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NEXT MEETING
March 17, 2022
6:45 p.m.

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YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO
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- ◆ December—\$0
- ◆ January—\$0
- ◆ February—\$0

**We are no longer
collecting used
ink cartridges or
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THE GREAT FALLS MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

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MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 17

March is here and we just advanced all the clocks (and it's a good time to check your smoke detector batteries too). The sun has some warmth to it, and we can sense the coming of spring, even in the face of yesterday's snow.

Things to consider for the meeting:

- We need a volunteer to handle the bottle returns (Carl Butland took care of this too)
- Heating oil prices have doubled, as I expect most of us already know. It's more important than ever to sponsor a month of Water and/or Power. We may even consider establishment of a "Petroleum Club" to help us with fuel oil costs.

See you at the meeting on Thursday!

FEBRUARY 17 MEETING MINUTES

Tami Paine — Secretary

Treasure's Report = Not much change; we did pay \$600 for heating oil. The Report was approved

Secretaries report = accepted as printed in the Newsletter

Librarians report

- Rick James is the new Librarian
- Rick will be orienting himself with the Library and the computer
- Larry has offered to help Rick with his new position.
- Don Damour will be donating about 200 books from his collection. We will be going to get these this Saturday, March 19 after the operating session.

Miscellaneous reports

HO Committee

- Keyboard, Monitor and wireless mouse are set up
- Setting up a three track programming station for N, HO and O
- Will be installing a fully illuminated grade crossing
- Had a little water come into the building downstairs

FEBRUARY 17 MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)

G Scale Committee = No Report

N Scale Committee = No Report

O Scale Committee

- Will be worked on by Steve Doughty
- Had a 1960s Marx set donation
- Steve Doughty will continue with George's plans. Will be putting in a tunnel but will be putting off the elevation track for now.
- Steve Doughty will be donating one engine and a car to the layout
- There will be a brass plaque added to Memorialize George

Modelers forum

Was canceled in January

Discussing to give Bob a key to the Building

Everyone is welcome to attend this Forum

New Business:

Discussion about Southern Maine Show in Westbrook

- We will not rent a truck for this show
- Wondering if there are any members that might have a covered truck available
- Will cost \$75. For 6 tables. 6 Members donated to purchase tables for this event.
- Suggestion about possibly having an operating session on Friday evening, May 13th for the Amherst Belt Lines folks (if they come to Westbrook)

3 Rail show at the Augusta Armory on Feb. 19th

A lady has asked for help with a Marx Train. It only runs backwards. This request was referred to a friend of Larry Canon who knows Marx trains.

Carl will be leaving the club and we will need help with yard work, snow removal, mowing and bottles!

Dexter would like to donate a display case to the club.

There was a suggestion to visit Joe Landry's to see his layout.

Guy Lovell was voted in to fill the Director position vacated by Rick James.

It was voted in to start allowing outsiders to rent our hall for Birthday parties and other events for \$25.00 an hour.

50/ 50 Raffle of \$26.00 was won by Guy Lovell

Door Prize was won by Paul Lodge

Meeting was adjourned –
7:40 pm



DONATIONS

It's a whole new year with lots of opportunities to step up and join our Utility Team by sponsoring a month of Water (\$30) and/or Power (\$150) fees.

Dues only cover a small portion of our fixed costs and this program helps fill some of the remaining gaps.

We received \$255 in donations in January, including some Water/Power sponsorships.

Thank you to Ray Houlihan for your Power sponsorship!

CLUB INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2022 OXFORD COUNTY FAIR

By Paul Lodge

The Great Falls Model Railroad Club has been invited again this year to participate in the Oxford County Fair. The directors of the fair were pleased with the response of fairgoers about the displays set up by the club last year. The fair will run from September 14 through September 17 with advance set-up days and a take-down day. All the arrangements will be the same as last year. We will be in the same building and will be able to provide games and sell model railroad products.

The Oxford County Fair is a good venue for introducing model railroading to a new generation of youngsters and their parents. Last year many of the fairgoers saw a variety of model railroad scales they had never heard of. We are looking forward to another year of sharing our model railroading hobby.



MODELER'S FORUM Feb. 24 by Kent Waterson

A small group of modelers gathered after a long break on February 24th. Due to the combined November-December meeting early in December, and then canceling last month due to many members at the Springfield show, many weeks have passed, but the modelers have been busy. Attending that night were Bob Willard, Carmen Anastase, John McMullen and Kent Waterson.

Bob's time had been spent working on a scene for his modular layout. Quелlette Motors is a car dealership and small repair bay which will be part of his Main Street 1936 module. The basic structure was a resin kit, but Bob has added many details. The work bay has numerous added details, and on the outside an air pump and gas pump. A show rack is off to the side, and the interior of the dealership is complete as well. Scenery in front included shrubs that were twisted together from a pair of pipe cleaners to give a shaped set of shrubs out front.

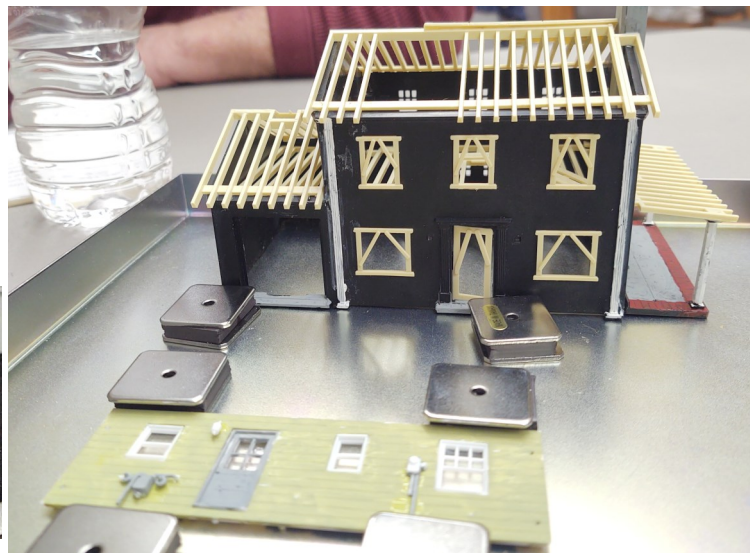
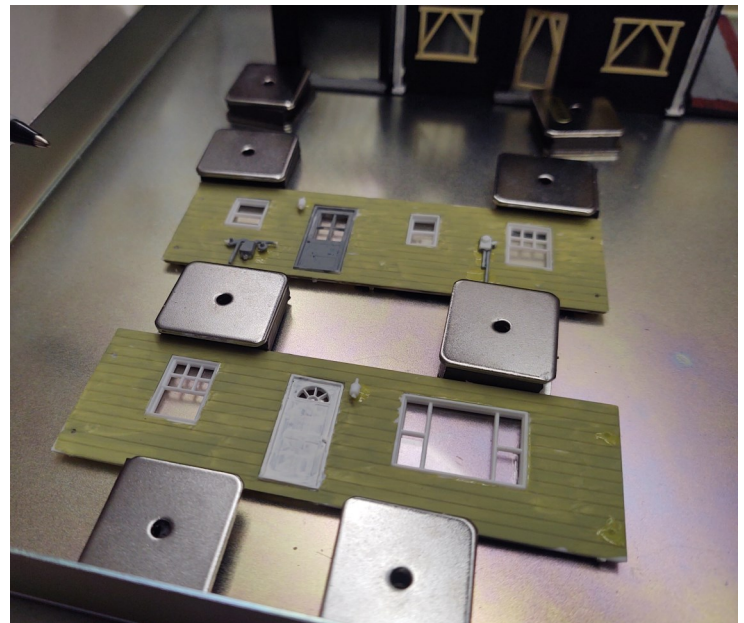


Bob described how in years past that the dealerships would attach a "delivery" motorcycle to a car that was being delivered, and after the delivery was complete, the driver would then have a ride to return. Bob modeled one of these motorcycles from a kit that was part of Ford pickup truck [shown previously], with fenders added from another truck kit.



Bob also brought some Molotow acrylic paint pens. Some of us are familiar with their line of chrome pens and these are similar, except in a variety of colors. The very small type, only 1.5 mm across, make a useful tool for detailing small parts or painting into tight places.

John brought in the latest building he is working on. The kit is part of a house construction scene. John had purchased the Micro Mark magnetic gluing jig and found it to be a useful tool for keeping the buildings square during construction. John's plan is to build the majority of buildings for his layout, and then be able to arrange them to scenes that work best, and then work the track to travel through the scenes.



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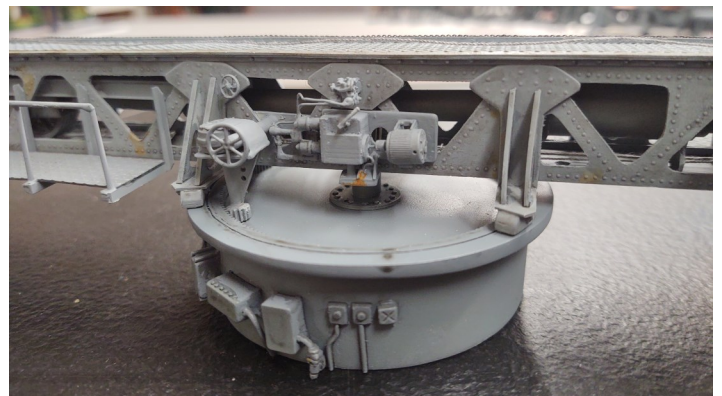
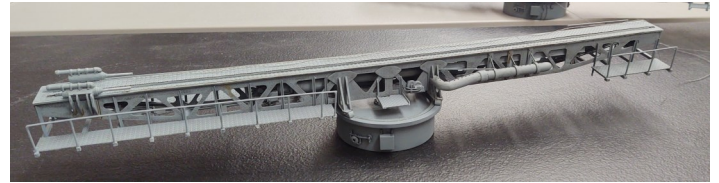
Carmen brought an update to a section of his layout that is tight against the backdrop. He had purchased a chain link fence kit but was not satisfied with the look of the kit and instead only used the posts. The fence was replaced with window screen and used styrene for the horizontal piping. He is currently adding trees to blend in the transitions in the backdrop.



In a section a little further down where there is more space Carmen is planning on adding a set of row houses. However, the kits that he has built still take up too much space and would need to be cut down to fit in the space. Carmen was looking for suggestions on how to cut the already built houses. Bob suggested a table saw, either a standard construction saw or a hobby table saw. Carmen will probably end up bringing the structures to Bob and work together on trimming them down.



Kent then presented the latest update on his diorama. He intends to enter the diorama in a contest in early April and has been working furiously trying to get it done in time. Since last time, both of the catapults have been nearly completed. Work has started on the three Kingfisher aircraft that will occupy the scene. Much work is still needed to be done before April.



Kent also brought some pictures of a styrene stock rack he had built. Over time we tend to build up a collection of styrene and brass strip stock and managing all the shapes can be difficult. The rack was built using a 3-part test tube rack and solid bottom plastic tubes.



It was great to catch up with everyone and see the progress that has been made. We welcome new faces that can add their projects as well, we all learn from the talents of others. Come join us on March 24th, we'd love to see what projects you are working on!



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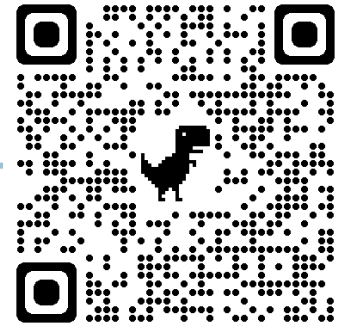
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Upcoming Events

Recurrent Activities



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HO Operating Sessions

Saturday, March 19
Saturday, April 2
Saturday, April 23

Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, March 17 at 6:45 p.m.
Thursday, April 21 at 6:45 p.m.

Spikey's Station

NONE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Work Session

Every Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Every Saturday 9:00 a.m. to Noon
(unless there's an Operating Session)

Modelers Forum

Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Executive Committee

Except for extraordinary events, Executive Committee meetings will be combined with the normal member meeting.