



The Kelly Family Houseboat is back

The Kelly boat returns to the Technik Museum Speyer after being used for a TV production



The road transport began on Sunday 10 April 2022 at 9 a.m. Source: Kübler



Road intersections always present a challenge when transporting heavy loads. Source: Kübler

Speyer. Since 2004, the Kelly Family houseboat has been an exhibit at the Technik Museum Speyer. After 18 years, the boat left the museum on Sunday 10 April. The reason for this was filming for a television documentary. From the museum grounds, Sean o'Kelley went by heavy-duty transport to the Braun shipyard in Speyer and then back on to the Rhine.

As part of the RTL2 filming, the boat sailed to Amsterdam under its own power. The documentary accompanies the band on a journey through their past and visits the most important places of their career. Together with Joey and Jimmy Kelly, the museum team has been working on this project over the past few months. For four weeks, the exhibit was unavailable to visitors. But from 7 May, the houseboat will be on view again at its old place in the museum. Together with long-standing partners like the forwarding agency Kübler and the crane company Scholpp, the exhibit was returned overnight from 4-5 May.

"It is the first time in the history of the technology museum that a large exhibit has left a museum after such a long time then returned. When Joey Kelly told us about the project, it was immediately clear to us that we would support our friend and member of the museum friends association with the plan", explained press spokesperson Corinna Siegenthaler. Transporting the houseboat shows just how versatile the Technik Museum's friends association, with more than 3,500 members, is. Whether a collector, musician, technology fan or actor: anyone interested in the museum can become a member. The aim of the association is to preserve the technical and cultural assets for posterity and to promote interest in technical developments. By becoming a member, fans help to shape the future of the facilities in an appealing way. Information at www.technik-museum.de/foerderverein.

About the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer – from Deep Sea into Space

Supported by the non-profit club Auto + Technik Museum e. V. and based on the motto “for fans from fans”, the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer have about 3,500 members worldwide. The financing is exclusively based on admission fees, donations as well as membership fees of club members. All surpluses are used for the museum’s maintenance and expansion. On an area of more than 200,000 sqm, the Technik Museen Sinsheim Speyer present more than 6,000 exhibits from all fields of technological history in a worldwide unique variety. The exhibits range from submarines to vintage cars, from the Concorde to the Space Shuttle BURAN. Besides the permanent exhibition and the changing special exhibitions, there are numerous vehicle and club meetings as well as events. Open 365 days a year, the museums attract over one million visitors a year. Our two IMAX large-format cinemas are a true highlight.

While the IMAX 3D cinema in Sinsheim – “the cinema with the highest resolution in the world” – shows exclusive documentations and the latest Hollywood blockbusters, films are projected onto a giant dome in the IMAX DOME cinema in Speyer.

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