

## **NEWS FROM MEHEV**

The big model railway festival 2013 is behind us and we were able to bring the joy of the railway hobby closer to the many visitors. For the first time there were trains on 4 floors to see. In the inner courtyard the operation ran on 5 module systems and there was a sale of Mo-delleisenbahn articles. In the museum hall on the 1st floor the Hamburger Straßenbahn turned its circles and the friends of the railway sold railway books and magazines. On the 2nd floor, the Mehev facility, now in its 65th year, was continuously demonstrated. And on the 3rd floor, normally inaccessible to visitors, we showed our workshop rooms, where even on weekends they were busy renovating, restoring and rebuilding.

On the first day we still had to struggle with bright sunshine. Also some special trips and railway exhibitions in the Hamburg area made sure that the stream of visitors remained manageable. This also provided opportunities for many individual discussions and detailed glimpses behind the scenes. On Sunday the number of visitors rose pleasingly, not only because of the perfect 'museum weather'.

We would like to thank the numerous exhibitors of the modular systems, who were tirelessly demonstrated at the fair, as well as the exhibitors who contributed to the diversity of the event by selling historical railway material or model railway articles. We would also like to thank our visitors, who show the exhibiting members their appreciation for their free work.

Maybe one or the other visitor will come by to work with us and then can show his self-built car or his own building at the next model HB railway festival. Also in the next year there will be again a model railway festival in the Hamburg museum.

The date in late summer or autumn will be announced in good time.  
A tip for those who don't want to wait so long: recently we also have a DVD of our layout with a running time of about half an hour.  
The layout is then demonstrated and explained in operation. You can even experience a round trip from the locomotive driver's point of view.  
A short trailer is to be seen on our Internet side [www.mehev.de](http://www.mehev.de)  
The DVD costs € 8.00 if you pick it up yourself in the showroom on the 2nd floor or on the FdE film evening on 27.12.2013.  
It costs € 10.00 if you send it by post.

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Hamburg model tram on the 1st floor squeezes through the narrow streets



The precious locomotives and wagons are in the safe custody of the historical museum guards.



The guard of the Gauge 1 layout seems to be distracted.



Inner courtyard on the ground floor with modular layouts and exhibition areas, "where to with the city"



Class VT 98 of Gauge 0 layout has reached the terminal station. (photo Franz Jung)