



**Press release**  
**PORT BIRTHDAY HAMBURG on the MEHEV layout**  
**8th - 10th May 2015**

**1000 months Modelleisenbahn Hamburg e.V. (MEHEV), railway and harbor**

On the occasion of the foundation of MEHEV 1000 months ago on 10th November 1931 we show a special show program for this year's harbor birthday under the Motto 'Railway and Harbor'. On our traffic historical gauge 1 layout, which has been shown daily in the Hamburg Museum since 1949 and constantly expanded, we show you parts of the Kai rechts station and the transshipment operation at Baakenhafen from the Hamburg port railway facilities. In the course of our demonstration you will see freight trains that destined for the port or made there (port hinterland traffic). In addition, we show a special exhibition from the club's history with panels and historic vehicles. For more information, see [www.mehev.de](http://www.mehev.de)



On all 3 days of the port birthday brings an additional freight train with open Waggon sweet cargo of 1000 small chocolate bars in the Hamburg Hauptgüterbahnhof station for unloading by the big and small visitors of the 5 demonstrations.

The Hamburg Museum offers on Sunday at 14 and 16:00 under the motto, Steamship, shed and railroad: "Hamburg's development in the sign of the harbor" guided tours for hamburgers and visitors of the city to the exciting development of the port, the Hamburg's cityscape has always had a significant impact. And not least Hamburg to one central railway location has made! The tour ends with a demonstration of Model railway layout. Further guided tours are also available at 13 and 15:00

The Hamburger port railway connects the cargo terminals' cargo handling terminals with the European rail network. The route network of the harbor railway has a length of over 300km and belongs including the signal boxes of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg. i

In addition, there are the many private sidings of the handling companies and industrial enterprises. These However, you have to build your tracks at your own expense. The operation is by DB Schenker and currently ten other companies with their own traction vehicles and Employees of the locomotive, shunting and interlocking service carried out.

The harbor railway celebrates its 150th anniversary next year. The first railway siding was built in 1866 at the former "Sandthorquai", connected to the former Berliner Bahnhof. The track systems at Sandtorkai were soon in the harbor station Kai rechts, from where the Speicherstadt and the Große Grasbrook were served. Today, the HafenCity and the extension of the new subway Line U 4 to the Elbbrücken

The Hamburg port railway has set a record in 2014. 2.2 million Containers and 44 million tons of goods were transported. That's 7 percent more than last year. Almost one in four containers handled in the port comes with the Train.

Hamburg today has the largest railway port in Europe. Approximately 200 trains are currently running daily between the network of the DB and the harbor stations. The big electrified ones Harbor stations such as Hamburg Süd, Hohe Schaar, Waltershof as well as individual large transshipment companies are served directly from the DB network by so-called block trains.

The quay shed 25 on the back of the layout with the replica of the steamer Watussi connects to the harbor museum. In the historical shed 50 more similar Design is the harbor museum, Australiastr., Near S-Bahn Veddel. The museum informs about the history and development of the port of Hamburg on the topics Cargo handling, shipbuilding.

Although operation and inventory of the model railway in the year 2015 is still expected. You should take the opportunity to recreate this unique facility to visit once, which should not exist in this form in the future. The Museum management would like to use the previously used space elsewhere and wishes to that the plant is dismantled and in the attic of the museum in smaller form new arises.

The club has released a new 42:30-minutes DVD with recordings from the operation on the hump, from train movements from the point of view of the train driver as well as from the bodywork until the current operation of the plant. The DVD can by transfer of € 11, - to MEHEV, account IBAN DE67 2019 0003 0044 1400 02 stating the shipping address ordered or purchased directly in the museum shop for € 9, -.

The opening hours of the Hamburg Museum are daily except Mondays 10am to 5pm, Sundays to 18 clock. Admission: € 9,00 (reduced € 5,50) Children and adolescents under 18 years free.

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