



# MAINE 3 RAILERS

## M3R CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2025

**Our Next Meeting is Thursday Evening, October 9, 2025, at 7:00PM on Zoom. Watch for an invitation and link to join from our Club Secretary, Dana Lindsey.**

## CLUB HEADLINE NEWS

- M3R Shines at 2025 Cumberland County Fair
- M3R Visits Great Falls MRC Train Show October 11<sup>th</sup>
- Three Layout Tours Announced for this Fall



### President's Message by Bernie Pender

As the leaves begin to turn and the weather shifts, **October** marks a busy and exciting transition period for our club. We've had a fantastic start to the season, and I want to thank everyone for their enthusiasm and dedication over the past months.

### Looking Back at September's Success

Last month, we had many excited visitors to our display at the Cumberland County Fair. It was wonderful to see so many folks and the kids made it back this year. The support and camaraderie at these events are what make our club truly special.

### On the Rails This October

Our calendar for October is packed, and I encourage everyone to get involved. To ensure we can successfully execute our plans, we are specifically looking for members to step up and help with our scheduled events. Even an hour of your time can make a huge difference. If you're interested in taking a more active role, please reach out to any board member or to me directly. New ideas and helping hands are always appreciated.



### Stay Connected

Finally, please remember to check the **Club website, groups.io email, and Calander** regularly for any last-minute updates, and use it as a place to share your own railway photos, projects, and modeling questions.

I am looking forward to another month of great progress and good company. Thank you all for getting involved

See you on the rails, *Bernie*

## From the Editor **by Art Shean**



### Somebody Else

Physicians have an oath to do no harm. In Star Trek the **Prime Directive** is their guiding principle that prohibits Starfleet members from interfering with the natural development of alien civilizations. Its stated aim is to protect unprepared civilizations from the danger of introducing advanced technology, knowledge, and values before they are ready. I believe our **Prime Directive** is to go forth and multiple. That is, we must do what is necessary to sustain and grow interest in our hobby.

That said, our visit to the Cumberland County Fair (CCF) on the **surface** can be viewed as an **outstanding success** and confirmation of our compliance with our **Prime Directive**. The number of visitors and their interest was significantly better than last year. The recently refurbished and dedicated Model Train Rail House shined with five different train organizations represented. Fourteen members set up one of our larger (13.5' x 33.5') and more diverse (300+ square feet of model trains, tracks, buildings, and accessories) model train layouts in only six plus hours and ten dismantled it in only two hours and 10 minutes. **We were a main attraction** - Not just a side show in the back wings. We have grown from an "Oh by the Way" under the racetrack grandstands to **prime time**. So, everything is copesettic right?

**Not so fast!** Designing and setting up a layout is the fun stuff. The real work is in manning and maintaining a layout for the full duration of the event. In a healthy and well-run organization, the workload is equally distributed among the members. Yes, the leaders take on additional responsibilities but the whole membership should provide the workforce to sustain and maintain the organization's activities. Of late, the **Maine 3 Railers members have not demonstrated this ethic of shared responsibility**.

In recent years Sam Carr, our Event Coordinator, struggled filling the manning schedule for the CCF. So much so he made a major change from 6-hour shifts to 4-hour shifts to make participating more attractive. Last year we almost canceled our participation because we were unable to fill out the manning roster in a timely fashion. This year, **45%** of the required shifts were covered by **only 5 members**. **15%** of our entire membership of 130+ members covered all forty-two shifts. Clearly an unequal distribution of labor.

This is not unique to the CCF. Jeff Jacobs has repeatedly begged for support to maintain our layout at L.L. Bean. Often, he personally stopped by to clean track and restart engines during the busy holiday period. Our Mobile Outreach Team that provides 20+ model train displays around the state each year, has diminished to only four regular participants with one on a cane.

**So why is this?** I am sure there are 130+ reasons. But I suspect one is a major player that many deceased organizations have suffered from before their demise – **Somebody Else will handle it! They always have in the past! So, I can pass on this one.** As an example, Friday morning during the CCF, **no one** had volunteered to take the Friday evening shift from 5-9 pm. Everyone probably said to themselves that the shift was **inconvenient! Somebody Else will handle it**. Yes, somebody else like Sam Carr attempting to cover a two person shift by himself. Fortunately, several others showed up to man it with him. **But guess what?** Based on our demographics - **death, injury, sickness, family, and health** will become **Somebody Else** and **no one** will be around to pick up the pieces.





## M3R YouTube Channel Update by Channel Master Carlton Spring

September found 25 club members working at the 2025 Cumberland County Fair by either setting up on Saturday, September 20th, manning 4 hour shifts running trains Sunday, September 21st through Saturday, September 27th, or showing up early Sunday morning, September 28th to disassemble and pack up the layout. Most signed up for multiple sessions as well as set up and/or move out. The effort of these folks resulted in a very successful event for our Club.

Here is the direct link to the video of our Club's participation in the 2025 Cumberland County Fair. I hope that you will enjoy it. [https://youtu.be/YmF4zTtE0q0?si=KqWebh-U6s\\_M-jQ2](https://youtu.be/YmF4zTtE0q0?si=KqWebh-U6s_M-jQ2)

Even more fun coming in October with visits to the Great Falls Model Railroad Club Train Show Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, Baxter Library in Gorham Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17 & 18, and a visit to Paul Brown's layout Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. See you at one or all of these events.

## Club Car News by Chair Richard Ridolfo



MTH has finally announced the single door boxcar, which is the Moxie car. We should have final design very shortly. Item numbers have been assigned; they are 30-71288 and 30-71289. Scheduled delivery, however, is set for February, so, we will be a little late with the 2025 car.



The 2026 car which will be a Poland Springs Tank Car is moving along, we have a signed contract from Poland Springs. About 3 weeks ago we sent out bid proposals to Atlas, Lionel, and MTH for this car. Included in this were such things as type of car, pricing, minimum quantities etc. So far, only MTH has replied. A reminder will be sent to Atlas and Lionel.



## Train Show Committee by Gene Thayer and Jeff Jacobs, M3R show chairs

The Maine 3 Railers annual Train & Dollhouse Show at the Augusta Armory is all set for Feb 14, 2026.

The caterers from last year will be back. But some things are different this year:

1. Show hours are 10AM to 2 PM
2. Tables to rent are \$35 each
3. All table rentals must be paid for by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be no collecting for table rents at the show. If your table is not paid for by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, do not expect one to be saved for you.
4. When the show ends at 2PM, all renters need to be packed and out of the building by 4PM.
5. Members wishing to sell items on the Club's "White Elephant" table will not be allowed an unlimited amount of space. The Club & other members need to share the same area.

Like last year, all **loading** must take place at the big back door. A fire lane at the front doors means only show attendees may use those doors to enter and exit.

Contact Richard Ridolfo to rent tables.



## Activities/Training Committee by Rick Hills, Chairperson

There are now three layout tours scheduled for this fall. Please make note in your calendars. We are expecting great turnouts!!!!

- Paul Brown Layout Tour, Wednesday, October 22, from 10 AM - 3 PM, 13 Whitaker Road, Brooks, ME 04921. Phone 207-323-2555.

Paul says: "My layout is designed as an operational layout for two or three operators at the same time. It has very little scenery; someday maybe more. The layout goes from 34 inches above the floor to 55 inches in two rooms. Any train can run on any track in either direction without touching it. Currently, I'm trying to run two triple-headed with a DP unit, 20+ car freights with a double-headed SD34 short local.

- Mark Lasher Layout Tour, Saturday, November 22, from 10 AM - 2 PM, 31 Perreault Way, Brunswick, ME 04011. Phone 207-449-9400.
- Jan Williams Layout Tour, Saturday, December 13, from 10 AM - 2 PM, 6 Hiram Hill Road, Hiram, ME 04041. Phone 207-625-4762.

Please RSVP to the above members if you plan to attend. Thank you!



## Trains at L.L. Bean by Jeff Jacobs, Project Manager

Many of you are aware of the major construction taking place at the L.L. Bean flagship store in Freeport. The question is often asked "What does that mean for a Christmas train display?".

The area which the M3R display occupied in past years is totally under construction and not usable. BUT L.L. Bean contacted M3R a few days back to see if we had interest in a smaller display located elsewhere on their campus.

After some text discussions about other display windows still in place in Freeport, I made an "in person" visit to look over the size of their "windows" with their event coordinators Sam Hellings and Erikka Martel. While the picture windows themselves are large, the space behind the windows where the train table would sit is small (as in skinny). The largest space is less than one fourth of what we used last year.

One of our concerns is security for the display and at least the window displays would have the trains "behind glass" so that issue is OK. Another issue though, is access to clean and service the trains and with limited space, there is little room to have the usual walk around corridor at the table's edge.

Currently there are hurdles to overcome but I must report that a 2025 L.L. Bean display is "a definite MAYBE".

The Bean's Holiday display will open late in November this year so stand-by for more late breaking news whether this can happen.



2024 M3R L.L. Bean Model Train Display

# EVENT REPORT:



## M3R Sets Standard at 2025 Cumberland County Fair

By Art Shean



## 2025 Cumberland County Fair (CCF)

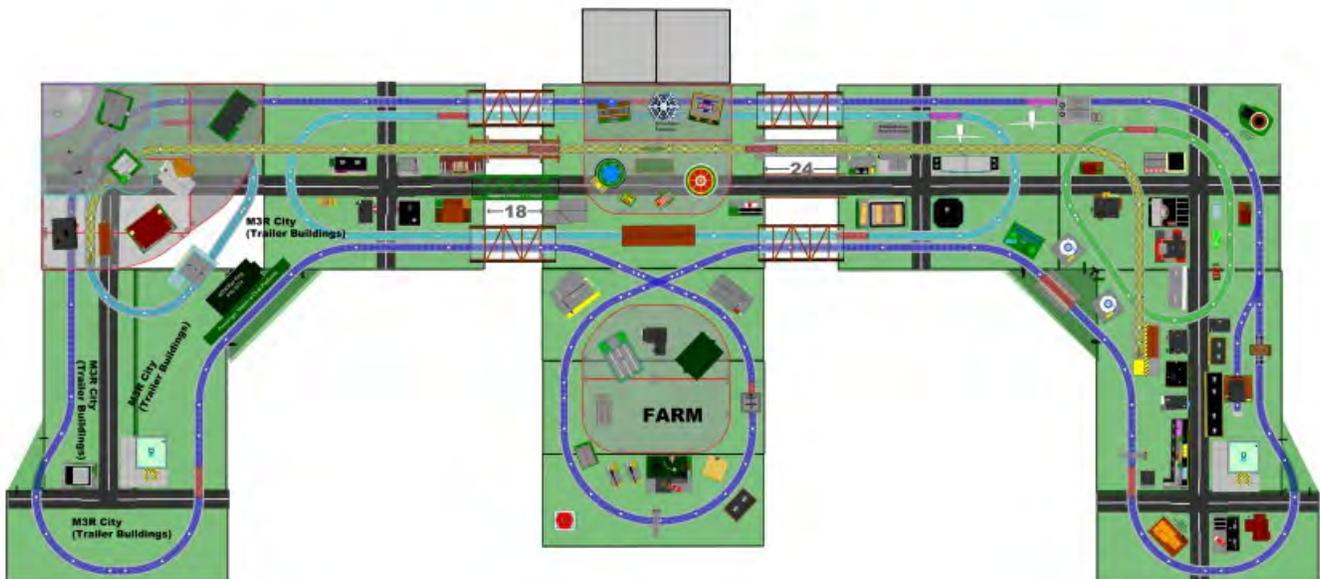
Location: Cumberland County Fair, Model Train Rail House  
197 Blanchard Road, Cumberland, ME 04021

Setup: Saturday, September 20, 2025, 8am-2pm

Ran Trains: Sunday, September 21- Saturday, September 27, 2025, 9am-9pm daily

Layout:

- Dimensions: 13.5' x 33.5', 313.25 square feet
- Tables: 19-2.5'x6' Tables, 2-30"x30" ICF, 2-12"x24" ICF, and 1- 2'x4' Control Table
- Track: 232+ feet of Lionel FasTrack, 4 Independent Loops and 2 Elevated Trolley Lines.
- Bridges: 1-18" Truss with Raised Abutments, 1-28" Street Girder Bridge, 1-28" Carlton's Green Metal Truss Bridge, 1-30" Concrete Single Arch Bridge, 4-28" Double Wide Wood Truss Bridges, 1- Lionel #6-24117 Covered Bridge, 1- Single Track Elevated Trolley Platform, & 4- Lionel 6-12038 Elevated Trestle Sets
- Raised Platforms: 10
- Roads: 78 feet of 6" Wide Asphalt
- Buildings (M3R): Lionel -5, Menards -2, MTH -14, Unknown -2
- Buildings (Members): Atlas -2, Carole Towne -2, Custom -2, Korber Models -1, Lemax -10, Lionel -5, Menards 42, MTH -9, Model Power -1, & Woodland Scenics -13





## Setup

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 8am, set-up of the 2025 CCF M3R model train display began. The set-up crew included: John Ash, Timothy Averell, Sam Carr, Rick Hills, Dave Hodgkiss, Jeff Jacobs, Jim Kennie, Bernie Pender, Doug Pollock, Art Shean, Alan Small, Carlton Spring, Gene Thayer, and Ken Thorson. With design package in hand, the crew integrated the tables, engines, rolling stock, buildings, transformers, and accessories of the Club's trailer and storage locker with the Mobile Outreach Team's and select member's equipment onto 313 square feet of tabletop. In a little over 6 hours the assembly was complete to include all the wiring with the entire layout ready for display Sunday morning when the Fair opened its gates.





M3R Layout Detail Photos (Counterclockwise from Left Side to Right Side):





## Key Features:

With such a large layout we had a lot of room to show off our wares. In keeping with the agricultural theme of the fair, Ken Thorson arranged an appropriate dairy farm front and center of the layout. It drew more than a few comments from the many visitors that stopped by.



The layout integrated buildings and accessories from the Club storage locker and trailer along with member owned equipment. The left side wing of the layout included mostly Club owned MTH and Lionel buildings along with a few Menards buildings donated by Bob Osur several years ago. Rick Hills, Jim Kennie, and Carlton Spring worked into the early afternoon using one of the Club's new ZWL transformers to power the lights for this section which we nicknamed "M3R City". M3R City also included one of two Club MTH animated fire stations. The other was on the right end of the layout. As usual, these fire stations were a big hit with the kids and even the adults we cajoled into trying them.



Just south of downtown M3R City on the left side of the layout, we included Mount Abanaki. The multi-tiered mountain included three layers with luxury homes and gourmet grocery stores for the well to do residence. The top layer included Carlton Springs' Cell tower to improve the limited cell service in our building and a water tower to improve water pressure in the city below. At the higher altitude the leaves had already begun to change color.



Of course, the residence needed ready access to the carnival so we installed a trolley line passing through on the lower level.



We also included a carnival to compliment the many real rides outside our doors. It was in the center just behind the dairy farm on a raised platform. Residents were able to access it using two trolley lines running between the carnival and the two cities on both outside layout wings. Last year when asked what he liked best about the layout, a 13-year-old boy responded with the carnival because many of the rides were the same as the real ones outside.



Two new Menards buildings appeared on the layout for the first time this season and received multiple comments from visitors. The tallest item on the table was Carlton Springs' favorite, the Carvana Used Car tower. The other was Union Station. Carlton and Ken pains takingly placed 27 vehicles inside from the top. The tower includes a switch that changes the display color from blue to green to white. We queried the crowd and determined that blue was their favorite.



## Venue

Last year the Fair moved us from the Agricultural Building to the Entertainment Building. From warm and cozy up front near the main entrance to a dank, hollow, voluminous building in the back corner of the Fair. We started a day late so that the chicken folks could have their chicken contest show. Despite the feathers we survived but with far fewer visitors. This year was a whole different story.

Thanks to Alan and George Small, the Entertainment Building was transformed from last year to this into a model train mecca. Renamed, refurbished, and brightly decorated both inside and out, our new home at the CCF has become the Model Train Rail House. And we were no longer alone. Five other train organizations joined us this year including the Great Falls Model Railroad Club, Southern Maine Model Railroad Club, and the Maine Garden Railway Society.

The building renovation included new lighting and reconfigured doors inside, building name signs and operating railroad crossing signs outside. They even included an operating replica of a railroad crossing sign control system inside. Quite an impressive effort by the CCF organization.







It's clear from the below photos that the crowd responded well to Alan and George's efforts to make model railroading a key attraction at the CCF. It took me until the last day before I could capture a photo of the entire layout without a visitor standing by our tables. Seemed to be a constant flow of 8-15 guests flowing through on a consistent basis.





Then there were the kids. They wanted to run the trains and if they were not running them then they ran the fire trucks in and out of the fire stations.





And who was there from the M3R to work with the kids? No need to guess, our shift matrix is below:

Maine 3 Railers 2025 Cumberland County Fair Staffing Schedule (Final-R1)

Shift Hours	Sun 9/21	Mon 9/22	Tue 9/23	Wed 9/24	Thu 9/25	Fri 9/26	Sat 9/27
<b>9AM-1PM</b>	1-Sam C 2-Steve T	7-Richard R 8-Bernie P Jeff J Ken T	13-Jan W 14-Sam C	19-Bernie P 20-Jan W	25-Jack D Carol D 26-Sam C	31-Steve T 32-Jack D Carol D	37-Gene T 38-Jeff J
<b>1PM-5PM</b>	3-Jan W 4-Sam C	9 - Art S 10-Frank F	15-Ken T 16-Doug P	21-Paul B Nancy B 22-Dana L Lynne L	27-Ken T 28-Doug P	33-Dennis R 34-Dave H	39-Frank F 40-Art S
<b>5PM-9PM</b>	5-Jim K 6-Rick H	11-Jim K 12-Rick H	17-Dana L 18-Lynne L	23-Sam C 24-Carlton S	29-Gene T 30-Carlton S	35-Sam C 36-Dave H Art S	41-Carlton S 42-Art S

## CCF Layout Staffing Participation:

6 Shifts

Sam Carr

4 Shifts

Art Shean

3 Shifts

Carlton Spring

Ken Thorson

Jan Williams

2 Shifts

Jack & Carol Dexter

Frank & Sharon Folker

Rick Hills

Dave Hodgkiss

Jeff Jacobs

Jim Kenzie

Dana & Lynne Lindsey

Bernie Pender

Doug Pollock

Gene Thayer

Steve Tranni

1 Shift

Richard Ridolfo

Paul & Nancy Brown

Dennis Robillard

## Cumberland County Fair

Yes, our layout was a big draw for many, but the Fair had a lot of other attractions that drew the crowd. With carnival rides, food, bands, animals, displays, fireworks, and lots of people, the 2025 Cumberland Fair packed a lot of fun into seven days. Loved those fries and blooming onions! If you did not make it this year, you should plan on doing so next year.







## Notes of Interest

- Monday at the CCF is Agricultural Day when busloads of kids arrive at the Fair early and overrun the Fair and our train layout. A two-person crew is not enough to keep track and interact with the crowd through midday. Fortunately, Ken Thorson and Jeff Jacobs independently remembered this and showed up on their own to help. In the future we should schedule four people on the Monday morning shift.
- When the kids arrived on Monday, the crew realized that reminding visitors not to touch items on the table was a never-ending task. GFMRC had "No Touch Signs" on their layout. Mid-Monday morning Jeff called me and asked me to bring some signs along with tape. I was scheduled for the mid-shift and fulfilled his order.
- It rained heavily one afternoon and evening. It rained so much that the fair management closed the fair for the night just before 5pm. This has happened two years in a row so we should continue to include a communications and contingency plan available on the control table so that the on-shift crew can notify following crews of any schedule changes.
- The layout included four Inner Corner Fills (ICF) to smooth out the inner corners and track curves. Normally these work well when covered with a table cover. However, when kids lean heavily on them, they can flip up disrupting the track running over it. Doug Pollock suggested that we screw a leg into the front edge of the ICF to prevent its flipping. We tried this and it worked well on three of the four ICF. On the fourth an irregularity in the floor made the leg too long, introducing another issue.

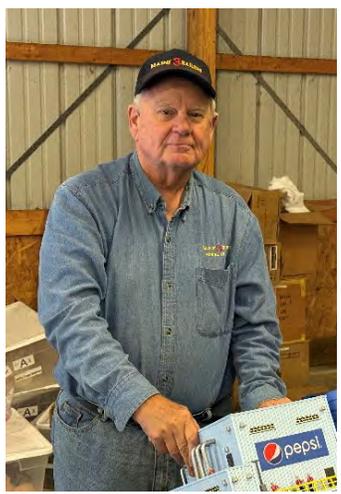


- As can be seen from the CCF Layout Staffing Participation Summary above, our membership participation was not balanced. We must do a better job spreading the load in the future.

### CCF Disassembly and Pack Up:

Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8am, the M3R crew arrived to disassemble and pack up the 2025 CCF M3R model train display. The set-up crew included: Jack Dexter, Frank Folker, Dave Hodgkiss, Jeff Jacobs, Doug Pollock, Art Shean, George Small, Carlton Spring, Gene Thayer, and Ken Thorson. The crew knew what to do and did not waste time doing it. The surgical team of Ken Thorson and Doug Pollock called the patient deceased at 10:10am. The crew was so fast that John Ash, who planned to arrive at 11 am from his island, arrived to find an empty space where the layout had once been.







Photography by Art Shean & Carlton Spring



### The View from Doug's Chair by Doug Pollock

Years ago, some of U may remember when we did a show in the old Veterans home. They had a cat that used to like to walk on the layout as we were setting it up. As we kept working, we got ready to run the engines but did not see the cat anymore. So off go the trains. Low and behold when the train got to the tunnel there was the cat. What a laugh we all got!

But now in Australia a model train man found a venomous snake napping inside the tunnel on his layout. He believed the snake was a harmless rubber toy but found out it was a colubrid snake and got a professional snake catcher to remove the snake which was healthy and rather large. I think I would rather stay with a cat!!

Well, the Club layout is Up and Running at the Cumberland Fair. There were a good number of members that showed up to assist in setting up the huge layout. It took all morning and part of the afternoon to finish up. I for one am glad the building was not wider.

On Monday morning Ken Thorson and Jeff Jacobs had a feeling that things could become tense at the layout. Luckily on a whim, they drove down and were there and found about 5 bus loads of

school children enjoying the layout. Good luck for Bernie and Richard that they did. They needed all the help they could muster to handle all those kids and their grabbing hands!

Ken Thorson & I were on the Tuesday shift from 1-5. We had people all the time enjoying the layout. I heard comments like U get 1st prize, Beautiful, 3 thumbs up & so on.

Ken and I got the BEST PRIZE OF ALL! A young man that we (it started with Fred and I) have watched for years. As he grew, he had some health issues that limited him as he developed. Now as a young man he looks great and still LOVES Trains! He and his grandmother talked to us for a good spell. Great People/Great Feeling!



If U came down to work or just visit the layout, U found out there were other layouts there and other venues giving or selling things. It is **FAIR** 2 say U had a good time. If you didn't, then you will just have to wait until next year!

Until we meet again, B Safe and keep the tracks clean, Doug



## Fine Modeling with Jan by Jan Williams

This month's project is to build a narrow shelf background building from a full building craft kit. I've run out of real estate for additional buildings on my layout but have space for a few background buildings. For this project I chose a Stoney Creek Models kit I purchased in 2021.



The kit was produced by Roger Malinowski. Roger was a master modeler who created a string of craftsman kits in O Gauge. His kits are incredibly detailed, including a myriad of components. His kits were not for the faint of heart... This was one of his last kits before he passed away.



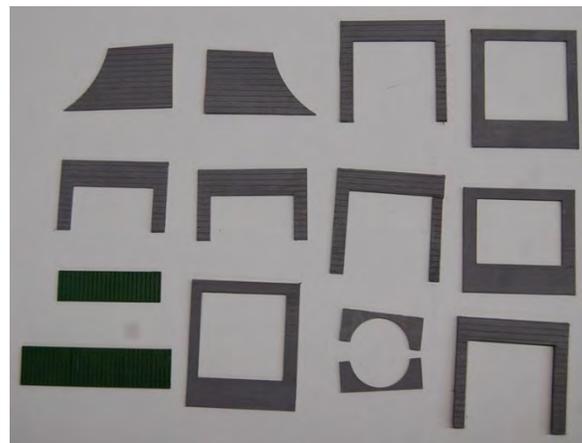
Roger was innovative in producing his kits - this one came with a flash drive with detailed photos to accompany his assembly instructions. Alas, by the time I decided to start this project I had lost the drive, so this one was dead reckoning.

On the right is a picture of the place holder I built for my layout ten or fifteen years ago.



Moving right along, Malinowski kits generally consist of a substructure, to which clapboarding or other siding is attached. My first step was to build a cut down version of the kit substructure pictured on the left. This is where most of the 'engineering' occurs in a project like this - deciding how deep the building will be, then cutting sub structure pieces and a new, plain back.

I painted the facade pieces before assembly; The picture on the right shows some samples. Some were used as is, others were cut to fit the altered structure. Painting the pieces before assembly makes the painting process in general much easier.



Picture on the left shows the prime painted structure, with some of the panels and the roof ribs installed.

On the right you can see the structure with the painted panels applied.



and below the structure has windows... The window frames were painted first, then I glued clear acrylic to the frames, and then I glued the windows into the structure.



Next came fabrication of the cove roof. The roof did not come with the kit! I expected this to be a challenging exercise, but in fact it took about ten minutes. First, I measured carefully and cut a piece of card stock (sold in Staples, or any stationery store). I put a dab of ACC (super glue) at the top of each roof rib and glued the top edge of the card stock to the ribs. Once the glue dried and cured, I added glue to all the ribs, pressed the card stock onto the ribs, and sprayed them all with accelerator. Picture on the right shows the structure at this point.



The below left picture shows the structure with the cove roof painted. I couldn't resist this picture; it's where the structure really looks like a building!



Above right is the finished building, with shingles and entry door roof, signage, and the clock. All it needs is hands for the clock!

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-THE END-



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See live trains on our HO Scale layout!

**This show will feature operational layouts, dealers, inventory for sale, train displays and much more!**

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## Maine 3 Railers Upcoming Schedule of Events

- Oct 11 Great Falls Model Railroad Club Fall Train Show, [\(Public\)](#) Edward Little High School, 77 Harris Street, Auburn, Maine 04210. Set up Friday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-7:30pm with trains running Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm (Mobile Outreach Team)
- Oct 17-18 Friends of Baxter Library Fall Book Sale, [\(Public\)](#) Shaw Gym, Gorham Recreation Center, 75 South St., Gorham, ME 04038. Set up Thursday Oct 16 (2-5pm) and Friday from 7-9am with Trains running Friday, Oct 17 (9am-6pm) & Saturday, Oct 18 (9am-1pm) (Mobile Outreach Team)
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- Feb 14 Annual Maine 3 Railers Model Train and Dollhouse Show [\(Public\)](#)  
2026 National Guard Armory, 179 Western Ave, Augusta, ME 04330. Run trains from 9:30am-3pm. Move in 8am Friday Feb 13, 2026. (Train Show Committee)

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

- Oct 9 Monthly Club Meeting

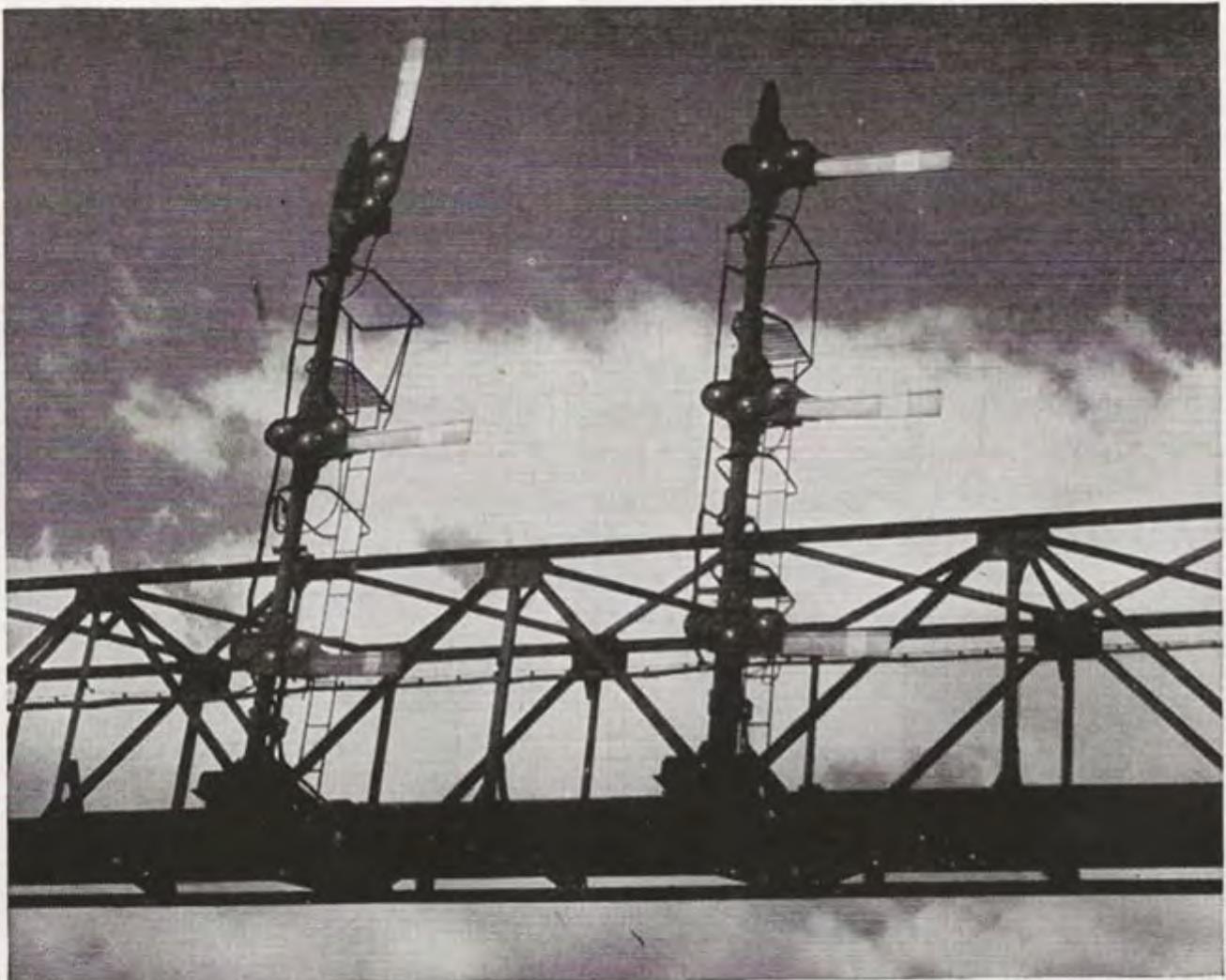
## Maine 3 Railers Group Email:

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" (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, 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](mailto: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.

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# Maine3Railers Elected Officers and Appointed Positions

Elected Officers and Executive Board Appointed Positions and Committees

2025-2026

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