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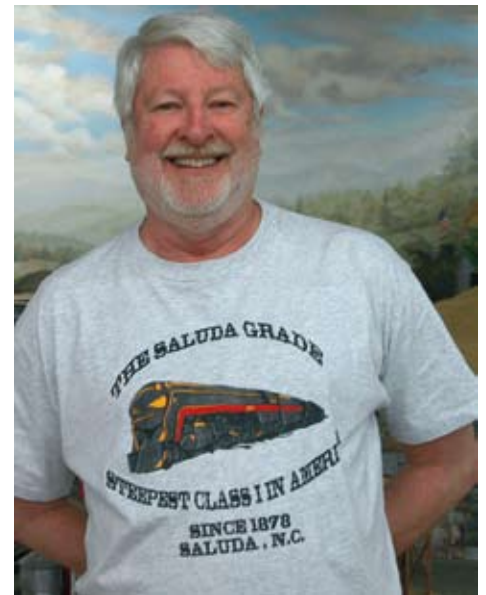
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## MMR EARNED



MIKE BRAUNSTEIN EARNS MMR 416

My first remembrance of my interest in trains was at age four. The family living upstairs had a large standard gauge Lionel layout in their living room. While it was primarily for Christmas, it did stay up all year. Perhaps I remember this so well because I have a picture of me sitting by the layout. My dad would take me down to Penn Station in Newark, New Jersey, to watch the GG1s zip through on the through/freight tracks and stand beside them when they stopped to change passengers. The GG1, in all its mass, made an impression on me that endures to this day as my favorite locomotive. After considerable nagging, pleading, and I'm sure some really obnoxious behavior, Dad finally gave in and at age eight I received an American Flyer O scale 3-rail royal blue freight set. The set was a figure eight, and was set up and taken down countless times because it could not remain set up continuously in my small room. More royal blue passenger cars were obtained later. I still have all the trains, less the track, to this day. My friends had Lionel and American Flyer 2-rail, and my cousin had a huge Lionel setup in his basement, so I was never wanting for playtime with trains.

A cereal company during my childhood offered an HO train set consisting of a Globe dummy F unit, a boxcar, a gondola, and a caboose for a forgotten quantity of boxtops and about seventy-five cents. Two months and untold bowls of cereal later, the order was sent off, and I waited with great anticipation for the train's arrival. Since the models had no power or track, they were

temporarily relegated to display status. One day, my Dad appeared with some HO track, a power supply, and some brass track. One box held a Hobbytown drive kit for an F unit. I was on Cloud Nine, or maybe Ten. Reality quickly set in as a pre-teen boy just doesn't have the skills or knowledge to tackle this project without help. I assembled the drive unit using the instructions written in words that I could not recognize. I actually got it running until I put the weights over the rubber tube coupling. Not knowing anything about clearances, and the like, I was doomed to run the train without the weights. Dirty track, poor connections, and childhood inexperience all led to a rather disappointing experience with HO scale. Luckily, the AF set kept right on tracking.

I discovered the NMRA during my teenage years and became a member. I also purchased a Suydam HO trolley — no small feat with my meager income. Although I had never seen a trolley in person, my interest in trolleys was born and continues to this day. I also discovered TT scale, and it continues to be alive and well in the U.S. and around the world. While my skill set had improved over the years, it still wasn't up to TT scale's demanding assembly requirements. The larger

Lionel and Flyer equipment kept calling my name in the far reaches of my mind. Visits to several two rail and outside third rail O scale layouts imprinted on my mind both the mass, realism, and reliability of this larger scale. I was hooked.

After high school, employment at NJ Bell, a stint in the Air Force, and an education at the University of Maryland, I moved to Georgia, where I worked in a civil service job. It was at this time that I started custom painting model trains. Attending train shows enabled me to sell my products, purchase trains at dealer cost, and meet other modelers, some of which I have maintained friendships with for the last 40 years. During the mid-1970s, I started the Warner Robins Model Railroad Club meeting in the freight portion of the Southern Railroad depot. My skills vastly improved as we hand-laid the track, which had to withstand the 100-plus temperatures of summer and the sub-freezing temperatures of winter.

In 1990, I decided to return to the NMRA and became a life member of the NMRA, SEC, and MER. I went to my first SER convention and entered one of my O scale engines. My score of 37 almost made me seek the nearest corner, assume the pre-

natal position, and turn my electric blanket up to nine. The judges took me aside and told me what they looked for and how to fill out the paperwork. I went to the national O scale train show that year and won Best Diesel, which was judged by NMRA judges. The following year, I achieved my first Merit Awards, one on the diesel and another on an On3 freight car. I was on my way. I became a judge in the SER and decided that all my certificates that required Merit Awards would be earned at the Region or National level. This decision led to a longer time to get my awards and certificates, but also gave me the time to apply the attention and skills

## NMRA Future Convention Dates

(Note: Convention dates are from Sunday to Saturday — Last date of National Train Show is one day later)

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needed to get the awards. I have attended all the SER conventions since 1990. Attending Region conventions is a wonderful way to make lasting friendships, improve your skill sets with clinics and contests, and see some really inspiring layouts.

Eighteen years after my first merit award I have finally earned enough certificates to achieve MMR status. I am probably the only MMR who has gotten Merit Awards for TT scale, N scale, O scale, and On3 in the history of the NMRA. It has been a long journey to this point. I currently model in TT scale, O scale (2- and 3-rail) and On3 scales as well as 1½-inch live steam. I'm erecting a large building on my new property and am very anxious to fill it with the trains I have accumulated over the years. I am a member of the Crossville, Tennessee, Model Railroad Club, the Chattanooga Society of Model Railroaders Live steam club, and an honorary member of the Warner Robins Model Railroad Club. I have six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Two of the grandchildren love trains, and I make every attempt to keep their interest alive. Great friends and family, great models, great fun with trains. That is what life and the NMRA is all about.

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