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NMRA AP Certificates

Report for July 2005

*Indicates first Certificate of Achievement

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Master Builder - Motive Power

None this month

Master Builder - Cars

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Master Builder - Prototype Modeler

None this month

Model Railroad Engineer - Civil

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Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical

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Master Model Railroader

None this month

Membership Thermometer

	Total	Count Change
Oct. 2004	19,550	.5
Nov. 2004	19,510	.(40)
Dec. 2004	19,365	.(145)
Jan. 2005	19,478	.113
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)
Aug. 2005	18,564	.(735)
Sep. 2005	19,298	.644

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Pete Birdsong Earns MMR 357

I guess I'm typical of so many modelers who started with a Lionel set at Christmas as a young boy, abandoning trains as well as model boats, cars and airplanes as a teen-ager for "other interests." I came back to the hobby in my late 40s when my wife gave me a small, boxed N-scale set, which led to a 4- by 8-foot layout, soon expanded, then moved and expanded again, then expanded again, and then expanded to the limits of the basement room it's in. (Sound familiar?)

Finally, 2-1/2 years into retirement, it's "finished," though very imperfectly, and provides a lot of fun as the basis for a monthly operations group. In my experience, operations is the most fun of any aspect of the hobby, which has so many excit-

ing and pleasant activities. What a great way to share the hobby!

I recently acquired another room in the basement, and have an On30 layout in progress, trying to learn from the mistakes of the past, and enjoying the excitement of another new endeavor.

The Achievement Program has been a wonderful experience for me—in pursuing the MMR certificate, I undertook modeling projects that I never would have begun otherwise, and enjoyed each of them immensely, while learning a lot in the process.

I recently hosted an AP Judging Event for my Division, and was very pleased with the turnout of modelers and observers, as well as with the number of 87.5-plus-point certificates awarded for



cars, engines and structures at the event. I would encourage other MMRs to host similar events, and would be glad to share my experiences with them in preparing for it. Contact me at 859-268-1462 if interested.

My certificates are for Cars and Scenery, Civil and Electrical Engineer, Chief Dispatcher, Association Volunteer and Model Railroad Author.

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