



## MAINE 3 RAILERS

### OUR CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2014

Hello all,

***Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 10th, at 7PM sharp, at the home of Charlotte and Dana Sullivan.*** For GPS users, the Sullivan's address is: 21 Alexander Reed Road, Richmond. Anyone needing directions should contact Dana at 207.737.2577, or [danastrains@myfairpoint.net](mailto:danastrains@myfairpoint.net).

***The 2014 dues are now due.*** No changes. A single membership remains at \$15.00, a couple/family is \$20.00, and a youth membership is still a bargain at \$5.00. Please bring cash or a check to the April meeting; Vic Fuller will see that you are properly credited. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send the check to Vic to ensure your membership doesn't lapse.

Vic Fuller, Treasurer  
30 Joe Avenue  
Winslow, ME 04901

Note: Please make the check out to "**Maine 3 Railers**" and do not forget to make sure Vic has **all** of your current contact information. *As of this date, 104, of us have re-joined for 2014 so please don't be left out... April 30th is the cutoff, extended one month due to cancelled & rescheduled meetings. If your dues aren't in by the end of April, you, sadly, will be moved to the "inactive" section of our database.*

***Upcoming Events – More detail on these activities at the upcoming meeting...***

***Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>***

***Great Falls Model Railroad Club Spring Show*** at Mt. Ararat High School, Topsham. We will have a large layout as per usual, more to follow.

***Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>***

***National Train Day***, Brunswick, maybe Bangor too. More information will be forthcoming.

***Friday & Saturday  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>***

***Baxter Memorial Library***, Gorham. This will be our third annual visit, more to follow.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the work events, don't hesitate to contact Moe Guevin at [schmoe4@myfairpoint.net](mailto:schmoe4@myfairpoint.net) or Tom Hartwell (me) at [thartwell@gmail.com](mailto:thartwell@gmail.com). As I've said in the past, *any and all participation/assistance will be appreciated and fully utilized.*

***In addition to the upcoming events showing on page one, here are two more events that, I'm sure, will be of interest. They both take place on April 12<sup>th</sup>, but are close enough together that those of us that are interested will be able to attend both events.***

***The first is the "Touch-a-Train Event at the Maine Eastern RR Station in Rockland.*** Here is the URL with more info: <http://www.maineeasternrailroad.com/touch-a-train>. This is a fundraiser for the **New England Steam Corporation**, and their efforts to raise money to restore **Maine Central steam locomotive #470**. For more info, the URL is: <http://www.newenglandsteam.org>.

***The second is the first annual Maine Rail Group Rail Conference & Fair, being held at the Owls Head Museum in, of all places, Owls Head.*** Here's the URL with all the info: <http://owlshead.org/events/detail/steam-high-speed-rail-in-china>

***Over Christmas, Jeff Jacobs ran across a fellow that works for CSX.*** As a result, there are plans afoot for a tour of the CSX Transload (sp?) facility down in Mass. Probably when the weather warms in spring or early summer. Stay tuned...

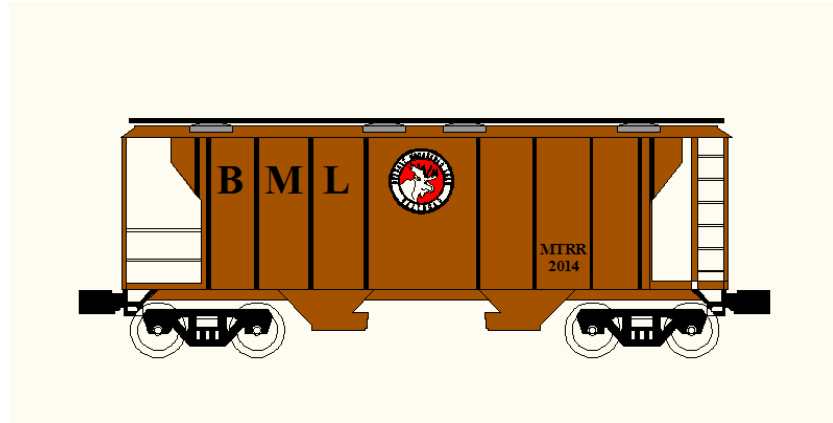
***At the rescheduled March meeting, the members appropriated funds*** to purchase steam locomotives with New England road names for our club layouts. The members also approved the repair of our Big Boy, which has not been running well. We'll now have more steam running at our events. A bit more visual than the diesels...

***Peter Hanson has our CMP car. Get hold of Peter if you plan to be at the April meeting so he can bring your car(s).*** If you haven't purchased one yet, the Price is \$49.00 per car. Shipping and handling is \$7.00, in-state or \$10.00, for the continental US. For international orders, please inquire. *Members, save the shipping and have Peter bring the cars to a meeting for pick up.* To place an order, contact Peter Hanson at 207-622-4256, or [pvhan@roadrunner.com](mailto:pvhan@roadrunner.com) to secure your car(s).



**Speaking of cars, the Club Car Committee is looking at the “next car.”** The current thinking is a covered hopper from the Belfast and Moosehead Lake Railroad (reporting mark BML) that began operations in 1871, with headquarters in Belfast. Google on the railroad name for more information on this old Road.

The BML logo is showing to the left, the mock up by Jeff Jacobs on the right. The choice of car type was put to a floor vote – Boxcar or a covered hopper? The hopper won hands down. Good choice, we’re awash (*nautical term*) with boxcars...



This will be a nice addition, the search is also on for an extended vision caboose and perhaps a “Kittery Trading Post” car, stay tuned...

**On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, we hosted our annual show at the Elks Lodge in Augusta.** Here are a couple of photo’s. More on FB and our website soon.



A couple more follow on the next page.



Tim & Craig keep tabs on the "White Elephant" table



Young fellow with the controller, running trains.  
That's Jerry on the right, looking busy...

***Our friends at the Tri-County Literacy Council (The Candy Cane Train)*** sent a newsletter around that I know would be of interest to you all. In it, Deb Nowak, their chief fund-raiser, praised the efforts of the volunteers that routinely help out during the year, thanking all of us for our contributions. A nice touch, I thought. Here's the link, it's worth a read – *you might even find your name...*

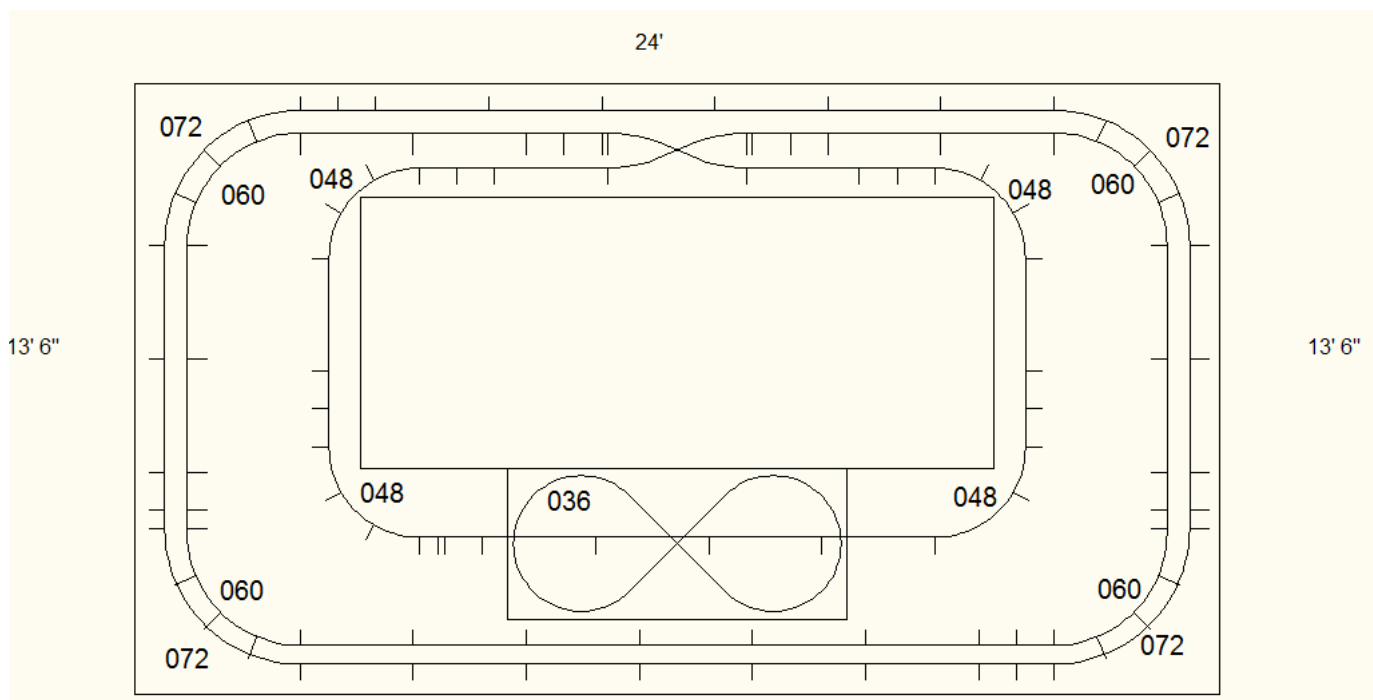
<http://s400239309.onlinehome.us/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/April-2014-Newsletter.pdf>

**Here's another bit of Rail News – It would appear that the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad & Museum will be moving out of Portland** in the next year or two, and will soon be headquartered in Gray. Their present location in the Portland Company Complex was probably not optimal (the Complex was sold last August) and the Museum has cut a deal with CMP for the right-of-way on part of the old Portland-Lewiston Interurban Line. Here's a link for more info:

[http://www.keepmecurrent.com/lakes\\_region\\_weekly/news/narrow-gauge-railroad-s-move-to-gray-gains-steam/article\\_c55b4cf8-ba86-11e3-805c-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.keepmecurrent.com/lakes_region_weekly/news/narrow-gauge-railroad-s-move-to-gray-gains-steam/article_c55b4cf8-ba86-11e3-805c-0019bb2963f4.html)

Could the link be any longer??? Geez. At any rate, for those of us in the area, this will be a nice addition.

**And last but not least, here's the track plan for Mt. Ararat that Jeff has designed...**



As you can see, it's going to be 14'x24', so we'll be in need of all the help we can muster for set up and tear down. .

That's all for this edition, your feedback, rants, and suggestions are always welcome.

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