



Vernon Hart

**MASTER MODEL
RAILROADER #129
VERNON L. HART**

Vernon Hart, 47, is Master Model Railroader #129. He lives in Springfield, Mo., and has been married for 30 years. He and his wife have two grown sons. He is a locomotive engineer for Burlington Northern Railway (ex-Frisco). He is local chairman for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, a position he has held for 11 years.

Vernon has been a model railroader for 35 years. His special interests in modeling include layout design, realistic operation, scenic detail, photography, and computer programming as related to operating procedures. His wife, Mary, is a talented modeler and has made a major contribution to his Ozark Wilderness Lines layout.

OWL is a backwoods shortline in HO. Originally Vernon was a tinsmith, but over the years he has built layouts in O, HO, HOn3, and N. Each scale has undeniable advantages, but his final choice was HO as a reasonable compromise mostly because materials and supplies were more plentiful. He became involved in the hobby when scales were battling for supremacy. His theory is that HO became the major scale because of the technology of the '40s and '50s. Today he believes that TT scale would be the best choice because whatever can be done in HOn3 could be done in TT.