



# MAINE 3 RAILERS

## M3R CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2024

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, May 9, 2024, at 7:00PM on Zoom.** Watch for the email from Dana Lindsey with the link to join.



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

May is here and Summer is just around the corner but what I want to talk about this month is what is needed in the Fall. This Fall all M3R Club offices are up for election.

In addition, we currently have an immediate need for a new Treasurer. Last month I sent out a "Help Wanted" email to the entire membership to fill this position. I received not one response!!

I will not be running for re-election for President and several other Executive Board members will not be returning as well. M3R cannot function without people in these positions. They're not that difficult to do, mostly function outside normal work hours, and are essential to our Club's existence. So, step up and run for one of these positions and see how M3R works.

The M3R needs your help, so give it some thought over the Summer.

### Three Members Recognized for their Service to the Club

With the large number of members present at the Great Falls MRC Train Show, Gene Thayer took the opportunity to present Certificates of Appreciation to Sam Carr, Tom Hartwell, and Carlton Spring for their past and continuing service to the Club and our hobby.



Sam was recognized for his long-term service as the Event Coordinator and as a Club Director, Carlton for his work as Club Videographer and YouTube Channel Master, and Tom for his past service as Club Photographer and Webmaster.

A hardy Here! Here! And thank you from all of us to all three!

## UPDATES



M3R YouTube Channel Update by Channel Master Carlton Spring

April again found the Mobil Outreach Team being very busy. Our first event was the Southern Maine Model Railroad Club's train show held at the Westbrook Community Center on Saturday, April 13th. The layout was set up on Friday evening. The direct link to view the video is below:

SMMRC Train Show: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHWeL6p4Jxo>

Our second event was the Big Trucks, Big Trains event held at the Topsham Public Library on Friday, April 19th. The set up was on Thursday afternoon. Check out the write up of this event elsewhere in this newsletter. If you haven't viewed this very successful event, the direct link to view the video is below:

2024 Big Trucks, Big Trains: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HWvA26HG-M>

The third event was the Great Falls Model Railroad Club's spring train show held at Mt. Ararat High School on Saturday, April 27th, with set up on Friday evening and Saturday morning before the show. Many M3R members participated as vendors, visitors, or helped with set up and take down. The direct link to this latest video is provided below:

2024 Great Falls Show: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZqrsehHtIM>

Also look for the group email in early May with the link to the Baxter Library's (Gorham) Spring Book Sale which will be held on May 3rd and 4th.

Thanks too for all your support viewing the videos. Engineer 29 greatly appreciates all the positive comments and music suggestions.

STAY TUNED!



M3R Activity Committee by Chairperson Bernie Pender

### Upcoming Events

May 11<sup>th</sup>

The Maine 3-Railers and Brian Inch will be hosting an open house, Model Train Swap Meet & Classic Car Cruise-in in Augusta on Saturday, May 11th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Front Street parking lot directly behind Brian Inch's **Model Rail Scenes train shop** at 227 Water Street. We will have an open-air tailgate (or trunk) swap meet so that we can visit, display, and buy and sell trains tailgate-style... with hopefully, a sprinkling of antique and collector cars mixed in. In addition, Brian is offering the use of his shop for us to socialize, run some trains, and use his facilities.

June 1<sup>st</sup>

On June 1<sup>st</sup> Jay Stone will be hosting a layout tour. Jay Stone's layout is a must see. You won't want to miss this one! More details will be forthcoming.

*For more information on future activities, type [Groups.io](https://groups.io) into your browser and check out the Club's [for a visit](#).*



## Club Car Committee by Richard Ridolfo

### 2024 Club Cars

**Maine Scenic Cylindrical Hopper** is on the water and due into Baltimore May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Delivery date could be impacted by the recent bridge collapse in Baltimore). This car is available in two road numbers, and can be ordered by contacting Peter

Hanson at 207-622-4256



**The L.L. Bean Boxcar** is getting ready to ship and is due in Baltimore the first part of June. This car is limited to two units per member (based on the agreement with L.L. Bean). It is not available to the public. There are only a few cars left to sell. Members can order one of each road number or two of the same number. Again, contact Peter Hanson at the above number.



### 2025 Club Car

The club has reached an agreement with Bath Iron Works to produce a train car. Preliminary discussions have centered on doing a Railing Crane Car with a Crane Tender. MTH has not provided pricing yet, so it is too early for us to set a price. While we have been given artwork from BIW, we need to present a mockup to them for approval. At that point we will have MTH produce the design. MTH plans to run Crane Cars in the fourth quarter of this year with delivery in the first quarter of 2025.



# EVENT REPORT



## Return to Westbrook by Art Shean

Saturday, April 13, 2024, the M3R Outreach Team returned to the Westbrook Community Center for the Spring 2024 Southern Maine Model Railroad Club (SMMRC) Model Train Show. Like most train shows, a host invites exhibitors, vendors, and special interest

groups in hopes of attracting as many customers as possible. The more customers, the greater the gate receipts and sales for the vendors. Finally, the more sales the vendors realize, then they are more likely to participate in future shows offered by the host. Quite often groups and individuals fall into multiple categories as the show unfolds. Hosts may be exhibitors, vendors, and their members may also become customers. Likewise, exhibitors and special interest folks can become customers.

Show Hosts:



The SMMRC began hosting Spring and Fall train shows several years ago and appears steadfastly committed to continuing. They rent space in the Westbrook Community Center and find the center's gym as a convenient venue for their shows. Besides serving as hosts, they ran a multiple table sales operation to dispose of surplus donated model train equipment, mostly HO scale.



In their new space in the Community Center, they exhibited their renovated HO layout. Since moving to their new location, they converted their movable layout into a fixed setup. Their HO layout is very elaborate with realistic scenery and extensive operating features such as a large turntable operation (In works). It was worth the trip down several corridors to see it.





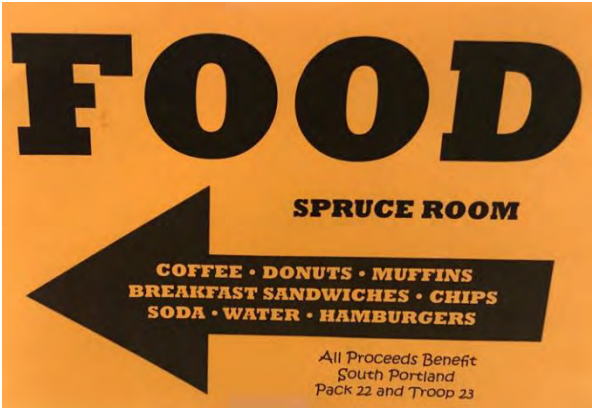


In addition to their fixed layout, the SMMRC also offered a Kids Corner next to their sales tables where they demonstrated starting a model train layout, adding scenery, and adding track and operating equipment.





On my way to visit the SMMRC layout, I discovered two interesting side features. First, I passed by the Boy Scouts food concession. They offered both breakfast and lunch offerings for participants and customers. Great made-to-order breakfast sandwiches, coffee, donuts, and hamburgers.



# WESTBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I also passed the Westbrook Historical Society which is co-located in the Westbrook Community Center. Among the many exhibits were two full size antique fire wagons – a pump wagon and a ladder wagon. Both were in great shape and well maintained, awaiting the next fire call.

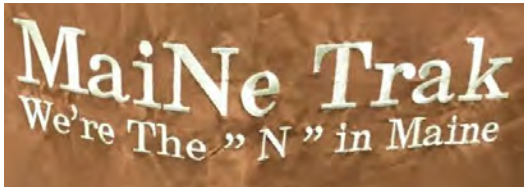






Exhibitors:

Beside the SMMRC HO and Kids Corner model train displays, there were two other main exhibitors – the MaiNe Trak N-scale club and the Maine 3 Railers. The host set aside a space for a third club between us and the N-scalers, but they apparently were unable to attend.



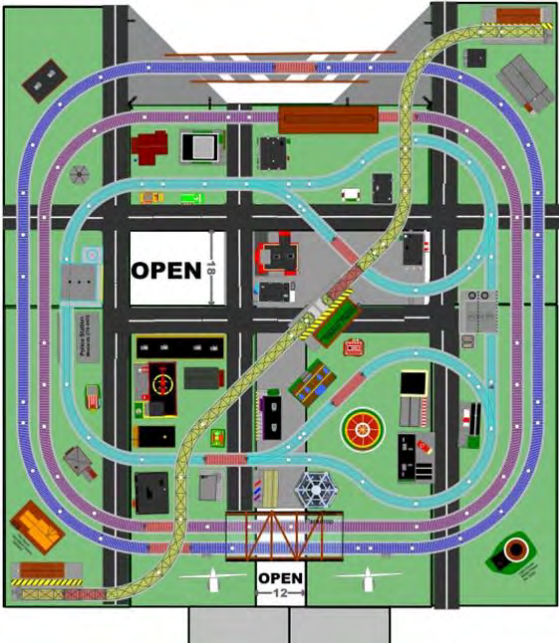
MaiNe Trak presented a modular display arranged in an open rectangle with multiple tracks and turnouts, fine scale details, long consists, and varying themes. Their modules are built for travel, and they routinely appear at local train shows. The following are examples of their work:







In contrast to the N-scale modular layout, we offered a custom never-scene-before 11' x 12' layout with three independent loops, two elevated trolley lines with three elevated passenger platforms, three bridges, and a carnival. One of the loops contained two reversing loops which neither the HO or N-scale layouts are capable of offering without elaborate electronics. We offered hands on participation and even simulated generating our own electricity using two wind generators and a power plant.





Set up was Friday night from 4-7pm with trains running from 9am to 2pm Saturday. The M3R crew included: John Ash, Sam Carr, Tom Hartwell, Doug Pollock, Art Shean, and Carlton Spring. Other Club members participating as vendors or guests were Dave Christie, Sal Devita, Bill Halley, Brian Inch, Jeff Jacobs, Jim Newcomb, Rob Osur, Caleb Westra, Jay Westra and Sophie Westra.



The Seacoast Division of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) also had an exhibit demonstrating the differences in size of the various model train scales as part of their information table.





Vendors:

The mix of vendors included train clubs, small businesses, and individuals liquidating their surplus model train stuff. Club members selling items included Bill Halley and Brian Inch



Clubs in addition to the SMMRC included the WW&F Railroad and Eastern Maine Model Railroad Club.



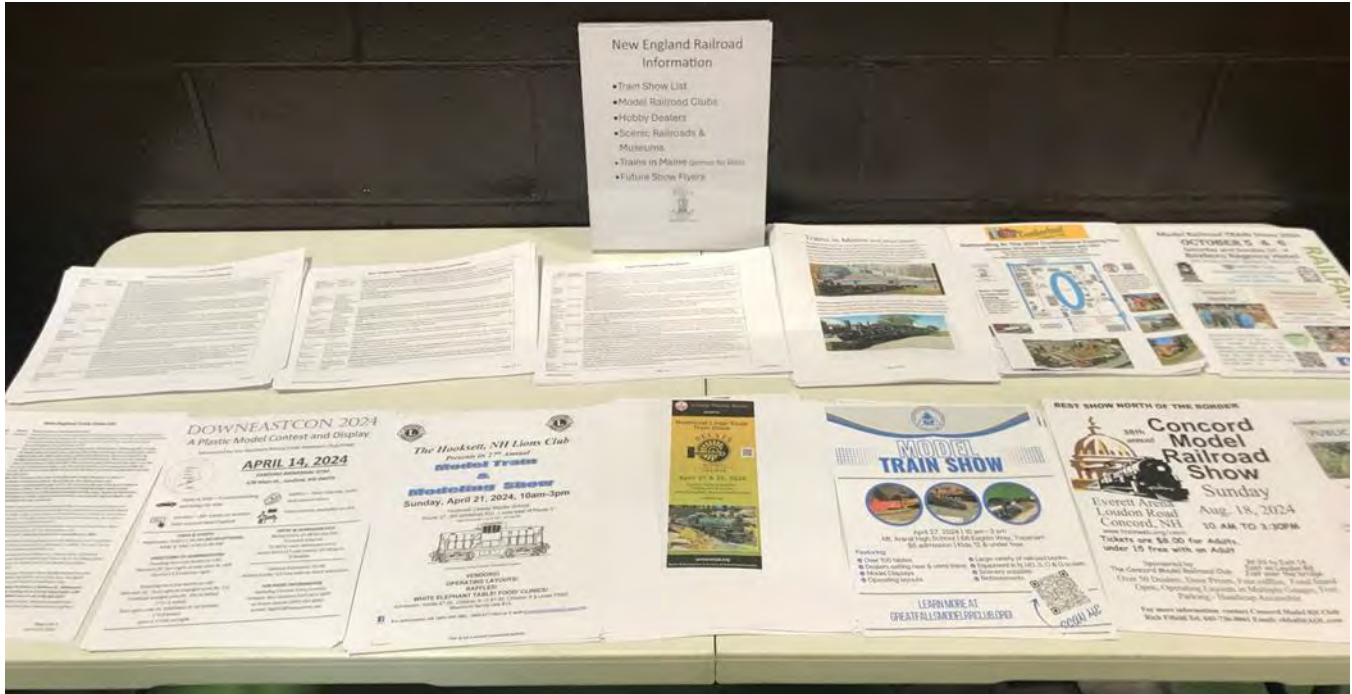
Other vendors included Norm's Train Shop from Casco and Simon's Model Trains.





## Special Interest Groups:

This group includes organizations and individuals that provide information and/or lobby for public support of their particular train related interest. To some degree they are a drag to show profitability in that they don't rent tables or pay admission, but they do add flavor to the show and representatives can become customers. The most benign and informative was Sam Carr's New England Model Railroading handout table. When a guest has a model train question then most likely Sam has a lead to the answer on his table. No cost, no sales, just pure information.



Proportionately there appeared to be more of these groups than normal. Examples of groups participating included:







Customers/General Public:

A healthy number of folks participated through most of the day. It is hard to decipher who was a vendor, exhibitor, lobbyist, or general public. What I do know, and I am clearly biased, is that nearly everyone at some time or other during the show hung out around our table as can be seen in the following shots:







Photography by Art Shean & Carlton Spring





## Big Trucks & Big Trains = Big Crowd by Art Shean

There is a long-standing tradition in the Town of Topsham that on the Friday of Spring school vacation the town library invites the municipal departments to show off their best and **BIGGEST** equipment. So, from 10am until noon on April 19, 2024, they came to impress, and the crowd responded. The Fire and Rescue Departments arrived early and took the lead spots in the library parking lot. Public Works, Solid Waste, and the Police soon followed.





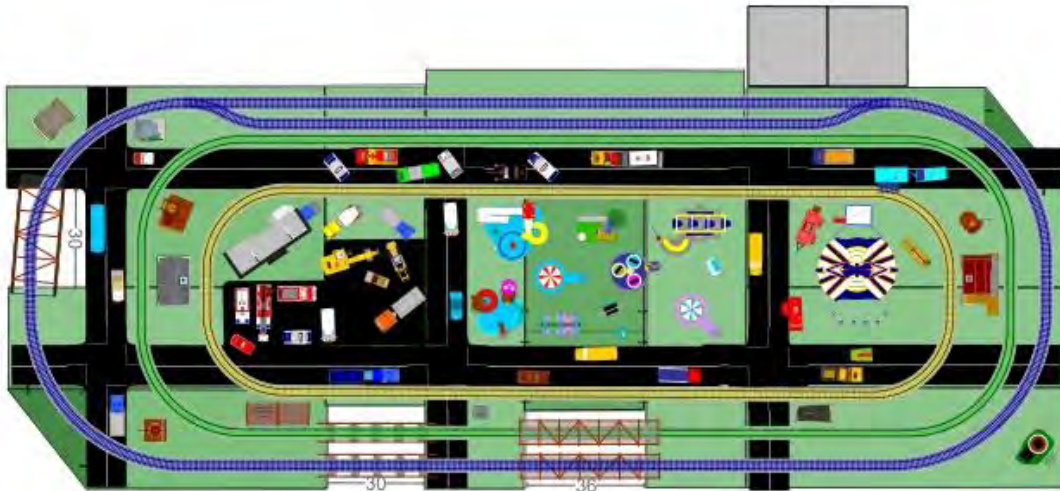




Not to be outdone, the Maine DOT showed up with a large snowplow from their Topsham facility.



Inside the library, for the third year in a row, volunteer Maine 3 Railers mirrored the outside with their own Big Truck & Big Train Day on a 10 ½ foot by 26 ½ foot platform. Lou Bragaw, Sam Carr, Doug Pollock, Art Shean, Carlton Spring, and Ken Thorson arrived in the library Community Room Thursday afternoon before the big day to set up. To stay astride of the Big Truck theme, the crew offered a G-scale layout with trains twice the size of our normal fare. The layout used 178 plus feet of LGB Brass track over 264 square feet of table area to create three independent loops with one siding to stage consists.



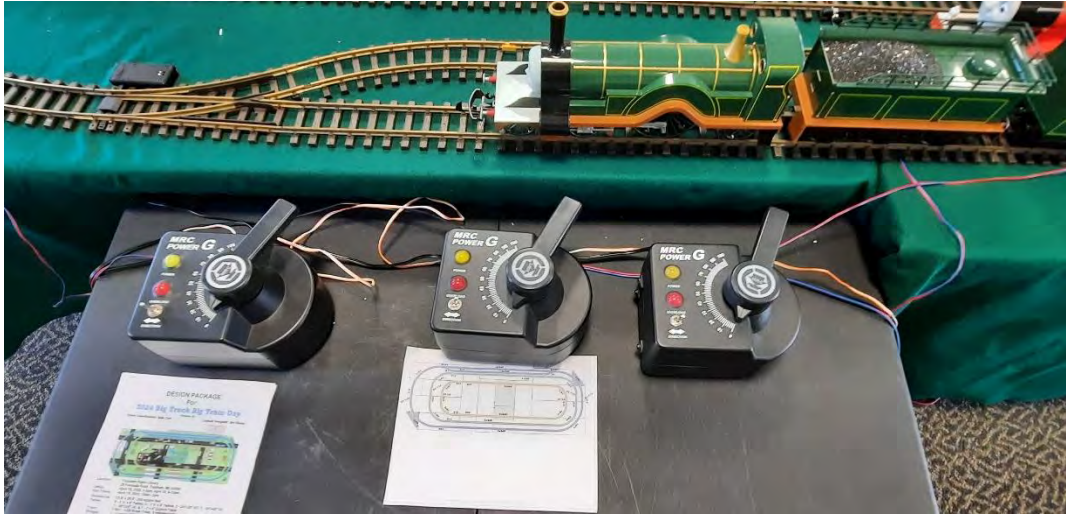


The 78 feet of twelve-inch-wide road created three distinct areas. From left to right the first area was a simulation of the Big Truck Display ongoing in the library parking lot outside. It included the library building, fire truck with raised ladder, and an assortment of other emergency response and construction equipment. The middle area was an operating carnival with Ferris wheel and multiple water slides. While on the left side was a visiting circus with circus tent, acrobats, and a female rock band. The buildings, vehicles, & people were primarily Playmobil products.





The control table was a lot less cluttered than normal because the G-Scale engines we displayed all ran on conventional power.

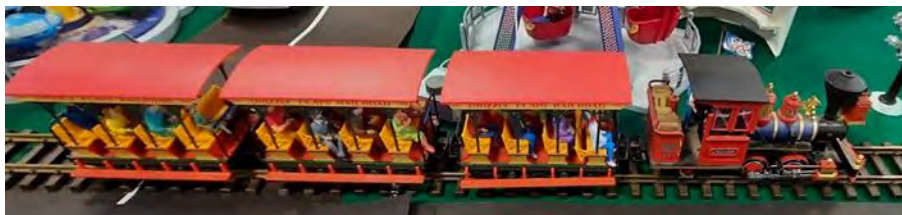
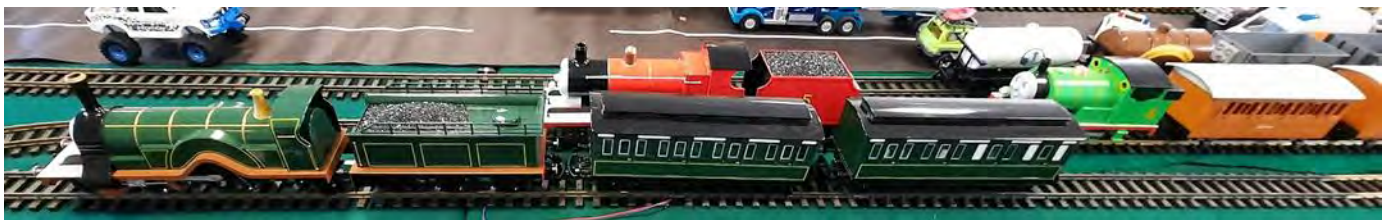


On the tracks we pulled passenger, freight, and mixed consists with four G-Scale Thomas engines (Thomas, Percy, James, and Emilie) and two LGB engines from Sam Carr. Sam also ran an extended trolley car he acquired through his many years in model railroading.

# THOMAS + FRIENDS

THOMAS	BLUE 0-6-0
EMILY	EMERALD 4-2-2
JAMES	RED 2-6-0
PERCY	GREEN 0-4-0

CHLOE + GRIZZLY FLATS TOURIST TRAIN  
ZELL MALLETT STEAM LOCOOTIVE #104  
RED TROLLEY - PACIFIC ELECTRIC #51







On our regular Outreach layouts, we use LionChief controls so that the kids can run the trains. Since we ran conventional on this layout, we needed an alternative activity to keep the kids engaged. So, we ran a combination Disney and Daniel Tiger character scavenger hunt with a Tootsie Pop as a prize. Unfortunately, we had to halt the game after an hour and a half. I underestimated the crowd and my granddaughter, Makenzie Shean, awarded our full supply of 170 pops to winners in the first hour and a half.



## Participation

Did I mention the Crowd? Library staff counted over 700 visitors to their parking lot during the 2-hour open house. An exhausted Doug Pollock's thumb barely made it through the few-hour stint trying to count the visitors on his counter as they came into view the Big Train display. As you can see from the following pictures, the crowd was intense.







At one point Ken Thorson thought that he needed to scream to break the built up intensity.



All in All, it turned out to be a good day for all!

Photography by Art Shean & Carlton Spring





## M3R Meet N' Greet in the Mt. Ararat H.S. Gym by

Art Shean

Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> the Maine 3-Railers turned out in force to support the 2024 Spring Great Falls Model Railroad Club Train Show. Over thirty members participated as either vendors, visitors, or model train display crew – more than most Monthly

Club meetings we hold on Zoom. Gene Thayer, Club President, even conducted an informal session to recognize three members for their service to the Club. Club members selling railroad goods and visiting the show included the following (Although we may have missed a few):



### Vendors/Lobbyists:

George Small  
Vic Fuller  
Bill Halley  
Peter Hanson  
Brian Inch  
Dave Kenyon  
Richard Ridolfo  
Emily & Susie Sullivan

### Visitors:

Peter Colesworthy  
Sal Devita  
Jerry Gotreau  
Fred Guth  
Mark Lasher  
David Smith  
Ernie Vannah

In that this show followed the SMMRC show by only two weeks, the special interest groups representing their causes were much the same. One new addition was our Club member, George Small representing the 470 Railroad Club.

Set up for the show began Friday evening from 5-8pm and followed up Saturday morning from 7-9am. About sixteen members helped set up, operate, or dismantle our 17x18 foot 210 square foot model train display. They included:

### Display Crew:

John Ash	Roy Bischoff
Paul Brown	Sam Carr
Dave Christie	Jack Dexter
Tom Hartwell	Dave Hodgkiss
Dana Lipson	Art Shean
Carlton Spring	Gene Thayer
Ken Thorson	Walt Voskian
Caleb Westra	Jay Westra

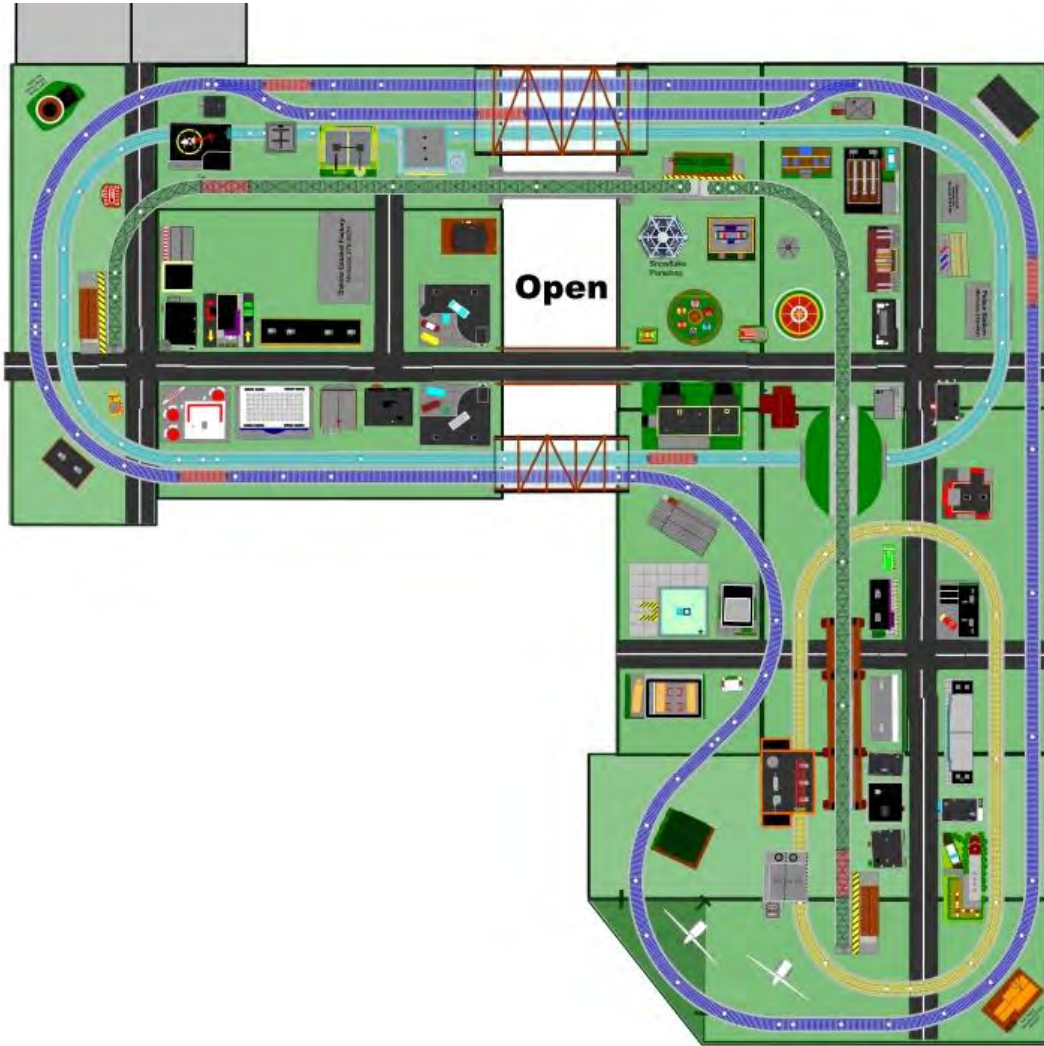


The layout used twelve folding tables arranged in a "L" shape with the open side toward the incoming crowd. Using 163 plus feet of Lionel FasTrack, the crew created three independent track loops with a through siding to stage consists and two elevated trolley lines. The track ran over and under five bridges and the Club's MTH Over/Under Tunnel. Key highlights included a five-ride carnival, two auto dealerships, an animated MTH fire station, hospital, police station, power plant, and two Dana Sullivan memorial wind Generators. In total we displayed 68 buildings, 53 plus feet of 6" wide asphalt road and a box full of vehicles and trees.

One member tried to convince visitors that the hot air in the gym was driving the wind generators to power the trains on the table. Most thought about it for a moment then raised the obvious question.



# THE PLAN



# THE REALITY













During set up one of our newest members found a new permanent job for future set-ups. Caleb Westra learned that his unique physical prowess made him an ideal candidate to chase wires under the tables.



## THE TRAIN SHOW

Although the GFMRC Train Show followed the SMMRC Show by only two weeks, it was well attended, was in a larger venue, appeared to have a broader range of vendors, and was consolidated into a single hall. Great Falls personnel did an excellent job managing the setup, floor plan, operation, and show closeout. The show had welcoming hostesses, easy access, wide aisles, an accommodating snack bar and crew, plenty of operating layouts, and a unique, recently discovered, and highly detailed N-scale model train diorama on display as visitors entered the main hall.



The unique antique model train layout was displayed in a glass cabinet on the left side as you entered the gym. To truly appreciate this display required much more than a casual glance. The cabinet alone required eight men to carry it into the hall and place on the eight-foot table. The following description was placed on the table in front of the cabinet in a feeble attempt to share how special this model is and how lucky that it survived to be displayed:



*This decades old layout was rescued from a horse stable a few years ago where it had been in storage for years. It was stored on its side, which is a testament to the original builder as it remained virtually undamaged. Currently the original builder is not known, but the current owner has been tracking the layouts ownership and is confident that he'll soon find out who the master modeler was. Credit should be given where credit is due.*

*The new owner's plan is to fully restore the layout and make it operational. Amazingly, most of the track is functional and very little needs to be done to the scenery.*

*Things to take note of:*

- *The rail spur on the far front right of the layout is narrow gauge. If you follow it, the builder incorporated it into dual gauge where both the narrow gauge and standard gauge share one rail. A common practice in real railroading. A very uncommon practice in modeling and if one follows the dual gauge in the layout, they'll see that it includes dual gauge switches. Quite remarkable.*
- *A turntable operates remotely, as do all of the switches.*
- *There are automatic uncouplers for the old Rapido style couplers.*
- *There is a poker game where one can read the suits on the cards.*
- *One of the gold mines is doing quite well and if one looks high up on the mountain, there is a huge nugget waiting to be found.*
- *It's a somber day as a funeral is being performed.*
- *There's a working waterfront.*

*How many other tiny details can you find?*

Below I offer a few shots of this very special layout, but they do not do the display true justice:







Just a few shots to demonstrate the breadth and magnitude of the vendor offerings available at the show:







Throughout the day I found myself wandering from our layout to the vendors, snack bar, rest room, and back again. Each time I had to convince myself to holdout for the best deals. Sometimes I found the item I wanted was gone but I did find a few good buys:



If you missed this show, come next year. If you attended, then you understand where I'm coming from, and maybe you found a few buys as well.

Photography by Art Shean, Carlton Spring, and Jay Westra





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

The Westbrook show was a great layout with many happy involved people. Sam Carr trained many new engineers so they can enjoy our great hobby or sport. Many kids were running the trains and passing the remotes to other young engineers and teaching them. It was great to watch!



There was a lady standing near me also watching everything. We both saw a young girl running the trains and having a great time. Suddenly she saw this young man near her and walked up to him and asked if he would like to run the trains. He looked at her, smiled, and said yes. She handed him the remote. I said to the lady next to me, "That is what the world needs more of." "That was fantastic", she replied. I was thinking the exact same thing, and we had a good conversation for about 10 - 15 minutes.

Later, I talked with a military man, and he told me some of his stories?? Apparently, he had some kind of a run-in and got into hot water. Had some hard times and wanted to get out of the service. So, when his time was over, the Sarge asked if he still wanted to get out. He replied, "No, I am going to stay in." The Sarge said, "Good!" After reupping, the man found out that all the charges against him had been dropped and he went on with his new tour of service. U meet GREAT People at train shows.

The Big Trucks and Big Trains Day at the Topsham Library was just that – BIG! The outside was packed and the crowds of young and not so young were like the event, BIG & BIGGER and that crowd came inside to see our layout.





Outside the crowd looked BIG, inside the crowd looked HUGE!

Despite the crowding, we had a fantastic time with train derailments, Thomas engines twice the size of those we normally run, an auto accident with full emergency vehicle response, our own model big truck display next to a model Topsham Library and other miscellaneous rail events. With all this, we also ran a Disney figures scavenger hunt. The crowd was so big that we ran out of tootsie pops, and scavenger hunt slips. I thought I was going to have to ice my thumb on my counter because it got numb pressing so many times and so fast. What a Big day we all had! The library lady, Mariah, said they counted over 700 visitors outside in only 2 hours. B Safe Doug

## MODEL RAILROADING



Progress on the Grand Hotel, Freeport Hose Tower, & Ridlon School Fine Scale Models by Jan Williams

Progress on the models this month has been a matter of small, incremental steps across the board. Progress is satisfying, and I'm happy with the way these buildings are going...

Grand Hotel - For my layout

The 3d printed keystones are installed. A small step, but I'm really happy with them. Details make a model work, and I'm delighted with these. Right picture illustrates the keystones above the first story windows.



The next step is detailing the roof. I've emptied my details bins looking for roof bits; I have lots to choose from... See picture Left.

Freeport Hose Tower - For the M3R Layout

I've begun with the office building – pictures to the right and below illustrate progress:







Ridlon School - For the M3R layout, and Hiram Historical Society

This one room schoolhouse in Hiram, built in 1817, has been a fun project so far. I'm building two structures, one for the club and the other for the Hiram Historical Society (HHS). Wife Sally is Curator of the HHS; we have a lot of research on this sad little building. Sally is spearheading a project to save the building and reconstruct it in another location in Hiram.

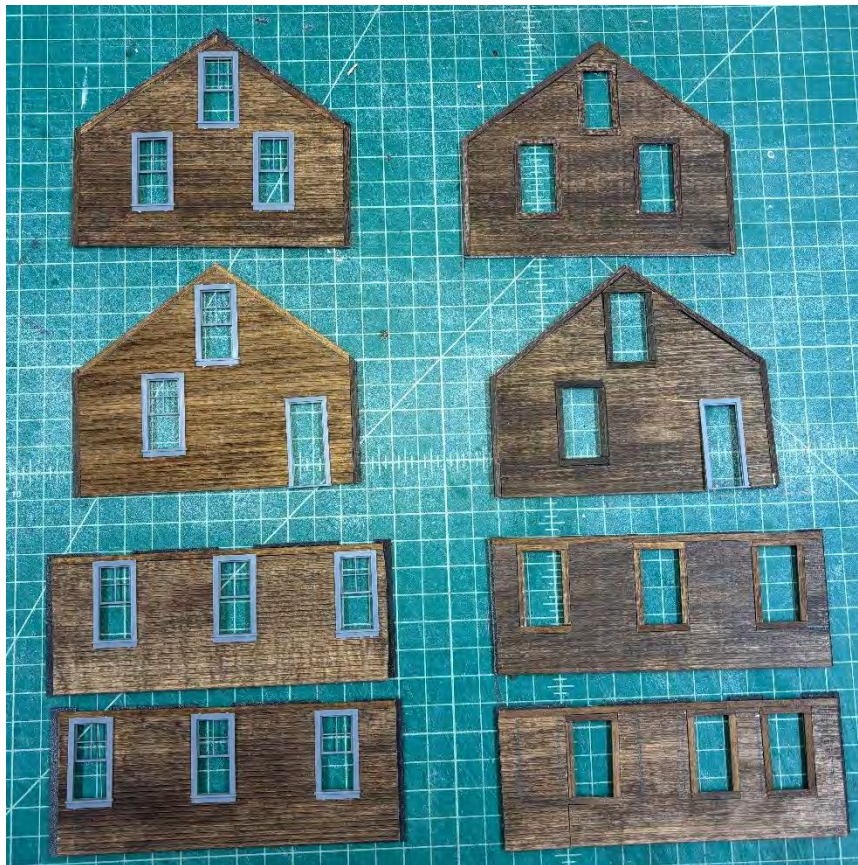


At some point in the 1930s a vestibule was added to the building; I'm modelling the building as it was in 1817. One challenge in modelling historic buildings is the windows. Tichy offers a fine selection of window sizes, but even their range has limits. Window differences define the two different Ridlon models.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s schools took class photos outside the school building, so we have glimpses of the building. We have evidence that the building originally had six over six windows. Tichy and other suppliers do not make six over six windows to fit our schoolhouse. For the society (Left Side Below) I will be using clear acrylic and chartpak tape to fabricate the six over six windows. For the club (Right Side below), Tichy makes four over four windows that exactly match the building.



That's what I'm using. Hey, the guys in the club don't know about the six over six windows until they read this article....



### Kids Caboose by Jay Westra

For April school vacation our family traveled to Colorado to visit my brother and his young family. They live in Golden, outside of Denver, and we made time for several train related activities during our visit. On the first day we brought our kids and their cousins, four (4) kids under 8, to the Colorado Railroad

Museum which happens to be in the same town. This has indoor and outdoor exhibits which Caleb last visited when he was just 2 years old. So, it was great to be back when he could enjoy it in new ways. Unfortunately, they weren't running any trains that day, but he was excited to see it all, starting with a very detailed HO layout in the basement. It wasn't manned and very interestingly had a quarter-operated system to start a train around the track. This worked quite well and kept the kids entertained:

The model included many scenes in great detail including an old mining town, country fair, and trestle bridge. Next, we visited a





mock telegraph room where the kids could operate a telegraph key and see it tap on the opposite end of the wire. Amazing to explain how people communicated prior to cell phones. Afterward we headed outdoors where the kids could climb into several trains including a narrow-gauge steam engine and ring the train bell via a rope (Sophie's favorite).

Caleb particularly loved the large rotary snowplow C&S Rotary 99201. It was receiving the finishing touches of a new paint job so gleamed black and red in the bright Colorado sun. We were so captivated we apparently forgot to take a photo. Luckily there is a short video of it here- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiepxWVjNbg>.



We also strolled down to the large turntable and adjacent roundhouse where volunteers were meticulously restoring several train cars, piece by piece. Other favorites from the museum included the large, beautiful Rio Grande #5771, an operating crossing bell, and two Shay engines.







Another day I happened to search online for model train stores and was excited to find one just 15 minutes away, Rocky Mountain Train Supply. They were well-stocked with supplies for Z scale up to G scale. We obviously couldn't leave empty handed so Caleb picked out a lightly used Lionel 2945 wood chip hopper to add to his layout. The trick was carefully packing it for the return trip in our luggage, but thankfully it made it unscathed. All around it was great fun to see railroading in another part of the country and to share it with their cousins.



That's all for now,





## Pine Tree Power 8 - BL2 by Jeff Jacobs

We back up a little in this Pine Tree Power article and explore the iconic BL2 by EMD. Less than 60 were made with 8 ending up at the Bangor and Aroostook and 4 at the Boston & Maine – that’s 20% ending up here in New England.

The BL part of the name stands for “branch line” where these switcher locos were designed to serve. As such, the side shell was sloped downward from the cab giving the engineer better visibility than the former F & E units from EMD. Alas this left no room for catwalks along the locomotive sides.



(BL2 #557 is now on display at the Cole Transportation Museum in Bangor.)

Another drawback to the BL2 was its “car body” construction which consisted of a truss frame integral to the body. Some claim this resulted in a weaker engine with no real frame linking the two powered trucks and couplers at either end of the unit. If you were a dispatcher about to put a lash-up together to haul a long string of loaded potato cars, where would you place the BL2? Probably not after 3 GEEPS and just before a hundred reefers filled with produce – that would put a lot of end-to-end stress on the BL2’s truss frame. I have not heard stories of a BL2 being pulled apart, so crews must have been thoughtful about consist placement. The GP7 design which followed the BL2 (and was also used by the B&A) had a conventional frame.

The BL2 was reluctantly introduced as the prototype BL1 in 1948 as EMD’s answer to its competitor’s ‘Road Switcher’ engines (Alco RS1 and RS2). EMD had dominated the steam to diesel transition era with its E and F units but the BL2 did not share that popularity. Some say that the railroads just didn’t want new engines for branch service – they would simply put their older equipment to work there and spend their money on new equipment for mainline tasks.

Power for the BL2 was the reliable 16-cylinder 567B producing 1500 HP. This would become the prime mover for the GP7 which was far more successful than the BL2.

The BAR had a variety of paint schemes for its BL2’s as they roamed the BAR circuit with their sister locos.





This interesting night photo captured all 3 schemes at once:





Meanwhile, the Boston & Maine stayed with a maroon & gold stripe paint scheme.



As usual, I selected a particular engine for this column because it has been modeled in O scale. Here we see the Williams conventional powered O Scale unit in B&M colors:



Here is one of the BAR paint schemes offered by MTH Premier, 20-2685-1





I like the simplicity of the dark blue BAR paint as seen on this 20-2315-1 This is an MTH PS2 premier engine:



Below is a photo of the Williams BAR BL2, powered by 2 conventional motors and with a horn. Member John Harper recently donated a unit like this to M3R for use on the L.L. Bean display.



Whether you love or hate the unconventional look of EMD's BL2, if you find one for your O gauge layout, it will turn heads and you will be presenting the Maine colors for your family and friends.

--The End--



# Maine 3 Railers Upcoming Schedule of Events

## Maine 3 Railers Events

- May 11 **Open House, Swap Meet, Tour of Brian Inch's New Model Train Layout, and Classic Car Show** at Model Rail Scenes, 227 Water St., Augusta, ME 04330. 10am - 2pm.
- May 30 **Thomas Memorial Library**, 6 Scott Dyer Rd, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107. Setup at 8am with trains running from 10am-3pm. (Outreach Team)
- Jun 01 **Tour of Jay Stone's Model Train Layout**, 9 Windsor Way, Wells, ME 04090 Hours: 10am-1pm
- Jul 13 **Moxie Festival**, MTM Center, Lisbon Falls, ME 04252. Setup on Friday at 5pm with trains running on Saturday July 13 from 8am-4pm (Outreach Team)
- Aug 17 **Joe Landry's Open House and Train Show** at 19 Orestis Way, Lewiston, ME 04240 from 1-5pm
- Sep 22-28 **Cumberland Fair**, 197 Blanchard Rd., Cumberland, ME 04021. Running trains from 9am-9pm daily. Setup at 8am Saturday Sep 21 and move out at 8am Sunday Sep 29.

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

- May 09 Regular Monthly Club Meeting

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

- May 23 Roundhouse Session, Topic: Reorganization for Future Meetings

## Maine 3 Railers Group Email:

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

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

Once subscribed you can email all other M3R members by addressing your email to [m3r@groups.io](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.



# Maine 3 Railers Elected Officers and Appointed Positions

## Elected Officers and Executive Board

**President, 2023-2024**



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**Secretary, 2023-2024**



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Richard Ridolfo,  
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## Appointed Positions and Committees

**Club Car Committee:** Richard Ridolfo, Chair  
Members: Jerry Gotreau, Peter Hanson, & Tom Hartwell

**Club Car and Merchandise Sales:**

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**Event Coordinator:** Sam Carr

**M3R Activities Committee:** Bernie Pender, Chair  
Members: Dave Hodgkiss, Mark David, & Rick Hills

**Gifts Manager:** Vacant

**Train Show Committee:** Richard Ridolfo, Chair  
Members: Sam Carr, Vic Fuller, Bill Halley, Peter Hanson, Tom Hartwell, & Gene Thayer

**Special Projects Manager:** Jeff Jacobs  
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**Clubhouse Committee:** Dave Hodgkiss, Chair  
Members: TBD

**Event Layout Design:**

Jeff Jacobs (Trailer Events)  
Art Shean (Outreach Events)

**Media Committee:** Vacant, Chair

Members: Conrad Berthiaume, Dana Lindsey, & Douglas Pollock

**Webmaster:**

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