1. John Paganoni's "Story of Bobby McQ"



Anyone who has seen my small layout knows that I have tried to depict memorable events in the 1940-1950's when steam was king on the Central Vermont Railway. However, some of these events are not railroad related. One involves a young man freshly returned from the Korean War and obviously suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome.

Bobby McQ, (not his real name), I was told by neighbors and friends, went to the two bars in Montville, Connecticut, and in a very short time totally wrecked two 1940 Ford sedans on the sharp turns on Route 163. Fortunately, Bobby was never hurt (most likely because of his inebriated condition). After escaping court charges and fines, he sobered up and took a responsible job with the power company.

I created a scene to commemorate Bobby's last car wreck and to depict what the recovery scene might have looked like. Scenes like this let my mind wander back to yesteryear and also enjoy model railroading at the same time.

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