B&A Central Division

Dick Hehir

The B&A Central is an 11’ x 11’ (plus staging) freelanced layout representing a fictitious part of The Boston and Albany Railroad connecting the two towns of Westfield and Mill Creek Mass. At Weston there is an interchange with the New Haven, and at Eastham there is an interchange with the Boston and Maine. All three railroads share some mainline trackage. Freight service operates from all three railroads with passenger service also connecting the towns. Don’t let the small size fool you, there is a great deal of operating action on this finely sceniced pike.

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Layout at a glance

Name: B&A Central
Scale: HO
Size: 11 x 11 with staging
Prototype: Boston and Albany/Boston and Maine/New Haven
Locale: Central Massachusetts
Era: 1950s
Style: Folded double oval with a duck-under
Mainline run: 70’
Minimum radius: 24”
Minimum turnout: #5
Maximum grade: 2%
Benchwork: Open Grid
Height: 50” – 55”
Roadbed: Cork over Homesote over Plywood
Track: Peco Code 83
Scenery: Sculptamold over plaster gauze
Backdrop: Photo Murals from LARC Products
Control: Digitrax DCC with Sound

Operating positions: Up to 6 total Spots

Each operator will have the opportunity to spend about one half of the session performing switching duties at one of the towns and the other half running trains over the mainline.

Comments:

Dick is an experienced operator in past “Ops ‘til You Drop” weekends. Dick looks forward to welcoming guests that enjoy a smaller simpler plan, and guests that are new to operations.