

Achievement Program

Friends encouraged modeler's effort

Lana earns MMR #208

Patrick G. Lana is Master Model Railroader No. 208, having earned certificates in electrical, scenery, structures, rolling stock-cars, author, dispatcher and volunteer. Patrick had been a "lone wolf" modeler until he ran across a group of Kansas City modelers that were actively involved in the NMRA Achievement Program. With their support (and harassment), Patrick not only reached his goal of MMR but found the social and operation sides of the hobby to be as rewarding as the modeling.

An NMRA Life Member since 1972, Patrick is active in the Mid-Continent Region currently serving as region secretary. He has served as editor, chief clerk and superintendent of the Turkey Creek Division and is a member of the 1998 Kansas City NMRA National Convention Host Committee.

He is also a member of the Mo-Kan Railjoiners in Kansas City.

Patrick started in the hobby when he received a Lionel 0-27 set for Christmas in 1955. Since 1968, his primary modeling scale has been N. His N-scale Cedar River and Iowa Central Railway, The Crandic Route, was featured in the July 1985 Model Railroader and was on tour at the KC '84 national convention. The old Crandic has been dismantled pending a housing move, but hopes to be in operation by the 1998 KC convention.

Although all of his modeling certificates were accomplished in N scale, he has built layouts or layout sections in HO and G and is currently a member of the 1/24"-scale, G-gauge Gold Creek Railroad Co.

A graduate of Iowa State University, he is director of the Grants Management Division of the U.S. Department of Energy's Kansas City Support Office. He oversees the administration of grants to states and institutions for energy conservation measures. In addition to his federal service, his career includes working for the State of Iowa and local communities in Central and Southwest Iowa.

Patrick and his wife, Annette have two children.

Their daughter Julie, a Peace Corps volunteer teaches English in Monor, Hungary while their son, Anthony is a recent graduate of the University of Missouri, Columbia.

The Lana family has shared the fun of model railroading, incorporating many national conventions and other railroad related activities into their camping vacations. All members of the family have built models for the Crandic Route and are looking forward to seeing you at the 1998 National Convention in Kansas City. •

