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FASZINATION MODELLBAU Friedrichshafen with Echtdampf-Hallentreffen & Internationale Modellbahn-Ausstellung (IMA)

*From 1 to 3 November 2024, Faszination Modellbau, together with the Echtdampf-Hallentreffen and the Internationale Modellbahn-Ausstellung, attracted over 46,000 visitors. This even exceeded last year's outstanding visitor numbers. On an area of over 70,000 square metres, the trade fair event of the year presented an impressive variety of model making that can only be seen here at Lake Constance: from model flying and model railways to steam-powered vehicles and ships, with around 1,500 ideal participants from all sectors.*

**The entire world of hobbies**

A very special highlight was the spectacular „FMT-Stars des Jahres“ air show at Lake Constance Airport, featuring the best model aircraft pilots in the world. The Internationale Modellbahn-Ausstellung also drew in the crowds: with all the well-known manufacturers in the industry, sensational dioramas, historical settings and huge tracks. The Echtdampf-Hallentreffen, on the other hand, impressed with steam-powered railways, ships and road vehicles. The biggest attraction: the 4-kilometre-long walk-in track system, which visitors could even ride on.

Model truck and RC car fans also got their money's worth. Trucks and construction vehicles manoeuvred over obstacles on several large courses, while monster trucks and buggies performed skilful drifts and jumps outside. Meticulously recreated ship models - from freighters and windjammers to lifeboats - travelled majestically across the huge water basin.

In addition to the shows and exhibitions, there were numerous opportunities to join in everywhere: Children and young people could try their hand at building and controlling model ships, model aeroplanes and RC cars. This major event also offered practical presentations and workshops for modelling and model railway enthusiasts. Andreas Wittur, authorised representative of the organising Messe Sinsheim, sums it up: ‘Faszination Modellbau 2024, together with the Echtdampf-Hallentreffen and the Internationale Modellbahn-Ausstellung, was an impressive experience and once again proved to be the biggest event of its kind.’

**New product premieres and market impulses**

With its dates – at the end of the current season and before the new season – Faszination Modellbau is always an ideal place to present new products. This year, the manufacturers surprised us with many exciting innovations, which the public was able to see for the first time in Friedrichshafen. Christian Auerweck from Roco/Fleischmann commented: ‘We are presenting our latest products here. And we engage in intensive dialogue with our customers, respond to product requests, but also to criticism - and generally get important feedback from the market here.’ Eric-Michael Peschel from Märklin says: ‘We are once again delighted with the visitors who came from Germany, Austria, Switzerland and France. We had great discussions, our new products were very well received and the play area was fully booked, as it is every year.’

**Specialist advice from person to person**

Visitors to Faszination Modellbau also took the opportunity to obtain advice from the many specialist exhibitors. Peter Kratz from Krick Modelltechnik says: ‘We are always pleased to meet our customers here in Friedrichshafen. This year we had a particularly large number of contacts with the modellers.’ And Thorsten Rechthaler from aero-naut says: ‘We once again had a great audience and experienced a huge response over all three days.’ Sarina Brand from ScaleArt also wouldn't want to miss this mega event on Lake Constance: ‘The trade fair here in Friedrichshafen is particularly important for us because the catchment area is so interesting. The conditions at the trade fair are also great: the halls and the organisation are great, we can maintain contacts with trade visitors and show new products. We have every opportunity here - and that's why we really enjoy it and are always happy to take part, even next year.’

**Make a note in your calendar: The next Faszination Modellbau with Echtdampf-Hallentreffen and the LEGO Fan-Ausstellung will take place from 31 Oct. to 2 Nov. 2025!**

**Faszination Modellbahn Mannheim will take place from 7 - 9 March 2025!**

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