



MAINE 3 RAILERS

M3R CLUB NEWSLETTER SPECIAL EDITION FOR JANUARY 2017

This is the first special edition of the newsletter for January 2017 (probably will not be a second one). The regular newsletter for January sent earlier this week was somewhat skimpy on news. Since then, there have been several developments worth putting out more formally than an e-mail.

- A. **Next Meeting** - Reminding you that our next regular meeting will be this Thursday, January 12, 7:00PM at the Richmond Firehouse. Agenda items include:
1. **Budget preparation** - President Dana Sullivan will appoint a financial committee to address the suggestions and discussion at the November meeting that M3R ought to develop an annual budget process and have the periodic financial reports be framed in terms reflecting the status of expenditures and revenues matched to the budget.
 2. **Dues** - Reminder that dues are now payable. You may bring a check to the next meeting or submit your check to our Treasurer at the following address:

Rick Hills
8 Winding Hollow Road
Amherst, NH 03031

The schedule of 2017 dues is as follows, so make your check out to **Maine 3-Railers** in the correct amount:

Individual - \$20 (increase of \$5)

Couple - \$25 (increase of \$5)

Youth (under 18 years of age) - \$5 (Note this membership is unchanged from prior years)

3. **Seminars** - There will be a discussion of ideas for planning seminars that will be helpful to M3R members.
- B. **Calendar Item – NoNETCA Spring Show** - Bill Halley asked to augment the January Newsletter's listing of events to include the NoNETCA spring show, Saturday, April 8, 10AM to 3PM, in Dover, New Hampshire, flyer and directions to follow.
- C. **Bath-Patten Library Dates Set** - The dates for the display at the Patten Library in Bath have been confirmed for Tues.-Wed., February 21. 11AM-4PM and February 22, 11AM-3PM. More details to follow next month.
- D. **Topsham Library Date Scratched** -The tentative February 23 date for the Topsham Library has been scrubbed. We expect to return to Topsham next year.
- E. **Sellers and Buyers Beware - Bad Actors in Connecticut** - Here is an item of potential concern to M3R members. NETTE Auctions, a/k/a New England Toy Train Exchange, 45 West Street, Danbury, CN, has been dissolved as an operating business and is no longer at its address. Newspaper reports indicate that a lawsuit was filed by the administrator of the estate of a deceased model railroader on November 8, 2016 for failure to pay almost \$35,000 in consignment sales. The Connecticut Attorney General's Office says

they have had several complaints and they are investigating also. Others named in the lawsuit are Donald and Naomi Karagianes who apparently were the owners of the defunct company. If any M3R member has been doing business with NETTE and has goods there on consignment or some other problem they should contact Christine Buck, Legal Investigator, Connecticut Office of the Attorney General, 110 Sherman Street, Hartford, CT 06105-2294, phone 860-808-5400, fax 860-808-5593, e-mail christine.buck@ct.gov, website <http://ct.gov/ag/> . The TCA has terminated all commercial relationships with NETTE Auctions. Source of this piece: Thanks to our M3R member Bill Hanley from Brooklin, ME.

F. ***Have a layout to sell?*** We received an inquiry from a nonmember, a grandpa, who is looking for a nice O-gauge layout to buy to operate for his 4-year-old grandson. He has trains that in are in operating condition and some track, but would like to buy an “already built” layout. If the layout came in a package with trains, he would consider that, as well. I am short on specifics, but I am guessing he would prefer something 4' x 8' or smaller. He may also need a transformer. He indicated that he probably would need some expertise from the seller to help set it up to operate. Might you have a layout you would be willing to sell that might meet these needs? Let me know at kenthorson@comcast.net.

G. ***Quiz – On this NFL playoff weekend, who is this man who, by the way, is not playing this weekend?***



See you this Thursday.

Ken Thorson
M3R Secretary

Quiz Clue - First Name Tom.

Quiz Answer - Last name (spelled backwards) –YDARB

NOTE: The person allegedly in the photo joined Instagram very recently and this photo is his first post. It must be a photo from another era, because I do not see the likeness in the photo.

P.S. No, I am not on Instagram.