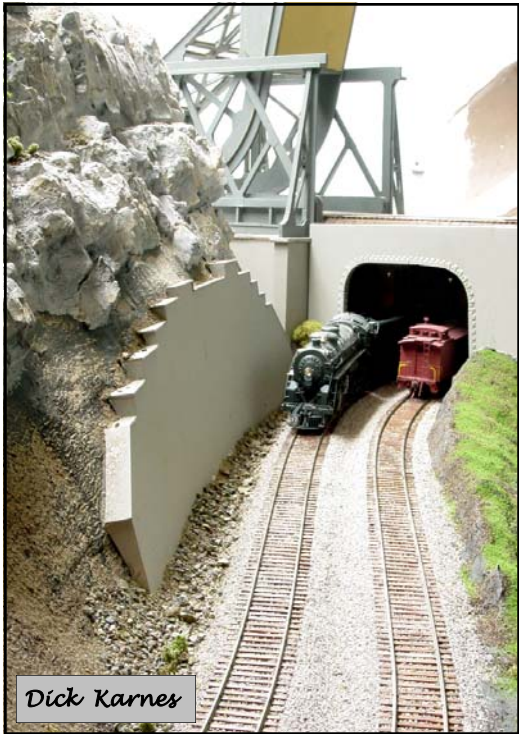




# The New York, Westchester and Albany division of Dick Karnes New York Central Railroad

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The NYC Hudson # 5413 emerges from State Line Tunnel on its way to Boston while a freight trailed by a 19,000-series wood caboose heads west to Albany. The railroad is not the Boston & Albany division of the NYC. In my altered history, the New York, Westchester & Boston has its own right-of-way from Albany to Springfield MA, and the B&A has its own trackage east of Springfield. There is no B&A between Boston and Springfield.

The Hudson is an Overland import; the caboose is a G&W import. I painted and decaled both. The track is hand-laid code 100. The concrete retaining wall was made from 3/16" foam core capped with card stock strip. The rock face is composed of about a dozen and a half Hydro-cal castings I made from three different rock molds.

The upper railway is schematically many miles away from the lower line, but for scenic purposes it's any other railroad. There's a navigable river just beyond the mountain gap to the left, and the truss work on the upper level is the fixed portion of a Scherzer rolling lift bridge over that river. The bridge is in the center of a left-hand hairpin curve in the river, and the lower railroad curves right inside the tunnel. The river itself is not visible from this viewing area.

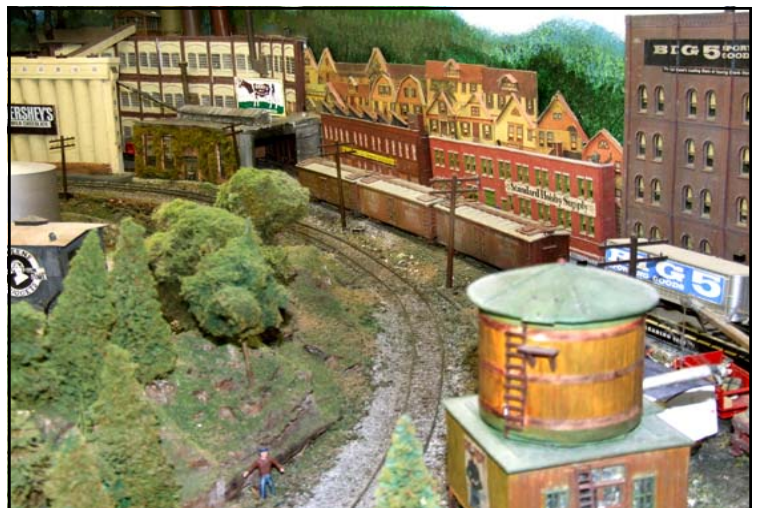
The whitish area beyond the upper railway will soon be painted brown and covered with trees.

Eagle-eyed viewers will see the ends of two rails at the top of the tunnel portal. I use overhead rails instead of catenaries over hidden trackage. Soon catenaries will be erected over this portion of the railroad. It will transition to the overhead rails at the tunnel entrance.

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