Swing Ride From Zeppelins to Swans

Manufacturer: Achtendung Company, Cologne

Year of construction: 1948

Owner: Dirk-Josef Rosenzweig, Bergheim

The first chairoplanes came up around 1900. From 1907 onwards they were very common. Their German name "Kettenkarussell" stems from their seats hanging on chains.

In the first development phase of swing rides, flying objects such as zeppelins or aeroplanes were used. During World War I, aeroplanes were used as a means of combat for the first time. Therefore, the flying objects on these rides were gradually replaced by "peaceful" objects after 1918. Large butterflies, fish or swans were now used.

The so-called "Schwanenflieger" shown here is largely preserved in its original condition. It is one of the last of its kind in Germany.