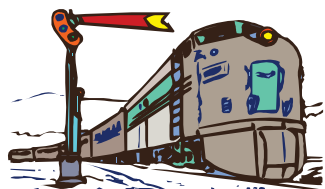




# THE SIGNAL



## NEXT MEETING

July 15  
7:00 p.m.

## NEXT MONTH

Deadline for  
August  
July 23, 2010

## MEMBERSHIP

105

## ATTENDANCE PRIZE

Zachary Donald 's  
Name was drawn and  
he was present to win  
a prize.

Will your name be  
drawn on July 15?  
You have to be  
present to win!

## BOTTLES FOR BASICS

- ◆ YEAR TO DATE: \$101.70
- ◆ THIS MONTH: \$36.30
- ◆ LAST YEAR: \$487.06

## THE LESLIE'S GARDEN RAILFAN DAY

On June 12 the high ball was given for a Railfan day aboard the Potato Blossom Route in South Casco. The garden railway, owned and operated by Ed and Brenda Leslie, consists of two main loops, a point-to-point track, and a small loop to one side. When the first guest David Kierstead arrived, his 10-wheel locomotive, with about five passenger cars, was assigned to the lower front loop. On the upper loop with its long trestle overlooking the lower, Ed's BAR GP38-2 locomotive pulled several freight cars. On the point-to-point track, a custom-decorated consist with the Bridgton & Saco River logo ran for the duration of the afternoon. A jeweled Egg-Liner from Aristo Craft circled the small loop. All afternoon guests took turns running their own equipment on the two main loops. Irving Young's grandchildren ran their 10-wheel steam locomotive for the very first time.

Inside the Leslie home, guests admired the collection of John Deere memorabilia, the Z-scale and N layouts, Brenda's handicraft, and the "bird sanctuary." Outside Ed displayed his collection of vintage tractors and farm equipment. Additional locomotives and railcars for the Potato Blossom Route were exhibited in the little red storage caboose near the upper tracks.

The G-Scalers group also held a fifty/fifty raffle, a silent auction, and a plant sale, raising a total of \$105 to go toward the building of the club's G-scale layout. Thanks to Paul Lodge, Dick Clark, and Stephen Martelli for helping run these fundraisers.



Ed & Brenda Leslie's layout

If you missed this occasion, you missed a great time. Trains ran smoothly and everyone enjoyed the comradery of friends, club members, and their families. Of course, since it is a garden railway, guests chattered about everything from trains to plants. Because of the success of this Railfan day, it has been suggested that the G-scalers host another event.

by Ed & Brenda Leslie

## CLUB VESTS AVAILABLE

Club members have been asking for new vests to be made. The new blue vests will be made by Tom Coulombe's sister and the club logo will be screen printed on the back.

These vests have been a way to identify club members at shows and model railroad activities. Non-members who come to train shows have commented that they are impressed by the number of club members who participate in the activity, and the pride shown in the good-looking attire.

The vest will also have the club patch sewn on

the front. The cost of the vest, club patch, and screen printing will be a very reasonable \$22.

Everyone interested in ordering a vest should contact Tom Coulombe to order one. Telephone: 784-5862 or email: [ctcoulombe@hotmail.com](mailto:ctcoulombe@hotmail.com)

By Paul Lodge

# MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING

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The evening's *TRAIN TIME* program featured the Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes Railroad in Phillips.

Guest speaker Douglas Hodgkin used a Power Point presentation of pictures to illustrate the history of the 5.4 miles of track owned by the Lewiston and Auburn Railroad Company, which is the subject of his latest book. The track went from the Grand Trunk station on Lincoln Street in Lewiston to the current repair facility owned by the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad at Lewiston Junction in Auburn.

President Rick James 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 gave the Treasurer's Report, which was approved as presented. Using the projector, Tom gave a detailed report of the proposed budget for the next year from June 2010 through May 2011.

As Building Manager, Tom reported on the progress being made on our facility. One of the next projects will be to sand the floor in the G-scale area so that the G-scale group can start putting up benchwork.

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Rob Roy reported for the N-scale group. The benchwork is up and plywood and homasote have been installed. The N-scale group is now ready to get to work on the project.

Dick Clark reported for the G-scale group. Ed and Brenda Leslie had an open house at their layout on Saturday, June 12. With a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and plant sales, the event earned \$105 for the G-scale group.

Dick also said that the Modular group will have its next show in Portland on Saturday, October 2.

President Rick James announced that the club is

going to join the Lewiston/Auburn (Androscoggin County) Chamber of Commerce later this year.

Tom Coulombe reported that the details for the club vests have been finalized, and they should cost \$22 each. He asked club members to see him after the meeting to sign up and indicate sizes for the vests so that enough of the proper sizes can be made.

President James said that information about the club car will be available at the next meeting.

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The winning raffle ticket was drawn for the book donated by Douglas Hodgkin, *The Lewiston and Auburn Railroad Company*. Skip Wilson was the winner. The raffle netted the club \$65 thanks to Mr. Hodgkin.

The name drawn for the monthly Attendance Prize was Zachary Donald of Jay. He was not in attendance, so the prize will be held over to the next meeting.



Pictures of our truck.

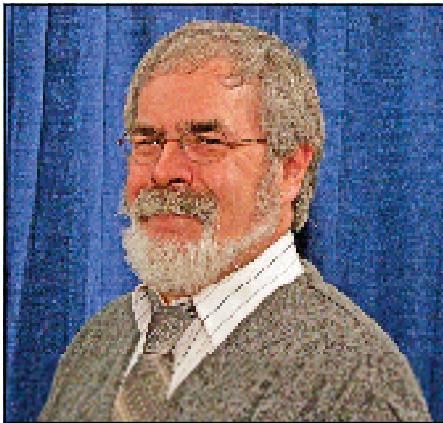
Photos by Terry King

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Well, it wasn't that long ago we were clearing snow out of the yard and waiting for the sound of the lawnmower to replace the snow blower. Those days are here now and it's time to go out and enjoy the summer. During the past holiday weekend, the wife and I went camping up the coast to Southport and had a great weekend, which included a ride on the Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway. The people at the WW&F were great and even offered us a cab ride! Of course, we took them up on it. We were amazed at how much skill it took for the engineers to control the boiler, watching all the dials and gauges to make sure everything was where it needed to be. Everything ran great--no problems on that run--thanks to all the hours that were put into training before even one shovel of coal was put into the firebox.

The same can be said about the Great Falls Model Railroad Club. Terry King puts out this newsletter every month, and Tom Coulombe makes sure all the bills are paid. Tom Jones and his crew are working on the HO layout downstairs, Dick Clark is helping to get the G-scale group going, and Rob Roy is working on the N-scale. While all of this is going on,



President, Rick James

Jerry Johnson is always looking for holes to fix in the walls, sometimes after Stephen Martelli finishes one of the many projects he has done on the building over the years. Many others have done so much to get us where we are, and we must not lose sight of the fact that it took all those hands to get us there.

The new project on the building is sanding the floors upstairs. That job was started the week of June 20, and so far it looks great! By the time the July meeting comes, things will be looking great in the meeting room. Thanks to those whose hard work is making this happen.

I would like to thank Ed and Brenda Leslie for hosting a G-scale party at their place in Casco. Everyone seemed to have good time, even those who model different scales. What could be better than playing trains on a nice early summer afternoon?

As you work around your house the next month or so, if you see something that you can part with, set it aside for the yard sale on August 21. In order to have the space needed to work on finishing the floors, we will wait until August 14 to begin collecting the yard sale items at the clubhouse. The G-scale group will benefit from this sale, and they are looking for all that fine stuff to fill our yard.

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## JUNE'S MEETING SPECIAL

The regular monthly meeting of **The Great Falls Model Railroad Club** included some unusual features..

Rob Roy had taken pictures of the G-scale layout at Ed and Brenda Leslie's open house on Saturday, June 12. Rob made a DVD of the pictures and projected them on the wall for everyone to enjoy. The slides included pictures of the members who attended the event, as well as pictures of the G-scale trains.

In the G-scale room near the entrance to the club meeting room, Dick Clark set up a flat screen TV and showed videos of four G-scale outdoor layouts including his own and Ed and Brenda Leslie's. Next to the television were several items for a silent auction to benefit the G-scale layout.

For the first time, Tom Coulombe used the projector to show the proposed budget for the next year. Projecting the figures on the wall made the presentation much clearer because everyone could see the extent of the accounting used in developing the budget.

Another special feature of the evening was collecting \$65 for the club by raffling a book donated by Douglas Hodgkin about the Lewiston Auburn Railroad Company.

The person coming from the longest distance must have been the guest from Arizona.

By Paul Lodge

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**G-Scalers Group**

The room is cleaned out and the walls and ceiling are painted. Whooooo-hooooo !!!! A big thank you goes to the building committee for a job well done. Now we can start to fill the room again with a G-Scale model railroad. Irving Young made a very generous donation of most of the lumber needed for the bench work. Stephen Martelli provided enough material to start the framing and bench top for the starter course along the outside wall. Ed Leslie assembled the framing for the east end curved table face and test-fitted it at the group's last meeting. A couple of private donations have been received, and a recent Garden Rail Fan Day at Ed and Brenda Leslie's netted \$105 to go toward the purchase of track. At the June 10 meeting, the G-Scale committee chose a local vendor from whom to purchase all the track and related supplies. There will be a lot of activity in the coming weeks to get the bench work done and start laying track.

In the meantime, check out the progress in the G-Scale room. Please add your support when you encounter one of our fundraisers. The proceeds from the yard sale on Saturday, August 21, will also help the G-Scale layout. As always, anyone is welcome to join us in building this masterpiece. The most important idea to remember is that this layout belongs to the club and is for all to enjoy.

By Ed & Brenda Leslie

**FLOOR FINISHING**

We have started to improve the looks of the club building's first floor. On Saturday, June 19, a floor buffer was rented from Easy Rental and work started on removing the old finish of the lobby portion of the front room. After four hours of sanding, most of the finish was removed. We have applied three coats of polyurethane. On your next visit to the club, please take a look and give your comments as we plan to do the same thing with the main floor. Our goal is to sand the floor over a two- or three-day period, July 16 and 17 after the monthly meeting. We may need two floor sanders and some volunteers to do this. If you can help on these days, please let Tom Coulombe know at the monthly meeting on July 15 or before then.

By Tom Coulombe

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

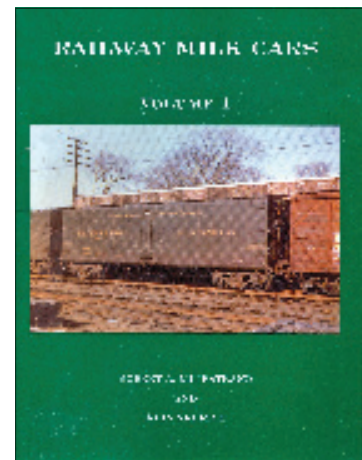
Every Saturday, Work Session 9:00 a.m.  
Every Wednesday Work Session 6:00 p.m.

**JULY**

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

**AUGUST**

- 12 Executive Committee 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Yard sale 8:00 - 3:00



One of the new books available in your library.



This is another scanned image from our collection. Check out the color of the stripes!

