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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Paul Richardson Earns MMR 345

Unlike many in the hobby, Paul Richardson did not grow up with Lionel and didn't get interested in railroads until he took a job as a brakeman/switchman for the Frisco Railroad in Springfield, Mo.

During the nearly 14 years as a railroad employee, the model railroading bug bit and he built a couple of HO layouts. In the mid 1970s his interest faded but was rekindled a few years later. After moving to Texas in the mid-80s, Paul became an active member of a club in Richardson, Texas, and joined the NMRA.

Paul and his son, Duane, began hosting clinics at area train shows and NMRA events, and he was elected and served two terms as Division Director.

Paul has been the National Tenure Chairman since 1997 and is an outspoken advocate of the Achievement Program.

In the late 1990s he sold most of his HO cars and locomotives and made the conversion to HO_n3. Paul and Duane are each building a different division of their freelanced Purgatory & Devil River Railroad in their respective homes. The Purgatory & Devil River Railroad is an HO_n3 railroad set in Colorado between the San Juan Mountains on the West and the Pico de Cielo Mountains on the East.

In addition to the skills acquired on the road to Master Model Railroader, Paul values the friendships that have grown along the way. Paul com-

pleted the requirements for Master Model Railroader in December of 2004 and holds the following certificates: Chief Dispatcher,



Association Volunteer, Association Official, Model Railroad Author, Model Railroad Engineer-Electrical, Master Builder Scenery, and Master Builder-Cars; and he is currently working on Model Railroad Engineer-Civil and Master Builder-Motive Power.

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Report for May 2005

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None this month

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None this month

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Membership Thermometer

	Total	Count Change
Aug. 2004	19,823	.34
Sep. 2004	19,545	(278)
Oct. 2004	19,550	.5
Nov. 2004	19,510	(40)
Dec. 2004	19,365	(145)
Jan. 2005	19,478	.135
Feb. 2005	19,462	(16)
Mar. 2005	19,282	(180)
Apr. 2005	19,284	.2
May 2005	19,404	.120
Jun. 2005	19,471	.67
Jul. 2005	19,389	(82)