

by **Tom Madden**

## **MASTER MODEL RAILROADER #114 ALLAN C. PHILLIPS**

Allan Phillips has become MMR #114. Allan lives in Jamestown, N.C., with his wife, Jean, and daughter, Patti. Two other grown daughters also live in North Carolina. Al is a graduate electrical engineer and has worked for a large communications equipment manufacturer for 27 years. He presently supervises computer operations at one of the company's locations.

Al became seriously interested in scale model railroading when he received a Mantua Belle of the Eighties kit on his thirteenth birthday. He has concentrated on HO standard gauge since then, with occasional lapses into On3, HO<sub>n</sub>3 and N scales for special projects.

A Michigan native, Al lived in Nevada and California before moving to North Carolina. The Western influence is evident in Al's 9' x 14' Auburn, Coloma &

Placerville RR. The AC&P is set in the Sierra Nevada foothills a little before 1930. Built on a dream of rich gold and silver lodes and verdant fruit orchards, the line never fully met those expectations and is now a little past its peak. All the locomotives are small steam kettles, and most of the equipment is showing its age. The AC&P features lots of switching activity and serves as the setting for Al's many scratchbuilt structures.

Al joined the NMRA and the Mid-Eastern Region in 1973. He helped organize the Piedmont Crescent Division and served as superintendent for five years. He is now divisional AP chairman. He has been a regional model contest judge and served as secretary of the MER for two terms. He became an MMR by earning Achievement Certificates for Cars, Structures, Scenery, Civil and Electrical Engineering, Association Volunteer, and Association Official.

Al has been in the hobby for a long time. He feels he has stayed with it because the wide range of activities available in model railroading has provided continuing interest and challenge.



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