



MAINE 3 RAILERS

M3R CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2017

M3R MEETING NEXT WEEK THURSDAY – Next regular M3R meeting will be Thursday, MARCH 9, 6:30PM at our usual location, the Richmond Firehouse. The address is 7 School St., Richmond, Zip 04357. The Firehouse just a very short distance south off Main Street on School St., and you'll find School St. almost directly opposite the intersection of Main Street and Alexander Reed Road. **NOTE THE EARLIER TIME FOR STARTING AT 6:30PM.** ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ Rick Hills will be presenting a special training session on installing LED lighting in various layout applications at that earlier time. Don't be late! ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦

REMINDER THAT DUES FOR 2017 ARE DUE AND PAYABLE NOW - 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/Family - \$25 (increase of \$5)
Youth (under 18 years of age) - \$5 (Note: This membership level is unchanged from prior years)

NOTE: March 31 is the deadline for dues. If not paid by then, members will be moved from the active to the inactive list and will no longer receive the newsletter or announcements. Also, inactive members will not be eligible for special pricing on club cars.

Who is Coming to the M3R Augusta Show? - Dana and Richard Ridolfo believe we have a commitment from MTH's Rich Foster to attend our March 25 show in Augusta, but that needs to be confirmed finally. Lionel had agreed to give it serious consideration, but now we have learned that Lionel has a conflict with another event taking priority for that day and they will not be able to make the show.

M3R Club Car Production – We are still feeling out MTH and Lionel for acceptable arrangements to produce the next club car. Early concept drawings for the design of the *Wilbur's of Maine Chocolate Confections* box car have been created and work continues on the design.

MTH's WiFi App Upgrade Still in the "Coming Soon" Stage – After several disappointing delays, there will be no more predictions in the Newsletter about precisely when it is coming. Recent conversations Dana had with MTH indicated that the upgrade to the Wi-Fi app is delayed again, but is expected to be released in the very near future. Rumor has it that the additional delay is working out bugs, but is also allowing more time to add some features.

Whitefield Lions Doll & Train Show, Augusta Armory a Success – Here is a link to a story in the *Kennebec Journal* showing a photo of our M3R layout, and a story about the show. Thanks to Tom Hartwell for the link.
<http://www.centralmaine.com/2017/02/18/scale-model-dollhouses-railways-fill-augusta-state-armory/>

Here is a link to eight more photos of the show:

https://www.snapfish.com/library/share?w=snapfish_us&c=snapfish&l=en_US#KGnklkwj9guMquZuqHNvgw/AUS/27942050007070/SNAPFISH

Patten Free Library, Bath, a good time – Attendance for the two-day event seemed down somewhat, but the enthusiasm remained high. Here is a link to eight photos of the event:

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PAY ATTENTION TO THE SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS! YOUR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT IS ENCOURAGED.

Date Event.

March

7 **Togus VA Nursing Home, 1 VA Center Augusta, ME 04330**

25 **Maine 3Railers Annual Show, Augusta Elks Club, 397 Civic Center Drive, Augusta, ME 04330.** Setup 1 pm Mar 24. Show 10am-3pm Mar 25.

April

8-9 **Midcoast Model Festival, Owls Head Transportation Museum, 117 Museum St., Owls Head 04854, members provide own equipment/no trailer, 9AM-3PM both days,**

8 **NoNETCA Spring Show - Saturday, 10AM to 3PM, Dover, New Hampshire**

11 **Woods at Canco, 257 Canco Rd., Portland, 04103, Setup 8:30AM, run 10AM to 3PM**

28-29 **Great Falls Model Railroad Club Spring Show, Mt. Ararat High School Gym, 75 Eagles Way, Topsham, 04086, Setup 4PM, Fri. the 28th, Show 10AM-3PM**

May

5-6 **Baxter Library, 71 South St., Gorham, ME 04038**

Tbd **Maine Train Day, 16 Station Ave., Brunswick, ME 04011 (May or may not happen)**

19 **Maine Veterans Home, 310 Cony Rd., Augusta, ME 04330**

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Here’s hoping we will see you in Richmond next week for our Thursday, March 9, 6:30PM meeting. **REMEMBER TO ARRIVE IN TIME FOR THE 6:30PM START OF THE LED TRAINING SESSION.**

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