



MAINE 3 RAILERS

M3R CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

M3R MEETING NEXT WEEK THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 7PM – Next regular M3R meeting will be Thursday, September 10, 7:00PM at our usual location, the Richmond Firehouse. The address is 7 School St., Richmond, Zip 04357. Take a left or right (depending on which direction you are traveling on Main St.) on to School St. and you'll find it just a very short distance off Main Street.

Moxie Club Car is SOLD OUT - The inventory of Moxie Club Cars is GONE. With just over 200 cars produced, this may be the fastest sell out in club car history. This prized possession will be a real collector's item, not only for its great looks, the fact that it features one of Maine's nationally famous products, but also the fact that it is Weaver Model's last production model to come off the line before Weaver closed its doors. A big thanks to Fred Guth for renewing our interest in a Moxie club car, to Jeff Jacobs for putting together the design package and making the purchase order with Weaver, to Rick Hills for being our expeditor and intermediary with Moxie officials, as well as handling the dozens and dozens of orders and payments, and to Dana Sullivan and Peter Hanson for taking orders and managing all the requests for shipping.

A special, special thanks to Justin Conroy and Coca-Cola of Northern New England - Had we not received such terrific cooperation and support from Justin Conroy at the Moxie offices, it is almost a certainty that we would have lost the opportunity to get the Moxie car in production with Weaver before they went out of business. At the very least, it would have resulted in an intolerable delay lining up a new manufacturer, and could even have led to M3R losing the opportunity entirely. Justin's expedited approval of the use of the Moxie theme, and the prompt provision of the artwork for the logos and colors made all the difference. More significantly, Justin took the time to listen closely to our proposal and quickly eliminated all the red tape usually associated with licensing product logos. We will be eternally grateful to Justin and Coca-Cola of Northern New England (owner of the Moxie brand) for making the whole process such a great pleasure and great success.



The Maine Model Railroad Tour, September 26-27 – You will want to attend the meeting next Thursday to hear a presentation from Jeff Jacobs and Peter McKenney explaining all the details for the upcoming Maine Model Railroad Tour and answering all your questions. They will register anyone who has been unable to register for the tour, either because of problems they have with the website or simply because they do not know how to do it. To help the process along, you should try to register at the following website - <http://mainemodelrrtour.com/> This

first-time-ever organized tour of private model railroad layouts in Maine includes all gauges, all manufacturers, all operating systems and covers a wide geographic area. Several of the layouts are hosted by M3R members. **IMPORTANT:** The tour is limited to model railroaders like yourself who are members of an organized model railroading club or is a sponsor of the tour. The tour is further limited to a bona fide model railroader and **one** guest. This will be a spectacular event and your chance to get ideas and ask questions of those who have their operations in place, or partially in place.



Presentation on the LCCA Convention, Danvers, Mass. – At next week’s meeting, M3R members Tony and Treva Masulitus will present a show and tell covering the LCCA Annual Convention in Danvers, Mass. that they attended in July.

Cumberland County Fair, Sunday, September 27 – Saturday, October 3 - This is our biggest event of the year in terms of the length of time it runs, the benefit to the club in terms of new members who visit the display layout and decide to join M3R, and the boost we receive to the M3R treasury from our participation. The hours of operation are long each day and we need all hands on deck to man the several shifts necessary to keep the layout going. In other words, we need YOU. Besides, it is always a lot of fun and the crowds are terrific. Sam Carr will be present at the meeting to share the details for the fair.

The NETCA (Northern Chapter) November show. The third NoNETCA show will be held Sunday, November 8th, in Rochester, NH. Click this link for the show flyer: http://netca.org/pdf/NoNEC_Show_Flyer_Nov_2015.pdf
More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Here’s hoping we will see you in Richmond next week, Thursday.

Ken Thorson
M3R Secretary
kenthorson@comcast.net

Visit our website and our Facebook page for all the latest breaking news. www.maine3railers.org & <https://www.facebook.com/maine3railers>