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the Midwest Region.

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MMR EARNED



BRAD SLONE EARNS MMR # 437

I've had an interest in trains as far back as I can remember. My mother still recalls how I would have her set an old wind up steam engine on the floor and watch it light up and run around my crib. As I got a little older and it came time for me to learn to read, my parents use to bribe me by allowing me to purchase model railroading magazines only if I would read the articles and not just look at the photos — tough deal!

My entrance into the world of model railroading began early with my parents' purchase of a Tyco Chattanooga choo-choo set for Christmas. Today, I model the St. Louis San Francisco's Eastern Division during the early 1940s. As one can imagine, model railroading is not a common pastime in rural Missouri, but my grandfather always took me to various shows and museums around the area. I can vividly remember to this day, grandpa taking me up to the tracks to watch the trains go by most every Friday afternoon. He did everything he could to cultivate my interest of railroading, I think he was a closet railfan/model railroader at heart. It is for this reason that I have to dedicate my MMR to my grandpa, William H. Jones.

Fortunately for me, my love for trains never really faded through my adolescent and college years as it has for many. Throughout my life it would seem as though there has always been a constant presence of trains. Oh, I've taken spells where I will take a break for a period of time, but never a complete absence from the hobby. The one big change that took place was during college when I decided to change from modeling

the late 1970s to modeling the 1940s. This change was largely brought on by witnessing the St. Louis Steam Association's efforts of running No. 1522 up and down the Frisco's former Eastern Division. Even though I have changed eras, I've never had a desire to model anything other than my favorite railroad (Frisco) and over my favorite portion the middle of the Eastern Division. Although it has only been recently that space for a full-size layout has become available, I have been working on building a fleet of rolling stock and motive power to fill a layout. It is my intent to have most of this work complete by the time I start work on a layout.

A friend of mine once said that achieving MMR status was a journey: for me, it ended up being a 15-year journey. Back then, a non-NMRA member (Dean Smith) told me since I enjoyed building contest models so much why didn't I get involved with the NMRA Achievement Program — that's when it all started. Now that I have acquired my MMR, I'm trying to persuade him that he should do the same! Although I have taken my time, I have learned a lot and enjoyed the trip a great deal. I would have to say probably the best part has been all the new friends I have made along the way, for that matter I would say that about the hobby as a whole.

Throughout the process I have received a great deal of encouragement from many NMRA members, Ron Williams and Rick McClellan come to mind, just to name a few. I must also mention the sacrifice my wife, Gwen, has made during the hours I spent at the workbench preparing for the next contest.

Model railroading is such a wonderful hobby and encompasses so many aspects of other hobbies. What other hobby can you combine so many other hobbies in one: construction of models, the operation of them once they are complete, photography, and history, to name just a few. The great thing about clubs and organizations such as the NMRA is that if you are not familiar with one aspect you can lean on fellow modelers for the help you need. Or if someone really enjoys the element of the hobby that you don't, sometimes they might even pitch in and help you do it. With the help of modern technology and the knowledge of fellow members within the NMRA, there is no reason not to jump on board and enjoy the hobby to it's fullest!

Brad lives in Dixon, Missouri, with his wife, Gwen. He is employed by the Army Corps of Engineers and is a government-certified track inspector. Among his current projects is the replacement of a number of 1940s-era timber trestles.

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