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# HUB Headlight

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Special Election Edition March 2026

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**Snoopy says it is  
Time to Vote!**

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## Voting Procedures for Board of Directors Election

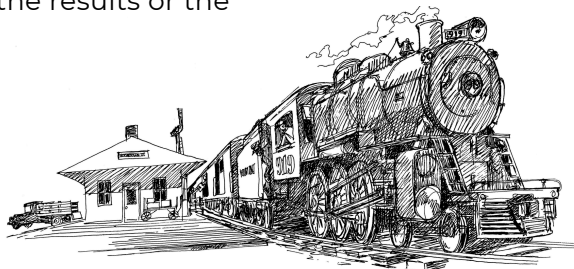
The HUB Division will again use the Election Buddy electronic voting system. The Division implemented this system starting in 2021 to make voting easier for our members. We will continue to use this system going forward.

The HUB Division will be conducting an online Annual Meeting this year on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, immediately proceeding the online Zoom RAILFUN session. During the meeting, the Clerk will announce the results of the election.

**All members who have provided the HUB Division or the NMRA with an email address will receive an email directly from Election Buddy with your unique voting code and instructions for submitting your ballot. Emails from Election Buddy will arrive in early March.** If you do not receive an email, or if you do not have an email address, please contact the HUB Division Clerk by telephone (508) 378-3582, and ask for Peter Watson.

Peter will take your information and will mail you a ballot with instructions for returning it to him. In order for Peter to count your ballot, he must receive it by April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Like the NMRA, the HUB Division plans to continue using this online method to conduct elections. The HUB Division also routinely sends information to members using the hubdiv@googlegroups.com email list and the online Constant Contact system. With email notification being the primary method of communication. It is important to keep this information up-to-date at the local and national levels.



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# Candidates for The HUB Division Board of Directors

## Matt Castle

I'm Matt Castle and I'm running for the HUB Division Executive Board. As a candidate for the board, I'm most interested in expanding the Division's outreach to younger adults and helping to engage new members in the hobby. I also want to build on the success of HUB High Green and expand operational opportunities for HUB division members.

As a model railroader, I primarily focus on modern New England railroading and Japanese railroading from the 1960s to 2010s. My operational interests are running realistic operations on model railroads, modular railroading, and exhibiting model trains at shows. I have connections with other model railroading organizations through my memberships in the Bay State Model Railroad Museum, Northeast T-Trak, and the Model Train People discord server. Through Northeast T-Trak and the BSMRM, I have experience as a show exhibitor and explaining about our hobby to the general public.

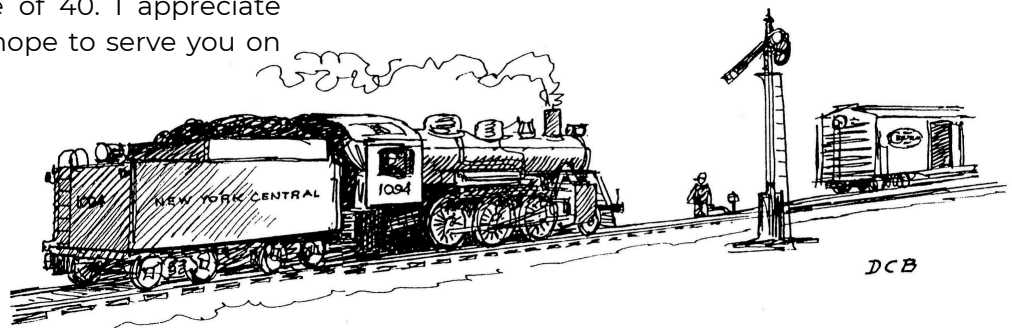
In my role as an administrator of the Model Train People discord, over the past two years, I've helped to build an online model railroading community of around 200 members, most of whom are under the age of 40. I appreciate your support and hope to serve you on the board.

## Joe Brodbine

I've been involved with trains all my life. As a young boy I spent countless hours in my basement with an extensive railroad, which I kept enlarging until it filled the entire cellar. Then as a young teenager life got in the way and the trains disappeared into storage boxes. For the next forty plus years occasional train shows and magazines were my only contact, but I knew I'd be back.

When I retired and started getting involved, I realized the hobby had progressed, and I had a lot to learn. I started reaching out to others and soon realized that the socialization and friendships were as enjoyable as the trains. I joined an O scale club and became very involved with developing an operating system, which has been a main contributor to more than doubling the club membership. I have been on that club's BOD for several years now and have found it rewarding and enjoyable.

I would like to serve on the HUB BOD because I want to support this organization and I believe that I can contribute. I have no agenda other than to support the organization and help more HUB members take advantage of what HUB and the NMRA can offer.



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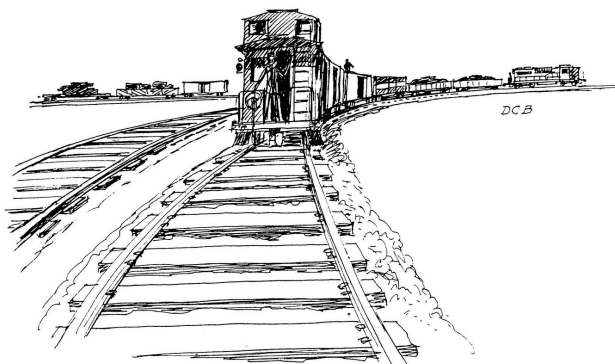
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## Dana Andrus

I have been active in model railroading for over 70 years. First, at age six, when I received a Santa Fe Warbonnet F7 with three passenger cars; and again at 29 when my older son was born. His interests lie elsewhere, but I was locked into the hobby. I am rebuilding my HO layout from scratch to enable better operation.

I joined the HUB after retiring as a facilities manager. Peter Higgins signed me up and immediately I was on the membership committee. Additionally, I am active in the NEMTE, the railroad exhibit at the Museum of Science (the past two years as the project coordinator). I am on the 2026 Eyes on the NER convention committee and operate on several layouts. I have learned a good deal about the hobby from many talented members and gained insight into how the HUB division works.

I am running for the BOD to help guide the division into the future. I hope to bring my experience to help members gain positive value from their membership in the division. I am open to feedback or concerns you may have that the board may be interested in discussing.



## Mal Houck

I am seeking an elective return to the HUB Board of Directors, bringing to that position decades of experience as a member of multiple non-profit, corporate and banking directorates, as well as providing legal advice in such positions. I especially enjoyed participation with the HUB Board, and I can again provide useful advice to the HUB and to the NMRA.

I also intend to continue participation in HUB activities as a mentor and advisor to members as needed or required. I believe my experiences and skills as a model railroader, model builder and Board of Director member can again be valued and appreciated, by election to this position. Hereby wishing the best for all those who have volunteered, I am Malcolm H. Houck, MMR 696

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### NMRA HUB Division Calendar of Events

- March 14 - **HUB Railfun Meeting**, Marlborough Public Library. **Topic:** Build a HUB Module Part 3
- March 21-22 - **HUB Modular Railroad Display** at Greenberg's Toy and Train Show, Shriner's Auditorium, Wilmington
- April 17 - **HUB Annual Meeting and RailFun Meeting**, Remote, Topic TBD
- April 25 - **HUB Modular Railroad display** at the Holliston Historical Society
- May 1-3 - **HUB High Green** annual operations weekend
- May 16 - **HUB Railfun Meeting**, Saint Ann, Topic TBD
- June 20 - **HUB Railfun Meeting**, Derry NH, Topic TBD
- July 27-Aug 2-**NMRA National Convention**, Scenic City Express, Chattanooga, TN.
- Oct 15-18: **NER Convention "Eyes on the NER"**, Southbridge MA

Check out [hubdiv.org](http://hubdiv.org) for all the details

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