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One of the newest to join the Master Model Railroader ranks is John Lowrance, MMR 150. He is well known to many NMRA members as "The Cloud Man" as a result of his popular clinic on Spray Painting Backdrops. A member of the NMRA since 1971, John has an extensive record of service to the hobby. He is a past president of the San Antonio Model Railroad Association and the Lone Star Region of the NMRA and served five years as the Lone Star Re-

gion trustee to the NMRA Board of Directors. John holds NMRA Achievement Program certificates in Structures, Cars, Motive Power, Civil Engineering, Model Railroad Volunteer, Model Railroad Official, and Author. He has several NMRA national contest wins, and his railroad articles and photography have been frequently featured in the model railroad press.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1945, John attended high school in Tulsa, Okla. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1968, but says he mostly studied the MKT and Frisco railroads! After graduating, the Air Force took John and his bride, Priscilla Buchanan, to San Antonio, Texas. He is the Air Force-wide manager for charitable fund-raising and U.S. Savings Bonds sales. John and Priscilla have two sons, 15-year-old Christopher and Stuart who is 12 years old.

John's HO scale New York & New London Western Railroad is patterned after his childhood memories of eastern coal region railroads and big city passenger operations. As a member of the Great Southern operating crew, John also models in O scale. He is a member of the Collectors Special Interest Group (SIG), the Railroadiana Collectors Association Inc., and several railroad historical societies. As if all of this were not enough, he collects early metal HO, Lionel, and dining car china.