



MMR NO. 82, RON WILLIAMS

by Tom Madden

Ron Williams, 40, of Springfield, Missouri, is our newest Master Model Railroader. Ron owns Kelly-Williams Insurers, an independent insurance agency. He and his wife Susan have two children, Jay and Kelly.

Ron holds Achievement Certificates

for Cars, Structures, Scenery, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Chief Dispatcher, and Association Volunteer, all earned in less than two years. Ron began model railroading with a Tyco train set in December 1974, joined the NMRA and the Mid-Continent Region in early 1978, and in June of that year attended his first regional convention in Kansas City. He began participating in the Achievement Program after talking to John Slater, who received his MMR award at that convention.

A life member of the NMRA and the Mid-Continent Region, Ron is active as the Area Director for southwest Missouri and serves on the MidCoR's Public Relations and Achievement Program Committees. He attends most meetings held in the MidCoR, and has won many contest awards including Best of Show several times. Ron likes to write and has had articles and drawings published in the **BULLETIN**, Model Railroader, and the MidCoR **KIBITZER**. He has also produced and co-produced clinics on scenery techniques and the Achievement Program.

Ron points out that anyone who is at all active in model railroading can participate in the Achievement Program. As

a layout is designed, built, and wired, and as cars, engines and structures are constructed the requirements for earning several Achievement Certificates are met. And by contributing time and talent as an author, volunteer or official, the service certificates are earned and the hobbyist becomes an MMR.

The Achievement Program, Ron feels, has helped him to become a better modeler. By submitting his models for merit judging he learned what it takes to build a good model.

Ron is now working on his new HO gauge Osage Wilderness Lines logging pike and plans to continue promoting the NMRA with monthly clinics in the Springfield area. **A**

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