



MAINE 3 RAILERS

OUR CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2015

Hello all, Happy New Year...

First up, our next meeting is set for Thursday, January 8th at 7PM. We'll be meeting at the Richmond Fire Station in Richmond. The address is 7 School St. Richmond. Not far from the Sullivan's home and easy to find. Take a left or right (depending on which direction you are traveling on Main St.) on to School St. and you'll find it. If you become lost, call my cell, showing at the end of this edition.

Don't miss this meeting, we've many things to go over for the upcoming months and besides, you'll be able to see the new executive team in action. *Oh, boy...*

The dues are due on January 1st. There have been no changes.

- Single membership \$15.00
- Family membership \$20.00
- Youth membership \$ 5.00

So please make a note to bring a check to the January meeting or send it along to:
Rick Hills, Treasurer
8 Winding Hollow Road
Amherst, NH 03031

Make the check out to the "Maine 3 Railers." And last, be sure that Rick has all of your current contact info, thanks.

Don't forget to place your order for our 2014 Club Car, the Belfast & Moosehead Lake PS-2 Hopper. Get hold of Peter Hanson at pvhan@roadrunner.com to place your order. \$54 for one, \$105 for two, and \$149 for three. *Remember, there are three road numbers, so buy all three.* This is a handsome car.

And don't forget, the Club is in a "very strong inventory position," our 2013 car, The CMP Depressed Center Flat Car with Transformer Load. Get hold of Peter to add to your collection. Photos of both cars are showing on our facebook page and website. Space limited here... And speaking of Club Cars, it's never too early to begin thinking about the next one, so bring your ideas to the meeting.

We had two great events in December to wrap up our year of community service. The first was our annual trek to the Maine State Museum. And the second was our annual gig on the Candy Cane Train, put on by the Tri-County Literacy Council. Both great events, pic's follow on the next page.

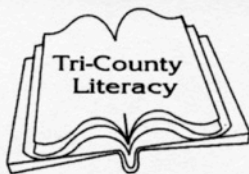
First up, **The Maine State Museum.**



Here are a couple from the Candy Cane Train. There are more pic's of both events on our website and facebook page, check, 'em out, you might find yourself...



The amount of work that we put into these events shows within every member that makes the effort to participate. You guys (and ladies) have big hearts and your willingness to put forth the effort makes the long, difficult, and cold (this time of year) hours, all worthwhile. So, as you read the letter of thanks from Deb Nowak of the Tri-County Literacy Council, give yourself a pat on the back. You have earned it. *"Thank you Deb, for your kind remarks."*



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Dear Tom and the Maine3Railers;

Once again, we send many thanks to the Maine3Railers for continuing to support The Candy Cane Train. You have been our partner throughout the history of the Candy Cane Train, and for this we are truly grateful.

The Maine3Railers assist us in multiple ways each year, including being part of the planning committee, helping with projects, being the train Conductors, providing the model train display, shoveling snow off the ramp, providing pictures and videos, and more. Your members have been extremely generous and helpful, and we could not be successful without all that you have done and continue to do.

The Maine3Railers Train Conductors – both on the train and in the station – have a tremendous impact on the passengers and the enjoyment of the ride. The Conductors have been friendly, respectful, and gracious. They point out areas to watch along the way, and have fun communicating with passengers. It's these little things that make it special for them. We are proud to have the Maine3Railers as part of our Candy Cane Train – and we hope it continues for many years!

The Candy Cane Train helps us to meet our mission of *improving lives through literacy* through our two programs. Our *Literacy Volunteers* program serves adults who wish to improve basic literacy skills (reading, writing, math, computer literacy, and literacy-based life skills) and English Language Learners. Our *Read With Me* family literacy program serves families with children who attend Head Start and Early Head Start within our tri county service area.

Again, thank you all for being part of making this a special time for families and for helping us to meet our mission of *improving lives through literacy*.

Warm holiday wishes to you and yours.



Deb Nowak, Executive Director



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So, onward and upward, we have a busy calendar for the first few months of the year and a couple of things that aren't yet posted on our website. One that is not listed is our first-ever visit to Togas. Sam Carr (*right, Sam, the new guy*) was instrumental in reaching out to these folks; we're hoping to make a visit during the first couple of weeks of April. *Thanks Sam, for taking the lead on this.*

There are many other activities on the schedule and in the planning stages so check out the "Upcoming Event's" section of our site to have the latest information.

That's all for this edition, as always, your feedback, rants, and suggestions are always welcome. And remember to visit our website and our facebook page for all the latest breaking news. *Make it a habit... Whatever we are up to is posted on these two places first.*

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