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KEN SANBORN PASSES

In October 2006, Ken Sanborn passed away after a short illness. As a charter member, Ken was instrumental in the establishment of the Stoney Creek Model Railroad Club of Rochester in 1969. He had been involved in model railroading since 1946 and had received the NMRA's Association and Volunteer Presidents Award for service to the hobby.

Ken modeled Santa Fe in HO. He loved railroading in the New England area where he was raised and named his layout the Santa Fe & Eastern Railroad. He was a walking encyclopedia on engine specifications and design. Many of his locomotives and engines, including a large number of brass, were hand-painted and highly detailed.

HEADQUARTERS

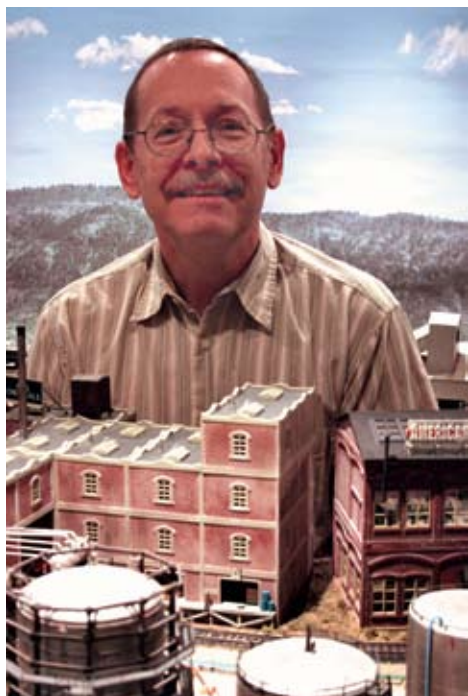
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COMPANY STORE

This is a correction for the information regarding the NMRA company store discussed on page 16 in the May issue of *SCALE RAILS*. The NMRA Company Store will only be open at the National Train Show Friday through Sunday, July 27–29, 2007.

MMRS EARNED



**ALAN ROBERT BARNES EARNS
MMR #375**

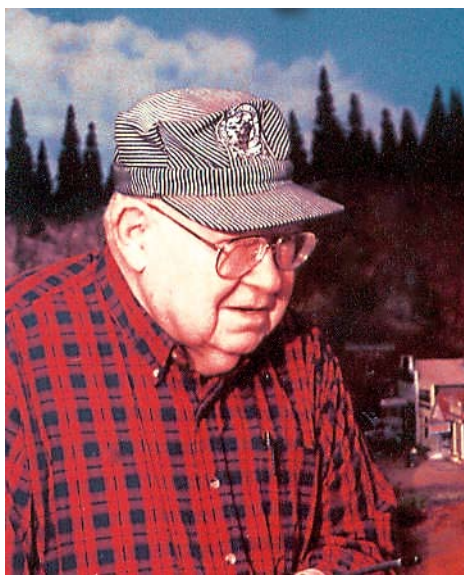
My model railroading started with Lionel trains for Christmas around my 5th birthday. My father built a large flat table in the basement for the layout. In my teens, I purchased a copy of *Model Railroader* magazine and Kalmbach's *SCENERY FOR MODEL RAILROADS*. These convinced me to change to HO scale and try my hand at mountains and bridges. College halted my model railroading, but as soon as I graduated, I restarted. My career had me moving every few years, and all my layouts ended in the track laying stage. Then I decided to make modules that I could move with me, and now my layout has survived five moves, and some of the modules were displayed with the Ophir, Tintic & Western Railroad club at shows when I lived in Utah.

About 12 years ago, I decided to enter a model in the NMRA contests; it did poorly. At a later meet, I decided to study all the models in the contest room and the included documentation. I started judging and assisting in the contest room. I learned

from others and was able to improve my modeling to the merit award level. I studied the Achievement Program requirements, and decided that about 90 percent of them I would complete on my layout anyway, so I decided on how to complete the remaining 10 percent. I am currently working on the cars certificate.

I would like to thank; Duane Buck, PSR Contest Chairman, Don Stewart, PSR Achievement Program Manager, and David Doiron, Operations Guru, in the completion of my MMR requirements. I would also like to thank all the members of the; NMRA, Ophir, Tintic & Western Railroad Club, Utah Free-Mo, Empire Builders, and Grand Canyon State Model Railroad Club, whose friendships have made model railroading so enjoyable.

Alan has earned certificates for Master Builder-Motive Power, Master Builder-Structures, Master Builder-Scenery, Model Railroad Engineer-Electrical, Chief Dispatcher, Association Volunteer, and Model Railroad Author.



PETE BELLOS EARNS MMR #386

Lionel had nothing to do with my original introduction to railroading. This came on about my fifth Christmas with a Marx freight set made up of, as I recall, a Commodore Vanderbilt locomotive trailing three or four really gaudy four-wheel freight cars around an oval of track. Later a second Marx set, with another Commodore Vanderbilt, had bright copper colored and lighted two-wheel streamlined passenger cars and a figure eight of track. Interest in these did not stick as I became overwhelmed by model airplanes.

Fast forward to 1948 when I finally tired of chasing and retrieving free flight airplanes, or their remains, from trees or too-hard surfaces. Lured by a Thornburgh locomotive construction article in an issue of *Model Railroader*, I began flirting with HO trains in the shape of wood bodied, paper sided Varney Santa Fe reefer. I soon managed to save up for Varney's die-cast metal F3 diesel locomotive kit, followed by a Mantua power pack, and eventually a few sticks of Atlas brass rail, a package of spikes and some Tru-Scale roadbed.

These eventually led to the first Agony & Fits Railroad and NMRA membership in 1950 or 1951, though these soon lapsed in conflict with the time and concentration needed for college. But, interest didn't lapse, so I rejoined the NMRA in 1957, eventually, to become a Life Member. Subsequently, I became active in the Mid-Continent Region, became a Life Member of that, gave up HO for Sn3 and began, in 1987, acquiring Achievement Awards. Several of these last certificates have been the result of the development of my current railroad, the Sn3 Rio Golare Southern, now in its 15th year.

Over all these years common interests in our hobby along with my continuing interest in Colorado narrow gauge and its survivals have been the root of many friendships as well as the personal pleasures and satisfaction found in developing prototype knowledge, as well as modeling, and its many related skills. Model railroading has held for me real staying power: a total of 59 years so far, including 50 continuous years of NMRA membership. Not bad, I'd suppose, for an old man with one good arm... and that being the left one to boot.

Pete has earned certificates for Master Builder-Cars, Master Builder-Structures, Association Volunteer, Association Official, Model Railroad Author, Master Builder-Scenery, and Model Railroad Engineer-Electrical.

