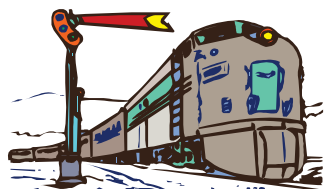




THE SIGNAL



NEXT MEETING

June 17
7:00 p.m.

NEXT MONTH

Deadline for
June
June 25, 2010

MEMBERSHIP

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ATTENDANCE PRIZE

Gabriel Garcia's name was drawn and he was present to win a prize.

Will your name be drawn on June 17?

You have to be present to win!

BOTTLES FOR BASICS

- ◆ YEAR TO DATE: \$65.40
- ◆ THIS MONTH: \$40.25
- ◆ LAST YEAR: \$487.06

GET READY FOR AUGUST 21 YARD SALE

Saturday, August 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. has been selected as the date for the club's yard sale this year. It is the same weekend as the Balloon Festival. Because we now have our occupancy permit, we will be able to have a truly "Rain or Shine" event. Using the inside of the building will allow us to set up without worrying about leaving things outdoors in windy or drizzly conditions. This will also allow more space for parking. Because it is to be held on a Saturday, club members will be able to park in Goodman's parking lot and leave room for paying customers.

Proceeds from the yard sale items are dedicated to the G-Gauge layout. This year excess inventory model railroad supplies will be available for sale and the raffle layout will also be used to produce income.

Even though this is a yard sale and most of the people come for that purpose, the building will be open for those who wish to visit our library or tour our model railroad layout areas.

By Paul Lodge



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GUEST SPEAKER FOR JUNE MEETING

At the June 17 club meeting, author Douglas Hodgkin of Lewiston will speak about the early beginnings of The Lewiston and Auburn Railroad Company and his new book which documents its history. The railroad brought many Franco-American people from Quebec who worked in the mills and populated Lewiston, Auburn and the surrounding area. The railroad terminated at the Grand Trunk Depot on Lincoln Street in Lewiston, where for several years The Great Falls Model Railroad Club set up modules for the Twin

City Balloon Festival in August.

Mr. Hodgkin will bring copies of his book, "The Lewiston and Auburn Railroad Company 1872-2009" to sign and sell. One book will be donated to the club to use for a raffle drawing that evening. Come, have some fun, and learn more about the local history revolving around our favorite subject—TRAINS.

By Paul Lodge

MINUTES OF MAY MEETING

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Gabriel Garcia (yellow hat) and his mother Marissa.

Steve Hall is in the background.

Photo by Terry King

The evening's *TRAIN TIME* program featured the Union Pacific in California's Tehachapi Pass.

President Stephen Martelli opened the meeting and asked for the Secretary's Report. A motion was made and accepted to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter.

Tom Coulombe was at a railroad conference in Canada and could not give the Treasurer's Report. Terry King gave the annual report for Tom. It was approved as given.

Dick Clark reported for the Modular Committee. The next show will be in Portland in October. He thanked all the club members who helped at our successful Topsham show.

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on Saturday, August 21, will help finance the G-Gauge layout.

Ed and Brenda Leslie distributed invitations and maps to their G-Gauge outdoor layout in Casco. Their garden railroad will be open on June 5 starting at 12:30, and visitors should bring lawn chairs and bag lunches. Ed invited club members to bring their G-Gauge engines and/or rolling stock to run on the layout. There will be a 50-50 raffle and a silent auction as a fund-raiser for the club's G-Gauge layout. Everyone is invited. Copies of the invitation and map are available at their email address: mrandmrsdeere@maine.rr.com

Travis Johnson, Russell Hall, and Tom Jones all spoke about the progress on the HO layout. All of them stressed the idea that they can use more help in benchwork construction, wiring, and laying cork roadbed and track. Progress is being made on wiring the helix for DCC, and they expect the helix district to be wired and usable in about a month. Tom Jones suggested that in the fall we have a demonstration of the DCC system so that club members can get familiar with the system and the operation of the layout.

Rob Roy announced that the N-scale layout now has the homasote laid and they are making progress in designing the track layout.

President Martelli asked that drawings be submitted to him for the "Spike" character to represent the club.

Don Lush reported that he still needs to contact someone concerning the suggested security system to find out about costs and other specifics.

The next item on the agenda was the election of officers. President Martelli asked if there were any additional nominations. Terry King made a motion which passed that nominations cease.

Ballots were distributed to the eligible voters. Paul Lodge, Gordon Draper, and Gary Thibeault were appointed to tabulate the ballots. The officers elected for the next year are as follows:

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



First of all, I would like to thank the nominating committee for putting my name on the ballot and thank all the club members who showed faith in me and honored me by voting for me to be your President. I would like to thank Rob Roy for serving as VP, Tim Tyce as Director, and Larry Cannon for his work as Past President. Of course, I could not go without thanking Stephen Martelli as our outgoing president. Stephen has worked very hard over the past year getting the club through the many challenges that came before us. As the immediate Past President, Stephen will continue to serve on the Executive Committee. I would also like to welcome Dick Clark as Vice President, and Howard Palmer and Roger Allen as Directors this coming year.

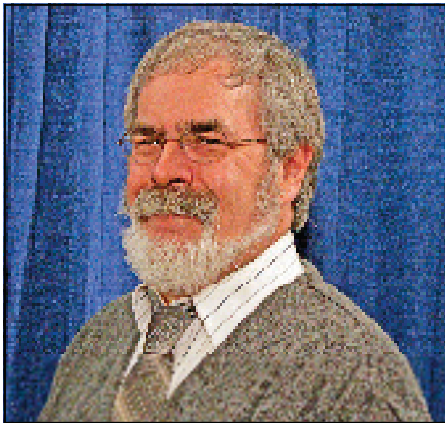
It seems not all that long ago I was told of a model railroad club that met down in a basement on Canal Street. I've always loved trains and, like most people, I got my first one for Christmas many, many years ago. My dad and a friend helped set it up on a 4 x 8 sheet and I think they played with it more than I did that night. Since then, I've moved many times, pulled out the set (Yes, Tom Jones, it was a Santa Fe Lionel HO), used it a little and put it back in the box for another day. The days turned into months, then years, and the old set sat in a box in the basement.

The first time I saw the layout down there on Canal Street, it blew my mind! Different levels, many trains

running at the same time. WOW!!!...and the best part was how helpful the members were that were running the session at the time. They were willing to show me how to control trains and actually let me take one around the layout by myself that morning. It was a great time. We had some snacks and talked about the club and trains in general. I felt this was something I could become a part of and have a good time.

That was about six years ago. I have attended many meetings and train shows since then and have enjoyed the friends I have made. We have stepped up

in the world, moved to our own building and are now in the process of building not one but three layouts at the same time! I am very proud to be a member of The Great Falls Model Railroad Club and so should YOU! If you haven't been down to the building lately, stop by on a Saturday morning or Wednesday night. You'll be amazed at the work that has been done. If you have been driving your friends crazy talking about the club, bring them down! We have a very nice building and every member should be proud to show



President, Rick James

it off.

I will be working to get all the standing committees filled for this new year. Feel free to give me a call if you have an interest in any position.

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Ricks' photo was taken by Dale Darling.

BAR LOCOMOTIVES



All three of the pictures to the left, are BAR scans from the Kingston collection of 11,000 slides that member Gordon Draper is scanning. Number 34 is a GE model Y.

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MINUTES CONTINUED

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After the elections, the attendance prize was drawn. Gabriel Garcia was in attendance and selected an Operation Lifesaver hat.

For the past two months, the N-scale group has been selling raffle tickets on a knife and watch set. Irving Young's name was drawn. Irving donated the set back to the club so that it could be used again to help raise money for the N-scale group.



The meeting adjourned and members enjoyed a beautifully decorated cake brought for the annual meeting.

For the evening's clinic, Howard Palmer demonstrated a home-made static generator. His device is used to make special scenery grass stand vertically as it is being charged by the static generator. This creates realistic-looking grass to be used as part of the scenery on a layout.



These are the attendance prizes that are available, if your name is drawn at the meeting and you are there.
by Terry King

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Saturday, Work Session 9:00 a.m.
Every Wednesday Work Session 6:00 p.m.

June

9 Executive Committee 7:00 p.m.
17 Meeting 7:00 p.m.

July

7 Executive Committee 7:00 p.m.
15 Meeting 7:00 p.m.
31 Seacoast Division Meeting 10:00 a.m.

August

11 Executive committee 7:00 p.m.
19 Meeting 7:00 p.m.
21 Yard sale 8:00 - 3:00

RAFFLE LAYOUT CAN BE BORROWED

Does your community have a summer event? For example, West Paris has "Old Home Days," Greene has "Greene Village Day," and New Gloucester has a special event which includes tractors, old cars, and crafts. The Great Falls Model Railroad Club's raffle layout can be used at these events to help earn income for the club.

It is not unusual to earn as much as \$100.00 on a one-day event. Two days is even better. Jeff and Beth Chaffee have used the raffle layout at a camp ground. You may be involved in other events at which the raffle layout can be used. Contact Paul Lodge (966-3641) (paulldodge@zwi.net) and make arrangements to use the layout.

By Paul Lodge

