



MAINE 3 RAILERS

M3R CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2015

M3R MEETING THIS WEEK THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 7PM – Next regular M3R meeting will be Thursday, October 8, 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.

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Here's hoping we will see you in Richmond this week, Thursday.

Agenda: Slide show by Tony and Treva Masulaitis about LCCA Convention, Danvers, Mass., in July.

Discussion of plans for upcoming events –

M3R visit to Lincoln Home, Oct. 23, Newcastle, 9AM-3PM.

M3R visit to Sunnybrook Village, Oct. 28, Brunswick, 9AM-3PM.

Great Falls Train Show at Mt. Ararat, Topsham, on Saturday, Nov. 7.

NoNETCA show in Rochester, NH on Sunday, Nov. 8.

Recap of the **Maine Model Railroad Tour** event – lessons learned; M3R member satisfaction

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FAIR - M3R's display layout and support of the Cumberland County Fair was a great success this year, the torrential rains on Wednesday notwithstanding. Nearby roads were flooded and the opening of the fair was postponed until about 5PM after the rain stopped. Crowds were light that evening, but they were just as enthusiastic as they were before and after "the flood." There was a repeat of the fantastic farm community display from last year's fair that held visitors' attention, as well as three trains operating full time, including a brand new Percy engine and two Sodor gondolas from the Thomas collection. The outer loop was running DCS trains in a straightforward oval, while the complex inner Legacy layout displayed a half dozen switches that kept visitors guessing where the train would wend its way. Our large, attractive new banner "shouted out" our presence from one end of the building to the other as passersby gazed into the building, thereby bringing more onlookers to the display. The family orchard, our partner in the horticultural building, again featured hot cider and doughnuts driving traffic in out of the chill air, especially in the evening. Thanks to Sam Carr for putting the schedule together and all the hardy M3R souls who labored during the week to support the magnificent display layout, putting it up, running it from 9AM to 9PM, and taking it down.

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