MAINE CENTRAL POSTWAR EQUIPMENT ROSTER, DATA REFERENCE, AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Between 1933 and 1955 B&M and MEC had a common management and the two railroads’ passenger service and equipment were coordinated.

Passenger car back shops were at Waterville, ME.

MEC was a 980 mile road, its last passenger-carrying trains were discontinued Sep 1960, but scheduled “mail merchandise trains” with passenger train equipment continued to operate until Sep 1963.

1 Std oil electric RPO, baggage rail motor car, Ingersoll-Rand, 1933, blt as demonstrator

901… blt as I-R OE-600, demonstrator, to MEC 901

4 Std 64’ 10” RPO, Laconia 1914

608… 12/63 to NYNH&H 3295

609… 8/60 to NYNH&H 3290

610… 12/63 to NYNH&H 3293

611… 11/60 to NYNH&H 3292

1 Std 64’ 11” RPO, OB or P 1917

612… 12/63 to NYNH&H 3294, 5/8/68 destroyed Parkville, CT

4 Comp RPO 30’ apartment, baggage, OB 1912

407… to 927, work service

408… b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, p 39, to 928, work service

409… to 980, work service

410… to 981, work service

2 Std 71’ 5’ RPO, baggage, Laconia 1914

411… to 352, baggage

412… to 354, baggage

2 Std 64’ 10” RPO 30’ apartment, baggage, OB or P 1914

413… to 324, baggage, 5/65 to NYNH&H 5625, 12/65 rtd, to work bldg, Montowese, CT

414… to 353, baggage

6 Std 64’ 10” RPO 30’ apartment, baggage, OB 1921, 1924

415… blt 1921, b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, p 39, to 350, baggage

416… blt 1921, to 351, baggage

417… blt 1924, color photo, Horsley & Sweetland, Northern New England Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment, p 80, 12/63 to NYNH&H 2797, 5/65 to NYNH&H 5622, baggage

418… blt 1924, to 346, baggage

419… blt 1924, b&w photo, Holland, Passenger Trains of Northern New England, p 108, 12/63 to NYNH&H 2796, 5/64 to NYNH&H 5623, baggage

420… blt 1924, color photo, Horsley & Sweetland, Northern New England Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment, p 80, 12/63 to NYNH&H 2795, 5/65 to NYNH&H 5624, baggage

9 Std 64’ 10” RPO 15’ apartment, baggage, OB 1923, 1928

361… blt 1923, to 342, baggage, 5/28/62 destroyed CN, Monastery, NS

362… blt 1923, b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, p 38, to 345, baggage

363… blt 1923, to 347, baggage

364… blt 1923, to 339, baggage

365… blt 1923, 1958 to 348, baggage

366… blt 1923, to 343, baggage

367… blt 1923, to 344, baggage

368… blt 1928, 1959 to 349, baggage

369… blt 1928, to 338, baggage

1 Comp 64’ baggage, MEC shops, 1903-1904

312… blt 1903, from 290, coach, to 312, baggage, 5/58 rtd

313… blt 1903, from 292, coach, 313, baggage, 1/58 rtd

311… blt 1904, from 209, coach, to 311, baggage, b&w photo, B&M Bulletin, Vol. XXX, No. 3, p 12, 8/55 destroyed

2 Comp 65’ 6” baggage, P 1906

318… 1959 rtd

319… 1958 rtd

4 Comp 64’ baggage, P 1908

301… from 281, coach, to 301 baggage

302… from 282, coach, to 302, baggage, 7/60 rtd

303… from 283, coach, to 303, baggage, 5/60 rtd

304… from 284, coach, to 304, baggage, 8/58 rtd

3 Comp 64’ 1” baggage, Laconia 1910

315… from 399, RPO, baggage, to 315, baggage, 1959 rtd

316… from 400, RPO, baggage, to 316, baggage, 5/58 rtd

320… from 401, RPO, baggage, to 320, baggage, 3/53 scrapped

3 Comp 64’ 3” baggage, Laconia 1911

307… from 403, RPO, baggage, to 307, baggage, 5/58 rtd

309… from 404, RPO, baggage, to 309, baggage, 5/58 rtd

321… from 402, RPO, baggage, to 321, baggage, 1958 rtd

1 Comp 63’ 11” baggage, Laconia 1911

314… from 296, coach, to 314, baggage, 5/60 rtd

2 Comp 66’ baggage, MEC shops 1918-19

305… blt 1918, from 285, coach, to 305, baggage, 5/59 rtd

306… blt 1919, from 286, coach, to 306, baggage, 5/58 rtd

1 Comp 65’9” baggage, MEC shops 1919

308… from 287, coach, to 308, baggage, 7/60 rtd

2 Comp 65’ 5” baggage, Wason 1906, blt as horse baggage

340… blt as 325, horse baggage, to 340, baggage, 8/58 rtd

341… blt as 326, horse baggage, to 341, baggage, b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, p 40, 8/58 rtd

2 Std 64’ 10” baggage, Laconia 1914

322… 1982 still in company service use

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1 Std 64’ 10” baggage, P 1917

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7 Std 64’ 10” baggage, OB 1921

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334… b&w photo, B&M Bulletin, Vol. XXIX, No. 1, p 9

335… from 333

1 Std 75’ baggage, OB 1929, blt as RPO 15’ apartment, baggage for BAR

358… blt as BAR 565 RPO 15’ apartment, baggage, between 1/53 and 1957 to BAR 601, baggage, 6s coach, 10/61 to MEC 358, b&w photo, Holland, Passenger Trains of Northern New England, p 142

2 74’ baggage, P 10/37, 6/38, Plan B-13370, Lots W6520, W6560, blt as RPO 15’ apartment, baggage for BAR

356… blt 10/37 as BAR 568, RPO 15’ apartment, baggage, Lot W6520, 10/61 to MEC 356, baggage

357… blt 6/38 as BAR 569, RPO 156’ apartment, baggage, Lot W6560, 10/61 to MEC 357, baggage

1 74’ baggage, ACF 8/46, Lot 2840, blt for BAR

355… blt as BAR 532, 10/61 to MEC 355, b&w photo, Holland, Passenger Trains of Northern New England, p 142

20 Comp box express reefer, Keith 1918

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1510… color photo, Horsley & Sweetland, Northern New England Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment, Vol. 2, p 78

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1513… color photo, Horsley & Sweetland, Northern New England Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment, Vol. 2, p 78

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10 Comp box express reefer, SSCC 1923

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1534… b&w photo, B&M Bulletin, Vol. XXX, No. 4, p 9

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1 Comp 70’ 2” baggage, 48s coach, P 1905

504… from 240, to 504, to 982, work service

1 Comp 70’ 2” baggage, 32s coach, P 1905

505… from 241

1 Comp 70’ 2” baggage, 48s coach, P 1905

506… from 242, to 506, to 929, work service

1 Comp 70’ 2” baggage, 32-48s coach, P 1905

508… from 244

2 Comp 67’ 10” baggage, 32-48s coach, Laconia 1909

509… from 433, to 509, to 966, work service

510… from 434, to 510, 1951 to 968, work service, color photo, Horsley & Sweetland, Northern New England Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment, p 121

3 Comp 69’ 8” baggage, 48s coach, Laconia 1910

501… blt as 211, to 501, b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, p 42

502… blt as 212, to 502, color photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, front cover, color photo, Horsley & Sweetland, Northern New England Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment, p 81, 9/59 scrapped

503… blt as 213, to 503

2 Std 80’4” baggage, 44s coach, OB 1931

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522… b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, p 42, to 322, steam generator, rider for company service (w/ 333, business).

Joint order w/ B&M 3608, 3609.

2 baggage, 36s coach, 8s lou, PB 6-9/47, Plan W46353, Lot W6778

540 LUMBER KING… 3/60 to MP 761, 32s coach, 11s lunch counter, 16s lou\*, b&w photo, B&M Bulletin, Vol. XXX, No. 3, p 13,1963 to MP 562, 1971 rtd, to Smoky Hill Railway and Historical Society, Shawnee Mission, KS

541 FOREST QUEEN… b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, p 43, color photo, Horsley & Sweetland, Northern New England Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment, p 81, 3/60 to MP 762, 32s coach, 11s lunch counter, 16s lou\*, 1963 to MP 563, 1969 rtd, sold for scrap

Joint order w/ B&M 3800, 3801.

4 Comp 74-87s coach, P 1908

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14 Comp 87s coach, Laconia 1910-1911

155… blt 1910, b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, p 32, 1947 to 935, work service

156… blt 1910

157… blt 1910

158… blt 1910, 1948 to 938, work service, color photo, Horsley & Sweetland, Northern New England Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment, p 121

159… blt 1910

160… blt 1910

161… blt 1911

162… blt 1912

163… blt 1912

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165… blt 1912

166… blt 1912, b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol, 2, p 32

167… blt 1912

168… blt 1912, b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, p 33, 1946 to 922, work service

5 Comp 74-87s coach, OB 1912

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18 cars from 151-154 series, 155-168 series, 170-174 series in service 9/45. Ten cars from these three series to 180-189 by Mar 1949 with balance retired?

4 Std 77’ 82-84s coach, P 1914

201… from 175, to 201, to 983, work service

202… from 176, to 202, to 985, work service

203… from 177, to 203, 2/57 to 946, work service

204… from 178, to 204, 1955 to 111, steam generator, b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, p 45, color photo, Horsley & Sweetland, Northern New England Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment, p 84

7 Std 77’ 73s coach, P 1914-17

205… blt 1914, from 179, to 205, 11/58 sold for scrap

206… blt 1914, from 180, to 206, 11/58 sold for scrap

207… blt 1917, from 181, to 207, to 222, color photo, Horsley & Sweetland, Northern New England Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment, p 82, color photo, Melvin, Maine Central in Color, Volume 3, p 51

208… blt 1917, from 182, to 208, 11/58 sold for scrap

209… blt 1914, from 252, to 209, 1955 to 2001, company service, color photo, Horsley & Sweetland, Northern New England Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment, p 85

210… blt 1914, from 253, to 210, 11/58 sold for scrap

211… blt 1914, from 254, to 211, 11/58 sold for scrap

1 Std 81s coach, P 1917

212… from 255, to 212, b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vo. 2, p 34, to 984, work service

10 Std 84s coach, BSC 1923, blt for RDG

180… from RDG 1240, 1946 to MEC 180

181… from RDG 1242, 1946 to MEC 181

182… from RDG 1245, 1946 to MEC 182

183… from RDG 1246, 1946 to MEC 183

184… from RDG 1247, 1946 to MEC 184

185… from RDG 1250, 1946 to MEC 185

186… from RDG 1251, 1946 to MEC 186

187… from RDG 1253, 1946 to MEC 187

188… from RDG 1257, 1946 to MEC 188

189… from RDG 1258, 1946 to MEC 189

Sold to Korea 1/56

9 80’ Std 76s coach, OB 1924

213… from 183, to 213, b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, p 34, 8/55 destroyed

214… from 184, to 214, b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, p 35, 5/59 to Edwards International

215… from 185, to 215, 5/59 to Edwards International

216… from 186, to 216, 5/59 to Edwards International

217… from 190, to 217, b&w photo, B&M Bulletin, Vol. XXXI, No. 1, p 8, 5/59 to Edwards International

218… from 188, to 218, color photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, back cover, color photo, Horsley & Sweetland, Northern New England Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment, p 82, color photo, Melvin, Maine Central in Color, Volume 3, p 27

219… from 189, to 219

220… from 187, to 220

221… from 191, to 221

5 Std 81’ 68s coach, OB 1931

261… 5/59 to Edwards International

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263… b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, p 36

264… 3/50 wrecked Biddeford, ME on B&M

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Joint order with B&M 4581-4584. All cars scrapped circa 1960.

266… blt as B&M 4581, 1950 to MEC 266 as replacement for 264, color photo, Horsley & Sweetland, Northern New England Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment, p 83, b&w photo, B&M Bulletin, Vol. XXXII, No.1

8 56s coach, 10s lou PB 6-9/47, Plan W46532, Lot W6778

240 ALAMOOSOOK… 3/60 to MP 770, 1963 to MP 481, 72s coach\*, 1969 to NdeM 5114

241 WEBHANNET… 3/60 to MP 771, 1963 to MP 482, 72s coach\*, 1969 to NdeM 1958

242 KATAHDIN… 3/60 to MP 772, 1963 to MP 483, 483, 72s coach\*, 1969 to NdeM 1957

243 PARMACHENEE… 3/60 to MP 773, 1963 to MP 484, 72s coach\*, 1969 to NdeM 1953

244 SAGADAHOC… b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, p 37, b&w photo, B&M Bulletin, Vol. XXXIII, No.4, p 13, 3/60 to MP 774, 2-6/63 to MP 485, 72s coach\*, 5/69 to CNJ 326, 78s commuter coach, 1974 rtd, sold for scrap

245 ABENAKI… b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, p 37, b&w photo, Holland, Passenger Trains of Northern New England, p 29, color photo, Horsley & Sweetland, Northern New England Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment, p 83, 3/60 to MP 775, 1963 to MP 486, 72s coach\*, 1970 rtd, to Edwards International

246 KINEO… 3/60 to MP 776, 1963 to MP 487, 1970 rtd, to Edwards International

247 PASSAMAQUODDY… 3/60 to MP 777, 1963 to MP 488, 1969 to NdeM 5115

Joint order w/ B&M 4800-4807. B&w construction and exhibition photos of coaches and baggage coaches, B&M Bulletin, Vol. XVII, No. 4, pp 20-31.

2 24s café, bar, 18s lou, PB 6-9/47, Plan W46544, Lot W6778

15 MERRYMEETING… b&w interior and exterior photos, Holland, Passenger Trains of Northern New England, p 31, 2/51 to C&EI 603 MERRY YOUNG, 24s café, bar, 18s lou (parlor service), 9/59 to L&N 2800 DIXIE TRAVELER, 1-2/65 to L&N 2800 DIXIE TRAVELER, 14s lunch counter, 8s café, 18s lou\*, to NRPC 8380, 11/77 rtd

16 ARUNDEL… 2/51 to C&EI 604 MERRY MEETING, 24s café, bar, 18s lou (parlor service), b&w photo, B&M Bulletin, Vol. XXXIII, No.4, p 13, 9/59 to L&N 2801 DIXIE JOURNEY, 1-2/65 to L&N 2801 DIXIE JOURNEY, 14s lunch counter, 8s café, 18s lou\*, to NRPC 8381, 11/77 rtd, sold

Joint order w/ B&M 70, 71.

2 Std 24s parlor, 1 5s DDR, buf\*, P 5/17, Plan 2417D, Lot 4493, blt for Pullman

10 SPRUCE… blt as Pullman UNDINA for general service, 9/40 to MEC SPRUCE, to 336, baggage, color photo, Horsley & Sweetland, Northern New England Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment, p 79

11 PINE… blt as Pullman DULCINEA for general service, 9/40 to MEC PINE, b&w photo, Kratville, Steam, Steel & Limiteds, p 55, to 337, baggage

1 Std 84’ 4 bedroom, 8 b, 2 crew b, OP obs business\*, P 1924, blt for ?

333… blt as NITUNA, 1939 to 333, color photo, Trains, Oct, 2015, p 60, b&w photo, Liljestrand & Sweetland, Passenger Cars of New England, Vol. 2, p 48, color photo, Horsley & Sweetland, Northern New England Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment, p 85

Evolution of Passenger Equipment Paint Schemes

Dark green car body, imitation gold lettering.

*11/41*, Tuscan red car body, road name usually moved from fascia to girder panel, in conjunction with B&M.

Stainless steel sheathed cars delivered with Tuscan red pier panels, black trucks and underbody, unpainted roof, in conjunction with B&M.

*8/49* red in place of Tuscan red, in conjunction with B&M.

1955 green in place of red.

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Notes:

Items for follow up:

After discontinuance of mail trains in 1963, 3 baggage cars sold to WAB, 26 baggage and 7 mail cars sold to NH.

Coaches 390 (ex PRR 4044, 54s, P 1/50, blt for Joint service w/ ACL, 1973 to NRPC 5444, rtd 11/77), 391 (ex NYC 3011, 64s, P 1946, to NYC 3211, 50s snack bar, to NRPC 3951, rtd 1977) in use for company service 1982.

Std 600 HP diesel electric, 15’ RPO, baggage, Ingersoll Rand/GE 1934

Blt as D.E. 600 as demonstrator, b&w photo, B&M Bulletin, Vol. 19, No. 4, p 13, 1935 to MEC. Did it last to 1946?

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