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Wolfgang Richter of LGB Passes

November 27, 2012, Milwaukee, Wis. - It is with deep sadness that Walthers announces the loss of our friend and fellow modeler Wolfgang Richter of LGB, on November 21, 2012.

A pillar of the toy industry for over six decades, Wolfgang and his brother Eberhard are best known among model railroaders worldwide for their G Scale trains, introduced under the name LGB.

In the early 1960s, the boys recalled the home-made, large-scale wooden railway models they had enjoyed as children, and began working up the concept for what would be unveiled to the world in 1968 as G Scale model railroading. Built with a passion for excellence, durability and reliability, the big models marketed under the name Lehmann Gross Bahn (Lehmann Big Train), wowed audiences at that year's annual Nuremberg Toy Fair, not only running outside but in the snow!

Since that time, LGB and the Richter family continued the firm's success, reaching into new markets, developing new technology and introducing a wide range of models. After joining the Märklin family of model railroad products in 2007, LGB once more expanded its worldwide markets and in 2009, named Wm. K. Walthers, Inc. as its exclusive North American distributor.

Please join all of us at Walthers in expressing our condolences to the Richter family and Wolfgang's many friends at this time of their loss. An email address has been set up where people can send condolences and thoughts if they wish. The address is: wolfgang.lgb.richter@outlook.com.

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