

HUB Headlight

HUB Division Inc., Northeastern Region, National Model Railroad Association - Volume 21 Number 4, Mar-Apr 2005

<http://www.hubdiv.org>

RAILFUN TIMETABLE

FREIGHT CAR WEATHERING II: A Hands-On Clinic

By Dick Johannes
8 p.m., Friday, March 18, 2005
Cambridge School of Weston

This clinic presents ways to letter models and do paint over changes on boxcars and covered hoppers, as well as how to capture that graffiti art look through the use of decals. Dick has copied some prototype freight cars. He will show you the basics so you can bring pieces of your fleet up to snuff as representations of a railroad empire in miniature. Then you will have a chance to try it.

HUB will provide weathering materials but bring a freight car to be weathered, perhaps an inexpensive car to practice on. Also bring a razor knife, tweezers, paint brushes, a plastic water cup, a wooden work surface, and your favorite decal solvent. Our weathering clinics are always popular so arrive early.

See page 6 for Railfun Map ALCO HISTORY FROM THE INSIDE OUT

By Harvey Humphrey
8 p.m., Friday, April 15, 2005
Cambridge School of Weston

An engineer by training, Harvey wanted to work for the locomotive builder after he finished his college education. Although he didn't get the job on his first try, he persisted and now provides us with a treasure trove of stories from those years when Alco cranked 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. Harvey has lately devoted himself to the study of this landmark Locomotive builder. For those of you who missed his talk at our Spring show, join us as Harvey puts a face and a smile to a chapter in the history of railroading.

WOOD AN' CHEAP A Hands-On Clinic

By Suprise Guest
8 p.m., Friday, May 20, 2005
Cambridge School of Weston

This is another of our hands-on clinics where we'll focus on how to build wood fences. Fences protect, separate, keep out or in some cases in; but mainly add interest to our urban and pastoral scenes. Once again we'll make use of a Bar Mills wooden fence kit product which Art Fahie showed could greatly enhance a diorama. One of our other regulars (but I won't mention the jovial fellow's name) has a fondness for making such things cheaply from other materials and we'll invite him to show us his secrets.

It is a good idea to bring a few tools such as a razor knife, some small paint brushes, a plastic water cup, cotton rag, sand paper, glue, news paper, wooden surface and dilute India ink or a wood stain.

AMTRAK TRIP TO BAR MILLS SCALE MODEL WORKS

Saturday, June 4, 2005

Our regular Friday evening Railfun meeting scheduled for June 17, is cancelled and, in its place, Hub Division will ride Amtrak from Anderson Station in Woburn, north of Boston, to Saco, ME, to see Art Fahie, owner of Bar Mills Scale Model Works. The company specializes in highly-detailed, yet easily constructed, kits using laser-cut wood and castings. For a glimpse of their products in HO, O, S, and N scales, check <http://www.barmillsmodels.com>. **The trip on Amtrak requires advance registration and \$24.00 fare (limited to 50). Reservations must be received by Treasurer Gerry Covino before May 1 to take advantage of this bargain fare. The reservation form is included on page 7.** At Saco, we will board a chartered bus and travel to Bar Mills Scale Model Works nearby. The bus fare, still in the negotiation stage, is anticipated to be \$6 or less.

We will visit an exact replica of Strong Station on the Sandy River & Rangely Lakes, a 2-foot gauge railroad that existed in Maine until 1930, which Art recently completed. We will also view Art's highly detailed and delightful N-scale layout, the Niagara & Pearl Creek Railroad Co. Plan now to join the fun.

METHODS OF VOTING

Eligible voters are not always able to make it to the Annual Meeting. In lieu of voting in person at the Annual Meeting, a HUB member may cast one ballot using one of the three (3) following methods:

1. MAIL:

Ballots on page 7 may be copied or cut out and mailed to the Registrar.

The HUB member must write his Name and Membership Number on the outside of the envelope to certify the ballot enclosed. The ballot shall be mailed to:

**Bill Goldthwait, Registrar
30 Baker Ave.
Lexington, MA 02421-6204**

Mail ballots must be received by the Registrar no later than **April 18, 2005**. The Registrar will verify the ballot and record the member as having voted.

2. E-MAIL:

A ballot may be cast by sending e-mail to the Registrar.

The **e-mail must** be sent from the HUB member's Official e-mail address that is on file with the HUB Office Manager. It is the responsibility of each HUB member to ensure the HUB Office Manager has their correct e-mail address. **Only one** Official e-mail address is allowed per member. Note that your e-mail address may not yet be entered as your Official e-mail address. Before you send your ballot to the Registrar, you may set or confirm your Official e-mail address, send e-mail to the Hub Office Manager at

George@my-dads-trains.com:

A valid e-mail Ballot shall contain the **HUB member's Name and Membership Number in the E-mail Subject Line**.

All votes shall be placed in the body of the E-mail as follows:

A. BOD Vacancies:

Place ONLY the names of the Candidates, for whom the member is casting votes.

B. Ballot Questions

Place the Ballot Question Number followed by either "Yes" or "No."

E-mail the ballot to:

Bill.goldthwait@sun.com

E-mail ballots must be received by the Registrar no later than April 18, 2005. The Registrar will verify the ballot and record the member as having voted.

3. PROXY:

Any HUB member eligible to vote in the election may **designate in writing** that another eligible HUB member may cast their vote at the election.

The Letter of Proxy **MUST** contain the **HUB member's name, Membership Number, and Signature**. The Letter of Proxy must also declare the **name of the HUB member acting as proxy**.

The HUB member acting as proxy will present the Letter of Proxy at the Annual Meeting to obtain the eligible member's ballot for voting purposes.

Skipper's Pep Talk

By Skipper Farwell

Well, it is almost time to step up to the plate and take a crack at our Spring Training Convention, to be held on April 30 at the Holiday Inn in Taunton. Peter Watson has put together a winning lineup of clinics. The clinicians and topics are found at the bottom of page 4. Please check our website for the schedule and full clinic details. HUB policy allows HUB members who volunteer at the convention to have free admission. To sign up and volunteer, contact **Mark Harlow at markpharlow@yahoo.com**.

Gerald Abegg has once again assembled an all-star cast of dealers who will have almost anything a modeler could want. This day is also our annual meeting. You will find biographies of candidates for the HUB Board of Directors on pages 4 and 5. Please read them and vote. The meeting will not last long and will be followed by our Annual Banquet. Please send your reservations in to Gerry Covino before April 16. The reservation form is on page 7. This year our speaker is Donovan Lewis who is not only a Little Rhody Division member, but also a volunteer at the Seashore Trolley Museum. Donovan will speak about the museum's restoration work. Get ready for a full day of fun and

WANTED

One creative person to become Assistant Railfun Coordinator. Help develop and recruit speakers for Railfun clinics and programs. No prior experience necessary--we will train you. Call Rudy at (508)-528-1011.

BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

QUESTION 1. ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS. Section 1

Delete:

There shall be a nominating committee of three regular or life members elected by the board of directors no later than the month of September. Said committee shall prepare a slate of no less than three and no more than five candidates for election to the board of directors for the ensuing year. This slate, which is to be presented at the November meeting of the board of directors, will be included in the notice of the annual meeting and provided to the membership no later than 30 days before the Annual Meeting.

Replace with:

There shall be a nominating committee of three regular or life members elected by the board of directors no later than the month of September. ***Said committee shall prepare a slate of preferably five (5) candidates and no less than four (4) candidates*** for election to the board of directors for the ensuing year. This slate, which is to be presented at the November meeting of the board of directors, will be included in the notice of the annual meeting and provided to the membership no later than 30 days before the Annual Meeting.

QUESTION 2. ARTICLE VIII: DUTIES OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS. Section 11

Delete

- (a) A director of the corporation must approve expenditures not in excess of \$100.00.
- (b) Two officers of the corporation must approve expenditures over \$100.00 but not in excess of \$500.00.
- (c) Expenditures over \$500.00 must be approved by a majority of the board of directors.

Replace with:

- (a) The treasurer is authorized to spend funds in accordance with the Budget approved by the Board of Directors for the current fiscal year.
- (b) At any time during the fiscal year, the Board of Directors can amend the Budget to increase or decrease authorized spending of Budgeted funds.
- (c) Expenditures required for the operations of the organization not included in the budget, not in excess two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) can be authorized by the President, with the approval of one other member of the Board of Directors and with concurrence by the Treasurer that funds are available.
- (d) For expenditures of more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), details must be transmitted to all members of the Board of Directors and must be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors with concurrence by the Treasurer that such funds are available. Such approval can be secured by use of an electronic vote, which must be forwarded to the Secretary and included in the Minutes of the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting. For any such expenditure of funds the "Minutes" entry must state the nature of the expense, which Director proposed the need, with the second and a list of the Board of Directors voting.

THE HUB Division election for Board of Directors and By-Law changes is upon us. This year, five capable candidates are running for three positions on the Board. The instructions for voting are presented on page 2. The bio-sketches of candidates are provided on this and the following page. The proposed changes in the by-laws are presented on page 3. If you elect to mail your ballot in advance, it is provided on page 7.

Mike Clements

I was born in Worcester in 1974 and grew up in Grafton alongside the Grafton & Upton RR. I received a BA in Operations Management from Boston University in 1996 and a Graduate Certificate in Supply Chain Management from Northeastern in 2000. Currently, I work at Quebecor World Logistics managing outbound transportation. In the past I have worked for a third party provider of railcar and intermodal services.

I became active in the model railroading community as a member of the Worcester Model Railroaders from 1990 to 1994. In 2000 I completed the first of two versions of Trackside New England, a field guide to New England railroading. I joined NMRA in 1999 and thanks to Jeff Turner, I began a module in 2001. Since then I have participated in numerous train shows, helped several members design their layouts, written for the *Headlight* and been awarded Best Module in Show in 2003.

My railroading interests include prototype modeling, freight cars, layout design, northeastern railroading (particularly the NYC/B&A) and photography. Although I don't have a layout at the present, my goal is to one day model the Worcester, MA area on the NYC or the entire G&U circa 1965.

Gerry Covino

This completes my first term as a member of your Board of Directors while also serving as Treasurer of the HUB Division. During this term, I did focus my efforts on ways to improve and expand programs offered to our members and the methods by which the Division operates. Program improvements include a simplified donation cup for snacks and materials at Railfun Nights, which members seem to prefer over the separate nickel and dime collections previously used. These contributions actually cover the expense of refreshments and helps to defray costs in our education budget thus permitting us to expand programs elsewhere. I've actively supported the Division providing learning materials to members and the public, who participate in the program, since our mission is one of education. I proposed the two-day show format for our annual fundraising event and I have actively sought new dealers from outside the local MA area to improve the show's quality and attendance. I'm also a member of the module group and can often be seen coaching the children to use our DCC throttles at Pentucket and Children's Hospital. I ask for your vote so that I can continue to work on your behalf to make further improvements to our organization.

Ken Hoffman

At press time, Ken's bio was not available. Ken has been active in the Hub Division for several years, serving as its legal counsel and working on several special projects. Recently, he also assisted with the NER Convention in North Conway, NH, that Hub Division administered.

Please check the Headlight posted on hubdiv.com. This column will be updated with Ken's bio when it is received.



SPRING TRAINING CLINICS
(Check hudiv.org for details)

James Van Bokkelen: Beyond Shake the Box

Rick Towle: Radios in Railroading

Dick Towle: Operation Life Saver

Dick Johannes: Certified Pre-Owned Boxcars

Rudy Slovacek: Simple Methods for Making Water

Bill Goldthwait: Lightweight Scenery

Keith Shoneman: Serving Customers with a Smile (Railroad Operations)

Curtis Nutt

At press time, Curtis's bio was not available. Curtis has performed remarkably as Hub Division's Membership Chairman. In fact, the NMRA recently awarded Hub Division a special award for the most fruitful membership campaign. Curtis is also active with the Module Group.

Please check the Headlight posted on hubdiv.com. This column will be updated with Curtis's bio when it is received.



Susan Zukowski

I am thankful to you all for the opportunity to be a candidate for election to the Board of Directors for the Hub Division, Inc.

As a youngster I never had the opportunity to play with trains myself. I could only watch my brother run his train around the Christmas tree. It was not until years later that I was able to enjoy model railroading. That opportunity presented itself when visiting the tourist railroads of New England. I also started a business with an associate that focused on custom model train work for railroads and museums, which later expanded to include other aspects of model railroading.

I joined the NMRA and the Hub Division and its module group in 2000. I helped with setup and tear down for many of their exhibits my first year. Later, in collaboration with a friend and business associate, I built three modules. I have learned a lot and today I enjoy other's enjoyment when the modules are displayed.

Recently, I have found that the way the hobby is presented is critical. If elected to the Board of Directors I would like to promote new ideas so that the Hub Division can more actively encourage today's youth to participate in this wonderful hobby.

Treasurer's Report

By Gerald Covino, Treasurer

As we conclude the mid point in our fiscal year, July 1 through June 30, I provide you the following information reflecting our financial position at December 31. Your active involvement in the organization helps deliver the programs that support our mission.

We have many events still on the schedule and we continue to receive requests to expand programs. Remember, the Hub Division is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit organization. This means your financial contributions to the Hub Division are fully deductible from your personal income tax return. We hope, as you consider supporting your favorite charities, you keep the Hub Division in mind. It is through private contributions and our Fundraising efforts that we secure the funds needed to deliver programs in support of our mission. Please also keep in mind that many of you may work for a company that matches employee contributions to a Nonprofit organization. If you work for such a company, consider increasing your financial support by informing your employer of any financial contribution you make to the Hub Division.

Mid-Year Account Balances

Checkbook	\$ 595.00
Unrestricted Savings Account	5,500.00
Restricted Life Accounts	9,701.00
USPS Permit Account	<u>9.00</u>

Total MidYear Funds Available\$15,805.00

HUB Division Upcoming Events

- March 18, 2005 **RAILFUN** - 8:00 PM - Cambridge School of Weston
- April 12, 2005 **Deadline for submissions for May-June Headlight.**
- April 15, 2005 **RAILFUN** - 8:00 PM - Cambridge School of Weston
- April 30, 2005 **HUB Spring Show & Annual Meeting** - Taunton, MA
- May 13-15, 2005 **NER Spring Convention**, Nashua, NH
- May 20, 2005 **RAILFUN** - 8:00 PM - Cambridge School of Weston
- June 4, 2005 **RAILFUN TRIP** - Amtrak trip to Art Fahie's Bar Mills Scale Model Works, Saco, ME

HUB Headlight
Volume 21, Number 4, March-April 2005

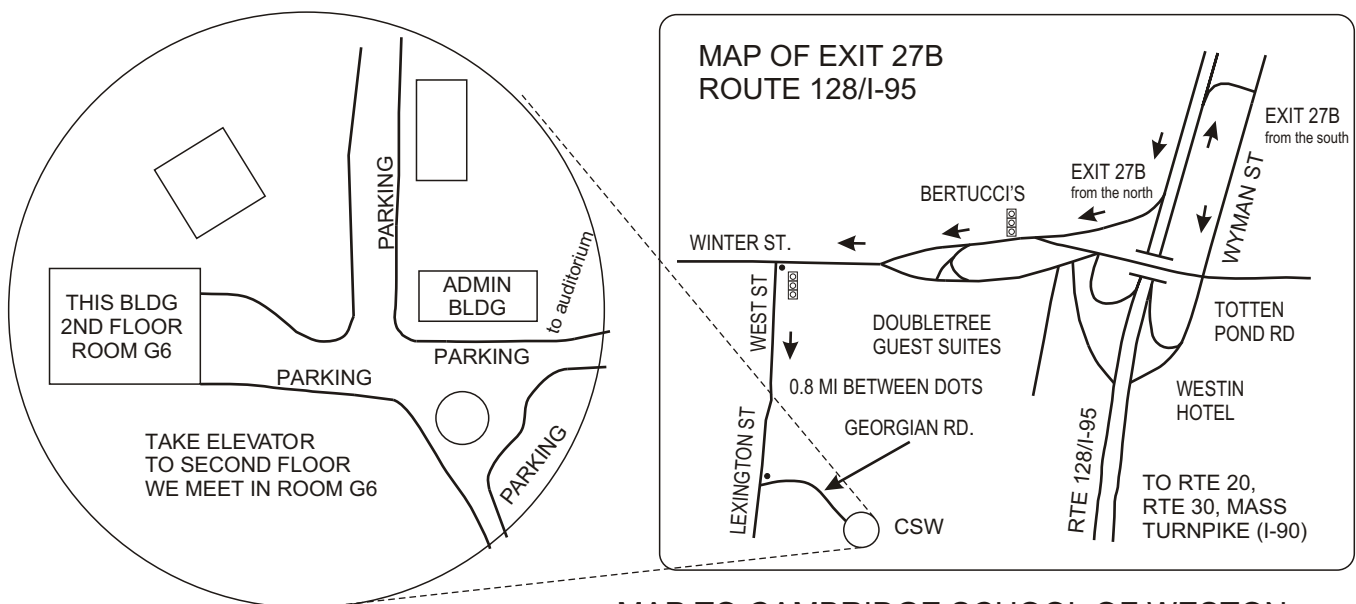
HUB Headlight, published by the HUB Division Inc., Northeastern Region, National Model Railroad Association, is issued in January, March, May, September and November. Contributions may be sent by email to the Editor or by mail to the Office Manager.

<p>President Mark Harlow M-Harlow@comcast.net</p>	<p>HUB Division Board of Directors</p> <p>Vice President Rich Johannes Rjohannes@mediquail.com</p>	<p>Secretary Ken Belovarac Kenbelovarac@msn.com</p>
<p>Treasurer Gerry Covino gerryc@comcast.net</p>	<p>Railfun Coordinator, NER MA Rep. Rudy Slovacek Rslovacek@comcast.net</p>	<p>Show Manager Gerald L. Abegg gabegg@bu.edu</p>
<p>Skip Farwell Batchawnabeer@comcast.net</p>	<p>Jack Alexander InterMtnPacific@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Bill Parker Parkermoira@aol.com</p>
<p>Clerk Pete Watson pawsrll@comcast.net</p>	<p>Other HUB Division Leadership</p> <p>Editor Rich Pitter richpitter@aol.com</p>	<p>Office Manager George Thompson George@my-dads-trains.com P.O. Box 945, Wrentham, MA 02093</p>
<p>Module Superintendent Frank Kastenholz frank@kastenholz.org</p>	<p>Membership Curtis Nutt thenutts@aol.com</p>	<p>Librarian Harvey Humphrey</p>

Membership: National Model Railroad Association Members residing within the boundaries of the HUB Division: zip codes 01400 through 02699. (Barnstable, Dukes, Essex, Franklin, Middlesex, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester counties of Massachusetts.)

Headlight Printers
 Versatile Printing Services, Inc.
 Woburn, MA

MAP TO RAILFUN MEETINGS



MAP TO CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL OF WESTON

2005 HUB DIVISION BALLOT

(see instructions on page 2)

Board of Directors (3-year terms). Vote for up to three candidates:

- Mike Clement
- Gerry Covino
- Ken Hoffman
- Curtis Nutt
- Susan Zukowski
- write in: _____
- write in: _____
- write in: _____

Proposed Changes to By Laws:

1. Yes No (ARTICLE VII ELECTIONS. Section 1)
2. Yes No (ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF DRECTORS AND OFFICERS. Section 11)

SPRING BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Email or Phone: _____

Menu: Roasted Turkey with Apple Cider Gravy, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Vermont Maple Glazed Carrots, and Warm Apple Crisp.

Make check for \$22 per person payable to HUB Division, Inc.

Return this form to Gerry Covino before April 16, 2005.

Gerry Covino

P.O. Box 1154

Burlington, MA. 01803-6154

REGISTRATION FORM

Art Fahie's BAR MILLS MODELS Extravaganza

Saturday, June 4, 2005, Train Trip/Bus From Saco Maine

Amtrak DownEaster Train #681 from Woburn/Anderson RTC 10:07AM arrive Saco, ME 12:00PM

Return Amtrak DownEaster Train #688 from Saco, ME 6:58PM arrive Woburn/Anderson 8:52PM

Limit 50 Passengers. Amtrak fare **\$24.00** round trip. There will be an additional fare for the bus. Registration Due **BEFORE May 1, 2005**; first come first served!

Name: _____ Tel #: _____

Address: _____

Make check Payable to: Hub Division, Inc.

Mail to: PO Box 1154, Burlington, MA 01803-6154