



MAINE 3 RAILERS

OUR CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2015

Greetings,

With apologies to the members, and to the usual editor of the Newsletter, Tom Hartwell, Ken Thorson is acting editor while Tom is away for a short while. This edition will pale in comparison to Tom's usual, excellent product.

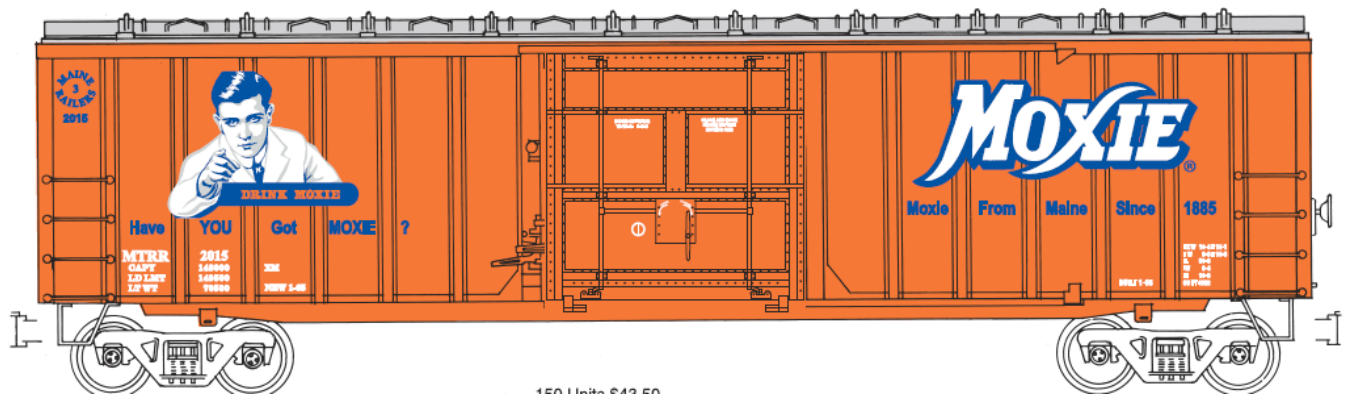
Our next meeting is set for Thursday, June 11th at 7PM. We'll be meeting at the Richmond Fire Station in Richmond. The address is 7 School St. Richmond. Not far from the Sullivan's home and easy to find. Take a left or right (depending on which direction you are traveling on Main St.) on to School St. and you'll find it.

Meeting topics you won't want to miss:

- ***Our 2015 Moxie Club Car design is still in flux.*** The latest version is different from the rendition posted in last month's newsletter in two respects: (1) we are unable to secure the 40' woodside reefer that we prefer, Weaver being out of stock of that model box car and Weaver is not expected to get new stock anytime soon; instead, we are currently expecting to use a 50' steel plug door box car, but that could change again; and (2) the graphics and their arrangement on the box car will be different from what you saw last month. Here is a sample of Weaver's 50' steel plug door box car:



Here is the latest rendering from Jeff Jacobs that should be fairly close to the final product. Thanks to Jeff for staying on the case and cranking out the several iterations seeking a match of our preferences and Weaver's product availability.



- LCCA Convention, M3R participation CANCELLED.** After a lot of uncertainty, lack of specifics, concern about cost to M3R and its members, frustration and sleepless nights of worry about showing our club in a good light, Dana talked to Lionel about our concerns and ended up withdrawing M3R's participation in the LCCA Convention. Lionel was OK with the decision and very understanding of our predicament. Expectations were unclear and there was too much risk that it would turn out to be a bad experience for the club, to say nothing of the difficulty of executing a significant manpower effort at an out-of-state remote location over the better part of a week. Adding weight to the balance of circumstances disfavoring the event, the truck we had planned to use is no longer available. All in all, what began as an exciting opportunity turned into an extraordinary burden with the prospect of a disappointing experience for all. Maybe another time.
- Gorham Library event in May.** The Gorham Library children's room where we set up the display layout is downstairs from ground level. There are two sets of stairs and an elevator to reach the lower level, but none of these routes to our assigned area is easy. Unfortunately, we had a smaller turnout of members than usual and the heavy burden of moving all the equipment fell to just several sets of hands with some members not able to come both days and others unable to help at all. This was a bad situation and nearly resulted in injuries to those steady souls who showed up. A big thanks to stalwarts Doug Pollock, Ken Rich, Conrad Berthiaume, Harry Pierce, Fred Guth, Jerry Boulanger and the always present Moe Guevin, for showing up. Participation in our events is so important to make them successful, and most of all, safe for us. Please try to attend all the events you can so that this does not happen again. Event pics are courtesy of Ken Rich.



Upcoming events for discussion at the meeting:

- ***Maine Train Day, Saturday, June 20, Brunswick Amtrak Station.*** The “Maine Operation Lifesaver” organization is hosting a celebration of trains at the Brunswick Amtrak station on Saturday, June 20th. M3R will set up a display layout as we have done in years past. The event runs 10AM to 1PM. We need to be there at 8AM to set up and get things running. Public attendance in years past produced body-crushing crowds all straining to get a good look at our layout. This year, Amtrak will not be participating at Brunswick, so we expect even more attention to our layout. It has always been a fun time with the kids flocking to the attraction. Your participation and support is most welcome. Hope to see you there. Here are two great pics from last year’s event.



- ***Also June 20 in Ellsworth, Downeast Scenic Railroad & New England Steam Corporation (organization restoring MEC steam engine #470),*** are hosting a ***Touch a Train*** event at the Washington Junction Railyard in Ellsworth, ME, from 9AM to 12 noon. Billed as “a family adventure in railroading,” the event offers tours of the engine cab, speeder rides, caboose rides, blowing a steam whistle, ringing the 470 engine bell, demos and handouts by Operation Lifesaver, ice cream and other desserts, AND, it’s all free, according to the event flyer. While this competes with our M3R commitment to Maine Train Day in Brunswick, this event offers a second venue to celebrate trains for those who live downeast. ***(See event flyer on last page of this newsletter.)***
- ***Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library.*** Now that the LCCA convention event is cancelled for M3R, we are free to accept the invitation to put up a display at the Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library. The two-day event is scheduled for the week of July 13, possibly Tuesday and Wednesday, July 14-15. Jeff, Moe and Dana will visit the library on June 4, 11AM, to scope out the facilities. From that meeting, we will have more details to announce at the regular club meeting June 11. Tune in for that announcement.

That’s it for this edition. Remember to visit our website and our Facebook page for all the latest breaking news. *Whatever we are up to is posted on these two places first. Check them out...* www.maine3railers.org & <https://www.facebook.com/maine3railers>

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TOUCH A TRAIN!



**A FAMILY ADVENTURE IN
RAILROADING**

JUNE 20TH, 2015

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**WASHINGTON JCT. YARD
ELLSWORTH, MAINE**

THE DOWNEAST SCENIC RAILROAD AND NEW ENGLAND STEAM CORPORATION ARE HOSTING A DAY OF EXPLORATION OF REAL TRAINS, TO BENEFIT THE RESTORATION OF FORMER MAINE CENTRAL STEAM LOCOMOTIVE 470.

- COME SIT IN THE CAB OF AN HISTORIC DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE.
- ENJOY A "CABOOSE HOP" FROM THE YARD TO THE WYE AND RETURN.
- RIDE A REAL RAILROAD MOTORCAR!
- MEET "OPERATION LIFESAVER" LEARN ABOUT BEING SAFE AROUND THE TRACKS!
- FREE ICE CREAM FROM DARLING'S ICE CREAM TRUCK!
- FREE DESSERT SAMPLES FROM GOVERNOR'S RESTAURANTS!
- RING THE 470 LOCOMOTIVE BELL!
- BLOW A REAL STEAM LOCOMOTIVE WHISTLE!
- NO ADMISSION FEE - DONATIONS ACCEPTED

DOWNEAST SCENIC AND MAINE CENTRAL 470 SHIRTS AND CAPS AVAILABLE ON SITE!

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