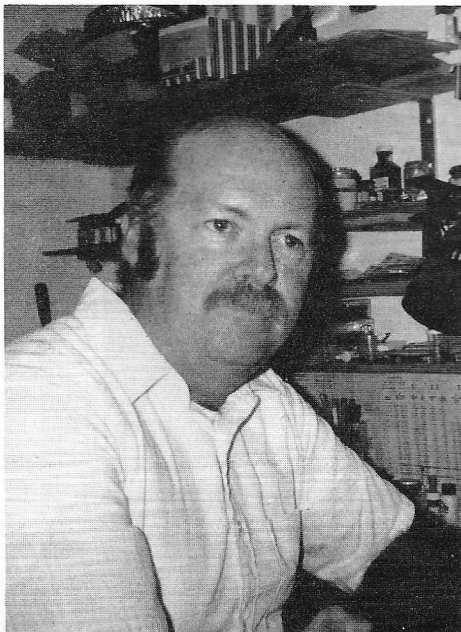


MASTER MODEL RAILROADERS

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MASTER MODEL RAILROADER #123 MYRON C. SMITH

MMR #123 is Myron C. Smith of the RMR. Myron lives in Greeley, Colo., with his wife, Marguerite, daughter, Roxane, and son, Mac. He is a pathologist. He joined the NMRA in 1974 and is now a life member.

He first became interested in model railroading when he was 12. His father built an HO layout in the basement of their Columbus, Ohio, home. After graduating from medical school, Myron joined the Navy where he had the opportunity to begin his first layout. After the Navy, he returned to Colorado. It was the 1977 Rocky Rails National Convention that got Myron involved in organized model railroading at the local level.

Besides entering contests, Myron has been active in the Northern Colorado Division as membership chairman and treasurer. Currently he is on the BOD of the RMR. He has served as contest judge at the divisional and regional levels.

It was his competitive nature that got

him involved in contest modeling. The monthly contests of the Northern Colorado Division were a strong motivation for competing. He entered regional and national contests, and his efforts culminated at the 1984 National Convention in Kansas City when his On3 caboose won the Gold Award. Later he also won a first with a caboose and a second with a diorama at the National Narrow Gauge Convention in Denver. He wrote about his philosophy and experiences with contest modeling in the June and July issues of the BULLETIN.

Myron's participation in contest modeling led to his involvement in the Achievement Program. He states, "The AP is one of the most important programs of the NMRA. It motivated me to greatly expand my areas of interest. The AP involved me in areas within the hobby in which I had little or no knowledge and much to my surprise, I enjoyed them. I know of no hobby which encompasses such a wide spectrum of diverse interests and people as model railroading."

Myron holds certificates for Cars, Structures, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Dispatcher, Association Volunteer, and Author.