

HUB Headlight

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RAILFUN TIMETABLE

Welcome and Season Opener

By HUB Division Members

8 PM Friday, September 15, 2017, Cambridge School of Weston

We invite any train hobbyists to our RAILFUN events, held the 3rd Friday of each month, September to November and January to June. We also welcome everyone back from summer vacation to our very successful annual show-and-tell night. You will have an opportunity to hear what members have done over the summer, their future plans, and their ongoing hobby interests. We welcome everyone to participate and bring in actual models, dioramas, track work or photographs of something you have taken worthy of showing off to the group. Andy will be happy to get "in advance" copies of anything you may want included in a PowerPoint file.

Please email Andy Reynolds at Railfun.coordinator@hubdiv.org.

Presentation: Switch Machines

Presented By Ken Belovarac

8 PM Friday, October 20, 2017, Cambridge School of Weston

For October, Ken Belovarac will cover electric-operated switch machines – no manual ones! He plans to cover various types such as the stall motor machines including Tortoise, Colbalt, Switch Tender and Switchmaster. For a twin coil machine, he'll cover the Tenshodo. Finally, he'll cover the ESU servo machine. We will have a discussion of the pros and cons of each, cost, ease or difficulty of installation and electrical requirements. We will see an operating mock-up installation of each one and a PowerPoint illustrating the machines and how they are wired and connected to switches.

Presentation: Photography at Its Best

Presented By Doug Scott

8 PM Friday, November 17, 2017, Cambridge School of Weston

Doug Scott has been riding and photographing trains since the fall of 1977 and has ridden trains in all 50 states and a good part of Canada. He has had pictures published in several prototype railroad and model railroad-themed magazines over the years. He also spent a good part of his working life in the photo processing business and now specializes in Railroad, Maritime and Landscape digital photography. Doug's work is well known locally through the Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts newsletter, THE CALLBOY, and through various multimedia show presentations at the Cape Cod and Western Connecticut Chapters, National Railway Historical Society. He is also on the Board of Directors of the National Railway Historical Society. Doug is in the 'Master Photographer' group as a member of the Cape Cod Art Association Camera Club and has many ribbons from club and juried outside competitions. He will again be one of the photo contest judges at the NER Convention in Rhode Island. At our RAILFUN night, Doug will be presenting a pair of PowerPoint multimedia presentations covering steam and diesel action in the Northeast, plus a brief look at a few schooners off Eastern Point in Gloucester.

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A Tribute to Dick Johannes

By Ken Belovarac

On July 12, 2017, the HUB Division lost one of its most beloved members, Dick Johannes (Doc). Dick passed away, at 70 years old, from an apparent heart attack after returning home from a morning exercise class. Needless to say, the many members who knew him were stunned at the news. His contributions to the organization were staggering and he will be greatly missed.

Dick joined the HUB in 1995 and served on the BOD from 1997 to 2016. He was the HUB President from 2008 to 2011, after which he took over the directorship of the NEMTE from 2011 to the present. Dick was awarded the Don Pierce award in 2011 for his contributions to the HUB.

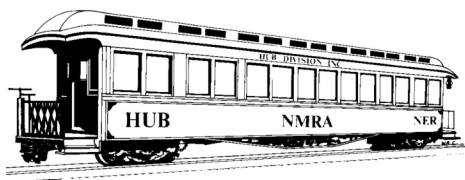
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*Dick manning the dispatch center at the 2014 Cleveland NMRA convention
Photo from Johannes Family*

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THE PRESIDENT'S CAR

By James VanBokkelen

Hello, members of the HUB Division and readers outside our group. As I write, I've just returned from a trip to Thailand. I arrived to temperatures almost as hot as the rainy season there, followed by a sudden change to long sleeves and thinking about lighting a fire. Fruit season started while I was away, so I missed black raspberries and blueberries, but my earliest apple tree, a Yellow Transparent, has a few ripe fruit and the peaches are on their way.

Most of us have heard the sad news of Dick Johannes' passing. I knew him first as a member of the Module Group. The name of his Newton Jct. module always made me think of the B&M near me, but it was named for his home town. He had a friendly, helpful aspect and contributed a lot to the HUB, both as a Module Group member and as President, Officer and Director. I miss him.

For this year's HUB Spring TRAINing and Annual Meeting and Banquet, we experimented with a non-hotel location. From the show floor and as a clinician, Spring TRAINing went well. The small number of dealers were able to cope with the ramp/elevator access with some help from HUB members. The clinics were well-attended and Stephen Priest seemed to enjoy his visit.

About 35 members attended our Annual Meeting and Banquet. I'd like to congratulate Mike Tylick, Dan Fretz and John Doehring on their election to the Board of Directors. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Bill Harley for being a candidate, and to assure him that the HUB has many other opportunities for his skills and experience. Further thanks to Pete Watson and the other members who organized and

worked at the show, and to the members who donated wine for the dinner.

A month later, I drove North to Prince Edward Island for the Maritime Federation of Model Railroaders annual convention in Summerside. As usual, their train show and the bulk of the convention were Saturday, with layout tours to begin everyone's Sunday morning drive home. Unlike Saint John, there were no operating sessions. PEI and northern New Brunswick are pretty, but the most spectacular scenery was the view from the seven-mile bridge across Northumberland Strait. And I did get to see tidal bore surfers ending their trip in Moncton, NB in the face of chilly rain.

I spent most of July in Thailand, so I missed the Cookout at Waushakum, but I gather it was a pleasant day and many members attended.

The Module Group has begun scheduling Fall activities: I understand the first will be Norwood Day on September 9. Check our Calendar page and see Module Coordinator Dick Ball's emails for further events. Another upcoming event is the Maine Model RR Tour on September 16. This year's layouts are between Brunswick and Rockland, within reach of the HUB given an early start and fairly empty roads in the gap between Summer People and Leaf Peepers.

Looking forward to November, this year's Northeastern Region convention will be Thursday the 9th through Saturday the 12th. Rails to the Gilded Age is hosted by our neighbors to the South, the Little Rhody Division just outside Newport, RI. For details visit www.newport2017.org.

I won't get into the politics of it, but there has been a lot said in Washington, DC about closing down most or all of Amtrak's long-distance trains. If you have any on your bucket list, now's the time: New York - Montreal and Los Angeles - Oakland are great rides, and will survive if their states continue to fund them. However, Denver - Sacramento is definitely at risk, as are Montana to Portland or Seattle and Kansas City to Los Angeles, each with its own wonderful scenery.

Personally, I've got one of the three 'modules' making up my Downtown Newburyport peninsula framed and another mostly complete. I've begun hand-laying the first track, though it needs a turnout mechanism before it's actually operable. And I've begun thinking about changes to the layout's operating plan: the peninsula will add 10-12 new car spots and require a lot more of the Portsmouth Local's time.

On the Achievement Program front, my Chief Dispatcher award was mentioned in the NMRA Magazine, so I expect I'll get the Certificate at a HUB event this Fall. My seventh AP certificate will probably be Association Official, when my term as NER Northern New England Director is up. But I still have to do Master Builder: Cars or Motive Power to earn Master Model Railroader.

If there's something on your mind about the HUB or its activities, email me at president@hubdiv.org, call me at +1 603 394 7832 or catch me at a HUB event.

Until next time, High Green!

New Member

The HUB Division welcomes the following new member:

- Nick Buckley, Boxford
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Fiscal Year 2017 Appointments

David "Shack" Haralambou - Vice President

Gerry Covino - Treasurer

Mike Dolan - Secretary

Peter Higgins - Membership

Bill Barry - Headlight Editor

Andy Reynolds - RAILFUN Coordinator

Dick Ball - Module Coordinator

Dave Insley - Webmaster

Peter Watson - Office Manager/Clerk

Manny Escobar - Interim Expo Show Director

Mark Harlow - Expo Show Manager

Ken Belovarac - Librarian

Dan Fretz - Donations Chairman

Peter Watson - NMRA AP Chairman

Position Open - Public Relations Director



Shanty Talk: "Only the Good Die Young - Bruce Springsteen"

By Rudy Slovacek

Just before our HUB summer picnic at Waushakum, a cloud darkened our sun and the smiling gentleman riding the train between Dick Ball and Shack on the Cookout flier passed away. Richard Johannes, "Dick" or "Doc", as he was affectionately known to some, left behind his family, his wife Kay, and children Caleb and Claire, the medical community, and our model railroad community as well as a host of other people who came in contact with that infectious smile and sense of humor.

But I am not here today to give a eulogy, that has already been done much better by others than myself. Rather I'd like to share a few stories of a fellow model railroader and the final bit of wisdom he left behind for us all. It



all began with the Holiday season of 1994 before any of us had heard of Dick. I believe Mark Harlow was the module coordinator and mentioned to me that the Science Museum was looking for a train group to display between the 26th of December and January 1st. They wanted to provide a festive and unique experience that would draw the public to the museum during that school holiday. At the time, HUB members had never done more than a one-day show, mainly for other model railroaders, and were of course reluctant to give up that holiday time with their families.

Thinking this might be a fun opportunity to play trains with my sons, I volunteered a small informal group of HUB members composed of Bob Blick, Mark Harlow, George Thompson, Lyle Sorenson and myself. We called ourselves the Coastal Mountain Railroad and set up and ran trains eight hours a day for six days straight. We put on shows with Thomas equipment we had on loan from Peter Brixley, who routinely traveled to Britain and acquired these goodies. The crowds of youngsters and adults were often three deep, but it was during one of the quieter moments when a be-spectacled man with an infectious smile and a bow tie introduced himself as Dick Johannes. He started asking all kinds of questions and we talked for over an hour. When I finally asked where he was from, he replied "Newton." I suggested he might want to come to one of the HUB Division's RAILFUN nights just down the road a piece in Wellesley. Well, he did and the rest, as they say, is history. It was my first encounter of a life-long friend.

Dick's modeling choice was, of course, the local road Guilford; it had as he used to say an eclectic collection of motive

power. They were always filling their needs with used power from other roads. Often the units Guilford collected were small runs of old units or those headed for the scrap heap. Dick often had to kit-bash or modify standard models because the

Guilford stuff wasn't generally produced by model manufacturers. In fact, he jokingly claimed that it was only after he had put in the hard work to research and build a carefully crafted model of a specific engine that some manufacturer would come along and decide to make one a couple years later. We all had to laugh because it was true.

Besides being a consummate modeler, Dick was also the consummate host. As president and board member, when it came time for a board meeting to be hosted at his home, he would break out a good wine to help lubricate the sometimes

contentious views of board members on a variety of business matters. As I think back now, he had a quite calm demeanor, and never raised his voice. If I could make the comparison, he was a lot like "Doctor Marcus Welby" only for model railroaders; hence the name "Doc". Few may remember but it was Doc, through his medical connections, that first arranged for a display of the HUB Division trains in the Children's Hospital commons area. It became a yearly event that I think both the hospital staff and HUB members greatly looked forward to.

Despite being the voice of reason and moderation on issues of governance, Dick displayed such excitement and enthusiasm for discovering new things in the hobby. Whenever he approached me it was with a smile and a twinkle in his eye, and I knew I was about to learn something new and interesting too. He provided many entertaining clinics over the years on used boxcar fleets, hand-laying track, automatic un-couplers, building turnouts, hex frog juicers and other electronic gizmos and, of course, his most recent passion comprehensive treatises on signaling for modules. Just days before he passed, he was emailing me on locations for purchasing pan pastels and tips on their use in weathering models.

While trains and model railroading were a big part of his life, I think, what I admired most about Dick was that, even when surrounded by other model railroading geeks on a dinner train, Dick would engage in discussions of sports, politics, medicine, history, science and a host other non-railroading topics that even my wife could understand and appreciate.

What Dick taught us does not end with his passing. It was by his passion for life, family, career and hobby that he showed us it is not the destination but the "train ride itself" through life which is most important. We need to participate and enjoy our moments to the fullest because time is so precious and it has limits we don't control.

For this parting moment, there is the Irish Blessing "May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face". Goodbye old friend.

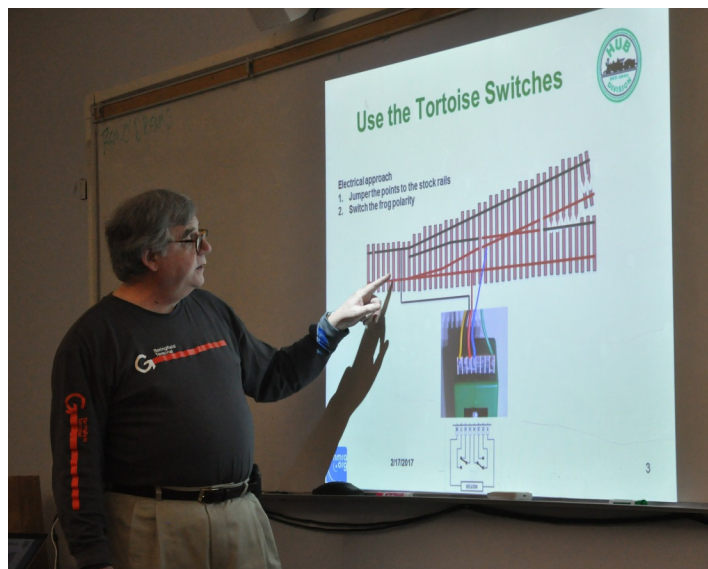
A Tribute to Dick Johannes

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He was a true model railroad enthusiast and was crazy about the HUB Division for which he felt there was nothing else like it in the world.

Dick gave several clinics at RAILFUN, Spring TRAINing, Regional NER Conventions and National Conventions, particularly on signaling, his latest model railroad passion. Since part of his professional work included teaching medical students at Harvard and Johns Hopkins, it was no wonder that he liked to prepare clinics for teaching others how to build model railroads.

He became a major force in the modular layout signal project, for which he had to learn all about railroad signaling to make the project a success. He and others on the signal committee persisted for the last five years to develop a prototype working signal system for the modular group using CATS and JMRI. It was developed in time to be displayed at the Cleveland National NMRA Convention in 2014 and was a great attraction at the National Train Show. On account of his involvement, he attracted notable model railroad computer and signaling authors and developers like Ken Cameron and Bruce Chubb, whom he invited to come to one of our Spring TRAINing Shows a few years ago to give signaling clinics.



Dick reviewing his use of Tortoise Switches at the February 2017 Railfun. Photo by Andy Reynolds

Another of Dick's favorite areas of interest was hand-laid track and turnouts. When the Fast Tracks tools came to the market, it was a dream come true. He proceeded to buy the tools and hand lay every switch on his Newton, Mass layout, called the Guilford Rail System, Newton Center Division (described in the May-June 2011 Headlight). In fact, he gave a clinic on hand-laid track just this past winter at RAILFUN.

Dick pursued other model railroad ventures like researching the average percentage of home road freight cars that would be observed on a freight train (10%-15%). For this, he would stand trackside and record the road names of the freight cars to make a written record of how many cars were foreign and which were from the home road pulling the train.

His favorite road for modeling was Guilford. He was renowned for his customized detailing of Guilford diesel-electric locomotives based on photographs and measurements, drawings and observations he would make of the prototype. He wrote an article that was published about locomotive detailing for a recent issue of Railroad Model Craftsman at the request of the magazine.

With respect to weathering, he was a great fan of modeling what he called "per diem" boxcars which were cars formerly owned by larger railroads but were sold and repainted for short lines. He detailed the painted over heralds of the original owners and included the graffiti, rust and worn out look very well. He was a strong believer in making convincing-looking models.

Structure building, scenery and detailing were other areas of interest. Dick's home layout contained some great kitbashed DPM industrial buildings with convincing weathering and lettering. His scenery skills were evident in his module, Newton Junction, with its characteristic diamond crossing, signals and tunnel. He proudly displayed the module at many

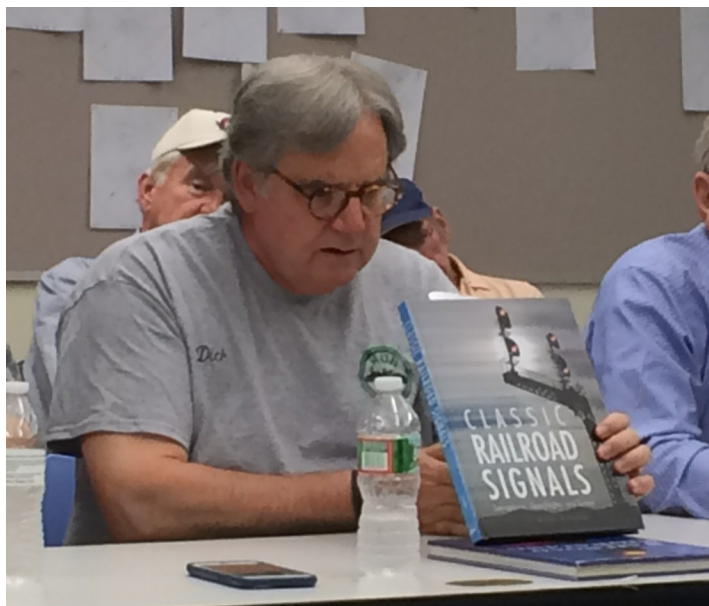


*Dick at the 2014 Cleveland NMRA convention
Photo from Johannes Family*

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*Dick talks about the books he read over the summer of 2016.
Photo by Andy Reynolds*

shows, often at Lexington and Springfield. Recently he was working on a project to model the B&M Bridge over the Connecticut River east of Deerfield Yard, which he planned to work into his layout.

With respect to the modular group, and using his medical contacts, he arranged for the HUB modular layout to be displayed at the Children's Hospital in Boston for a number of years. Special short legs were built for the modules so the little kids could see the layout better. Another of Dick's more notable contributions to the HUB included obtaining a grant from his employer, Cardinal Health at the time, to fund the purchase of a new trailer for the Modular Group at a time when money was in short supply in the treasury. This gave the Modular Layout group a great boost. Dick believed strongly in the benefits to the division of having a thriving modular railroad group.



*Dick explains a track laying tool during the February 2016 Railfun work session at Shack's place.
Photo by Andy Reynolds*

His management of the NEMTE since 2011 turned the show around, and was instrumental in its success over the last several years to re-establish the HUB show as one of the biggest and best train shows in the Boston area. Although Dick wanted to turn the directorship over to someone else this year, he decided to do it again for 2017 until a new volunteer could be found to take it over.

Dick always had a friendly smile and was never known to get angry, raise his voice or get upset. He would be serious on occasion (about signals) but most of the time he calmly chuckled and gave you his full attention because he wanted to hear what you had to say. He gladly gave free medical advice also. Speaking of his being a doctor, Dick had been a doctor in an emergency room in Baltimore at Johns Hopkins in his early career. And, on three occasions he had to render medical assistance to HUB members at gatherings due to accidental falls or for a more serious medical situation. We all felt a little more secure knowing we had a doctor in our midst.

Many members, particularly the BOD, modular group, and signal committee have stories and enjoyable memories of Doc giving clinics, being HUB president, directing the NEMTE show, rendering medical advice, teaching track laying, signaling, helping wire modules, trouble shooting electrical problems with the modular layout, Red Sox, Patriots, Big Ten basketball (he graduated from University of Wisconsin), describing a new model railroad product he just discovered on some website, and just about anything at all you wanted to talk about. He was very well read and informed, and a great talker and joke teller. Unfortunately there will never be another guy like Dick coming our way. We can only be thankful and fortunate that we had him in our midst for the time that we did. Certainly he will always be remembered and greatly missed.

We sincerely offer our condolences to his wife, Kay, and his children, Caleb and Claire, and wish them our best.



*Dick and Ken having a discussion in front of the dispatch center at the 2014 Cleveland NMRA convention.
Photo by Johannes Family*

Dick Johannes Remembrances

I always enjoyed Dick's elfish smile when he was involved with his railroad hobby – he seemed to be truly happy at those times. He was a thoughtful person who was always willing to lend a hand or an encouraging word to anyone he met – Marguerite thought he was the greatest. Dick spent most of a morning at a long-gone-by convention helping her to muddle through a small laser kit. She never forgot this kindness and was deeply saddened, as was I, to learn of his passing.

Mike Tylick

I graduated from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 1962 and Dick graduated in 1972. I did my post-graduate training in Boston and Dick did his at Hopkins. I didn't know Dick until I joined the HUB about 2010. We really didn't begin to get to know each other until about the past year, when we started having actual conversations and found that our careers had many similar twists and parallels.

When I read Dick's obit, it was the first time I learned that he had trained on the Osler Housestaff and became Chief Resident at about 32 years old. This was an incredible achievement on his part and accomplished by very few individuals.

I was looking forward to getting to know him better and now I am deeply saddened by his passing. He was an amazing person.

George Busch

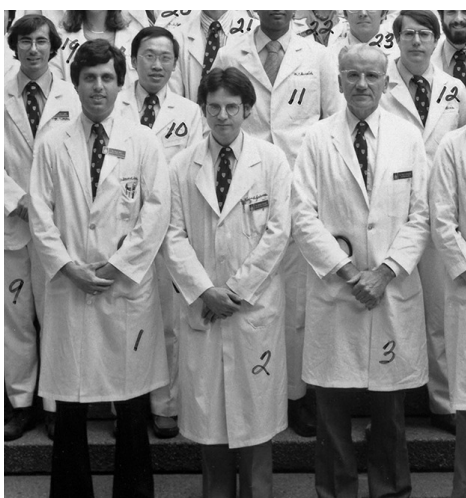
I had a Lionel freight train as a kid with a Pennsylvania GGI pulling an operating cattle car, milk car, dumping log car, side dumping coal car and caboose. My passenger train was a Union Pacific four car stream liner.

I drifted away from model trains through high school, college, five years in the Navy, and then marriage and work in four states. Along the way I did join the NMRA in 1993, but did not become active in any division. I also made a few trips to Springfield, but did not participate in much else except Tour de Chooch trips over Thanksgiving weekend.

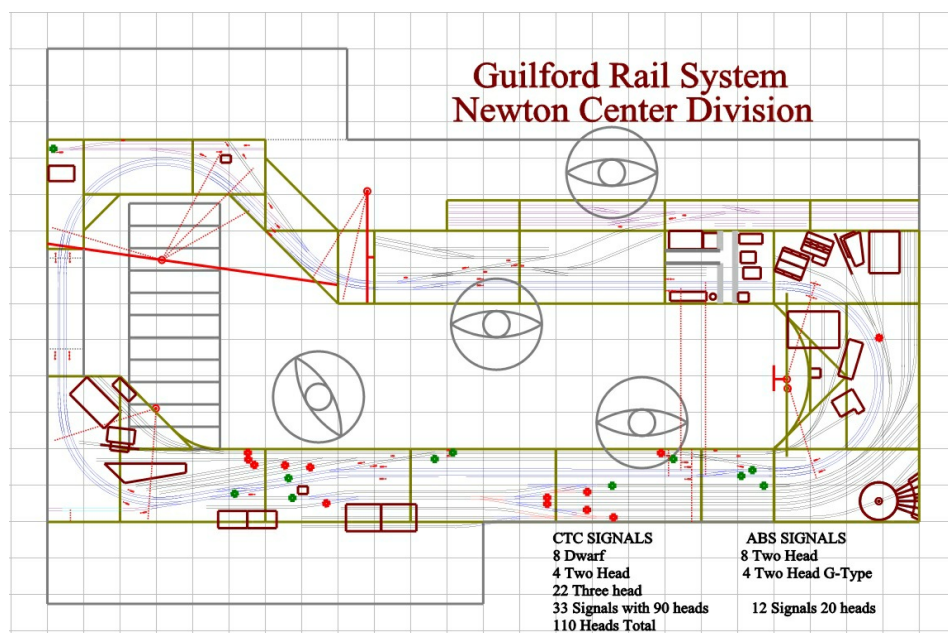
Then I decided to go to the National NMRA convention in Hartford because it was close by. However, I wanted to go with some people who would know their way around. Someone told me I should go to the HUB's Marlboro Train Show the previous December. I did, and wandered around meeting people here and there. At the end of the day I was tired and wanted to sit down. It was then that I found a member manning the entrance door on the last shift. That person was Doc.

Talking with him that day made me realize what a good, well-run Division the HUB was. Thanks to Doc, I knew I could get straight answers to any questions and that I would enjoy getting to know other members as well. Doc was knowledgeable, enthusiastic, helpful and welcoming. He has been a friend ever since and is sorely missed.

John Lutz



*Crop from Osler Medical Housestaff 1978-1979 Class Picture. Dick is labeled 2.
Photo from <https://oslerconnection.jhmi.edu>*



CADrail drawing of Dick's home layout track plan that appeared in the 2011 May-June Headlight. Dick's final President's Car column found in the issue is all about his layout.

HUB Division Calendar of Events (Subject to Change)

2017

Sept 9 (Sat)	HUB Modular Railroad display at Norwood Days, Norwood, MA
Sep 15 (Fri)	HUB RAILFUN Meeting, 8 PM, Cambridge School of Weston, Weston, MA
Oct 1 (Sun)	HUB Modular Railroad display at the Pepperell Siding Model Railroad Club Show & Open House, Pepperell, MA
Oct 1 (Sun)	Submissions deadline for the HUB Headlight Nov-Dec issue
Oct 14-15 (Sat-Sun)	HUB Modular Railroad display at the Nashua Valley Model Railroad Association's RailFair 2017, Boxboro, MA
Oct 20 (Fri)	HUB RAILFUN Meeting, 8 PM, Cambridge School of Weston, Weston, MA
Nov 4 (Sat)	HUB Modular Railroad display at the Wellesley Community Center, Wellesley, MA
Nov 9-12 (Thu-Sun)	NER Convention - Rails to the Gilded Age, Newport, RI (www.newport2017.org)
Nov 17 (Fri)	HUB RAILFUN Meeting, 8 PM, Cambridge School of Weston, Weston, MA
Nov 18-19 (Sat-Sun)	HUB Modular Railroad display at the Greenberg's Toy & Train Show, Shriner's Auditorium, Wilmington, MA
Nov 24 (Fri)	Submissions deadline for the HUB Headlight Jan-Feb issue
Dec 2-3 (Sat-Sun)	The HUB-sponsored New England Model Train EXPO at the Best Western Royal Plaza Trade Center, Marlborough, MA
Dec 16-17 (Sat-Sun)	HUB Modular Railroad display at the National Heritage Museum, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington, MA

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Jan 6-7 (Sat-Sun)	HUB Modular Railroad display at the Greenberg's Toy & Train Show, Hanover, MA
Jan 6 (Sat)	HUB Holiday Party at the Olde Colonial Cafe, 171 Nahatan St., Norwood, MA
Jan 13-15 (Sat-Mon)	HUB Modular Railroad display at the Wenham Museum, Wenham, MA
Jan 19 (Fri)	HUB RAILFUN Meeting, 8 PM, Cambridge School of Weston, Weston, MA
Jan 27-28 (Sat-Sun)	HUB Modular Railroad display at the Amherst Railway Society's Railroad Hobby Show, Big-E Fairgrounds, West Springfield, MA
Feb 1 (Thu)	Submissions deadline for the HUB Headlight Mar-Apr issue
Feb 16 (Fri)	HUB RAILFUN Meeting, 8 PM, Cambridge School of Weston, Weston, MA
Feb 24-25 (Sat-Sun)	HUB Modular Railroad display at the Lowell Winterfest, Lowell, MA
Mar 16 (Fri)	HUB RAILFUN Meeting, 8 PM, Cambridge School of Weston, Weston, MA
Mar 17-18 (Sat-Sun)	HUB Modular Railroad display at the Greenberg's Toy & Train Show, Shriner's Auditorium, Wilmington, MA
TBD (Sat or Sun)	The HUB-sponsored Spring TRAINing show
TBD (Sat or Sun)	The HUB Division Annual Meeting and Election - following SpringTRAINing
Apr 1 (Sun)	Submissions deadline for the HUB Headlight May-Jun issue
Apr 20 (Fri)	HUB RAILFUN Meeting, 8 PM, Cambridge School of Weston, Weston, MA
Apr 22 (Sun)	HUB Modular Railroad display at the Lions Club 20th Annual Model Train Show, Hooksett Cawley Middle School, 89 Whitehall Rd., Hooksett, NH
May 18 (Fri)	HUB RAILFUN Meeting, 8 PM, Cambridge School of Weston, Weston, MA
Jun 15 (Fri)	HUB RAILFUN Meeting, 8 PM, Cambridge School of Weston, Weston, MA
Jul TBD (Sun)	HUB Summer Picnic, Waushakum Live Steamers, Holliston, MA
Aug 5-12 (Sun-Sun)	2018 NMRA National Convention, Kansas City, MO

Fall Shows and Open Houses

September 16, 2017 (Sat): Maine Model Railroad Tour, www.mainemodelrrtour.com

September 24, 2017 (Sun): The Old Colony Model Railroad Club's 16th Annual Train Show, Taunton Holiday Inn, Taunton, MA, www.ocmrrc.com

October 1, 2017 (Sun): Pepperell Model Railroad Club Show and Open House, Pepperell, MA, www.psmrc.org

October 14-15, 2017 (Sat-Sun): Nashua Valley Model Railroad Association's RailFair 2017, Boxboro, MA, www.nvrra.com

October 21-22, 2017 (Sat-Sun): The North Shore Model Railroad Club's 36th Annual Train Show (Sat) & Open House (Sat & Sun), Wakefield, MA, www.nsmrc.org

October 28-29, 2017 (Sat-Sun): The South Shore Model Railway Club's annual Fall Model Railroad Show & Open House, Hingham, MA, www.ssmrc.org

November 24-26, 2017 (Fri-Sun): 23rd Annual "Tour de Chooch" layout tour, Southern NH, Northeastern MA, www.tourdechooch.org

December 2-3, 2017 (Sat-Sun): Bay State Model Railroad Museum Holiday Open House, Roslindale, MA, www.bsmrm.org

December 9, 2017 (Sat): The Providence Northern Model Railroad Club Open House, Warwick, RI, www.providencenorthern.com. (Club is also open most Saturdays 12-4.)

Note: These are presented here for the benefit of members. If you belong to a club and want to promote your open house or show, please email editor@hubdiv.org

From the RAILFUN Coordinator's Corner

By: Andy Reynolds

I'll make this article brief and to the point, so read on! In our hobby, we always have something to do, whether it's building your very first train module to show off at one of our Module Group Shows (see www.hubdiv.org/module_grp.htm), fixing wiring or turnouts on a 10-year-old-layout, sprucing up or building something new, getting ready to submit a new item into an NER or NMRA contest, or working on your NMRA - Master Model Railroader designation (abbreviated as MMR, see www.nmra.org/master-model-railroader). What holds many of us back is the lack of time, but I think most importantly it has to do with intimidation or simply lack of experience in an area of the hobby. It's my belief, if I can open up a complex craftsman kit or create a prototype structure from scratch, and I have the expertise, I'll make the time to do it, even if it's during a busy work cycle. Much of this

knowledge and security has come from our meetings.

So this brings us to why I believe we have clinics at 8:00PM every third Friday of the month during the academic year, with the exception of December. Our clinics are the extension of our mission as a 501(c)3 organization, which is "to promote and support the model railroading hobby through clinics and other activities." Coming to the RAILFUN meeting is at the epicenter of our mission statement. It has been my objective over the past year to bring together a group of men, women and teenagers to discover or increase their knowledge of becoming a better train hobbyist. The structure of the meeting is also designed to network by having the experienced modelers contribute to the presentations or to establish contacts with members needing help either at the meeting or elsewhere.

I want to thank everyone who helped promote the hobby last year by their participation and presentations. The list includes our clinicians, such as Mike

Tylick, MMR, Malcolm Houck, Ken Belovarac, Rudy Slovacek, Jeff Gerow, Sam Berliner, and the late Dick Johannes. The list also includes all the members who brought things to our "show and tell" last year, including but not limited to James VanBokkelen, Russ Norris, Jim Kerkam, Jerry McDonald, Tom Rustrom, Art Ellis, Mike Dolan, Dan Fretz, David "Shack" Haralambou, and Dave Insley to name a few. Finally, and most of all, the entire division for coming to the meetings with enthusiasm and a yen for helping others and learning just a little something new!

I welcome back our members to the new HUB Division train year. If you are reading this and it all sounds interesting, and you are not a member, we certainly welcome guests in an effort to get you involved and just maybe, one day, join the division. Also, anyone who has an idea for a clinic is invited to email me a topic that you think the group will be enlightened by, and we'll see if we can put it together in 2018. My email address is Railfun.coordinator@hubdiv.org



Top Left: Pete Higgins inspecting a hand-laid track turnout

Lower Left: Russ Norris shows his prototype models used for his AP award

Top Right: Ken Belovarac goes over making hand laid track ties

Bottom Right: An attendee taking a closer look at Andy Reynolds' prototype diorama

Photos by Andy Reynolds



Maritime Federation of Model Railroaders Annual Convention, Summerside, Prince Edward Island, Canada, May 26-29, 2017

By James VanBokkelen

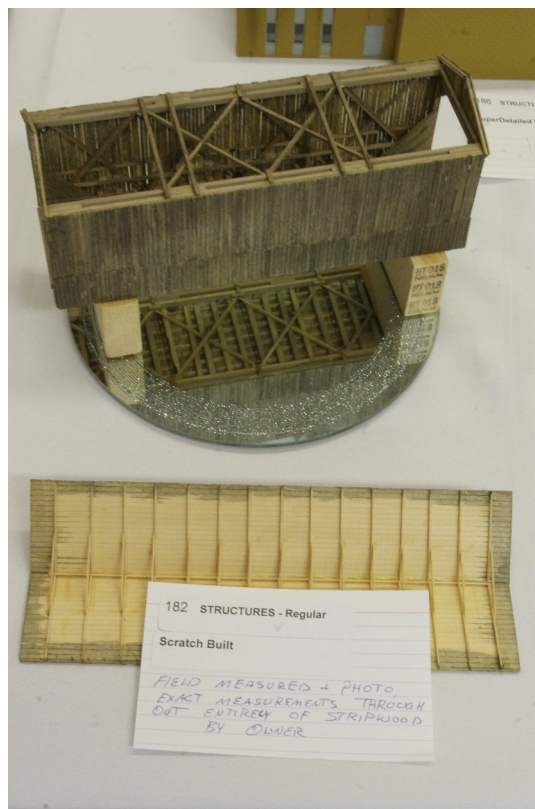
Photos from the popular vote model contest:



A kitbashed HO scale Canadian National 'Bullet' Nosed Betty' 4-8-2



Seacoast member Larry Cannon's scratchbuilt O-scale Monson RR combine.



An HO scale covered bridge following a New Brunswick prototype, scratchbuilt from wood.



Larry's kitbashed HO scale Medomak Canning Co.



HO scale kitbash of CN's prototype kitbash. Fans called it a "Sweep".



Gordon Robinson's HO scale modular layout visiting from the U.K.

Nashua Valley - Operation Session for HUB Members - May 6, 2017



HUB Summer Picnic at Waushakum Live Steamers



Dick Ball stops to pick up passengers.
Photo by Bill Barry



Bill Barry's family (Sarah, Douglas and Colin) enjoy a train ride.
Photo by Bill Barry

Front Row: Chris Boit, Andy Reynolds

Middle Row: Mat Paquette, Paul Stansel, Matt Betzner, Will Jasset, John Russo, Jim Emerson, Buddy Jaworski

Back Row: Bob Macauley, Jim Fenner, Dana Andrus, Paul Dexter, Mike Tylick, Larry Beach, Mark Camire, Bruce Hulse, John Lutz

Photo by Tom Scanlon

RailFair 2017

October 14-15, 2017, Boxboro Regency Hotel,
Boxborough, MA

The Nashua Valley Model Railroad Association 53rd annual "RailFair" model train offers attractions including: model railroad displays, layouts, exhibits, dealers, & train rides.



Saturday-Sunday, October 14-15, 2017

TIME: Saturday October 14: 10AM - 5PM; Sunday 10AM - 4PM

PLACE: Boxboro Regency Hotel, 242
Adams Place, Boxborough, MA 01719

ADMISSION: 2 day admission price: \$6 per person, free for children under 12

RailFair information contact and dealer inquiries: email to showchair17@nvrra.com or call 978-225-0650. Directions & More Information: See our website: www.nvrra.com

Submissions Wanted

The *Headlight* is always accepting photos and articles relating to model and prototype railroading. Articles about model building or home layouts would be much appreciated. Earn credit towards your Author AP certificate. Please email editor@hubdiv.org.

Photos from Thailand

By James VanBokkelen

Editor: Our now retired President has already completed another adventure with a trip to Thailand. He has supplied some photos for our viewing pleasure.



Looking north over storage tracks and the shop area at Kaeng Khoi Junction.



Tank car frames, guards van and diesel awaiting attention at Kaeng Khoi Junction.



Bangkok-bound passenger & container train arrives Kaeng Khoi Junction. This route has 22 trains a day, some going as far north as Nong Kai, on the Mekong River across from Vientiane, capital of Laos.



Bangkok-bound Diesel Multiple Unit train about to leave Lop Buri.



Track gang members putting their meter-gauge speeder away at Saraburi.



Southbound liquid compost train passes through Kaeng Khoi Junction.

Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year End; June 30, 2017

By Gerry Covino

We have successfully completed another fiscal year offering quality programs to our members while maintaining a solid financial position as shown in the summary financial statement below.

Again, factors contributing to the Division's success include the generosity of our members, through their time commitments that support our programs, and the continued success of our donations table at the NEMTE, which has been well managed by Dan Fretz with assistance from Rudy Slovacek and Barbara Hoblit. In addition, the Division has received many numerous small donations from friends of the HUB Division as we continue to promote the HUB as a non-profit organization. The programs we offer provide revenue that helps offset the costs associated with their success. The Module Group delivers enjoyment to many modelers under the direction of modular superintendent Richard Ball, who added two new revenue generating displays to the calendar, and our RAILFUN meetings continue to educate and entertain members under the direction of coordinator Andy Reynolds.

Our major fundraising event, the "New England Model Train EXPO," was financially successful with an increase in paid admissions this past year. The event provides financial resources that fund a major portion of the Division's programs while our show management continues to control costs. The Division leadership is

extremely grateful and thankful for the effort and support you provide with the many volunteer hours required to staff this two-day event. The Division asks that you renew your time commitment supporting both days of the show with a minimum of one hour each day. We thank you by providing you admission to the show. The NEMTE management is researching avenues that hopefully will expand attendance numbers going forward. With the sudden and unexpected death of Richard "Dick" Johannes on July 12, 2017, the Division has suffered a major loss. As many of you know, Dick was our NEMTE Show Director. His energy, ideas and efforts lead the way to our ongoing improvement of the show. We are grateful to Manny Escobar and sincerely thank him for volunteering his time and talent as the show's Interim Director, thus providing a seamless continuation of the shows forward progress initiated by Dick. As I said, Manny has volunteered to be the "Interim Director," which means we truly need a person to step forward and assume this major task and provide direction to help build the show, since it is our main source of revenue.

As we begin our new fiscal year, the Board has approved a balanced budget to insure the Division's ability to provide quality programs for the benefit of our membership and the hobby of modeling. We encourage everyone to enjoy the upcoming season and to be an active participant in all of the HUB's programs.

Finally, the Board urges each of you to make or renew an annual financial contribution to the HUB Division and maybe consider leaving part of your railroad collection to the HUB. The HUB Division is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organi-

zation. This means your contributions to the HUB, as with other non-profit organizations, could be tax deductible on your federal income tax return. You will find a form in this issue of the Headlight that you can use to make your contribution. We ask you to consider adding the HUB to your list of favorite charities that you financially support. Your financial support as well as your volunteer support will continue to ensure the ongoing success of the organization and the programs offered to you and to new members. Your ongoing generosity is greatly appreciated.

And as a reminder, the family of Dick Johannes has requested you consider making a financial donation to the HUB Division in his memory, since the hobby and the future of the Division has been the most important purpose in his life after his family. All donations will be acknowledged by the Division and details of your contribution will be sent to Dick's family.

Have another great modeling year.

Account Balances Year-Ended June 30, 2017

Checkbook	\$ 760.19
General Savings Account	2,037.56
Reserve-Life Savings Accounts	47,254.36
Restricted Savings Accounts	3,525.33
Program Checking Account	693.68
PayPal Account	637.57
USPS Permit Account	<u>0.91</u>
Total Funds Available	\$ 54,909.60
Value of Club Car Inventory	<u>1,757.40</u>
Total Value of Cash and Assets	<u>\$ 56,667.00</u>



Editor's Summer

Left: Portland Lewiston Interurban car being rebuilt at the Seashore Trolley Museum.

Right: Gorham Station in Gorham, NH. A former station built in 1907 was a stop on the Grand Trunk Railroad. Now maintained as a museum by the local historical society along with a static display including B&M 4265 diesel and a GT steam engine and caboose.

Photos by Bill Barry





By the Rails to the Gilded Age
Convention Committee

By now you have likely heard of the annual regional convention to be held in Newport, RI, from November 9th to the 12th, and we would like to suggest why this unusual convention is well worth attending. You have probably noticed that we have devoted at least as much publication space in the Coupler to Newport itself. There is so much to see and do in Newport for the entire family – a rare opportunity to combine a family vacation with a model railroading event. If you are not familiar with Newport, we suggest you fire up the Internet and see the numerous attractions the area has to offer.

Make no mistake, Rails to the Gilded Age will offer all of the activities found at every other convention – including all of the clinics, contests, trips, operating sessions, and layout tours one comes to expect at an NER convention. Besides the hobby-oriented and hands-on clinics, there will be a number of excellent speakers who are knowledgeable about local railroad history. A Viking tour of Newport and its mansions is not to be missed, as well as a tour of the Naval War College and its museum, since 9/11 a very difficult place to visit. A special layout owned by the Vanderbilt family and not generally open to the public will also be available, as well as a visit to a large prototype industrial railroad and a beautiful train ride along Narragansett Bay.

We are also fortunate to have the convention in a brand new seaside facility minutes from the famed Cliff Walk and Mansion Row. The Atlantic Resort Newport is as nice a hotel as we have stayed in anywhere. There will be a contest room with decent lighting and a banquet room with ocean views. The lodging rate for this hotel is only a few dollars more than the rooms at the previ-

ous Albany convention, and is as good a price as is to be found anywhere near Newport. If you would like to extend your visit by staying a few additional days, the weekday rate is even lower. It is Restaurant Week – Newport has many excellent restaurants – so there will be many dining choices at good prices. Newport and Middletown are on Aquidneck Island, and so are surrounded by water. The warm ocean currents make the Veteran's Day average daytime temperature even warmer than it would be at Lake Winnepesaukee a month earlier. All in all, a great bargain for a great vacation and convention! We hope we will see you in Newport, one of the Northeast's favorite tourist destinations. Please visit our website: www.newport2017.org.

Volunteers Needed

Rails to the Gilded Age is looking for volunteers to help with all sorts of things at the convention. If you are interested, please contact convention committee member Sue Osberg at sosberg1701@gmail.com. Here's a good chance to earn points for your Association Volunteer AP Award.

HUB Division Apparel Order Form

Short Sleeve Polo Shirt, T-Shirt & Sweatshirt Available Sizes S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Short Sleeve Polo Shirts - Sport Grey color with HUB Division Logo - **\$30.00 each**

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Circle ONE **Men's** **Women's** **Pocket** **No Pocket**
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Orders must be received by Oct. 1, Jan. 1 or Apr. 1. You will be contacted if there are any questions with your order and you will be notified when your order arrives. People may pick up their orders at RAILFUN meetings or shows to avoid the additional mailing costs. **If you request mailing, please provide your mailing address.**

To purchase using your credit card, email your order to Treasurer@hubdiv.org and an electronic invoice will be sent to you.

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Directions to RAILFUN Meetings

RAILFUN is usually held at the Cambridge School of Weston (CSW) in Classroom G6 on the second floor of the George Cohan Building. The school is located at 45 Georgian Road, Weston, MA 02493.

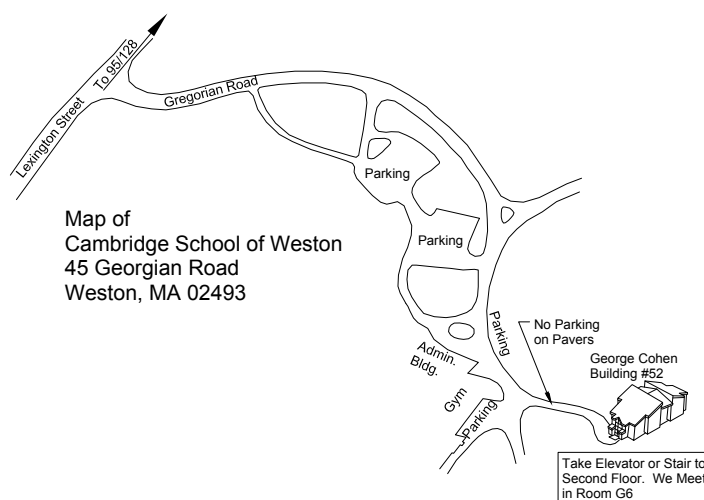
From Route 128 / Interstate 95:

From the North, take Exit 27B towards Winter Street.

From the South, take Exit 27A-B for Third Avenue toward Totten Pond Road/Waltham. Take Exit 27B towards "Winter Street" Bear right onto Wyman Street and continue to the traffic light. Take a right onto Winter Street at the light.

Continue on Winter Street to the second traffic light. Turn left on West Street, which becomes Lexington Street as you cross the Weston town line. At the crest of a small hill is Georgian Road and the CSW school sign; turn left on Georgian Road into the CSW campus.

Follow Georgian Road. There is a parking lot on your right, or you can park along the left side of the road and down the hill by the gymnasium. Please do not park on the stone pavers leading to the Cohen Building. See detail map below.



RAILFUN Weather / School Closure Note:

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 Cambridge School of Weston recording is at **781-642-8600**. Check the radio or TV stations early **on the morning of RAILFUN!** You can also check www.hubdiv.org and we plan to post notices on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.

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Maine - Brunswick To Rockland, September 16, 2017, the 3rd Annual Maine Model Railroad Layout Tour sponsored by railroad groups and hobby businesses. Have a fun experience seeing layouts and sharing ideas! Free and self-guided tour of indoor, outdoor and club model railroad layouts along the Route 1 corridor from Brunswick to Rockland. For layout descriptions, pictures, maps and directions, please visit:
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Seacoast Division Activities

Derry Model Railroad Fun Night

September 8, 2017

Topic “Using CAD to design a model railroad and modeling vehicles”

Meetings are Friday nights at 7 PM in the Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry, NH.

Visit www.seacoastnmra.org for more info.

HUB Division Module Kits

The HUB Division offers to its members a complete packaged module kit for \$155. The kit has everything you need, including all pre-cut lumber, hardware, a complete wiring harness for the DCC and inter-module connections, a panel-jack and wire, and even the roadbed and track! A module is the perfect solution if you do not have the space for a full-size layout or just want to experiment or learn new techniques without committing the time and money to a larger setup. Please contact Mark Harlow at modulekits@hubdiv.org with additional questions and to order the module kits.