



## MAINE 3 RAILERS

### M3R CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2023

**NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, February 9, 2023, at 7:00PM** on ZOOM. Watch for the email from Dana Lindsey with the link to join.



#### **President's Message** by Gene Thayer

February is here and it's showtime. The Augusta State Armory Show is M3R's biggest event both visibly and financially. The show this year is on Saturday the 18th. We need help for both Friday and Saturday. Sam Carr will be emailing a sign-up list for work that needs to be done such as table set up and take down, manning the White Elephant Table, cash at the gate, and other functions.

I hope to see you all there and let's have a great show.

#### UPDATES



#### **M3R YouTube Channel Update** by Channel Master Carlton Spring

There are two new productions posted on our YouTube channel, The L.L. Bean Christmas Layout, and our visit to the Highlands in Topsham on January 11<sup>th</sup>. The L.L. Bean show spans the off-site early build, the on-site build, the layout, the trains running, and the takedown. Direct links are provided below for your convenience. The third production, our visit to Wilbur's Chocolates in Freeport, will be produced and posted the beginning of February. Many, many thanks to all who have contributed pictures and video for these productions, especially when I'm unable to attend like at The Highlands. Without these contributions, the event videos would not be possible. I suggest that you "bookmark" the YouTube site and our M3R Website. The link to our YouTube channel is also posted.

L.L.Bean:

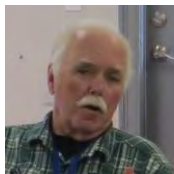
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5BJ3llzQPA>

The Highlands:

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

Wilbur's Chocolates: Check channel in early February.

M3R YouTube Channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWXugl3YB8L9yEXhEgFKD\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWXugl3YB8L9yEXhEgFKD_g)



#### **M3R Website** by Webmaster Tom Hartwell

Over the past couple of months, Art Shean, Carlton Spring, Sam Carr, and I have been discussing ways to make the website more effective by updating features and adding content that reflects changes within our Club. These are all good ideas and I want to thank these fellows for their input. For the best outcome, several of these updates mandate that we make changes to the underpinnings of the website to ensure smooth operation going forward. With the assistance of our website designer, we continue working on the site to make all of this happen. Please stay tuned, I hope to have all the changes up and running by mid-February.



## Model Train Show Committee by Richard Ridolfo

**It's Show Time:** The Maine 3 Railers annual show is February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Augusta Armory. The club took over the Train and Dollhouse show last year when the Lions Club announced they would no longer be doing it. With not a lot of time, the club rallied and held a very successful show.

Now it is time to do it again! We have vendors and exhibitors signed up for 90 tables. The Great Falls Model Railroad Club will be setting up an operating layout along with the clubs O-Gauge layout.

An event this size takes a lot of effort, we will begin set-up at 8 am on Friday. In addition to this on Saturday, we need help for ticket sales, manning the white elephant booth, helping vendors find their tables, aiding Lou controlling the cash and running to the bank, and other items that will pop up. Last and most important, we need help taking the tables down and putting the chairs away.

The committee has worked hard to get us to this point, come, help, have some fun with fellow members, and enjoy the trains and doll houses that will be on display.

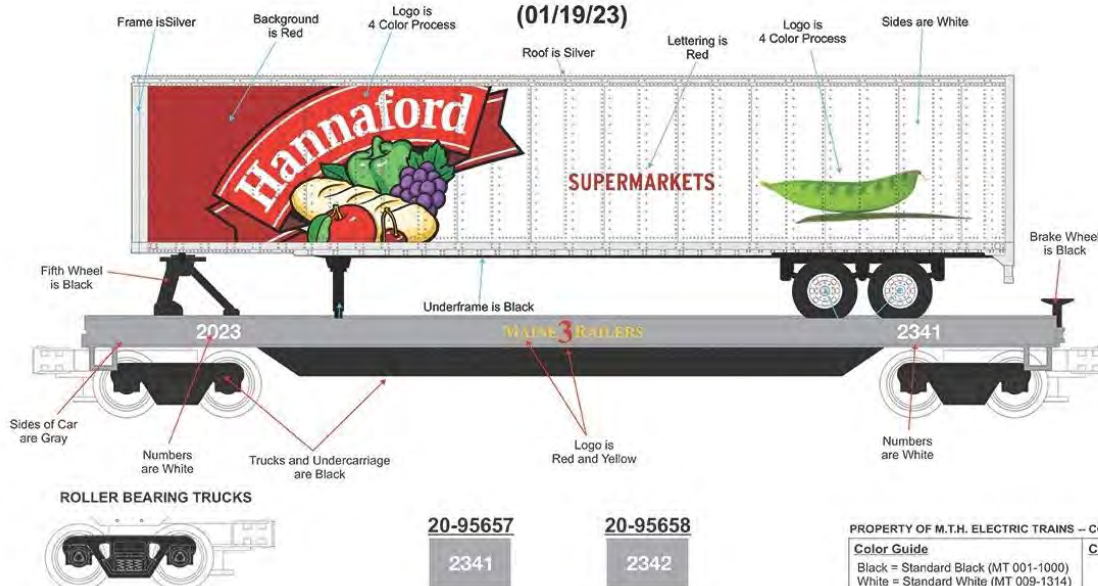


## Club Car News by Richard Ridolfo

The final design is here for the Hannaford Trailer on Flat Car. The car is projected to be delivered in July. The car will be available in two Road Numbers. Product # 20-95657 will be road number 2341 and Product # 20-95658 will be road number 2342. The pricing for the car is as follows: Club Members \$70.00 pre-buy, Members \$75.00 after cutoff date (Cutoff date has not been set yet), and Retail Non-members \$80.00. Orders with payment should be sent to Peter Hanson 27 Northway Dr., Chelsea, ME, 04330. Peter will also be taking orders at the Armory show.

### Premier - 2023 Special Projects Maine 3-Railers Maine Central 48' Trailer (20-95657 & 20-95658)

Side View  
(01/19/23)



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Color Guide	Color Priority
Black = Standard Black (MT 001-1000)	N/A
White = Standard White (MT 009-1314)	N/A
Gray = C&O Gray (MT 004-1136)	1
Yellow = Pantone 116c	1
Red = Pantone 485c	1



## From the Editor by Art Shean

If a tree falls in the forest and no one is around to hear it fall, did it actually fall? The Maine 3 Railers often have a great number of diverse activities ongoing in multiple locations around Maine. **Guess what?** Members just can't participate in them all due to location, available time, or interest. Our Club Officers do their best to coordinate and to provide a variety of offerings. **And Guess What**, they sometimes miss the boat and sometimes they knock the ball out of the park. As Club members, it's our responsibility to let them know when they miss an opportunity and likewise when they hit the mark. Beside our officers, many other members contribute in various ways so that every member can enjoy the benefits of being a member.

Our officers and contributors don't hear from members often. Maybe there is nobody out there to hear the tree fall. If you heard it fall, then let those responsible know if they hit the mark, missed the boat, or should try something else. The contact information for officers and many hard-working contributors are located on the last page of every M3R Newsletter. ***Don't be afraid to let them know what you think!***

P.S: Twelve months of recent M3R Newsletters are always available on our Club Website.

## EVENT REPORTS



### Call Went Out and Members Responded - Last Chapter in the 2022 L.L. Bean Saga by Art Shean

At 8 am, Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, over 10% of our membership, thirteen, arrived at the L.L. Bean Store to disassemble, pack, and transport the Northern Lights Model Train Village to Hiram, ME. Those on hand included: Roy Bischoff, Lou Bragaw, Sam Carr, Vic Fuller, Peter Hanson, Tom Hartwell, Jeff Jacobs, Bernie Pender, Art Shean, Gene Thayer, Ken Thorson, Walt Voskian, and Jan Williams.

For the Maine 3 Railers, the L.L. Bean layout offered many challenges and firsts for our membership. The Bean layout was our first offering of a semi-permanent installation, the first layout to be displayed for over forty-five days, and the first layout to be automated such that we did not have to have members constantly present. It was also the first semi-permanent layout with highly detailed landscaping that members had to remove. Although the Operating and Maintenance crews had an Operating Manual to guide them, the disassemble crew had to make it up as they went. From our previous experience, our rule of thumb is the time to remove a layout is expected to be approximately half of what it took to set it up. In this case, it took nearly two weeks on site to assemble the Bean display but only one day was allowed to remove it. Undeterred, our members marched into the task without hesitation.



*Mission: From This to This by End of Day*



At 8am our stalwart members arrived with electric drills, worktables, boxes, and pickup trucks. Due to the limited space inside the display area, Jeff Jacobs led a small crew within the corral and passed engines, rolling stock, track, buildings, trees, and accessories over the fence to awaiting members.



*A Pass from Jeff Jacobs to Art Shean*



*and from Sam Carr to Ken Thorson and Walt Voskian*

Outside the fence, Sam Carr led a crew packing engines and rolling stock while a second crew boxed track, buildings, and accessories.



*Sam & Ken Packing Engines*



*Carlton, Art, Walt, & Lou Stuffing Boxes*

A third team transported filled boxes and layout pieces to the trucks and Jan Williams' car for transport to Jan's barn in Hiram.



*Vic & Bernie Checking the Load and Route*



Throughout the morning, Jeff and Vic removed the layout wiring, unscrewed the layout base, and sawed their way through the mountain to reduce the layout to transportable pieces.





*Jeff Cutting Wire*



*Vic, Gene, Roy, and Sam Working the Corral*



*Vic, Art, Jeff, Gene, and Bernie  
Preparing a Module for Transport*



*Everyone on Task: Inside: Roy & Jeff  
Outside: Carlton, Sam, & Walt*

Finally a little after ten o'clock following a final cleanup and a last minute inspection, the crew finished their task. Who could have guessed the crew would be so efficient – finishing well ahead of expectations!



*Carlton & Vic Perform the Final Cleanup and Inspection*



*Leaving Site in "As Found" Condition*



*Coats on the Fence Posts*

Oh, by the way, the crew got to hang their coats on the railing after all!

Photography by Tom Hartwell







## Column Challenge and Recurring Mystery Solved Close to Home

by Sam Carr and Art Shean

Monday January 11, 2023, the Maine 3 Railers Mobile Layout crew visited The Highlands in Topsham, ME for the first time. Last month the crew trekked almost an hour and a half to Bridgton but for four of our members this layout was a neighborhood call. Ken Thorson resides in Highland Green which is just across Route 196 from The Highlands. Lou Bragaw, Doug Pollock, and Art Shean are also residence of Topsham. These four were joined by Sam Carr, Tom Hartwell, and Gene Thayer for the setup, operation, and/or move out of the layout.



*Ken, Doug, Tom, & Gene*



The Highlands is a senior living facility located on a picturesque former estate between Route 196 and the Topsham Historic District. We entered Governors Way from the historic district, drove by the former mansion to the top of the hill, then around the pond, and into the main building parking area.



*The Highlands' Main Building*



We unloaded under the balcony, through the main doors, and into the lobby. Our layout was set up in the Georgetown Parlor which is located behind the entry way fireplace.



*Entrance to The Highlands' Main Building*



*Georgetown Parlor behind the Main Lobby Fireplace Wall*

## Column Challenge

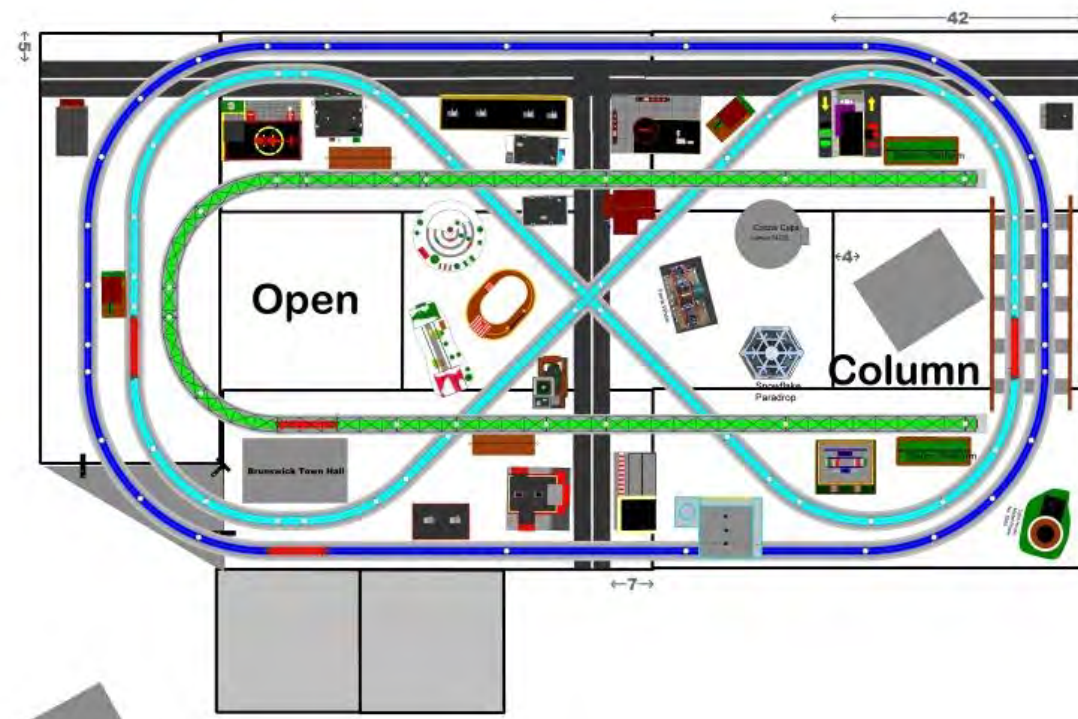


*Multiple Columns in the Georgetown Parlor*

A key architectural feature of the Georgetown Parlor is the numerous columns which enhance the room's esthetic appeal but create a significant challenge for the layout design. After multiple drafts, we decided to wrap track around a center column and place the control table next to another column. The final design included an outer loop, an inner figure eight, and an elevated trolley line on six 2½'x6' tables.







Column



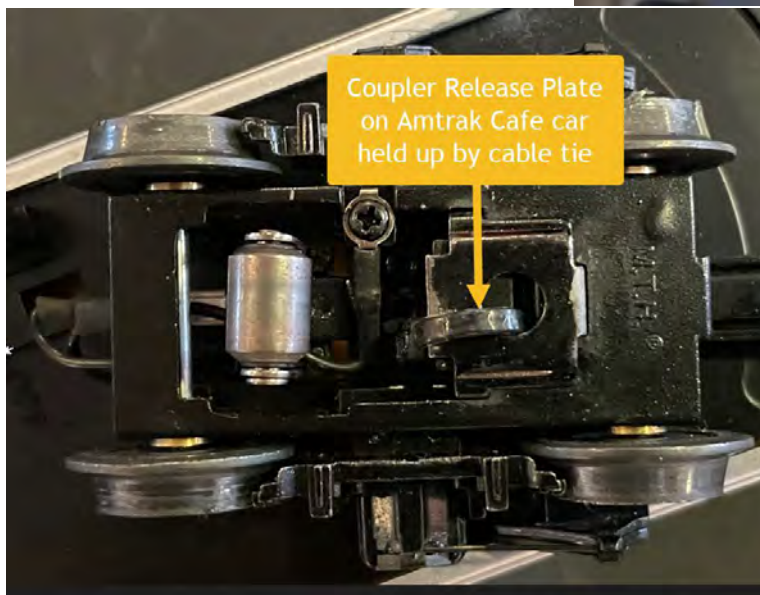




*Sam Keeps a Tidy Control Table*

## Mystery Solved

And a story from the event. We had problems with intermittent short circuits on the Amtrak Downeaster Consist at the Cumberland Fair. Jeff Jacobs looked at and tested the locomotive twice and found no problem with it. However, we had the same problem again at The Highlands and decided to check the cars one at a time. We happened to take the Café Car off first, and Ken Thorson looked it over carefully. He found for each



coupler there is a piece of metal under the car that opens the coupler when a magnetic uncoupler pulls on it. The piece on one truck hung down enough to touch the middle rail causing the short. The defect was hard to spot because the release plate returned to the proper position when the car was rotated upside down to see the bottom. We fixed this defect by using a small cable tie to hold it up (See picture at left). The Upside: Since making the repair we did not experience any more Amtrak "shorts". Downside: The fix disabled the ability to uncouple the car at that end.

We had a good turnout with folks coming, staying, and coming back throughout the day. Doug Pollock counted over 100 in the morning alone. Those that stayed wanted to talk and focused on the details of the layout.



For those that don't know Doug Pollock well, he has the ability to spot and acquire unusual "things" which he believes add color to any model train layout. He continues to amaze fellow members with the stuff he has collected and stores in his cellar and garage. Despite the humor, he sometimes comes up with a treasure. With Topsham located just across the river from Brunswick, Doug suggested we display the model of the old Brunswick town hall that he acquired from a friend. Art was a little hesitant because the model is more HO than O-scale, and it needed some touch up. In deference to Doug, we placed the model on the table, and it was recognized by multiple Highlands residents and evoked several stories. Doug recounts one of those stories in his "View from Doug's Chair" article in this Newsletter.



*Doug's Model of the Old Brunswick Town Hall*



When three o'clock rolled around we shut down and packed up to the disappointment of several residents. Several folks stayed around to watch us pack and one helped remove trees from the layout. For Art, Doug, Ken, and Lou the trip home was more of a skip and jump than a trip.



*On the Way Out, We Shut Off the Lights and Said Goodnight*

Photography by Sam Carr, Tom Hartwell, and Art Shean



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

**Adventure:** It was very cold as I ventured out for the Highlands in Topsham. As I mature, I don't drive as much as I used to, but The Highlands was just down Route 201 from my house. Maybe a 5-minute drive at best. Being a little early, I found a nice parking spot just out front of the main building.

Once inside the mobile crew set up a great layout between four large columns in about an hour & fifty minutes. We had people there as we were setting up that were intrigued as to what we were doing. After setting up we ran trains straight through till 3 pm. Around lunchtime, The Highlands provided each of us with a **GREAT BOX LUNCH**. They were very well done and delivered personally by the Chef himself. And yes, they were in a real cardboard box.

There were residents there all day. By my count we had about 100 folks in the morning alone. Not just looking but studying everything in detail, excited to observe, they were so intense. Art brought an antique replica of the old Brunswick Town Hall which I donated.



*Old Brunswick Town Hall Model*

One man started talking to me about it. He told me that the day World War II ended there was a very large gathering of Brunswick town folk at the town hall. His father took him there to watch the goings on. People were cheering, and a person was ringing the bell in the belfry. As he pulled on the bell rope, he did not let go and would get lifted in the air as he pulled the rope. The piece really brought back fond memories to the gentleman; he was really excited.

The day went on with guests to the end and one nice lady even helped us pick up while others looked on. It was a **Very, Very Good Day!** During the day several of Ken Thorson's friends stopped by to talk. Ken lives just across the road from The Highlands at the Highland Green. One lady saw "Railers" on our hats and almost started crying because her husband was into trains and went many places on trains. She talked with us for quite a while and ended up knowing Ken from church - very nice lady. I could go on & on but, as you can tell, it was a **Great Day!!**

P.S. the Highland's Beautician, Nicole, is a very nice lady and by the way is also my son's girlfriend. A few days after our display, Nicole told my wife that everyone was talking about what a great time they had watching our trains. **Great feedback!**

Doug B Safe

## MODEL RAILROADING



### **Which Fire Station?** By Jan Williams

When I agreed to build a model fire station for next year's L.L. Bean layout, my first question was "Which station?". We have the Woodland Scenics HO building as a model, but northern New England has many delightful fire stations.

I've been visiting stations in Maine and Massachusetts, a really fun exercise. What follows is a summary of the buildings I've considered, with a couple of photos of each, and estimated layout footprints.

Fire stations seem to fall into three-time eras:

1. Pre-Civil War, fire equipment was light; firemen pulled wagons through the streets by hand. Pumpers were hand operated. Fire stations were small and distributed among the neighborhoods.
2. Post-Civil War, horses were used to pull fire equipment. Equipment was bigger and heavier, including steam pumpers. Fire stations got bigger and began to be centralized.
3. After about 1905 fire companies transitioned from horses to internal combustion engines.

Most of these buildings were built in the era when they "ran horses out of the building", as one fire fighter put it. In the late 19th century, it seems like a lot of the business was horse management: selection, training, care, and feeding.

So, criteria for consideration begins with stations active in the early decades of the Twentieth Century. I personally have a few additional criteria: I favor stations from the 19th century, stations with architectural character, and buildings that exist today so I can photograph and measure them. I also favor buildings with a drying tower for hoses.

Here is what I have:



### Woodland Scenics Building

This is a neat building, with many of the features I like. It's a composite, not a real building. Of course, it's easy to measure, we have the HO model. I really do prefer the idea of a real building. Layout size - 11.8 inches x 10.2 inches



### Beverly, Massachusetts

Built about 1905. This is a beautifully preserved fire station currently housing a beauty salon and residential apartments. It lacks a drying tower. It's a single door station, relatively small. Layout size - 6.9 inches x 10.7 inches



### Brunswick, Maine

Built 1919. An important building in central Brunswick, currently vacant. It's a large building, could be reduced by eliminating later wings and additions. Huge documentation exists because the town has hired consultants to prepare reports regarding re-use. An impressive building that somehow fails to grab me the way others do...Layout size - 12.4 inches x 21.3 inches.



## Peabody, Massachusetts

Built 1872. This is a great building, big but again reducible by eliminating later, add on wings. The fireman I chatted with was proud of the fact that this is the oldest fire operations center in the country. When I commented that they were lucky modern equipment fits through the doors, he said "Yeah, just barely... just barely". When we visited the ladder truck was parked outside, next to the building... Layout size - 21 inches x 18.5 inches



## Portland, Maine - Spring Street

Built 1837. Another great building, currently the Portland Fire Museum. A single stall building, convenient for a layout. This one may well end up on my own layout...Layout size - 10.25 inches x 16.5 inches



## Portland, Maine - 555 Congress Street

Built 1850. This one astounded me! For years we enjoyed the restaurant at 555 Congress. The dining room had a mezzanine level balcony all around the dining room, with mezzanine level dining in the rear. We often wondered what that was all about... It turns out the building was built as a fire station!



The firehouse at 555 Congress Street was built around 1850 and was originally home to Gasc Hand Engine One. The Portland Fire Department's first steam engine, Machigonne Engine One, was assigned here in 1859, and the name is seen above the bay door. The station closed in 1918, but it is still standing and is recognizable today. This photograph is thought to have been taken around 1888.





## Bangor, Maine

Built in 1897, this building currently is the Bangor fire museum. The building is on a slope, but I'd model it as a level structure. This is certainly the most impressive Maine building that I've found. Layout size - 8.25 inches x 14.44 inches



**So, what do you think?** Do you have a preference or an alternate suggestion? Email Jan at [will680@roadrunner.com](mailto:will680@roadrunner.com).



## Keeping Your Trains on Tracks: Episode 5

### How to Service and Maintain Your O Scale Model Railroad

by Ray Dellovo and Rick Hills

## Product Review: Woodland Scenics Traffic Light System by Rick Hills

### Background:

When we were kids, the Aurora company produced a traffic light control system for their HO slot cars and HO Train sets. The system's purpose was to change traffic light aspects from red to yellow to green to handle slot car traffic in multiple directions. The system contained incandescent traffic lights and a 1960s control module. The control module was motor driven, like an old timer, and was not truly electronic.



The Aurora module also could be connected to an Atlas HO relay to stop traffic when the light showed red and release traffic when the light turned green. I still have the system (above) and it's 65 years old! Unfortunately, due to the Aurora system's age, I was concerned the motor module might catch fire if it was used with my O Gauge Trains. And to make things even more challenging, the Aurora system required HO DC power, not AC, plus some complex wiring.

### New Woodland Scenics System:

In 2023, Woodland Scenics released 3 *add-ons* to their *Just Plug Lighting System* in O, HO, and N scales, addressing the high demand for scale traffic Lights.

- 4 Pedestal Traffic Lights O Scale JP5664 \$29.99



- 2 Suspended Flashing Lights O Scale JP5665 \$34.99



- 4 Mast Arm Traffic Lights O Scale JP5666 \$39.99



### Review:



I purchased the O Scale Mast Arm Traffic Lights JP5666 set for display in a small town. The set included 4 of the above posts with detailed traffic lights, two wire connectors, and instructions. The set was very detailed as expected. Each of the 4 pole lights were solid color as opposed to blinking: 2 Red and 2 Green - enough for 1 Intersection. The set also required the Woodland Scenics *Just Plug* **24 volt DC** transformer and wiring hub to operate.



Caution: the wrong voltage or use of AC power will ruin Woodland LEDs.



## My Evaluation:

### **Just Plug Traffic Light System - Pros:**

- Detailed, somewhat delicate, perfect scale, hand painted/weathered, very nice piece
- Easy to wire and install on your layout, especially for established layouts
- Can be installed in ~30 minutes.
- Minimal electronics
- Gives an *illusion* of changing lighted aspects, has bright LEDs
- Integrates very well with existing Woodland Scenics scale models, especially lighted autos, buildings, and signs
- There are multiple excellent and fun how-to Woodland Scenics videos available: <https://youtu.be/ry1-plWrBao>



### **Just Light Traffic Light System - Cons:**

- Does not operate automatically as my Aurora system did. The light aspects are unchanged, fixed.
- Only red and green solid colors are provided in the Mast/Pedestal versions. There are no blinking yellow or blinking red/green aspects available for these models.
- If you do not have the Woodland Scenics *Just Plug System* already, the expense of adding Traffic Light power can add up. You will definitely need a 24 Volt Woodland DC transformer and Woodland wiring hub at an incremental \$42. *Of course, you would now be able to add many more Woodland cars, buildings, lights to your layout very easily so the investment might be a good one for you, depending on your plans for the future.*

## Conclusions:

The Woodland Scenics Traffic System is a very nice lighting accent piece similar to other Woodland Scenics figures, lights, buildings, and autos. It definitely will add interest to a stale area of your layout. *Remember, it's not automated!*

It can be expensive if you haven't already invested in the Woodland Scenics Just Plug System which is essential for power. I recommend you give it a try and let us know what you think. It's a fun snowy day project.

Please feel free to call Ray 603-554-1543 or Rick 603-801-0421 for questions or more information.

## **NEED HELP WITH A STARTER SET?**

Lionel / American Flyer	586-949-4100 Ext. 2 talktous@lionel.com
Bachmann / Williams	800-356-3910 service@bachmanntrains.com OR parts@bachmanntrains.com
Piko	619-280-2800 support@piko-america.com
LGB / Marklin	1-800-877-7171 Ext. 2130 service@maerklin.de
Kato	847-781-9500 katocs@katousa.com
Athearn Customer Service	athearnhelp@horizonhobby.com
Walthers Warranty Issues or Parts	1-800-877-7171 Ext.2221 custserv@walthers.com

## Technical Support Quick Guide!

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Athearn Customer Service	athearnhelp@horizonhobby.com
Atlas	908-687-0880 csdept@atlasrr.com
Bachmann / Williams	800-356-3910 service@bachmanntrains.com Or parts@bachmanntrains.com
BlackStone Models	970-259-0690 support@blackstonemodels.com
Bowser	570-368-2379 bowser@bowser-trains.com
Broadway Limited	386-673-8900 techsupport@broadway-limited.com
Circuitron	815-886-9010 support@circuitron.com
Digitrax Tech Support	850-872-9890 Ext 119 / Ext 133 or techsupport@digitrax.com
ESU	570-980-1982 support@loksound.com
Fox Valley Models	847-768-2344 info@foxvalleymodels.com
Gar Graves	315-483-6577 GarGraves@gargraves.com
Intermountain	800-472-2530 parts@intermountain-railway.com
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Kato	847-781-9500 katocs@katousa.com
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Micro Trains Line	541-535-1755 mtl@micro-trains.com
Miller Engineering	203-595-0619 milleren@microstru.com
MRC/Model Power/Mantua	732-225-2100 traincontrols@modelrectifier.com
MTH	410-381-2580 info@mthpartsandsales.com
NCE	585-265-0230 or support@ncecorporation.com
PECO	Info@peco.co
Piko	619-280-2800 support@piko-america.com
Rapido	905-474-3314 trains@rapidotrains.com
Rivarossi	877-358-6405 ext 101 customersupport@hornby.us OR technicalsupport@hornby.us
Soundtraxx Tech	970-259-0690 support@soundtraxx.com
SplitJaw	1-877-762-4822 Sales@railclamp.com
TCS Tech Support	215-453-9145 techsupport@tcsdcc.com
Walthers Warranty Issues or Parts	1-800-877-7171 Ext.2221 custserv@walthers.com
Woodland Scenics	573-346-5555 sales@woodlandscenics.com

## NEED HELP WITH A DECODER?

Company	Email	Phone
Bachmann	Service@Bachmanntrains.com	800-356-3910
Digitrax	techsupport@digitrax.com	850-872-9890
ESU	Support@LokSound.com	570-980-1982
MRC	TrainControls@ModelRectifier.com	732-225-2100
NCE	Support@ncecorporation.com	585-265-0230
Piko	support@Piko-america.com	877-678-4449
Soundtraxx	Support@Soundtraxx.com	888-789-7637
TCS	Techsupport@tcsdcc.com	267-733-3408



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## MODEL RAILROAD & DOLLHOUSE SHOW

**Saturday, February 18, 2023**

**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

*Doors Open at 10:00am*

**National Guard Armory**

**179 Western Avenue | Augusta, Maine**

### FEATURING

Operating Model Railroads | Dollhouses  
Dealer Displays | Dollhouse Displays



**Admission \$5.00, Family\* \$10, Children under 12 are FREE**

*\*Family includes up to 2 adults + children 17 and under*

For more information and table rentals E-mail: [RMRSR@AOL.COM](mailto:RMRSR@AOL.COM)

# Maine 3 Railers Upcoming Schedule of Events

## Future Events Where Maine 3 Railers Will Be Running Trains

- Feb 18      **Annual Maine 3 Railers Model Train and Dollhouse Show**, Augusta Armory, 179 Western Ave, Augusta, ME 04330. Run trains 10am-3pm. Move in on Friday Feb 17 noon-4pm. (Portable)
- Feb 21-22   **Patten Free Library**, 33 Summer St., Bath, ME 04520. Setup Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 8-10am. Trains run 10am-5pm on Tuesday and 10am-4pm Wednesday. (Portable)
- Feb 24      **Topsham Public Library**, 25 Foreside Rd., Topsham, ME 04086. Setup 2pm on Thursday with trains running 10am -2pm Friday. (Portable)
- Apr 29      **Great Falls Model Railroad Club Show**, Mt. Ararat High School Gym, 68 Eagles Way, Topsham, ME 04086 Trains run 10am-3pm. Setup Apr 28<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm. (Trailer for Tables)

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

- Feb 06      Executive Board
- Feb 09      Regular Monthly

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

- Feb 16      Roundhouse Session, Topic: Review of 2023 Train Show Preparations
- Feb 23      Roundhouse Session, Topic: Tour of the M3R Website

## Maine 3 Railers Group Email:

The Maine 3 Railers have a group email account which subscribers can use to send emails to other club members who have subscribed to the service. Like club forums, this service allows members to ask questions, provide advice, and help other subscribers solve model train problems.

Because this is a free service, the participant list owners (Dana Lindsey and Art Shean) cannot add you; you must add yourself. Below is the home page of our group. It has a link to join (*look under group email addresses*). Another way to join is to be asked. Send an email to Dana Lindsey and he will send you an invitation. Follow the link you will receive to confirm your account. We restrict 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.

<https://groups.io/g/M3R>

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