



MAINE 3 RAILERS

M3R CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2016

M3R MEETING NEXT WEEK THURSDAY, June 9, 7PM 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 the Firehouse just a very short distance off Main Street, almost directly opposite the intersection of Main Street and Alexander Reed Road.

LAST NEWSLETTER UNTIL SEPTEMBER – The Newsletter will take a vacation for the summer. If any developments require immediate communication to club members, there may be a special edition or two, but do not count on it. Announcements may be made by a simple e-mail notice to members.

LATEST ON THE RENYS CLUB CAR – Robert Salerno of RGS Trains reports that he has resolved some technical difficulties and he is busy painting the cars. It will be a very handsome car for your collection. We do not have a firm date for delivery of our order, but they could be in before the end of the month. We will keep you posted on the progress.

REMINDER ABOUT PLACING YOUR ORDER – Orders for the new Renys car in six different road numbers is now \$55 per car. Make your check out to "Maine 3-Railers" and note in the memo section of the check in the lower left-hand corner that the check is for the Renys car. Send your check to:

Rick Hills
8 Winding Hollow Road
Amherst, NH 03031

NATIONAL TRAIN DAY COMING TO BRUNSWICK AMTRAK STATION - M3R has accepted an invitation to create a display layout in the Brunswick AMTRAK train station on Saturday, June 11. The station is located at 16 Station Ave., Brunswick, ME 04011. We understand that the national AMTRAK Exhibit Train will visit Brunswick that day from 1:30-5:30 pm, and that there will be freebies of undisclosed identity. The fact that the National Exhibit Train will visit Brunswick is really fantastic. Most of its stops are set for major cities. Also, the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA) will also participate in the celebration with the Downeaster train. It should be quite a celebration. It has always been fun in the past. We will set up the layout on Friday afternoon (3:00PM) and run the trains Saturday beginning at 10AM through 5:30PM, or until the crowds dwindle. Check out the poster in the attachment to the e-mail message along with the Newsletter. We hope to see you there.

VISIT TO BAXTER PUBLIC LIBRARY AT GORHAM ON MAY 13-14 – This two-day event captured the imagination of many area residents and attendance was great. Our layout was clearly a big draw for the Library and the staff truly appreciated our efforts. Lots of small children with their parents marveled at the trains and accessories, as the photos demonstrate. We were given a different location in the library this time. Previously, we were in the basement level where we had to use the elevators or a long flight of stairs to move everything from the M3R trailer to our assigned room with considerable difficulty. This year, we requested space on the main floor and that worked out much better for us. Here are some pics of the two-day event:



Gee whiz, Dad!



Gee whiz, Dad 2!



Gee whiz, even without Dad!



These three photos give a whole new meaning to the term "line-up."



These moms load logs & cut boards. The lumber mill is a prime attraction for kids.



Even Grandma gets down with the action.



More delighted kids and moms.

VISIT TO VETERANS' HOME IN AUGUSTA ON MAY 24 – We had a grand time at the veterans' home. Just like our most recent visit to the Togus nursing facility for veterans, the veterans paid many visits to the room where we had our display all day long with a stream of visitors, including staff. Many of the veterans stayed for long visits as

our trains made their frequent, predictable rounds about the layout. Some interesting switching patterns (see second photo, at the bottom of the pic) created challenges for our M3R operators that resulted in a couple of crashes (no names will be mentioned because one of the errant operators lives at my house). No veterans or club members were hurt in the wrecks. The event was accompanied by the delightful opportunity to lunch at nearby Rebecca's Place on Eastern Avenue. Here are some photos for your enjoyment:



M3R members relax after setup



Vets line up for a view at the layout



Nap time was a little slow

CORRECTION, MAY NEWSLETTER: Last month, the Newsletter incorrectly reported “this was the first time Great Falls entertained a show in the spring at the high school in Topsham.” Actually, the spring show has been a long-time regular event. The new fall show was held in Topsham for the first time last year, though it had previously been held in the Lewiston-Auburn area for some time.

Events for the next two months –

June 10-11 National Train Day, Brunswick AMTRAK Station, setup Friday afternoon 3PM; Run trains Saturday 10AM to 5:30PM followed by breakdown and packing up the trailer.

July No events scheduled. Reminder that we cancelled the event scheduled for the Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library.

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

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