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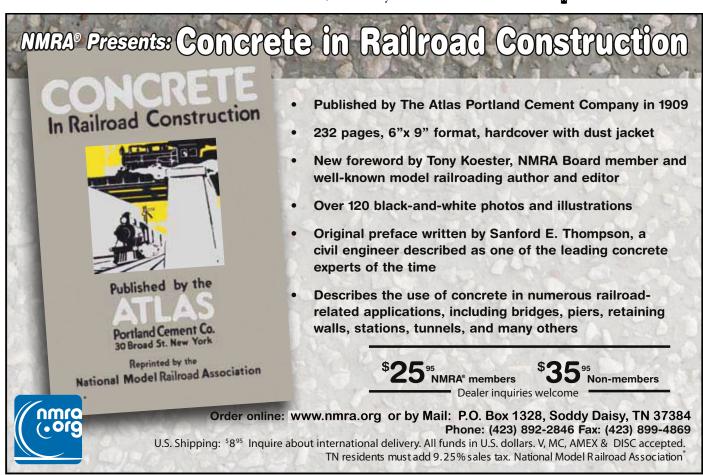
In the early 1960s, I used to ride my bicycle the seven miles down to Caboose Hobbies when it was located in downtown Denver, Colorado, to pick up stripwood from Glenn and his son. When I was a junior in high school, I won 2nd Place at a Regional NMRA contest and have been hooked on

contests ever since. I am a little older now but still a builder at heart. It doesn't really matter what I am building —the more complicated, the better. Contests/Certificates give me direction, a focus, and a need to do just a little beyond my skill level.

I started out in HO, then On30 (not the vogue then), and then in the late 1970s I went to Sn3½, and finally for the last 36 years, Sn3. I also liked to work on my 7½-inch gauge live steam "garden railway." I have built experimental airplanes that my wife and I had flown all over the USA in the 1980s.

When I retired and moved to Texas, I found the Central Texas NMRA group, joined and soon started my journey toward earning my Master Model Railroader award. With the encouragement from Jack Merkel and numerous others, I earned the Author Certificate in December 2013; my Cars, Civil, and Motive Power Certificates in December 2014: Structure Certificate in February 2015; and Prototype Model in June 2015. My last Certificate earned (my hardest) was Scenery in June 2016. I had started a lot of the models, but had not finished them, and it only took a little more effort on my part to finish the models for judging. Now, when I build a model, I strive to finish it before starting another — and that's a good thing!

I am currently working on my new Colorado-themed S-scale narrow gauge railroad featuring Colorado & Southern trackage, and the two-foot gauge Gilpin Gold Tram in my new 13x14-foot layout room in Kyle, Texas. (My wife Hollie says that the layout is just a display place for the models that I build.) I have also won several awards from the IPMS and at National Narrow Gauge Conventions.



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