



MAINE 3 RAILERS

M3R CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2024

OUR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, September 12, 2024, at 7:00PM on Zoom. Watch for the email from Dana Lindsey with the link to join.



President's Message by Gene Thayer

August is here and this hot Summer continues. The big event this month is our visit to M3R member Joe Landry's house. Joe has graciously hosted M3R at his home for the last few years. You know when you're there that you are going to see a great layout and a great collection of diecast trucks. You will also hear some great stories that Joe likes to tell.

The event takes place on Saturday, August 17th from 1PM to 5PM at his home at 19 Orestis Way in Lewiston.

Let's have a good turnout because Joe appreciates M3R and we want to show him how much we appreciate him and his family. See you there!

UPDATES



M3R YouTube Channel Update by Channel Master Carlton Spring

July featured M3R's Mobile Outreach Team's participation in the Moxie Festival in Lisbon Falls on Saturday, July 13th. We set up the layout Friday evening, the 12th. If you haven't yet viewed the video, I hope that you will click on the direct link below to enjoy the show.

Direct link to the 2024 Moxie Festival video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nt8n0zQbcFI>

A complete article with photos appears later in this newsletter. The Mobile Outreach Team's next events are in September.

STAY TUNED!



M3R Activity Committee by Chairperson Bernie Pender

The Activity Committee wants to remind everyone of Joe Landry's open house August 17th @ 1pm at 19 Orestis Way, Lewiston, ME.

For more information on future activities, type [Groups.io/g/M3R](https://groups.io/g/M3R) into your browser, sign in, and check out the Club's Calendar section.



Club Car Committee by Richard Ridolfo

2024 Club Cars

Scenic Maine Summer Car is in stock. Contact Peter Hanson regarding purchase.





L.L. Bean Boxcar is due shortly. Cars are limited to two per member and per our agreement with L.L. Bean they are intended for club members and not for resale.

2025 Club Cars – No new news



From the Editor by Art Shean

September 1st is our deadline to notify the Cumberland County Fair organizers if we will be participating in the 2024 Fair. Gene Thayer and the Executive Board decided that we will only participate if we can fully man the Staffing Roster. As of August 2nd, we are almost there with full crews for both setup and move out, but we are still short six volunteers for running trains.

This year we will run trains from 9am-9pm daily starting Sunday, September 22 until 9pm Saturday, September 28. Setup will start at 8am on Saturday September 21 with pack up starting at 8am Sunday 9/29. Operating shifts run from 9am-3pm and 3pm-9pm with two members on each shift for a total of 28 slots.

2024 Cumberland County Fair Staffing Roster as of 8/02/2024

Sat 9/21, Unload, Set Up Layout	Shift Hours	Sun 9/22	Mon 9/23	Tue 9/24	Wed 9/25	Thu 9/26	Fri 9/27	Sat 9/28	Sun 9/29, Pack Up, Load
8am Start	9AM-3PM	1-Sam Carr	5-Jeff Jacobs, Gerry Gotreau	9-Ron Brown, Doug Pollock	13-Jan Williams	17-Carlton Spring, Doug Pollock	21-John Ash	25-Gene Thayer	8am Start
Setup, Shift Zero	9AM-3PM	2- John Ash 11am-3pm	6-Richard Ridolfo	10-Jan Williams, Ken Thorson	14-Jack Dexter	18-Art Shean, Ken Thorson	22	26	Pack Up, Shift 99
A. Shean, S. Carr, J. Kennie, J. Jacobs	3PM-9PM	3-Jim Kennie	7-Jim Kennie	11-Carlton Spring	15-Sam Carr	19	23	27-Carlton Spring	A. Shean, S. Carr, J. Kennie J. Jacobs(?)
B. Pender, J. Ash, T. Hartwell, D. Pollock(?), K. Thorson(?)	3PM-9PM	4	8-Tom Hartwell	12-Art Shean	16-Tom Hartwell	20	24-Tom Hartwell	28-Sam Carr	T. Hartwell, C. Spring, D. Pollock(?), K. Thorson(?)

SO CLOSE, YET SO FAR! Just need six more Volunteers!

Please contact Sam via email at secarr1@comcast.net with the number of the open shift you want to cover. He will confirm your selection via email and send Fair passes for entrance via U.S. Mail just before the Fair.

Make your participation a family affair. While you run trains, your family can ride the rides, watch the shows, walk the exhibits, and indulge in the variety of Fair food available.

Here is the video of our layout from the 2023 Fair so that you can see what we do.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvNmtlqz04U>

EVENT REPORTS



Orange here, Orange there, Orange everywhere! By Art Shean

Saturday July 13, 2024, the Maine 3 Railers Outreach Team unveiled a 10.5' by 30' model train display for the 2024 Moxie Festival crowd. The layout included four independent track loops and two elevated trolley lines using over 190 feet of Lionel FasTrack. The outer loop alone used nearly 89 feet of track. With thousands of visitors expected to visit the Moxie Festival, the team tried their best to impress with lights, sounds, and action on one of our larger layouts to stimulate public interest in our hobby, especially among younger kids.

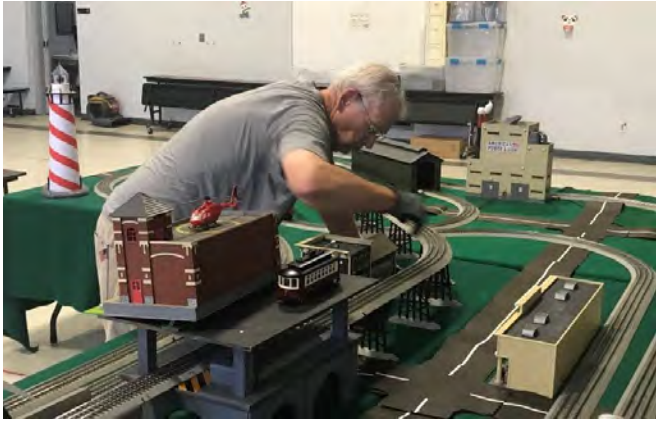


Friday evening before the festival the team of Paul Brown, Sam Carr, Art Shean, and Carlton Spring unloaded their SUVs and a box trailer shortly after 5pm at the Marion T. Morse (MTM) Community Center, in Lisbon Falls. We started late in the afternoon because the MTM Gym where we set up, is used by the Lisbon Recreation Day Camp. When the last camper left, we unloaded and began assembly. With everything unloaded, we placed the tables, and our layout soon took shape.



Setup went smoothly with the small but highly experienced crew.

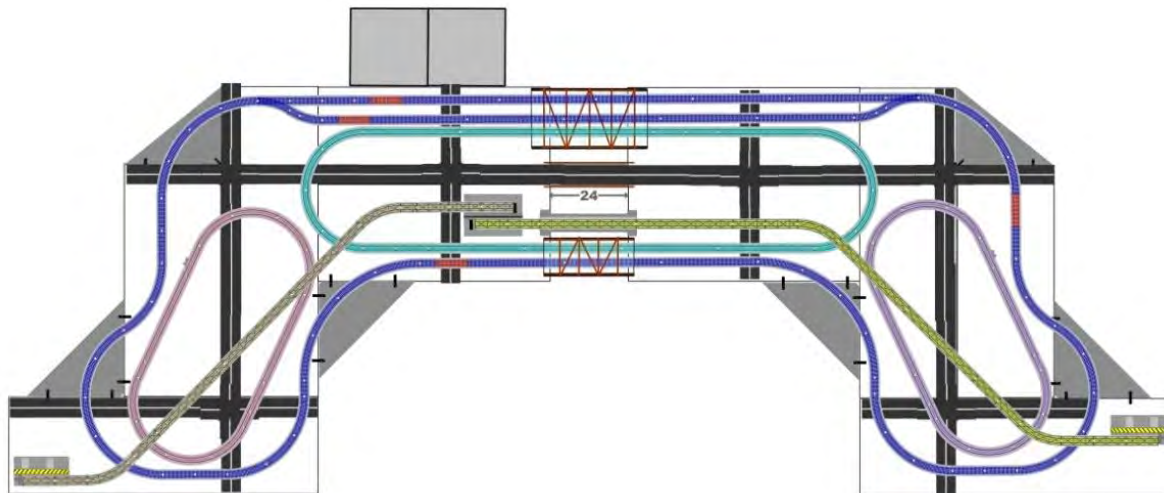




After neatly storing our boxes, we left for the night ready for the expected crowds on Saturday morning.



Our symmetrical layout was long and lean with loops on either end for the kids to run Thomas engines.



The final product looked as follows:



As in previous years, we also offered the kids the opportunity to win a Tootsie Pop by finding nine Disney characters displayed around the layout.





Unlike other Club model train events, the Moxie Festival is an **Odd Duck**. When we visit senior living, library, hospital, and veterans' venues we are the main attraction. When we participate in model train shows we are a featured attraction to help draw guest attendance. But at the Moxie Festival, we have become a staple like rice and potatoes. Visitors expected to see us in the MTM Community Center as usual but didn't come just for us. We are one of multiple side shows that enrich the Moxie Festival experience.

With so many activities planned, visitors needed an event schedule to keep up. We operated on Saturday from 8am to 4pm. With the MTM Community Center centrally located, we were frequently asked where this event and that event were located and at what time. Fortunately, we had a festival poster located inside the center for reference but having a detailed schedule of events would be a useful addition in future years. Besides running trains, we also supported the greater good by serving as a branch of Guest Services.



Come one, come all! See the mighty steel engines prance around their steel tracks for your amusement and delight! Oh, and by the way you can visit the restroom while you are here.

On Saturday morning, trains rolled in the MTM at 8am with a few kids returning from previous years to run trains.



From experience we expected the crowd to be sparse through the early morning with the Moxie Fun Runs starting at 7am and the parade scheduled for mid-morning. However, the last few years the parade started at 9am while this year it started at 10am. The festival also boasts that the Moxie parade is the longest in the State of Maine and it lived up to their boasts. Around 11am we began to become concerned that the heat and humidity may have subdued the crowd size.



Moxie Festival 2024 - the Early Hours Saturday Morning

Frequently during the morning, I checked outside for the crowd but other than vendors and exhibitors manning their booths there were relatively few visitors. Finally, around quarter after eleven in exasperation I checked one last time. To my amazement, I saw a wave of people walking along the road from the parade route toward the MTM Center. Yes, the Moxie Festival Parade is truly the longest parade in Maine and the dam had just broken.



The crowd surged into the Center with orange everywhere and orange tin cans of Moxie in hand.





Per Doug Pollock, our official head counter and Tootsie Pop dispenser, we had over 600 visitors view the layout and gave away close to 170 Tootsie Pops to scavenger hunt winners. And his count did not include visitors passing by to visit the rest rooms and MTM Center offices. Considering the competition from the many other festival activities, the count was quite rewarding.

Speaking of competition, at 1pm Julia Gagnon from 2024 "American Idol" fame performed at the back of the MTM Center on the Pavilion. Julia is a product of North Yarmouth Academy and finished in the top 10 of the American Idol 2024 competition. As you can imagine, the number of layout viewers dropped dramatically and inquiries as to where the MTM Center Pavilion was located increased. During the lull, we grabbed a few photos of her performance.





During the slow morning, we noticed a mysterious blank screen outside the MTM. It was white and measured 8' tall by 16' wide. At first I thought they might be showing a movie later in the evening but that thought soon faded into reality. A pickup truck was behind the screen with a banner draped along its side.



Then it became clear that the white board was a canvas for a mural honoring the star of the Moxie Festival: **MOXIE!**

Jared Goulette a.k.a. The Color Wizard created a similar size mural during the 2023 Moxie Festival which now hangs in the MTM Community Center gym. His bright colors and fine detail highlight cool refreshing enjoyment derived from drinking Moxie.



This year we were fortunate enough to catch Jared before he began this Festival's offering. Turns out that this year's mural included even more detail. We caught him apply the first spray and followed him throughout the day. On Sunday they moved the unfinished mural to a local park where the Festival continued. Jared worked into the evening and completed his 2024 work before the Festival officially closed. The following sequence of photos record his progress throughout the day and into Sunday:



First Paint of the Day



The Plan



Adding color and filling in the blanks.



Even if you hate Moxie, Jared's mural makes you yearn for a cold one on a hot humid day!
The following is a link to a time-lapse video depicting the creation of the 2024 Moxie Festival mural:
<https://youtu.be/FZUuc-8lbd0>



No matter where you go there always seems to be an opportunity to discover true wisdom. Occupying the MTM Community Center for the day gave us another chance to learn. Every week day during the summer, the Lisbon Recreation Department operates the Panda Camp. Their rules are a good model for many of our adult groups.

During the day we had several visitors. The Westras - Jay, Caleb, and Sophie stopped by in the afternoon while Sal DeVita and his father stopped by in the late afternoon to run a few of Sal's engines.



Other notable guests included Miss Maine, Miss Teen Maine, and Julia Gagnon of "American Idol" fame. Turns out that when he taught elementary school math, Carlton Spring was a coworker of Julia's grandmother, and he taught Julia's father, uncle, and aunt. When she stopped in the MTM Center, Carlton snapped the below photo:



Lastly, a gigantic **Thank You!** to our Moxie Festival Crew. I am always amazed at how few can do so much for our hobby and Club.



Paul Brown



Sam Carr



Tom Hartwell



Doug Pollock



Art Shean



Carlton Spring

Photography by Art Shean and Carlton Spring



The View from Doug's Chair for Doug Pollock while He Takes a Break

Editor's Note: The Moxie Festival wore Doug out! He had a sore finger from counting all the visitors with his mechanical counter and he could hardly lift his arm from passing out almost two 100 count boxes of Tootsie Pops. Then he forgot to bring his lounge chair and had to settle for a hard chair from the MTM Community Center. After all that sitting, he helped disassemble the layout after the fun stuff was over. Finally, he was one of the last crew members to leave because he had to ride home with me to Topsham. Took him at least two days to recover! But if you know Doug, he had a smile on his face, good words for everyone, and you know he had FUN!!



MODEL RAILROADING



The Never Ending Story by Jan Williams

Editor's Note: With Jan it is true, a model train layout is never finished!

I've been busy on the layout since completing the Grand Hotel, primarily in upgrading the Hotel and Station Plaza. The below picture shows the area 15 years ago; the walls of the plaza are simply plywood painted red. This project primarily involved painting Plastruct embossed plastic sheets and applying them to the existing walls.



The following three photos show the walls today, with the hotel in place. Remaining to-dos include a couple of retaining walls, and some signage for the hotel.



The brick arches on the viaduct were relatively easy. After cutting the sheets to fit, I spray painted them with hardware store flat red primer. I then hand painted a selection of bricks in other red colors; bricks are almost uniform in color but some change color in the manufacturing process. A thin wash of white paint then added mortar to the walls. I used spray adhesive to add the brick sheets to the existing foam board structure.

The random stone retaining walls were a more interesting challenge. When I ordered them from Plastruct I didn't pay attention to how small are the stones. The wall involves six panels, each about 6 X 12 inches. I calculated that each panel contains about 1800 stones... First step was to spray paint each sheet with black primer.

Yup, I painted each stone, using my people painting brushes. Natural stones in a wall really do vary in color. Did you know that Golden acrylic artist colors offer eight different shades of medium gray? I have all of them and used everyone! The below photo shows a sheet in the early stages of painting.



This stuff can make you crazy...

I finally finished painting stone walls for a while! For the walls facing the harbor, I decided to use shades of brown and yellow rather than the grays I used on previous walls. I finished with my usual thin black wash. I think the yellow toned walls are fine, have a brighter, more cheerful look than the gray walls. And they seem to hold up the hotel and station just as well...



This hobby is a great stress reliever from my corporate commitments as a Board member! I'm taking a deep breath, getting ready to build the model of the Portland train terminal formerly on St Johns Street. All the dimensional research went into building the foam board mockup 15 years ago. Of course it's compressed, but all the key features are there. The challenges now are how to build this thing in miniature... there are quite a few... LOL, Cheers!



RUST by Ken Thorson

THIS IS RUST!



THIS IS RUST IN THE
WRONG PLACE!



So, what are you going to do about it? Good question! First, don't store your precious trains in a damp place. If there is any chance that moisture will creep into your storage area, get a space dehumidifier adequate to manage the square area of the space. Moisture is not limited to standing water. Humidity exceeding 80% can breed rust and, once it is on your train, rust removal will almost certainly alter the luster of unpainted metal often leaving it with a mottled look. Bad luck that may affect appearance and conductivity of wheels!

Second, don't store your trains in a permeable container (think cardboard) directly on a concrete floor that is resting on the earth as in a basement. If your dwelling's foundation walls and footing are not well drained, moisture can pass through the concrete and infuse anything in direct contact. This will be more likely if we experience heavy rains or it rains for days and days. If possible, place them on pallets. If not pallets, create airspace under the container with 2x4's or something similar.

Third, the longer your trains remain hidden away, the more likely unseen rust damage will take hold and create heartache with your trains. The longer metal components are exposed to humid air, the faster they will corrode. The simple practice of rotating the trains you run will help to mitigate the risk of rusting and help you detect rust before it becomes more serious.

Fourth, use the desiccants inside the manufacturer's box that the train came in when you store your trains in those boxes, or any container that trains may be stored in if you no longer have the original box. What are desiccants? Those are the small packages (usually white with "Do Not Eat" printed on them) of moisture-absorbing silica gel beads that came in inside the manufacturer's box that are often cast aside when the box is first opened. They are there for a purpose: to protect your investment. Don't throw them away. Leave them in the box.

Fifth, for all those boxes where the desiccant is lost, you should replace the missing desiccant with a new one. This is also true if the desiccant is old (3 years is a commonly mentioned benchmark) because they lose their effectiveness as they absorb moisture. Some desiccants may have color-coded beads that turn color when they are spent. Some desiccants can be "recharged" by oven or microwave heat that drives off the accumulated moisture (they rarely feel actually wet to the touch). Not all desiccant packages are rechargeable. When you buy replacement packages, the product description will indicate whether they are rechargeable. So how do you recharge them? On a tray in an oven set at 200-250F for ½-2 hrs. Or, in the microwave on a plate using defrost function for 7-12 minutes (assuming a typical 1100W to 1200W counter-top microwave oven).

Sixth, how do you know what and where to purchase? A 5oz packet (2.2 in. x 1.8 in.) is suitable for the purpose. I recommend using two such packets for each storage box. I purchased the packets in quantity. You can buy them wherever you find them. Here is a link to the product I purchased.

[Amazon.com: Silica Gel Packets, 50PCS 5 Gram Premium Transparent Desiccant Packs for Storage, Moisture Absorbers for Control Absorbing, Desiccant Dehumidifiers Bags for Electronics, Clothes Shoes, Jewelry, Spices : Health & Household](#) The Amazon price is \$5.99 for 50, 5oz packets (there is a 9% discount if you buy 2 or more).

Finally, your trains are an investment worth preserving and protecting. Nothing kills value like rust. Don't take a chance. Desiccant packs are inexpensive insurance against rust.



A Few Side Notes from Jan by Jan Williams

Menards Plug and Play

I recently sorted through my storage shelves and found some Menards plug and play vehicles, and a power supply. These things are a hoot! Just takes a half inch hole in your layout for the plug...

Here is the result on my layout...



Unruly Trees

On occasion I buy a bunch of commercially made trees, whenever the big suppliers run an attractive sale. They usually sit for many months until the mood strikes and I have a 'tree day'. A tree day happened last week...

Many of us, on our pikes, plant a solitary tree next to a house or in a garden. That is a normal suburban scene, planned and manicured. That is not the way trees in a forest look...

In the wild trees are an aggressive and unfriendly bunch. They try to crowd each other out, and race towards the sun so they can put their competitors in shade. Trees in the wild look like a solid mass of green - differences in shapes, species, and shades of green tend to be subtle.

I'm trying to achieve that look in a few spots on my pike. It takes a lot of trees! I'm making progress, not there yet...



Lionel SD40-E Clearance Issues by Jan Williams

I recently took delivery of a new Lionel SD40-E locomotive. This is a new design, with a spring loaded pilot assembly that lets the front end stay aligned with the loco body as it traverses curves. My loco had a snowplow with very little track clearance.

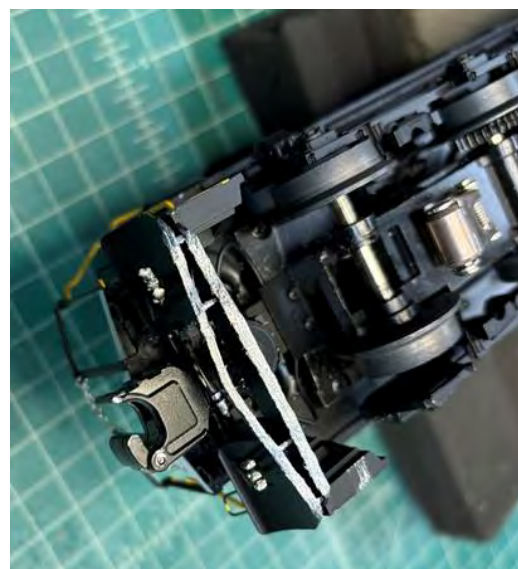
I was surprised to find that the snowplow was snagging guard rails in my Ross switches. By snagging I mean stopping it cold. I also found that the plow was snagging switch machines. A

fascinating design gaffe by Lionel - the online world has confirmed a variety of clearance issues with this design.

My solution was to grind off about 1/8 inch from the bottom of the plow. A coarse carbide grinder in my Dremel did the job quickly. I've since painted the area, nothing is visible.



Snagging at Switch



Ground Plow Surface

The Lionel SD40-E is now happy hauling 14 car freights around my layout - with two drive motors this thing is a beast!



Potential purchasers of larger Lionel locomotives should carefully evaluate this new design.

The locomotives have significant overhang on curves!

5 Ways to Engage Kids with Toy Trains

Story by Rene Schweitzer

From: Trains.com

I've had a lifelong fascination with trains, stemming from my father's nearly 40-year career on the Santa Fe (and later BNSF) railroad. Some of my fondest childhood memories included trips to the train depot in Fort Madison, Iowa where I would see freight trains come and go. When I was 8 years old, I'll never forget coming home from school one day to see Dad in our basement, setting up what would become our HO scale train layout.

Fast forward to early 2018, when my interest in the hobby was reborn. My oldest son (then 2 years old) had received the best Christmas gift from Santa Claus: a Lionel [Polar Express train set](#). This led to my exploration into O gauge accessories. We built a layout, added locomotives and accessories, and connected with other modelers in our area and on social media.

Many of us talk about the future of toy trains and how much the next generation may be interested in pursuing it. I do not claim to be an expert, as many of you are parents and grandparents who

already do an incredible job of involving children with toy trains. However, I'd like to share a few ways of involving kids in toy trains that have not only worked with my three young sons, but ideas from other hobbyists as well (including the "Train Dads," see sidebar below).

Give children a chance to operate the layout



Smartphone apps and remote controls make it easy for kids to operate a layout, with supervision. The author's two youngest sons are at the controls of the family layout.

I have had so much joy as a parent seeing my sons control our layout. Does this mean that I let them run my Lionel Legacy locomotives unsupervised? Nope. However, I'll never forget the huge smile on my 4-year-old's face when he controlled a Legacy 2-8-0 Consolidation steam locomotive for the first time with the LionChief app on our iPad. As he hit the whistle button and saw the whistle steam feature activated on the engine, he felt as if he were in the cab in the engineer's seat! Along with the LionChief app, my children enjoy the simplicity of the Lionel remotes, whether that be a Universal Remote or individual remotes that accompany train sets or older LionChief Plus locomotives.

Do a project together



Observing the creativity of my children has been enriching. They have ideas for new locations of buildings, scenery, die-cast cars and trucks, figurines, you name it! While trips to our local hobby shop may include their pleading to purchase every new O gauge item on the shelf, it's fun to see them think out loud about what a new package of trees or foliage would look like on the layout, or perhaps some new cars for our auto racks. Two recent projects have included gluing cow figures into our cattle cars and weathering boxcars with chalk. The weathering idea really caught on with my 4 year old, and he took it upon himself to weather a gondola car in his collection of wooden trains!

Take family trips to a railroad museum

Living in eastern Iowa, we are fortunate to be within driving distance of incredible railroad museums and historic sites. While visiting family in that area, we've traveled to the [Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad](#) and the James H. Andrew Museum in Boone, Iowa, as well as the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale, Ariz.

During the past two summers, my wife and I have taken our sons to the [Illinois Railroad Museum](#) in Union, Ill. during their "[Day Out with Thomas](#)" excursions. It is heartwarming for us to see our children's excitement when they see Thomas and Percy chugging down the tracks! Their interest in the permanent collection of equipment is thrilling for them as well. Walking alongside these giants is an incredible experience for them at such a young age.



Check for events in your area



Speaking of locomotive giants, we were fortunate that Union Pacific "Big Boy" No. 4014 came through our region in summer 2019. At that time, our oldest was almost 4 years old, and our second child was just a couple of weeks old (our third child would arrive two years later). "Big Boy" headed eastbound from the Chicago area on the morning of a July day, and the locomotive and consist made a stop in Wheatland, Iowa, later traveling to Cedar Rapids and Des Moines. Seeing the world's largest operating steam locomotive was an extraordinary experience. We're looking forward to more special trains and excursions as they come close to our home,

notably the upcoming [CPKC Steam Tour](#) featuring the "Empress" No. 2816 4-6-4 Hudson steam locomotive and the [CPKC Holiday Train](#) in November/December.

Set up a Christmas tree display

For many of us, this is how our fascination with the hobby got started. A great way to keep children's interest in toy trains is to set up a holiday layout around the Christmas tree, whether it be a simple loop or a large Christmas village. In our home, setting up the *Polar Express* around our Christmas tree has become as much of a tradition as hanging up our stockings, watching holiday movies, or leaving milk and cookies for Santa.



Keeping our children involved with the hobby can start with rewarding experiences and projects on the family train layout, taking a trip to the local hobby store or train show to select the next locomotive together, or by simply standing near the railroad tracks and seeing a friendly exchange of waves between the locomotive engineers and our kids. Isn't this an incredible hobby? Happy railroading!

Meet the Train Dads

A few years ago, I connected with a few model railroaders on social media. The five of us - Michael McNamee, Chris Raines, Nicholas Tate, Matt Rotchford, and I - all have two things in common: We have O gauge layouts and we're all fathers. The "Train Dads" group was born, and even though we all reside in five different states, we have stayed in touch.

While many of our conversations usually revolve around the hobby, we always come back to talking about our children and families. My wife and I are the proud parents of three boys, ages 8, 4, and 2. All three of them are young "trainiacs!"



Photos by Patrick Downing and David Smith Provided by Trains.com

- The End -

Maine 3 Railers Upcoming Schedule of Events

Maine 3 Railers Events

- Aug 17 **Joe Landry's Open House** at 19 Orestis Way, Lewiston, ME 04240 from 1-5pm.
- Sep 22-28 **Cumberland County Fair**, Agriculture Building, 197 Blanchard Rd., Cumberland, ME 04021. Running trains from 9am-9pm daily. Set up at 8am Saturday Sep 21 and move out at 8am Sunday Sep 29. (Trailer Event)
- Oct 3-5 **Baxter Library Fall Book Sale** in the Shaw Gym, 75 South St. Gorham, ME 04038 with set up on Thursday Oct 03 from 2-5pm and trains running from 9am-6pm on Friday and 9am-1pm on Saturday. (Outreach Team)
- Oct 12 **Great Falls MRC Fall Train Show**, Kora Shrine Center, 11 Sabattus St., Lewiston, ME 04240. Trains run from 10am-3pm. Setup to be scheduled. M3R has 26'x16' space. (Outreach Team)
- Nov 09 **Southern Maine Model Railroad Club Fall Show**, Westbrook Community Center, 426 Bridge St, Westbrook. Setup at 4:30pm on Friday 11/8 and trains running Saturday from 9am-2pm. (Outreach Team)
- Feb 15 **Annual Maine 3 Railers Model Train and Dollhouse Show**, Augusta
2025 Armory, 179 Western Ave, Augusta, ME 04330. Run trains from 10am -3:30pm. Move in on Friday Feb 14. (Outreach Team)

M3R General Meetings (All meetings start at 7 pm on Zoom):

- Sep 12 Regular Monthly Club Meeting

Roundhouse Sessions (All sessions start at 7 pm on Zoom):

- Aug 08 Roundhouse Session, Topic: Show us your favorite Grainer (Hopper). And tell us why? Host: Paul Brown & Art Shean
- Aug 22 Roundhouse Session, Topic: To Be Announced, Host: Paul Brown

Maine 3 Railers Group Email:

The Maine 3 Railers have a group email account in which all members are enrolled. This is the primary channel of communication for club meetings, events, and activities. This also enables members to send emails to other club members. Like club forums, this service allows members to ask questions, provide advice, help other members solve model train problems, buy, and sell items, and pass along model and prototype railroading news of interest.

This is a free service for each member. The group "owners" (Lou Bragaw, Dana Lindsey, and Art Shean) will add your name and email address when you join the club. You will then receive an email with a link to accept the invitation. Follow the link to confirm your account. You may not receive emails if this step is not completed. We restrict the use of this service to M3R members. Because the site is not moderated, Lou, Dana, or Art will review your first two posts to assure you are a member. The URL for our group is: <https://groups.io/g/M3R>.

Once subscribed you can email all other M3R members by addressing your email to m3r@groups.io, email individual members by using the Directory, update your personal profile, change how you receive emails, or unsubscribe. If you have any questions, contact Dana Lindsey, M3R Secretary.

Maine 3 Railers Elected Officers and Appointed Positions

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M3R Activities Committee: Bernie Pender, Chair
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Train Show Committee: Richard Ridolfo, Chair
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