

A Visit to TraumWerk – DreamWork - in Bavaria - Reinhold Kittelberger

During my recent travels in Europe, I ventured to South Germany to a place called Anger in the region of Berchtesgader Land. There, Hans-Peter Porsche, the grandson of the legendary car pioneer Ferdinand Porsche, has realized his TraumWerk (DreamWork). The name suggests that this place invites you to dream.



Visiting Hans-Peter Porsche's TraumWerk.

Many real Porsche cars are on display.



The 400 m2 model train layout, showing parts of Austria, Switzerland and Bavaria.

Hans-Peter Porsche is a collector of real cars, nostalgic metal toys and model trains. He exhibits his collection at the TraumWerk, a brand-new exhibition building of 5,500 m² on a park-like property of 250,000 m². TraumWerk was opened only a year ago, on 21. June 2015. Most interesting to me was the 400 m² model train layout, the Modellbahnwelt (model train world). Very impressive is also the comprehensive metal toy collection that includes many historic Märklin toys. Real vintage cars from Porsche's collection are also on display.

In the model train world, alpine regions of Bavaria, Austria and of Switzerland have been realistically recreated at 1/87 scale. Up to 40 of the 180 Märklin trains run simultaneously in this layout. Amazing sound and light effects recreate night and day and also thunderstorms and lightning. In addition, a number of cars (Faller car system) run in the layout.



Mountains in the model train world are up to 4 meters high.



Railway station (which one?) by night.

Model of the Gotthard Tunnel.

“Der Achter” or “the eight” is the name of the toy and car exhibition, where you walk around in a huge figure of eight. The toy collection is extensive with soft toys, car models, ship models and metal toys. I was surprised to find many different items of war toys that had been made by Märklin (and other manufacturers) in the 1920ies and the 1930ies.



Fantastic model of the Meersburg castle.



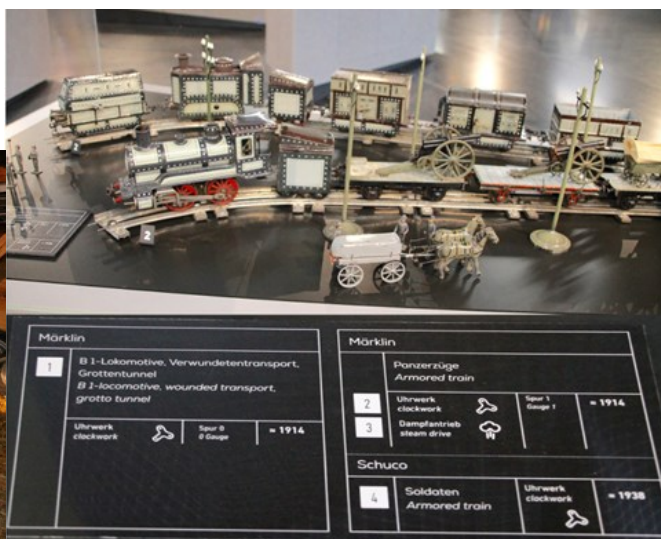
A real VW camper.



Wonderful ship models from Märklin.



A real, somewhat neglected Porsche.



War toys from Märklin.

There is also a large number of real cars, mainly Porsche cars, exhibited in the "Achter." It took Hans-Peter Porsche 35 years to collect these items. Not all of his cars are on display at the same time. Regularly, the exhibition changes with other cars from his collection being shown.

I certainly recommend visiting this unique place if you travel to Europe. Unfortunately, I had only about one hour there. Of course, I spent most of the time at the model train layout.



High up in the snowy region of the Alps.

Here are the address and the link to TraumWerk:

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