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ROY STEWART EARNS MMR 407

Roy Stewart was born in Los Angeles in April 1923. His family moved back to Birmingham, Alabama, in 1928. Roy had a small model train layout as a young boy, but he began serious model railroading in 1938 by building O gauge kits. This was the beginning of the development of his quality scratchbuilding skills and precise attention to details. At the outbreak of World War II, Roy packed up his trains and enlisted in the Army. He was assigned to I Company, 335 Regiment, 84th Division. He served in Europe from just after D-Day until September 1946. His company was involved with the Battle of the Bulge, but due to a foot injury, he was evacuated just prior to the breakout. After recovery, he was reassigned to an engineering company. Until he was released from active duty at war's end,

Roy was actively involved in repairs to the railroad infrastructure and tracking rail cars at Nancy, France.

After the war, Roy married and completed his B.S. degree in metallurgy at University of Alabama. He and Mary Elise lived in numerous cities around the country, including Dallas, Chicago, and San Francisco. Roy returned to Birmingham in 1964 as an engineer for Stockham Valve and Fittings, Co. It was then he revived his interest in model railroading with a new layout in 1964. The Coosa, Tallapoosa & Southern Railroad has been in operation at his home from the beginning of his life in Birmingham.

Roy's engineering skills and quest for perfection in his modeling have proved invaluable to the Birmingham area model railroad community. His clinics on scratchbuilding rolling stock in styrene are exceptional. Roy has been, and continues to be, active in the Southeastern Region of the NMRA and has entered many local and region contests, winning several first place awards for his scratchbuilt engines, rolling stock, and structures. Roy was an active member of the 1988 NMRA National Convention Committee and has served as volunteer in both region and division NMRA activities. He is an active member of the Wrecking Crew Model Railroad Club. His sage advice and wit keep all the members focused on the fun part of the hobby. He has proven his worth as a mentor to new members, providing tips and techniques based on his own experiences and research. As honorary vice president, he is an advisor emeritus to the club's leadership.

Roy holds Achievement Program Certificates for Master Builder of Motive Power, Cars, Structures, Scenery, Engineering both Civil and Electrical, and Association Volunteer. He completed the final requirements for Master Model Railroader in May 2008, and has been recognized as MMR407. 🏆

