and then a fascinating spectacle begins: the RC show trucks present their dazzling light effects, construction machinery warns with its rotating beacons, the fire brigade rushes to simulated action with blue lights, and the snow groomers light up the slopes. Commercial vehicle modelling reveals its full fascination here. In combination with the extremely detailed design of the truck courses, the boundaries between reality and fiction, between prototypes and replicas, become blurred. This is a breathtaking show.

Would you like to drive a forklift yourself? Exhibitors Fechtner-Modellbau and Andy's Ladegut cordially invite you to take part in the Forklift Competition at FASZINATION MODELLBAU, which will be held in the courtyard in front of Hall A4. Not only is it a lot of fun, but there's even a chance to win a Carson forklift truck every day.

Around 3,000 litres of plastic snow transform an 80 square metre show stage into a glittering winter wonderland that leaves nothing to be desired. Here, the latest RC model technology is on display in all conceivable scales, embedded in lovingly designed buildings and numerous details. A definite highlight are the live shows taking place six times a day under the new title "Battlecry - Fighting the Elements". This impressive choreography brings eleven 1:12 scale snowcats on stage at the same time!

**Model ships on huge** **400-m²- water basin**

A sight to dream about awaits visitors once again in Hall A5: on the 400 m² water basin we can admire huge container ships and fully functional workboats passing majestically by. These will be joined by action-packed demonstrations, including sailing matches, jet ski races and sea rescue exercises. And of course, the traditional duck-pushing competition is not to be missed - which team will manoeuvre all the ducks into the opponent's goal with the help of the small Ramborator push boat models and leave the ship hall as the winner this time?

At the stand of the Neckarpiraten in Hall A5, the "Shipyard for Kids" awaits all children and young people. Here they can build their own model boat under expert guidance and then launch it on a small water basin specially set up for this purpose. Of course, the young participants can take their freshly built models home with them after the successful launch. Young model ship builders can also obtain the "helmsman's certificate" again this year. This is a certificate they can be proud of - it will be ceremoniously presented after an introduction to steering and manoeuvring ship models.

**The great scavenger hunt for the little ones**

A special highlight awaits young visitors in particular: the big scavenger hunt, which will take place on all three days of the fair. The questionnaire is available as a download directly at www.faszination-modellbau.de, at the entrance to the fair or at stand 3100 of Verlag für Technik und Handwerk (Hall A3). And this is how it works: Visit the stands, answer the questions correctly and collect the stand stamps. If you get stuck, the friendly stand staff will be happy to help.

The completed questionnaire can be handed in at the end of the scavenger hunt at stand 3100. A raffle will be held there on Friday and Saturday at 4 p.m. and on Sunday at 3 p.m. among all the correct answers. With fantastic prizes from various areas of model making

**Completely easy: Arrival and parking**

The FASZINATION MODELLBAU exhibition grounds are located in the immediate vicinity of Friedrichshafen Airport and are perfectly accessible by all means of transport. Detailed information is available at:

[www.faszination-modellbau.de/anreise-hallenplan](http://www.faszination-modellbau.de/anreise-hallenplan)

To avoid waiting times on site, we recommend buying tickets online: <https://ticketshop.schall-messen.de/shop>

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