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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Carl Lester Earns MMR 356

Like most model railroaders, Carl started model railroading with a Lionel Train Set on a 4' x 8' sheet of plywood in the family basement. He soon lost interest in trains and became an airplane enthusiast. He could not get enough information about airplanes and with jets just becoming the plane of the future, he wanted to fly. Carl joined the US Air Force in 1960 and spent 23 years flying C-141 A/B aircraft around the world. In 1976, during his last assignment at Charleston AFB, Carl visited the Freedom Train and his railroading interests were re-awakened.

Since that experience, he has started one model railroad club (SMRC), and four layouts. He is now building his fifth layout in a two-car garage with hand-laid turnouts, hand-laid

track, two levels of operation, hidden storage tracks (viewable via closed-circuit TV), painted back drop and total DCC operation.

After retiring from the Air Force and corporate life, Carl felt he needed something to do to keep him off the streets (his wife's comment). So he, along with his wife, started an Internet model train business and became involved with the model railroad train shows in Texas as a vendor. He said the business was, and is, rewarding. They have become acquainted with numerous model railroaders who sparked his interest and encouraged him to finish the requirements, which he started in 1978, to become a Master Model Railroader. The people who have helped Carl along the Achievement Program road are too numerous to mention but he would like to acknowledge just a

few: Chuck Lind, Tracy Mitchell, Doyle Bond, Nate Stone, Carry Jenkins, Al Lonsberry and all those in the NMRA who assisted him with this accomplishment.



Carl has earned Certificates of Achievement for Motive Power, Cars, Structures, Scenery, Model Railroad Engineer-Civil, Model Railroad Engineer-Electrical and Association Volunteer.

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*Indicates first Certificate of Achievement

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- Jack Verducci, San Mateo, CA

Master Builder - Cars

None this month

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- Paul Allard, Milton, VT
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Membership Thermometer

	Total	Count Change
Nov. 2004	19,510	(40)
Dec. 2004	19,365	(145)
Jan. 2005	19,478	.113
Feb. 2005	19,462	(16)
Mar. 2005	19,282	(180)
Apr. 2005	19,284	.2
May 2005	19,404	.120
Jun. 2005	19,471	.67
Jul. 2005	19,389	(82)
Aug. 2005	18,654	(735)
Sep. 2005	19,298	.644
Oct. 2005	19,352	.54