



MAINE 3 RAILERS

M3R CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Our Next Meeting is Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 7pm on Zoom. Watch for an invitation from our Club Secretary, Dana Lindsey.

CLUB HEADLINE NEWS

- **Moxie Club Cars Have Arrived**
- **Volunteers Needed for Cumberland County Fair**
- **Club Members Gather at Joe & Irene Landry's Home**
- **Members Run Model Trains at Seashore Trolley Museum**
- **2026 L.L. Bean Model Train Display Being Explored**
- **Club Now Accepting Orders for the 2027 Club Trolley**



Our Biggest Event of the Season: The Cumberland County Fair! By Bernie Pender

I hope you all had a fantastic summer filled with good times, warm weather, and a little bit of railroad fun!

As the kids head back to school and the late-summer air starts to turn crisp, it's the perfect time for the Maine 3 Railers to get back on track with our regular meetings, fall schedules, and layout projects. September is always a month of new beginnings, and I'm excited about the fresh energy and ideas everyone brings to the table each autumn. Whether you're a seasoned veteran with a layout spanning your entire basement or a new member just starting out with a single loop of track, your passion is what makes our club thrive.

Reflecting on what makes our organization so special always brings me back to the people. It's the shared stories, the willingness to lend a hand at events, and the endless enthusiasm for the hobby. While the summer pace might have slowed down our formal gatherings, our passion for 3-rail modeling never stops. As we settle back into our autumn routine, let's remember that the club is more than just running trains - it's a tight-knit community built on a shared love for the rails. I encourage everyone to come out to our upcoming meetings, catch up, and simply enjoy the company of folks who "get it."

Speaking of rolling into September, I'm thrilled to highlight our headline event of the season:

The 2026 Cumberland County Fair!

This is our premier opportunity to showcase our layout to the local community, share the joy of model railroading with thousands of visitors, and inspire the next generation of hobbyists. The success of our display depends entirely on our volunteer crew. Please sign up to help with setup, operating the trains on the layout, and/or assisting with disassembly. Every extra pair of hands makes a huge difference, and it's genuinely one of the most enjoyable ways to spend a day catching up with fellow members, not to mention sampling some of that famous Fair food!

Key Transition for the Fair:

Please note a significant operational update for this year's setup: **Sam Carr** has officially handed over the reins for all the Fair responsibilities to **Gene Thayer**. Gene is stepping into the role of Event Chairperson as our primary go-to lead for everything Cumberland Fair. I want to extend a massive thank you to Sam for his years of dedication to this event, and welcome Gene into the lead role! Please reach out directly to Gene to let him know when you can work a shift. Additional details and schedule sign-ups are available on the club website.

Beyond the Fair, Rick Hills and the Activity Committee have been working hard, mapping out a fantastic lineup of events and meetings for the coming months. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next Monthly meeting on Zoom and at the Fair building in person. Can't wait to hear about your summer layout progress and kicking off a great fall season together.

All aboard for more great times ahead! *Bernie*, President, Maine 3 Railers



From the Editor by Art Shean

Fall 2026 is Your Chance to Shine!

This Fall more than ever your Club needs you to step up, participate, and volunteer!

The Cumberland County Fair is just around the corner. Gene Thayer has stepped up as our new Event Coordinator and needs our help to fill forty two 4-hour staffing slots as well as volunteers to set up and disassemble our 10.5'x35.5' Cumberland County Fair model train display. The current Staffing Matrix is shown on Page 29 of this Newsletter. Please contact Gene at pastpresident@maine3railers.org to volunteer for open slots.

Our Nominating Committee needs members to fill the Executive Board positions that will be vacated in January due to our new term limits. Names must be posted 30 days before the election at our November Monthly meeting. Contact Jeff Jacobs, Gene Thayer, or Ernie Vannah to select the position you would like to fill for the next two year term.

Our return to L.L. Bean for the 2026 Holiday Season is potentially on the horizon. Jeff Jacobs, as Special Projects Manager, will need help building, maintaining, and disassembling our model railway display. This opportunity is immensely important for our hobby and Club. It is also a major commitment extending over several months during significant holidays. In other words, this is an **"All HANDS"** event.

If not Now, then When? If not You, then Who? Now is the Time and it's You that must act!

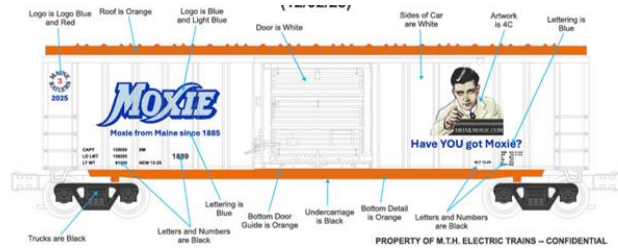
2026 M3R Nominating Committee Appointed

The 2026 M3R Nominating Committee consisting of Jeff Jacobs, Gene Thayer, and Ernie Vannah is seeking candidates for the upcoming Fall M3R election of officers and directors. Interested parties should contact one of the three members to learn what the jobs entail. Election will be held during the Club's Annual Meeting in November. By Club charter, officers are limited to just two consecutive terms in office.



Club Car Committee Update by Richard Ridolfo

Moxie Boxcar: the Moxie Cars have arrived! Those of you that are not having them shipped will have the opportunity to pick them up at the Club storage locker (**Extra Storage, 3 Sandhill Lane, Topsham ME**). It is located next to Home Depot. We will distribute them on September 14 between 10 am and 11 am. If you cannot pick them up during the designated distribution time, please Email Dave Hodgkiss at dwh39@aol.com to make other arrangements.



Poland Spring Tank Car: The order is in to MTH. No delivery information yet.



Maine 3 Railers 2027 Club Car:

The Club Car Committee chose a Bump-n-Go Trolley for 2027. The trolley will depict the Androscoggin Electric Company Portland Lewiston Interurban #14 "Narcissus". Several of their trolleys included floral names.

The Androscoggin Electric Company Electric Trolley Line operated between Lewiston and Portland from 1914 until 1933 when the Central Maine Power Company left the inter-urban trolley business.



The member price will be \$70.00. The order form is available on page 28. The current retail price of Bump-n-Go's is \$99.50, so members can own a Maine Bump-n-Go at a **great price!**

Features

Intricately detailed ABS Body, Metal Wheels, Axles and Gears, Colorful Paint Scheme, Precision Motor, Lighted Interior, Moveable Power Pole, Automatic Reversing Bumpers, Unit Measures: 8 1/4" x 2 3/8" x 3 1/3", Operates On O-27 Curves

Please send your order with payment to Rick Hills, PO Box 31, Amherst, NH 03031. Note: Checks will not be deposited until we reach the required quantity.



Late Breaking News from our Conductor/Special Projects Manager by Jeff Jacobs

The Nominating Committee has not received input from the members on candidates to fill the jobs needed to run the club. The election is set to take place on the 2nd Thursday in November, and the slate of candidates should be sent to the members 30 days prior to that date. So, time to step up folks and help your organization operate. Contact: Gene Thayer, Ernie Vannah, or Jeff Jacobs for more info.

Late breaking news from LL Bean is that they have contacted the Maine 3 Railers and would like to meet to explore another exhibit at their Freeport Store. No details will be available until that meeting happens.

The 2027 M3R train show is set to happen at the Augusta Armory in February 2027 and will pretty much resemble last year's format. The big change is that we will be mindful of snow accumulating on the roof and make a last minute determination on what the safest loading location will be at the rear of the building. If you want to help with the show, contact Jeff Jacobs or Gene Thayer.



M3R Surplus Club Cars Still Available by Dave Hodgkiss

Some Cianbro and 4 Bay Hopper Summer Cars are still available for the absurdly low price \$30 each. Pick up will be at the Club Locker in Topsham, September 14, 2026, between 10 and 11am. Mailing can be arranged at the prevailing cost.



Please send your orders or any questions to me at dwh39@aol.com.



M3R YouTube Channel Update by Channel Master Carlton Spring

In August, the MOT visited the Seashore Trolley Museum to participate in their Model Railroad Weekend. The direct link to the YouTube video is listed below for your convenience:

Direct Link to the MOT visit to the Seashore Trolley Museum:

<https://youtu.be/spAJH9SNJz4?si=19FBMd5FegO5k2HQ>

September's video will feature M3R's annual weeklong participation in the Cumberland County Fair.



Website News by Rocko Graziano

The summer saw limited activity on the website - summer newsletters were published and are available on the [Newsletter Page](#). Changes are underway behind the scenes to update our domain name registration and contact information (thanks for your patience, Lou Bragaw!). I hope to spend some time on the site as we transition into Fall - if you have any ideas for content or changes, please send them along to webmaster@maine3railers.org.

EVENT REPORTS:



Stories, New Layouts, & Pizza by Jeff Jacobs

On a beautiful August 26th, twelve model train enthusiasts met at the home of Joe & Irene Landry in Lewiston, Maine. It was another in the long list of pleasant meetings at their lovely home to tell stories, view two new layouts, and enjoy great food from Antigone's Pizza.



Members enjoying the day included: Gene Thayer, Tim Averell, Vic Fuller, Art Shean, Paul Brown, Carlton Spring, Jeff Jacobs, Bob Hubbard, Joe & Irene Landry, and Joe & Irene's grandsons, William and John Wiers.

Joe began the event with tales of railroad history and an account of his son's career ascent to working for the Providence & Worcester RR.



We then looked over the portable layouts being worked on by Joe's grandsons in the space where Joe once had his huge layout. The two new models are fabricated so that they can be easily moved with no single element larger than 4' x 8'. Each layout is completely supported on 4 legs and casters.



A proud grandfather passing the torch to his grandsons. The grandsons (William and John) were busy applying ground cover details as we watched.





His large layout may be gone but Joe's walls are still adorned with many fascinating things to examine – like this gold plated beauty!



His extensive collection of prize engines and rolling stock.



Joe was proud of the fact he owns every M3R Club car as well as the original L.L. Bean train set.







Pizza, subs, brownies, cookies, and pastries were consumed in generous quantities by those attending,



The day wrapped up watching movies with Joe on how railroads move very large and heavy objects like substation transformers.



All present agreed that it was another fun Maine 3 Railers event!

Photography by Jeff Jacobs & Carlton Spring



Seashore Trolley Museum – A Unique Rail Experience by Art Shean



SET UP & DISPLAY

12:30 pm, Friday, August 28, 2026, Doug Pollock and I rolled into the Seashore Trolley Museum (STM) in Kennebunkport, ME with a trailer and SUV filled with model train gear ready to setup for the museum's Model Railroad Weekend. We were greeted near the dispatch tower by Jackson Seeberg, the Museum Educator, who directed us to the South Boston Carhouse. Our designated set up site was located within the carhouse where we shared space with a number of vendors and other club displays.



When Doug and I arrived at the carhouse, Bernie Pender was waiting to help unload and start set up. While we unloaded, the museum staff moved several trolleys to make the required space within the carhouse for the vendors and our display. Shortly after we unloaded, Carlton Spring arrived with his vehicle full of track, buildings, engines, and rolling stock. This was the first event since Sam Carr retired from being Event Coordinator that Carlton and I provided the track.



By 1 pm we were unloaded, our space was cleared, and the MOT crew began set up. The crew included: Sam Carr, Dave Christie, Dave Hodgkiss, Bernie Pender, Doug Pollock, Carlton Spring, Gene Thayer, and me.



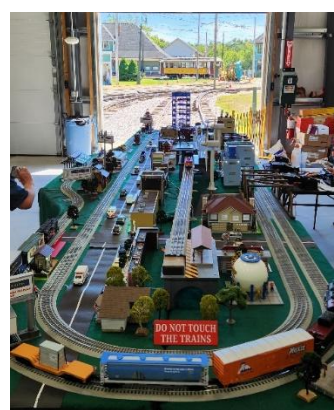
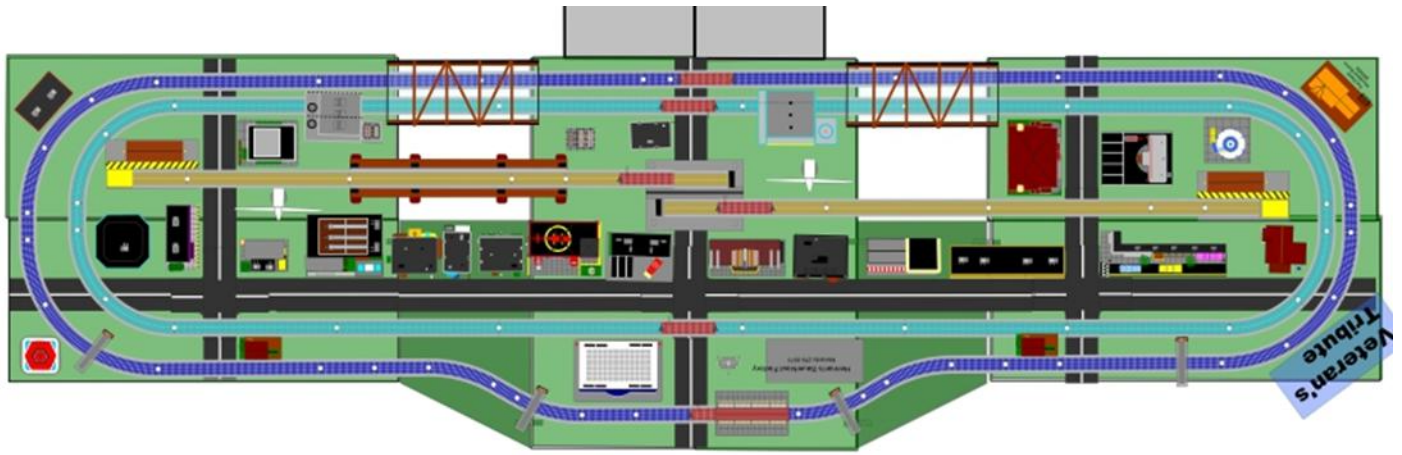
Set up of our 6'x21' six table layout with two trapizoidal gap fills went smoothly with the extra hands on board. It included two independent track loops and two elevated trolley lines using 107+ feet of Lionel FasTrack and covered 112 square feet. Other details included:

Bridges: Two Double Track 28" Wood Truss Bridges, One Single Track 42" Wood Truss Bridge, Three Elevated Trolley Platforms, and Four Lionel 6-12038 Elevated Trestle Sets

Roads: 37 feet of 6" Wide Asphalt

Buildings: Atlas -2, Carole Towne -1, Custom -1, Lionel -4, Menards -25, & Woodland Scenics -8

When finished shortly after 2 pm the layout looked very much as envisioned on the following track plan and photos.



Although the layout appeared complete, we experienced significant difficulty assuring the trains operated reliably. One of the trolley line transformers remained shorted and we were unable to have a consist routinely complete the outer loop. The trolley issue was resolved by replacing the wind turbine connected to the trolley track and adding a power lock-on track. Apparently the electrical track connection or turbine motor was faulty. The outer loop issue was more nefarious.

Carlton Spring had to replace multiple track pieces on the outer loop to attain effective continuity. He even had to arrive early Saturday morning to gain full success. We have assembled and disassembled the MOT track so many times that we cannot be assured of sound connections. Fortunately new track is ordered and should arrive before our participation at the Cumberland County Fair.

LAYOUT OPERATION

Saturday morning the sun rose early and so did Carlton Spring. Model Railroad Weekend was scheduled to start at 10am but Jackson Seeberg requested we be operational by 9:30. Carlton arrived well before 9am to resolve the train/track issues. Sam Carr and I arrived around 9am to tidy up and prepare for the day. A number of members stopped by throughout the day to assist and provide quality oversight. They included: Ed McCreery, Paul Brown, Steve Tranni, Ronan Davis-Knowlton, and Conrad Berthiaume.



In deference to the venue, we incorporated multiple features that mimicked the museum grounds. The most obvious being the inclusion of two trolley lines. Although we did elevate our offering compared to the STM with raised trolley stations, trestles, and a goddy trippy trolley.



Real Operating trolley on the left and near replica running on our layout at right -



STM electrical power source on the left and our electric generation plant with transformer bank on the right –



STM trolley stop on the left and our train stop on the right -



STM control tower from Massachusetts and our Augusta tower on the right –



VENDORS, EXHIBITORS, & ATTRACTIONS

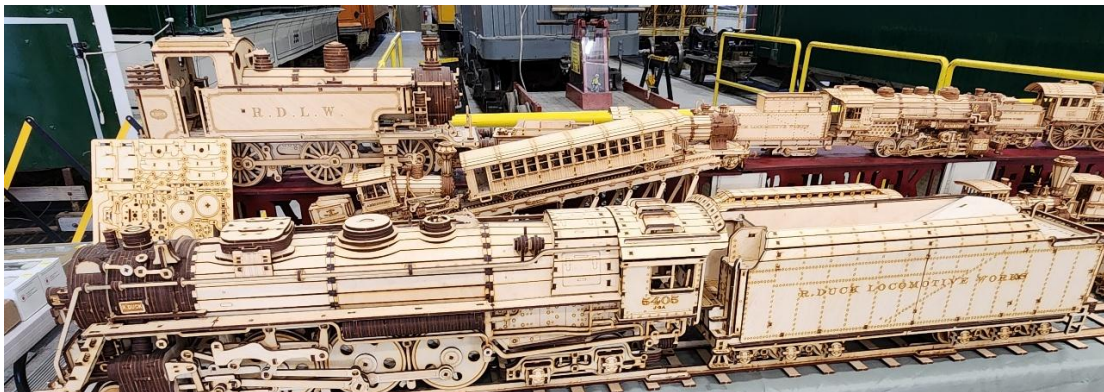
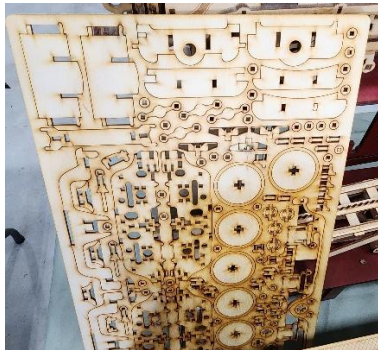
As I mentioned, the sun rose early to a most beautiful day. Great for families and kids on the last weekend before school started up again. Unfortunately for the STM, vendors, and exhibitors the good weather depleted the expected crowd. Despite the diminished audience the show went on!

Between the STM and participating groups, the Model Railroad Weekend offered nearly every scale on tracks from prototype, G, O, HO, to N and some just plain custom. A small contingent of vendors shared the South Boston Carhouse with us offering G, O, and HO scale model train equipment.





I did mention CUSTOM! Check out the offerings from R. Buck. All custom designed and laser cut wood:



NEW HAMPSHIRE GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY

Elsewhere in the field adjacent to the Maine Central Model Railroad Building, the New Hampshire Garden Railway Society (NHGRS) staked their tent and extensive G-Scale layout - Quite Impressive! They planned on running for both Saturday and Sunday. And guess what? They did not need any external power or noisy generators. All their engines run on internal battery power or real steam. Each running between 2 to 6 hours per charge.





MAINE CENTRAL MODEL RAILROAD



The Maine Central Model Railroad (MCMRR) is an extensive HO model train display recently moved from Jonesport Maine to its new building across the parking lot from the STM Reception Center and Main Station. The layout took Harold "Buz" Beal Jr and his wife Helen 35 years to construct. It is famous for the detail in which the scratch built buildings and accessories portray the many features of Maine – from Steven King's home to the York Wild Kingdom. A model train enthusiast could spent an entire day just admiring the detail the Beals included in their layout.



Helen & Harold "Buz" Beal



Harold "Buz" Beal Jr. and Helen Beal pose together behind the Maine Central Model Railroad.

Harold "Buz" Beal Jr. was a Jonesport, Maine native whose grandfather was a Canadian Pacific engineer. Buz served in the Coast Guard for 26 years before retiring as a chief boatswain's mate. After a move to Corinth, Maine, he went to work at Dexter Shoe Co., where he met Helen, the love of his life. They settled down in Jonesport, Maine in 1983. Soon thereafter Buz and Helen, with their nephew, Harry Fish Jr., began to build the Maine Central Model Railroad, an HO-scale layout that grew to fill a 900-square foot building next to their home. The Beals opened their layout to the public in 1998 to thousands of visitors from all over the world.

Buz began planning the model's layout as a boy, but it wasn't until 1980, when he had returned to Jonesport after nearly 50 years away, that he began building his dream. It took 35 years and thousands of hours to complete. Buz had a track plan and he knew the model would fill the building before they started construction. Everything was done by hand using tweezers, glue, and plaster of Paris.

Helen built the smaller houses and cut windows by hand using an X-Acto knife. She affixed all of the trees on the layout and painted all the small pieces and people. Buz painted the houses, built the larger

structures, and painted the landscape. Some cars and structures were built from scratch, some made from kits, others purchased. The granite cliffs and wooded mountains were created with layers of plaster-soaked paper towels.

Helen and Buz were married for 25 years at the time of Buz's passing in 2012. Helen and Harry continued the tradition of operating the layout for many years after Buz's death while searching for a new home for the model railroad throughout New England. Many model railroad clubs and hobbyists were contacted and offered the layout, but no one had the space or the resources to take on such a large model railroad.

The search for a new home continued until 2020, when Hansjörg Wyss, Swiss rail enthusiast, philanthropist, and long-time supporter of the layout, connected with Seashore Trolley Museum. Following several conversations and meetings, museum representatives visited Jonesport in January 2021 to view the layout for the first time.



The original home of the Maine Central Model Railroad, Jonesport Maine.

Instantly, they were impressed with the level of artisanship and passion that radiated through every nook and cranny, but they were even more impressed with Helen, who was 86 at the time. Helen shared hours of stories, information, and laughter during that first visit, and museum representatives travelled to Jonesport several more times over the next two years to measure, count, learn more about the history of the layout, and to enjoy Helen's homemade lemon meringue pie.

Seashore Trolley Museum began working with architect Herb Fremin, who volunteered to design a new home for the layout on Seashore's campus, and the museum's President & CEO Jim Schantz presented the designs along with a project budget to Hansjörg.

With thanks to a \$3.4 million donation from the Wyss Foundation, the Maine Central Model Railroad was moved from Jonesport to Kennebunkport, Maine in 2022, and construction of the Maine Central Model Railroad Building began at Seashore. After several months of hard work and perseverance, the new building and the Maine Central Model Railroad opened to the public on May 4, 2024.

The Maine Central Model Railroad came to Seashore with over 5,000 handmade trees, 500 rail cars, 3,000 feet of track, 11 bridges and trestles, and 200 track switches. In Jonesport, the layout was 900 square feet; already an impressive size, yet the aisles needed to be wider to meet current building codes in Kennebunkport. The layout was increased to 1,640 square feet inside a 3,500 square foot building, which allowed Seashore the opportunity to add several new sections as well as exhibit and display spaces. Local artist Diane Lent was commissioned to recreate Buz's vast landscapes throughout the exhibit space. Stephan Lamb Associates was contracted to move and re-install the layout at Seashore. Sheridan Construction of Fairfield, Maine constructed the building.

Helen cheered for us during the construction process all the way from her home in Jonesport. The museum installed a live feed camera so she could watch the construction every day. Helen's final wish was to travel to Kennebunkport and see the layout in its new home.

Sadly, Helen passed away on September 18, 2023, just weeks from the day the museum began moving the layout from temporary storage into the new building.

Helen and Buz shared a love for railroading and spreading their passion with others. It is our great honor to continue their legacy for generations to come.



Helen Beal stands in front of her own replicated home on the model layout; June 2021.

The layout is artfully distributed in the newly constructed building to facilitate “up-close and personal” viewing for visitors.



The following pictures offer a small sampling of the extensive detail and creativity the Beals lovingly bestowed on their beloved layout.





In the true spirit of the Beals and model railroading, construction on the MCMRR never ends.

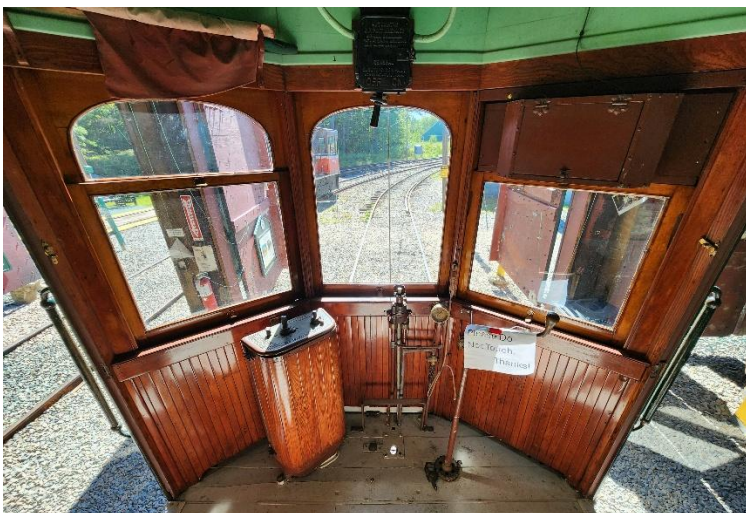




Above the STM staff even checked out our layout for ideas for new additions.

THE SEASHORE TROLLEY MUSEUM

After a full day in the MCMRR, you need at least another day to explore the many aspects of the museum proper. They have an extensive collection of prototypical interurban transportation vehicles and artifacts from all over the world. Their list of unique trolleys alone is amazing and most are operational or in the works of being reconstructed. A ride on one of their restored trolleys is worth the visit alone.



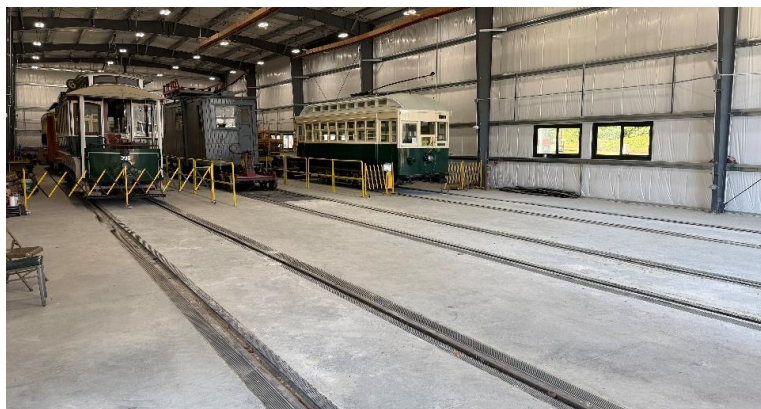


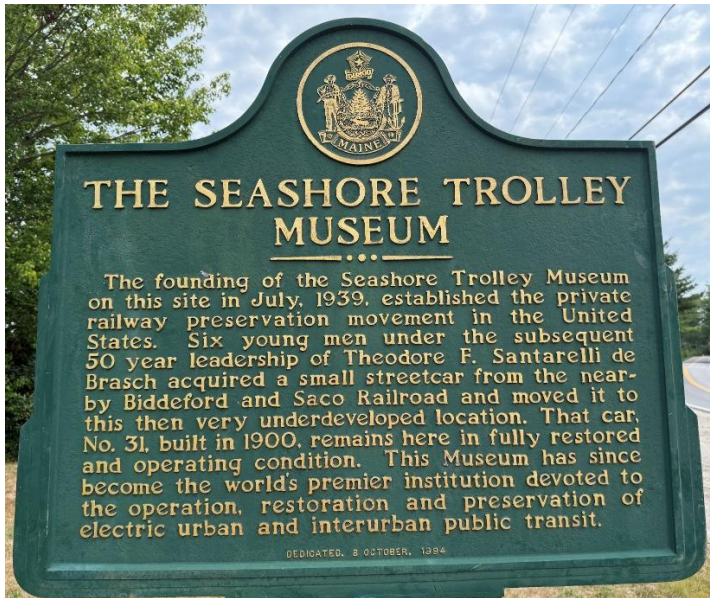
Do you know what the device above right was used for?



PACK UP AND MOVE OUT

As always, all good things must come to an end. And so, with our layout, we pulled the plug at 3:45pm and were disassembled, packed, loaded, and on the road before the STM closed at 5pm. We left with many memories of the grand days of trolley travel and one less item on our bucket lists.





Photography by Shean & Spring



The View from Doug's Chair by Doug Pollock

I have not been doing all that much lately BUT I have been trying to get things organized. What a job that is for me. I had a yard sale and got to pass on some of my items to other folks. One item was a great picture that was part of my layout before I needed a new oil tank. I also gave a transformer and some track to a member that was going to help a young man get a layout started.

On another note, I rode down to the Seashore Trolley Museum with Art Shean, and we had some time to just relax and talk about this and that. When we arrived, a museum rep asked Art to back into the 2 doors on the side of the South Boston Carhouse. Well Art said yes but he had to turn around and to me he had a little time getting turned around and I was confused as to why (I forgot he was towing a trailer, dah!) - then I understood.

It was interesting watching the workers at the Museum pulling out the Trolleys and making room for us to set up. After they take the trolleys out, they must put hard rubber fillers where the trolley wheels extend into the floor, so you have a level area. We got a real nice lay out set up in a short time with the extra hands that joined in. All most everything went well and it was a lot of Fun. While we were setting up, the Museum workers were sweeping and picking up concrete dust and sawdust used to absorb oil dropped from the parked trolleys. There were also museum visitors wandering in and out wanting to see our trains run. They did not know we were not on display until the next day. We invited them to visit tomorrow. But all was good.

Art and I started home and got home at about 4ish. GREAT DAY, GREAT FRIENDS!

Finders Keepers, Losers Weepers (From Railroad Fever Book)

In the gold rush town of Deadwood, South Dakota, workmen were surprised to discover \$1,200 in twenty dollar bills when they dismantled an old railroad depot.

U Folks are great, B Safe Doug



My Work Continues! by Jan Williams

August 14 - Trees: I've been focusing on trees for the pike - not cultivated garden trees but trees growing naturally in forest settings. Trees in nature are an unruly bunch! They fight each other for space and access to light, and the result often is a packed mass. Picture at right is along the road from Hiram to Brownfield; the trees pretty much form an unbroken wall, with occasional breaks for house lots.

I'm trying to approximate this effect - I've started with the mountain on my pike. The pictures below show my progress so far. I thought I planted a lot of trees when I built the mountain years ago. I recently added about another 40 trees to the mountain...



It feels like I'm about half way there... Yikes!

September 3 - Trees, Roofs, & Buildings: My layout progress to date is in three areas - Trees, Central Station roofs, and buildings for the evolving Factory Scene.

Planting trees on the mountain is almost finished. I've put about 120 trees onto the mountain. It's looking pretty good... but I'll probably add a few more trees! Pictures below illustrate:



I've been finishing details on the massive Central Station - mostly the entry portico and building roofs for the towers. The central tower is pretty simple; four flat pieces of sheet plastic shingles laminated to matt board. The round tower roofs are paper cones, also pretty simple; for this I used 20-pound paper readily available at stores like Staples. The dormers connecting the roof to the towers are incredibly vexatious: the trial and error to get the angles right is ongoing. I plan to get this onto the layout this Fall. See picture at right:



The factory scene I'm developing is a gritty mix of heavy industry and residential buildings. The residential homes are very much working class, basic accommodations.

The GE end of the factory scene includes two building kits - the first is a Downtown Deco plaster kit of the Sisters of Mercy building. I selected this kit because it complements the commercial tone of the neighborhood I'm building. The kit was much too long for my site, so I cut 5 ½ inches off the depth of the building. Messing with a plaster kit can be daunting, but this modification essentially just involved cutting two plaster walls, in my case with a common hack saw.

The second building is a Bar Mills kit of the Witzinger Company. This kit is a shallow, backdrop type of building; I like this kit because again, it fits the mood of the neighborhood I'm portraying. The kit presents the back end of a commercial building, including the loading dock.; I added the alcove and back door. The Witzinger building is all wooden clapboard and board siding. That stuff is a totally different modeling experience, a different frame of mind. The following pictures show the entire factory scene:





Next steps on the factory scene are in two categories: weathering, i.e. making everything a bit dirty and dingy. The second is adding details - building signs, light poles, people, vehicles, street lines, etc.

The to-do list is massive!



The End

M3R 2027 Club Car Order Form

July 1, 2026

The Club Car Committee chose a Bump-n-Go Trolley for the 2027 car. The Trolley will be the # 14 "Narcissus" for the Androscoggin Electric Company, Portland Lewiston Interurban.

Item Number	Description	Quantity	Price	Total
#14	Androscoggin Electric Company Portland Lewiston Interurban		\$70.00	
	Shipping if desired \$12.00 Additional Cars in New England \$2.00 each \$3.00 outside			
	TOTAL ENCLOSED			

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ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	
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Payment should be sent along with order form to Rick Hills, Treasurer, PO Box 31, Amherst, NH 03031 (Note checks will not be deposited until we reach the required quantity).



Maine 3 Railers 2026 Cumberland County Fair Staffing
as of 9/7/2026

Sat 9/26 Set Up Shift 0	Shift Hours	Sun 9/27	Mon 9/28	Tues 9/29	Wed 9/30	Thu 10/1	Fri 10/2	Sat 10/3	Sun 10/4 Move Out Shift 99
<u>8am Start</u> John Ash Carlton Spring Bernie Pender	9AM- 1PM	01-Sam Carr 02-Frank Folker	07-Bernie Pender 08a-SteveTranni 08b-Richard Ridolfo 08c-Open	13-Open 14-Jack Dexter	19-Jan Williams 20-Jack & Bob Dexter	25-Jan Williams 26-Art Shean	31-Open 32-Open	37-Open 38-Open	<u>8am Start</u> Sam Carr David Christie Carlton Spring
Steve Tranni David Christie Sam Carr Art Shean Frank Folker	1PM- 5PM	03-Art Shean 04-Open	09-Ken Thorson 10-Doug Pollock	15-Open 16-Open	21- Ken Thorson 22- Doug Pollock 22a-Joe McCarthy	27-Paul Brown 28-Ron Brown	33-Art Shean 34-Open	39-Open 40-Open	Art Shean
	5PM- 9PM	05-Open 06-Open	11-Open 12-Open	17-Open 18-Open	23-Open 24- Carlton Spring	29-Rocko Graziano 30-Carlton Spring	35-Dennis Robillard 36-Open	41-Carlton Spring 42-Sam Carr	

Fair passes will be sent via U.S. Mail

Maine 3 Railers Upcoming Schedule of Events

2026

- Sep 27 to Oct 03 **154th Cumberland County Fair** ([Public](#)), Entertainment Building, 197 Blanchard Rd., Cumberland, ME 04021, 9am-9pm daily with set up 8am on Sep 26 and move-out at 8am on Oct 4. (MOT)
- Oct 16 & 17 **Baxter Library Book Sale** ([Public](#)), Shaw Gym, 75 South St., Gorham ME 04038. Set up from 2-5pm on Thu Oct 15 and trains running from 9am-6pm on Fri Oct 16 and 9am-1pm on Saturday Oct 17. (MOT)
- Nov 07 **Southern Maine Model Railroad Club Fall Train Show**, ([Public](#)) Westbrook Community Center, 426 Bridge St., Westbrook, ME 04061. Setup Friday Nov 06 (4:30-8pm) with Trains running Saturday (9am-2pm) (Mobile Outreach Team)

2027

- Feb 13 **Annual Maine 3 Railers Model Train and Dollhouse Show** ([Public](#)) 10am-2pm. Move in 8am Friday Feb 12, 2027. (Train Show Committee)
- Feb 17 **Patten Free Library** ([Public](#)), 33 Summer Street, Bath, ME 04530. Layout will be in the Community Room on the second floor. Set up 8-10am, trains run 10am-3pm, move out 3-5pm. (MOT)
- Feb 19 **Vacation Week Model Train Display** ([Public](#)), Topsham Public Library, 25 Foreside Road, Topsham, ME 04086. Set up Thursday, Feb 18th, 2-6pm & Friday, Feb 19th, 8:30-10am. Run Trains from 10am-1pm. (MOT)

M3R General Meetings (Meetings start at 7 pm on Zoom except July 15th):

- Sep 10 **Monthly Club Meeting**
Oct 08 **Monthly Club Meeting**
Nov 12 **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, 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

Elected Officers and Executive Board Appointed Positions and Committees 2025-2026

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Members: Bill Halley, Rick Hills, Dave Hodgkiss, and Jeff Jacobs.

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Rick Hills, *Chair*
Members: Jeff Jacobs, Dave Hodgkiss, Mark Lasher, Bernie Pender, and Steve Tranni

Property Manager:

Dave Hodgkiss
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Co-Chairs: Jeff Jacobs and Gene Thayer
Members: Paul Brown, Sam Carr, Dave Hodgkiss, Dana Lindsey, Doug Pollock, and Richard Ridolfo

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