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RAILFUN TIMETABLE

Modules 101: Selecting a Theme and Design
By Dick Johannes

7 PM Friday, May 10, 2013 [NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE]
By Request Communications, Marlborough, MA

Modules 101: Participants will learn about the HUB Division's Modular Group and how the modules go together to create a large operating layout. You will learn about the do's and don'ts of designing a module, including the electrical requirements. Experienced module builders will share their insights on theme and design selection.

Modules 201: Participants will learn how to build a HUB Division module kit and will then have a chance to help build two module kits. Specifically, we will assemble the wooden components of each module kit and then install roadbed, track, the electrical harness, and feeder wires to the track. Time permitting, we will also create the underlying terrain using foam boards. If you have purchased a module kit, but have not assembled it, you are welcome to bring it with you and assemble it at this clinic. Some participants will be assigned "homework" and will be asked to build structures for these two modules using HUB supplied kits.

Modules 301: Hands-on Clinic - Build a HUB Division Module Kit

By HUB Module Group

8 PM Friday, June 21, 2013

By Request Communications, Marlborough, MA

In this final session on modules, participants will apply the knowledge gained from this season's Railfun Meetings and add scenery, structures and details to the two modules that were built at the previous meeting. We encourage all attendees to take an active role in helping complete these two module kits. Your handiwork will be seen by fellow members and the public when these modules are included in our HO modular layout displays. You will also learn about tips and tricks for safely packing your structures and details for transporting your module.

Our Season Opener and Welcome

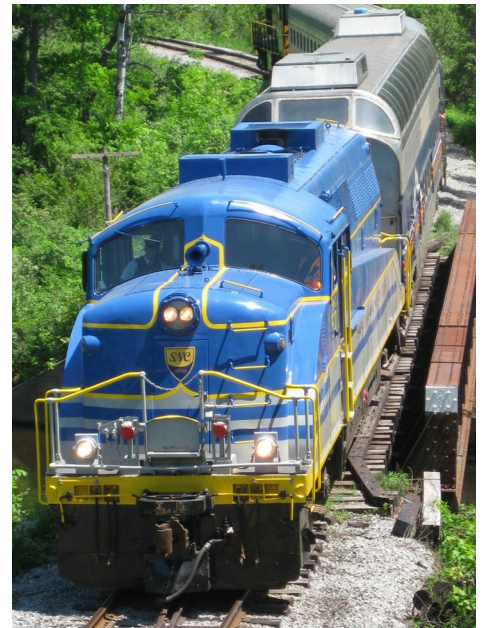
By HUB Division Members

8 PM Friday, September 20, 2013, Cambridge School of Weston

To kick off a new year of RAILFUN Events, and to welcome everyone back from our summer break, we are going to hold an information-sharing night where you will have an opportunity to meet and learn about the interests of others. We will take a departure from our normal meeting format and, instead, offer members the chance to give mini-presentations about your layout, "What I Did Over the Summer" on my layout, or to share hints and tricks. So, bring your little presentation or demonstration and we will give you 15 minutes to do your thing. If you bring your digital photos or a PowerPoint presentation, we will supply the laptop and projector. Please contact the Railfun Coordinator in advance so he can schedule the number of presentations to fill the evening.

Saratoga & North Creek Excursion! **May 18, 2013**

You don't want to miss out on this excellent HUB-sponsored excursion. Please see the HUB website to get the flyer and signup form. The registration deadline is May 10th.

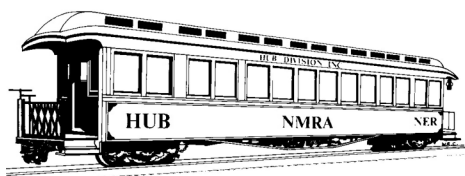


HUB Summer Picnic at Waushakum

July 21, 2013

Again this year, the Summer Picnic will be held at Waushakum Live Steamers in Holliston, MA, on Sunday, July 21 (rain or shine). Check the web site and our Facebook page for further details.

The map to Cambridge School of Weston appears on page 7.



THE PRESIDENT'S CAR

by Manny Escobar

I would like to begin this column with a special *"Thank You"* to the membership for a great year. Thanks to the board for appointing me again as your President of the HUB Division for the coming year. The election has brought back **Debbie Ames** as your new board member and **Dick Johannes** was re-elected. We all look forward to working with you. Also, I would like to say thanks to **Pete Watson**. His dedication, knowledge and insight of this organization and the hobby has been a great asset to us and to the board, especially to me.

I began last year with the column on volunteering, suggesting that each of you consider becoming active in the Division. This past year I am happy to see that you have stepped forward. It showed. Please keep on volunteering and getting involved in a number of opportunities in the Division. If you ask to be involved, your help will be welcomed.

As the year starts steaming up in September, I would like to bring to the membership a three- to five-year fundraiser campaign to create a fund for the future of the HUB Division. We pride ourselves in welcoming beginning and novice model railroaders into our great hobby and immediately getting them involved in the fun of operating trains and working on our modular railroad. The HUB works hard to ensure the continued development and enjoyment of the hobby for our members with events such as how-to modeling clinics, group outings to railroad locations throughout the

Northeast, visiting and hosting other model railroad clubs for guest operating sessions, as well as active involvement with the National Model Railroad Association. Further information on this campaign will be coming this Fall.

A few other items and events to bring to your attention are:

- Saratoga & North Creek Excursion, Saturday May 18, 2013. The registration deadline is May 10;
- HUB Summer Picnic 2013 will be held again for those big kids at the Waushakum Live Steamers, Holliston, MA, Sunday, July 21, 2013;
- October 17-20, 2013 NER Convention: Tracks to Lakeport 2013, Laconia, New Hampshire.

There are a lot of activities happening within our Division. Come join us.

Keep on chugging!



Left Photo: At Spring TRAINing, Dick Towle (left) arranged for our banquet speakers from Pan-Am Railways, from left is Cynthia "Cindy" Scarano, Executive Vice President, James "Jim" Patterson, Vice President, Mechanical and David "Dave" Nagy, Executive Director of Safety & Training. HUB President Manny Escobar (right). Above Photo: Folks enter the Spring TRAINing show while Gerry Covino and others work the admission table.

HUB Division Calendar of Events (Subject to Change)

2013

May 18 (Sat)	Saratoga & North Creek RR RAILFUN Excursion, Saratoga Springs, NY
May 24 (Fri)	HUB RAILFUN Meeting, 8 PM, By Request Communications, Marlborough, MA
Jun 21 (Fri)	HUB RAILFUN Meeting, 8 PM, By Request Communications, Marlborough, MA
Jul 12 (Fri)	Submissions deadline for the HUB Headlight September-October issue
Jul 21 (Sun)	HUB Summer Picnic, Waushakum Live Steamers, Holliston, MA
Sep 20 (Fri)	HUB RAILFUN Meeting, 8 PM, By Request Communications, Marlborough, MA
Oct 17-20 (Thurs-Sun)	2013 NER Convention, Laconia, NH, hosted by the Seacoast Division



Shanty Talk: Spring on the Mountain

by Rudy Slovacek

Though I've not been up to my favorite mountains this spring, I'm sure, with the amount of snowfall, the upper Hudson will be full as will a number of rivers here in the northeast. Rather, my time has been spent on my day job and keeping up with my reading of the several hobby periodicals to which I subscribe. This is in addition to some train shows, upgrading my ALCO talk and making a trip or two into my basement to work on my rolling stock. That is, in between snow removal duties.

As I get older, I've lost a step or two so I end up getting less done in the time I have available. Consequently, I'm envious and amazed at my colleagues who've managed to construct some wonderful and inspiring layouts. I spent some time operating on them as part of Rail Run that was originally fostered by the late Bill Borelli. He contributed much to the HUB, the Boston and Maine Operators group, Rail Run, and of course, the Tour de Chooch held on Thanksgiving weekends. Bill is no longer with us, but his legacy remains as one who enriched the lives of many model railroaders and the public alike. I was pleased to see Keith Shoneman receive the Borelli Award this year for his effort to promote the hobby through opening his layout to the public and becoming the Chairman of Tour de Chooch for 2013, among other things.

By the time many of you read this, the spring version of the public layout tour promoted by Ray Schofield in Southeastern New England will have been held on April 13, 2013. I encourage everyone to participate in these events and to show your appreciation for the efforts these people go to in making their homes available to visitors. There are several other unique events coming up in addition to our monthly Railfun. The first is the Saratoga and North Creek Train Excursion on May 18th, put together by our own Dick Towle. You can bet I'll be there. The other is our summer picnic on July 21st at the Waushakum Live Steamers.

Now back to the modeling. Years ago I built an EMD FT from a Cary kit painted and lettered for the B&M maroon scheme. With its modified Athearn frame and metal casting, it is a real brute. It is also the main reason I've shifted to working with plastic-shelled models instead of metal castings. The number of tiny broken drill bits and my lack of fingerprints from pin vises should be self explanatory. I never did get around to adding the final window detail until recently. For the window portals I used a leather punch to get the nearest size diameter from thin, clear

sheet styrene. For the windshield, I traced the window outlines on a 3M sticky note pad sheet, then transferred it to thin clear sheet styrene. Using "Micro Kristal Klear" window material I placed a bead around the window opening and then gently set the styrene window piece (attached to a sliver of that same sticky note for handling purposes) into place and let it dry overnight. The Kristal Klear is an acrylic that dries clear so it is indistinguishable from the thin window material. The sticky note material is easily removable, leaving the window in place.

My other project has not succeeded yet. While beginning a Gloor Craft wooden D&H caboose kit, I discovered the windows are incorrect and, because I have several kits, they are an ideal candidate to be cast. While I've constructed several prototypes for a casting, I don't believe I can make a mold and get the part out!!!! So it's back to the drawing board working with negative spaces. I'll let you know how that works out. Right now, since I'm moving slower I'd better get cracking or the spring chores will never get done and I'll have no time for my favorite hobby.



*Rudy's B&M 4219 EMD FT modified Cary kit heads up a train on his modular layout.
Photograph by Rudy Slovacek.*



Tracks to Lakeport 2013

October 17-20, 2013

Laconia, New Hampshire

The Northeastern Region, NMRA, annual convention is being hosted by the Seacoast Division at The Margate on Winnepesaukee Lakefront Resort, 76 Lake St., Laconia, NH. Take advantage of special room rates being offered through September 17. The registration fee through September 1 is \$45, after that \$55. Access the convention website to make convention and hotel reservations.

Convention activities include: layout tours, operating sessions, clinics, model and photo contests and displays, banquet, prototype rides, and raffles. Prototype rides offered include a two-hour train ride along Lake Winnepesaukee, a four-hour fall foliage trip to Plymouth, and a private run on the Conway Scenic Railroad's Budd Car "Millie." There will be railroad speeder runs and a Lake Winnepesaukee scenic cruise on the 230-foot M/S Mt. Washington.

A focus of the convention will be learning about, as well as building and operating on, modular layouts. On-site modules will include some from the Amherst Belt Lines, New England Free-mo, plus others.

With the many excellent layouts in the area, many operating slots will be available nearby as well as on-site and en route to and from the convention.

Clinics will be given by well-known and experienced presenters, plus areas for mini-clinics or spontaneous clinic experiences will be provided.

Enjoy the fall foliage of New England as well as numerous tourist activities, fine food, and good shopping. Visit <http://convention.nernmra.org> or contact Erich Whitney at conventionchair@seacoastnmra.org or (603) 548-8734.



Achievements



Russ Norris receives two AP certificates (Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical and Model Railroad Author) from AP Chairman Don Howd at the February RAILFUN meeting.
Photograph by Bill Barry



Dan Fretz receives his Golden Spike Award from AP Chairman Don Howd at the March RAILFUN meeting.
Photograph by Bill Barry

February RAILFUN Contest Night



*A scratch-built structure by Ray Barry on display at the February RAILFUN.
Photograph by Bill Barry*



*A nicely detailed and weathered warehouse structure by David "Shack" Haralambou on display at the February RAILFUN.
Photograph by Bill Barry*



*A scratch-built structure by Dave Insley on display at the February RAILFUN.
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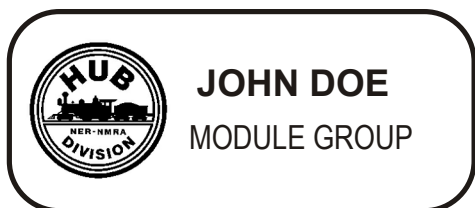
Seacoast Division Model Railroading Night

- May 10th: Operations 101 - Layout operation skills basic training.
- June 14th: DCC decoder installation.

Meetings are Friday night at 7 PM in the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry, NH. See <http://www.seacoastnmra.org> for info.

*From top left: Cheryle Insley, David "Shack" Haralambou, Ray Barry, Ken Belovarac, Dave Insley and Dan Fretz receive certificates of Achievement at the SpringTRAINing show for their entries in the contest held at the February RAILFUN.
Photographs by Bill Barry*

In Memorial: Raymond "Ray" Palleschi passed away on April 20, 2013 at the age of 61. Ray was the engraver that made all of the HUB's nametags. He was a model railroader and one of the founding members of the Broken & Mangled Operators group that hosts on the annual RailRUN invitational operating event. Ray was also a prototype railroader with the B&M, Amtrak and MBCR for 35 years.



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At the Spring TRAINing banquet, James VanBokkelen, Rudy Slovacek, Jack Corcoran, and Boris Maznek listen in to Dick Johannes as he speaks about detection and signals for the modules. Photograph by Bill Barry

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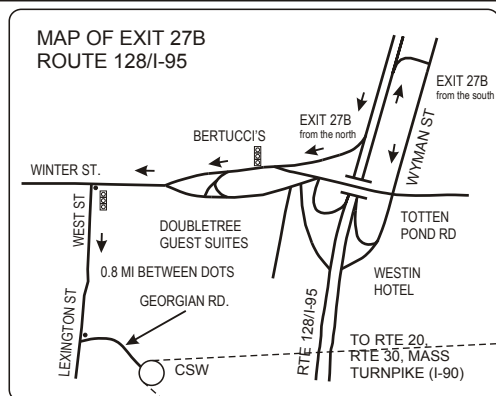
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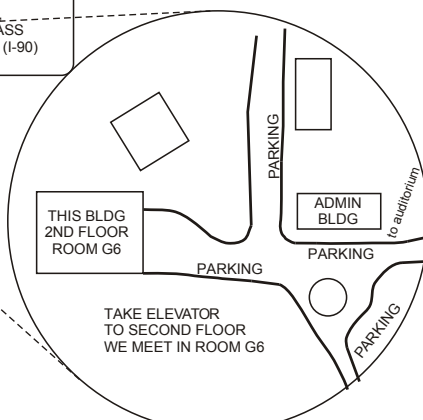
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MAP TO RAILFUN MEETINGS



*The crowd awaits the start of the March RAILFUN and Rudy's ALCO presentation.
Photograph by Bill Barry*

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