



MODELLEISENBAHN HAMBURG EV

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Press release

Hamburg under power Start of electrical operation 50 years ago at MEHEV in the Hamburg Museum and at DB

5.4.1965

6.4.2015

Under the motto "Hamburg under power", the Modelleisenbahn Hamburg e.V. (MEHEV) recalls Easter 2015 commemorates the start of electrical operation from Hanover to Hamburg.

Why 2 different dates? Quite simple: On 5.4.1965 the overhead line operation in the Museum für Hamburgische Geschichte was started on the model railway layout in the presence of Artur Petzold, President of the Federal Railway Directorate Hamburg, Professor Dr. Walter Hävernick, Director of the Museum für Hamburgische Geschichte and MEHEV's 1st Chairman and other guests of honour.

One day later, on 6.4.1965, the DB reached its opening train, pulled by an electric locomotive of the class E10.12 Hamburg coming from Hannover. Then a plaque was unveiled on the E10 360 in Hamburg-Altona, donated by Modellisenbahn Hamburg e.V. and the sister association Freunde der Eisenbahn. The plaque commemorated this event 50 years ago throughout Germany.

Therefore, from Easter Sunday, 5.4.2015, the decorated locomotive E10 with original cars, which 50 years ago also started catenary operation on the MEHEV layout, will once again be running.

Easter Sunday and Easter Monday (April 5 and 6, 2015) an additional freight train with open wagons brings sweet freight of 1000 small chocolate bars to Hamburg's main freight station for unloading by the large and small visitors of the 5 demonstrations. This is a reference to the founding of MEHEV 1000 months ago on 10 November 1931.

A special exhibition in the projection room on the 2nd floor shows photographs and models from the history of the association, from the first fixed layout in the Bergstrasse to the construction of the current layout 65 years ago, as well as photos from the opening ceremonies on the 5th and 6th of April 1965. H0 train sets from everyday operation 50 years ago can be seen in a showcase.

Although the operation and existence of the model railway layout in 2015 are expected to be secured, you should take the opportunity to once again visit this unique layout, which will no longer exist in this form in the future. The museum management would like to use the space used so far for other purposes and would like the layout to be dismantled and rebuilt in a smaller form on the top floor of the museum.

The association has released a new DVD with a running time of 42:30 minutes, with footage of the operation on the hump, of train runs from the driver's point of view and of the construction to the current operation of the layout. The DVD can be ordered by bank transfer of € 11,- to MEHEV, account IBAN DE67 2019 0003 0044 1400 02, stating the shipping address.

The opening hours of the Museum für Hamburgische Geschichte are daily except Mondays from 10 am to 5 pm, Sundays until 6 pm. Admission: € 9.00 (reduced € 5.50) Children and young people under 18 free.

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