

HUB Headlight

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RAILFUN TIMETABLE

WELCOME BACK NIGHT

By HUB Board of Directors

8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 17, 2004
Cambridge School of Weston

To rekindle the spirit of model railroading, we invite each attendee to bring something to display. We will set up tables for displaying models. Bring a project you are working on or have completed in the past year. It may be a locomotive you've detailed, a structure you've started, or even a diorama you're working on. We'd like to see them.

We will have a projector and carousel available. Photographers will be given ten minutes to display up to ten slides of model railroads or summer railfan activities. You can also bring your photographic prints to share.

We'll set up the a timesaver switching puzzle for engineers. Newcomers and old boomers alike are welcome to try their hand.

If you are a member of a Railroad Historical Society bring a copy of the publication and some applications.

This is a great opportunity for all Hub members to renew old friendships and make new friends with fellow model railroaders, and to be exposed to different facets of this great wonderful hobby.

BUILDING A DIORAMA PART 8: WATER & ROADS

A Hands-On Clinic

By Rudy Slovacek

8 p.m., Friday, October 15, 2004
Cambridge School of Weston

Our series of hands-on clinics showing modelers how to develop good scenery-building skills through the construction of a small diorama concludes with a workshop on water and roads. In this clinic we'll show you how to make those eye-catching, realistic looking water scenes you've always wanted but were afraid to try.

You'll be introduced to the two-part resin technique using EnviroTex and to a clear water based acrylic. We'll also cover the basics of concrete and asphalt road making on model layouts and dioramas.

You are invited to bring either your diorama with the water area finished except for the water or a one-by-two foot piece of cardboard with a painted surface for practice. For tools, bring some wood stir sticks, clear plastic cups for mixing, a putty knife and clean new paint brushes. Even if you didn't start the diorama project last year, join us and have fun with your friends learning some great scenery methods.

A map to Cambridge School of Weston where HUB Division Railfun meetings are held is shown on page 6.

ALCO HISTORY FROM THE INSIDE OUT

By Harvey Humphrey

8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19, 2004
Cambridge School of Weston

Get an inside history of a fallen locomotive giant, a personal look back by one of our very own members. An engineer by training, Harvey wanted to work for the locomotive builder right after he completed his college education. Although he didn't get the job on his first try, we're glad he persisted because he now comes to us with a treasure trove of stories from those early diesel years when Alco was cranking out the fabled RS series road switchers which changed the business of railroading from steam to diesel.

It was Harvey's job to troubleshoot and help solve the problems experienced in everyday use of diesels. Although his career there was cut short by the changing tide in Alco fortunes, he has once again devoted himself to the study of this landmark locomotive builder. For those of you who missed his outstanding talk at our Spring show, come join us and listen as Harvey puts a face and a smile to what has now become a chapter in the history of railroading.

Welcome Back!

By Rudy Slovacek

The HUB Division welcomes you back from summer break and extends invitations to members and newcomers alike to join us as we embark on our 47th season in the hobby. Our program this year is loaded with activities, beginning with an end of summer picnic hosted by Peter Watson on August 29 (see details inside). We are also hosting the NER Fall Convention in North Conway, NH on September 10-12, as posted by special mailing this summer. We have another fun-filled Railfun Night season beginning September 17. We will finish our series of diorama clinics and then alternate between speaker presentations and hands-on activities. Our Holiday Party is on December 4, and we host our two-day Train Show Extravaganza in Marlborough on December 11-12. Sprinkled throughout the year will be a liberal amount of displays by the modular railroad group, including our

favorite at Children's Hospital, sometime in October, and of course the always popular Lexington National Heritage Museum show on December 18-19. The Springfield show will be held on January 29-30 and of course we look forward to our HUB Spring Show in Taunton in April. There is talk of displaying the HUB modular layout at the NMRA National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 3-11, 2005!

From time to time, HUB members arrange other events, such as the recent visit to the Waushakum Live Steamers, the Pentucket School Display and the Module Madness meet in Lexington. These are broadcast via our e-mail list and announced on our website and in the *HUB Headlight* unless the publication lead-time is too long. We encourage members to connect to the internet and visit our website at <http://www.hubdiv.org> or pay your subscription fee to keep abreast of what's going on and then, most importantly, to volunteer and help make this one great year of Model Railroading.

Module Kits

Modelers who wish to participate in the HUB modular railroad group are reminded that it is not necessary to have a module. To get started, contact Module Superintendent Frank Kastenholz. Modules are a good choice for those of us who live in small spaces, since they give us the opportunity to lay track, add scenery, and fiddle with other details year round.

The HUB Division is now taking orders for a new batch of modules. These will be produced by volunteers and offered at cost. The kit includes pre-cut wood, instructions, nails, screws, and hardware, and electrical connectors.

The standard module has a plywood piece 5 inches wide for the mainline track, while the full top kit has a 2x4 foot plywood base for track and scenery. An order form is included on page 5. Contact Mark Harlow for additional information.

HUB Division Upcoming Events

Aug. 22, 2004	HUB Division Cookout, Peter & Ginny Watson, East Bridgewater
Sept. 11-12, 2004	Trackside 2004, NER Fall Convention , North Conway, NH, hosted by HUB Division.
Sept. 17, 2004	RAILFUN - 8:00 PM - Cambridge School of Weston
Oct. 15, 2004	RAILFUN - 8:00 PM - Cambridge School of Weston
October 2004	HUB Modular RR Display, Children's Hospital
Nov. 19, 2004	RAILFUN - 8:00 PM - Cambridge School of Weston
Dec. 4, 2004	HUB Holiday Party - Nick's Restaurant
Dec. 11-12, 2004	HUB Fall Show , Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough, MA
Dec. 18-19, 2004	HUB Modular RR Display, National Heritage Museum, Lexington
Jan. 21, 2005	RAILFUN - 8:00 PM - Cambridge School of Weston
Jan. 29-30, 2005	HUB Modular RR Display, Amherst Show - West Springfield, MA
Feb. 18, 2005	RAILFUN - 8:00 PM - Cambridge School of Weston
Mar. 18, 2005	RAILFUN - 8:00 PM - Cambridge School of Weston
March 2005	HUB Modular RR Display, South Shore Model Ry Club Spring Show - Weymouth, MA
Apr. 15, 2005	RAILFUN - 8:00 PM - Cambridge School of Weston
April 30, 2005	HUB Spring Show & Annual Meeting - Taunton, MA
May 20, 2005	RAILFUN - 8:00 PM - Cambridge School of Weston
May 13-15, 2005	NER Spring Convention , Nashua, NY
June 17, 2005	RAILFUN - 8:00 PM - Cambridge School of Weston

2004 HUB Cookout

Hosted by Peter & Ginny Watson

This year the HUB Division Cookout, which is open to all members and their guests, will be held on Sunday, August 22, at 2:00 p.m. and hosted by Peter and Ginny Watson, Briar Patch Farm, 65 Branch Rd., East Bridgewater, MA.

We'll provide hamburgers, hot dogs, corn, salad and soda. If you have a yen for a more elaborate fare, you're welcome to bring it. There's plenty of room for kids to run and play without bothering the grownups, so feel free to bring them. (Just tell 'em not to chase the chickens, please.)

Space limits this event to 40 people. Seats will be allotted on a first-come first-served basis, so **please let Peter know if you are attending and how many are coming with you.** Call Peter at 508-378-3582 or send email to him at pawsrri@comcast.net. Check the HUB web site for map and directions.

Waushakum Live Steamers

By Skipper Farwell

On June 27, 2004, ten members of the HUB visited the Waushakum Live Steamers in Holliston MA for a day of fun and rides. The Waushakum Live Steamers includes 16 acres of wooded area and a field. Already in service is a 1,200-foot loop of 3-1/2" and 4-3/4" gauges (elevated track) and two loops, one within the other (1,300-feet each), of 7-1/4" gauge on the ground.

The first stop for most of the members was the staging area where locomotives were steamed up and worked on. The Waushakum group was very friendly and answered all the questions that we asked. It was interesting to learn the various ways that live steamers use to bring their engines to life. The HUB group took many photographs.

The next stop for our members was at the station for a ride on the rails. The first train that was operated was a trolley with two coaches. The next engine was an RS unit with a trailing sound car and three cars for riders. The ride lasted about 5 minutes and wound around the property. There was a tunnel and an overhead bridge for riders to duck



HUB Division members Bill Powers, Mark Harlow, Gerry Covino and Jeff Turner rode the rails during their visit of the Waushakum Live Steamers.



The Waushakum Live Steamers staging area, while locomotives are being warmed up for operation. The elevated 3 1/2" and 4 3/4" gauge track loops and the ground 7 1/4" gauge tracks are visible.

their heads.

The next stop was for fuel, where the Waushakum group set up a grill and sold food for visitors. Once our group was properly fueled up and

rested, we caught a few more rides before heading home.

We all had a good time and enjoyed seeing live steam in Massachusetts.

The NMRA overwhelmingly passed the new regulations that will replace the old constitution and by-laws. This will create a single membership structure applicable to the national, regional and divisional levels, giving members full benefits in each level. Publications and newsletters will be on a subscription basis.

Treasurer's Report

By Gerald Covino, Treasurer

As an organization, we completed our fiscal year in a reasonably solvent position. We did, however, spend more money this year than we secured through our fund raising efforts. The major reason for this shortfall was the problem encountered in rescheduling last year's Fall Show and locating a new venue. We unfortunately found ourselves competing with the Greenberg Show in Wilmington. This resulted in many of our regular vendors not being able to attend.

As the year progressed, we adjusted our plans and deferred expenses in order to maintain a strong financial

position to insure the continued ability of the Division to deliver successful programs in the future.

Through the efforts of our Show Manager and with the aid of our new two-day format in early December back in Marlborough (see our website), I am confident that this problem is behind us. This event will provide the funds needed to carry on our mission. Our show, which is our principal source of revenue, will succeed with the continued support of our membership. We need members to volunteer to work at the show, and offer **free admission** to members who volunteer in advance. Don't be bashful, volunteer for at least an hour, there are many jobs that need staff. Contact Mark Harlow, our President, and offer your time. This

will provide you with the opportunity to attend the show and help us to make the show a financial success.

Financial Report Year Ended June 30, 2004

Income All Sources	\$ 19,753.00
Expenses	<u>23,961.00</u>
Change in Cash Position	- \$ <u>4,208.00</u>

Year-End Account Balances

Checkbook	\$ 775.00
Unrestricted Savings Account	6,969.00
Restricted Life Accounts	9,585.00
USPS Permit Account	<u>8.00</u>
Total Year-End Funds Available	\$ <u>17,337.00</u>

HUB Division Modular Railroad Goes to School

On July 12 and 13, 2004, the HUB Division displayed its modular railroad layout at the Sweetsir School of the Pentucket Regional School District in Merrimac, Massachusetts.

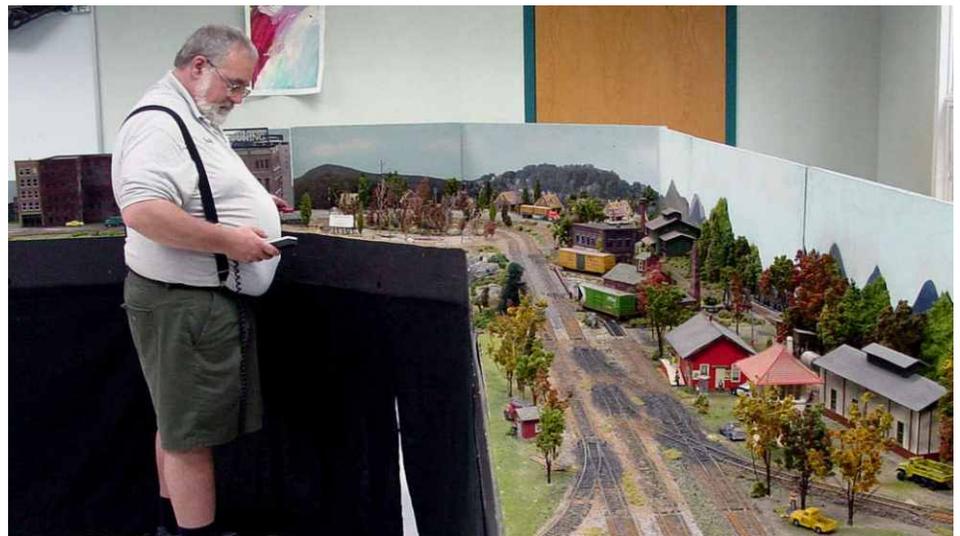
Jim Harter reports that the two-day affair was well attended by teachers, aides, and special needs students of the school. During most of the time, students were able to operate trains with very little training. The students were able to run 3 or 4 trains on the layout successfully.

Students also participated in an excitement-filled hands-on clinic on building model trees, hosted by **Rudy Slovacek**. Several green thumbs were seen at the end of the clinic.

Special thanks to the HUB Division crew who assisted by providing modules and helping with the show: **Mark Harlow, Gerry Covino, Bill Powers, Rudy Slovacek, Jim Harter, and Frank Kastenzholz**.



Bill Powers and Rudy Slovacek get the layout ready. Photo by Jim Harter.



Rudy Slovacek trouble-shoots a balky locomotive for students to operate on the layout at Sweetsir School. Photo by Jim Harter.

Letter from Doug MacDonald

When I left Massachusetts a few years ago, my module moved with me and now runs with the Roaring Fork Valley Model Railroad Club in Colorado (<http://www.trainweb.org/rfvmrrc>). It went to The Netherlands with the HUB a couple of years back. I've attached a picture. I thought that group might enjoy the effect of displaying in a large room with an around-the-wall painted backdrop. This was taken at a show in the Senior Center in Rifle, Colorado. Best Wishes to all the HUB folks.



Doug MacDonald

Next Deadline

By Rich Pitter, Editor

The *Headlight* welcomes articles and photos about model railroading. The deadline for contributions to our November issue is **October 4**. If you have not contributed previously, please contact me for helpful instructions. This is a chance to share your experience with others.

Oopsies

By Rich Pitter

Several HUB members responded to our recent request for stories and photos of modeling projects that didn't work out as planned. I received stories and photos from Art Ellis, Skip Farwell, Dave MacPherson, Marty Klein, Rudy Slovacek, and Mike Tyson, as well as one modeler who preferred to remain anonymous.

The stories received to date are interesting and quite instructive. I regret that space limitations prevented us from including a few of them. The stories will be presented in upcoming issues.

Other modelers are welcome to submit stories and photos for inclusion in upcoming issues of the *Headlight*.

HUB Module Kit Order Form

NMRA # _____

Name: _____ Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Modules:

Standard Kit Qty. _____

Full Top Kit Qty. _____

Assembled Kit Qty _____ (\$275.00)

Other parts available:

Wiring Kit Qty. _____

Hardware Kit Qty. _____

End Panels Qty. _____

DCC plug option:

Lenz Express Net connector panel for the front Qty. _____ (\$ 20.00)

Note: Kits come with all wires to run with the HUB Module Group and include 1 Lenz Express Net connector panel for the back. Prices will be determined by the cost of materials when a sufficient number of orders has been received to warrant production of kits. Send this order form to:

Mark Harlow
44 Quince Landing
Franklin, MA 02038

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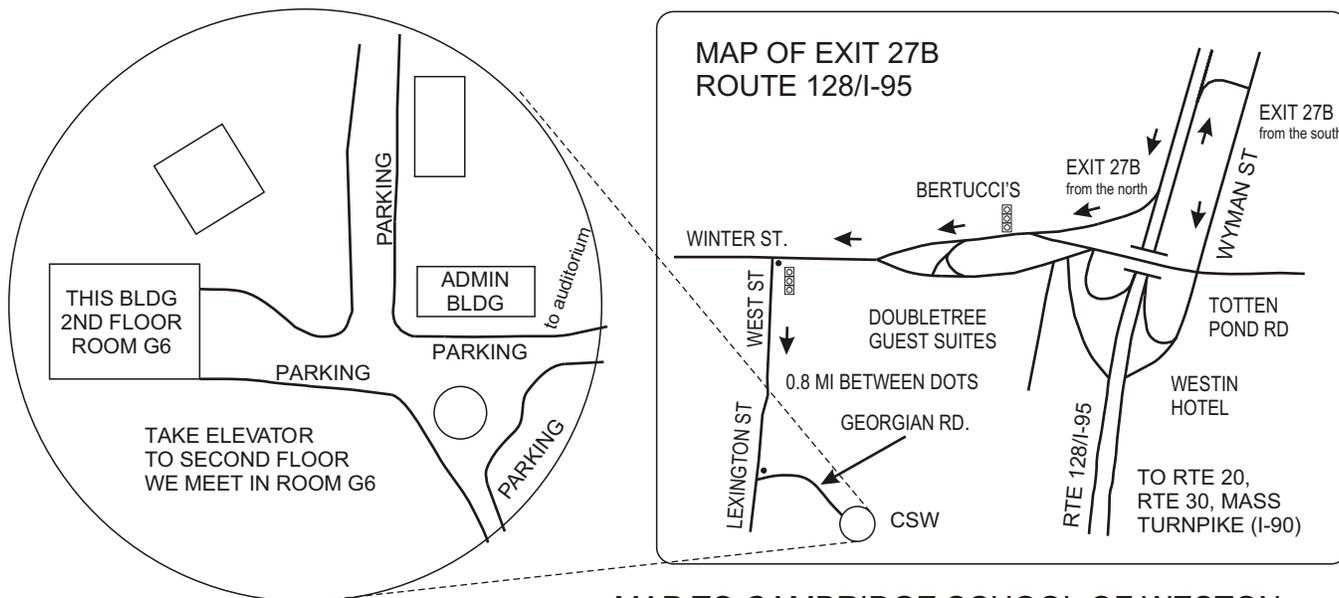
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MAP TO RAILFUN MEETINGS



MAP TO CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL OF WESTON

Andy Reynolds, our Liaison with the Cambridge School of Weston, provides the following information in case bad weather occurs on a Railfun night.

If the school is closed, we will not have Railfun that evening. School closings are broadcast over the radio at **WRKO 680AM** and **WBZ 1030AM**, and on TV

Channels 4, 5, and 7. The school recording is at **781-642-8600**. Be advised to **check** the radio or TV stations **on the morning of Railfun!**

Order Form - Hub Division Apparel

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Circle option: with pocket without pocket

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**Gerry Covino, Treasurer
The Hub Division, Inc.**

P.O. Box 1154

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You will be contacted if there are any questions with your order and you will be notified when your order arrived. People pick up their orders at Railfun meetings or shows. to avoid additional shipping costs

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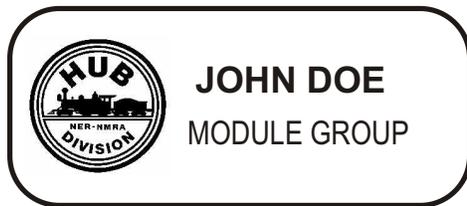
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