



MAINE 3 RAILERS

M3R CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2015

BIG, BIG WEEKEND IS UPON US – This is a reminder to all members that we have a big weekend coming up with two shows we are supporting, back-to-back Saturday and Sunday, November 7th and 8th.

- A. Great Falls Train Show at Mt. Ararat High School, Topsham, on Saturday, Nov. 7, 8AM setup, 10AM-3PM operation, then breakdown.
- B. NoNEC-NETCA show at American Legion Post #7 Hall, 94 Eastern Avenue, Rochester, NH on Sunday, Nov. 8, 7:45AM setup, 10AM-3PM operation, then breakdown.

Because this weekend is a really heavy load on the club members, Jeff Jacobs is preparing layouts that are easier to put together. That fact, plus the easier operation with the configuration of the new trailer (see below), should ease the burden.

M3R MEETING NEXT WEEK THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7PM – Next regular M3R meeting will be Thursday, November 12, 7:00PM at our usual location, the Richmond Firehouse. The address is 7 School St., Richmond, Zip 04357. The firehouse on School St. is a very short distance south of Main Street (Me. Rte. 197), almost directly opposite the intersection of Main Street with Alexander Reed Road.

Agenda:

Slide show by Tony and Treva Masulaitis about LCCA Convention, Danvers, Mass., in July. We hope to get this interesting presentation to the membership after several postponements.

Review of October and early November events –

- A. M3R visit to Lincoln Home, Oct. 23, Newcastle.
- B. M3R visit to Sunnybrook Village, Oct. 28, Brunswick.
- C. Great Falls Train Show at Mt. Ararat, Topsham, on Saturday, Nov. 7.
- D. NoNEC-NETCA show in Rochester, NH on Sunday, Nov. 8.

Discussion of plans for upcoming events –

1. Plant Home, Bath, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 7AM setup, 9AM-3PM operation, then breakdown
2. Maine State Museum, Augusta, Holiday display – Thursday – Saturday, Dec. 3 set-up 2-6PM, Friday, Dec. 4 operating 9AM-4PM, Saturday, Dec. 5, operating 10AM-3PM, then breakdown and depart.
3. Candy Cane Train, Bath Train Station, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 12-13, four excursion trains each day and display layout inside the station. Conductors, guides and layout operators needed. (More details about volunteer opportunities, duties, times, etc., at the meeting.)

Explore the possibility of a **buying trip to Charles Ro Supply Co. in Malden, MA**, sometime between our weekend activities in early December, i.e., go down there one day, between Sunday, Dec. 6 to Thursday, Dec. 10. **Give some thought to your preferences and bring them to the meeting.**

THE NEW M3R TRAILER HITS THE ROAD (And the Earth shook, ye editor.)

On Wednesday, October 28, our new trailer went to its first event at Sunnybrook Village in Brunswick. It looks great, has more space, and is easy to unload and load. The Trailer Committee chaired by Vic Fuller with help from Doug Pollock, Fred Guth, Jeff Jacobs and Moe Guevin got it done. The team visited dealers and made a final selection. The old trailer was sold within an hour after Jeff put it on Craigslist.

Our new ride is a Stealth Aluminum trailer with tandem axle that measures 16' long x 7' wide. The gross weight is 7,000 lbs. and the cargo capacity is 5,400 lbs. It tows with a 2 5/16" ball. Here it is on the dealer lot.



We saved the spare tire from our former trailer. Electric brakes and an interior light are part of the equipment. This picture shows the trailer with a mock-up of the graphics.



Since delivery, the crew has made some improvements:

- A ramp extension piece. Along with the longer ramp this makes it easier to unload and load;
- There are now 2 new 80" x 22" x 48" rolling carts so M3R train parts can be unloaded in 3 trips.



- EZ track installed completely around the interior. Dollies are held in the trailer by bars that latch into the EZ track along the walls.



- And we did set up a layout for the residents to enjoy..... 😊



[Photos, text and commentary for this article by Sam Carr with contributions by Jeff Jacobs. Thanks Sam & Jeff.]

Pics of The Lincoln Home layout, and neat pumpkins, to boot - The Lincoln Home in Newcastle was the scene of M3R's display layout on October 23. As in past years, after temporarily shutting down the layout for the lunch hour, the M3R crew on site were fêted with a sumptuous, multi-course meal on white linen tablecloths. For those of you who missed the event, you might want to keep that in mind for next year. We even joined the chorus of well-wishers singing *Happy Birthday* to one of the residents. As you might imagine, birthdays are big events in the life of The Lincoln Home. In nearby downtown Newcastle, the hand-painted giant pumpkins with neat faces adorned were already making their appearance for the annual pumpkin festival, an amusing, festive event if you have never been. Here (and next page) are some photos of the creative, huge pumpkin faces, as well as the very busy, very attractive and very interesting display layout:





Are you addicted to model trains? - Jeff Jacobs offers this link to a fellow modeler's operation in Australia. If you think you are out of control with acquiring model trains, just take a gander at this video. It will make you feel like you do not have it so bad after all. Imagine a whole house devoted to trains, both operating and display, with a full-time maintenance person to keep them running. The post is almost 9 minutes long. <https://www.facebook.com/ModelTrainAddicts/posts/1106357416045191>

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