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Caboose before makeover

Our caboose education center is getting an extreme makeover.

As this is being sent to you, the red paint is still drying on the 19-foot caboose mounted on a trailer and built by Maine Operation Lifesaver volunteers nearly a decade ago. Work is being paid for with a grant and in-kind service performed by employees at the Derby Shops of the Montreal, Maine, and Atlantic Railway. Additionally, the grant is paying for installation of apparatus to make the unit more stable when being towed as well as new radial tires. Throughout the coming months, the caboose will make appearances at numerous events. We promise a picture in the next issue.



Capt. Bill Comeau, Amtrak Detective, at Scarborough Middle School Fair

Welcome to Maine Operation Lifesaver's latest effort to reach its friends, partners, and others with pertinent information. With this one-pager, we'll refresh you on activities, accomplishments, and other news as we fulfill our mission to reduce needless tragedies at railroad crossings and along Maine's 1,200 miles of active railroad right of way. Your comments are welcome and we'd welcome the names of others you think should receive this publication.

Over 800 Maine school bus drivers received 45-minute Operation Lifesaver presentations during a four-day period in April. We were invited as part of the Maine Association of Pupil Transportation's annual one-day conferences.



Railroad crossing safety programs were

delivered in Berwick, Freeport, Hampden, and Farmington. More conferences will be held in Machias and Caribou in June, as well as another likely site, and we'll be there, too.

Congratulations to graduates of the latest class of Maine Operation Lifesaver volunteers. Pictured are associates Darry Nile, Tom Bamford, and Brittany Grizkewitsch (daughter of presenter trainer Mike Grizkewitsch), and new presenter Mike White.



Condolences to the family of Bill Rideout, a Guilford Rail employee and Maine Operation Lifesaver presenter, who passed away recently. Also sadly noted was the death of former Massachusetts Lifesaver State Coordinator Bill Helene, who succumbed to cancer.

Here's where we've been lately. Maine Operation Lifesaver is ready to respond to requests statewide and deliver our rail safety message. E-mail fhirsch@adelphia.net or call 207-827-7367.

Maine Agriculture Conference, Augusta
Woodstock School, Bryant Pond
Sea Road School, Kennebunk
Monmouth Fire Department
Central Maine Power, Augusta
Crescent Park School, Bethel
Whitefield Lions Train Show, Augusta
WMSJ Radio, Freeport
Northern Maine Community College, Presque Isle (truck driving school)
Maine Warden Service

Portage, Ashland, Masardis Fire Depts.
Lawrence High School, Fairfield (driver education)
Scarborough Middle School Fair
Living Innovations, Biddeford
Oxford Valley Technical School,
South Paris (truck driving school)
Helen Dunn School, Greenbush
Waldo County Hospital Safety Fair, Belfast
Sanford Train Show
Yarmouth Lions Club