

## 8. John Paganoni's Signs



Thompson Saw Mill (photo left)—Mat gave me the saw mill when he re-did a scene on his layout and it was just what I needed, so I named it for him.

I wish this sign/billboard (photo below) came out better photographically as Packer's Tar Soap was located in Mystic, Connecticut when

I was a kid near a place we used to go swimming and clamming. There was this billboard on the factory roof that was in the shape of a bar of soap with this image on it. It always

fascinated me. One day while looking through an antique place, I found an unused tin of Packer's Tar Soap with the image on it and quickly bought it. I took a picture of the can the soap came in and reduced it for my billboard. I wanted to have this sign on my layout one day and now it is there. Sadly, like so many industries of the past, Packer's is no longer in that building.





This building ([photo above](#)) was named for my good friend Doyle Lawson (a world renowned mandolinist). Note the old "Martin and Gibson" guitar company signs on the left side of the building . I found these logos in old 1920's catalogs, photographed them and reduced them in size for this HO structure. **John Paganoni, MMR**