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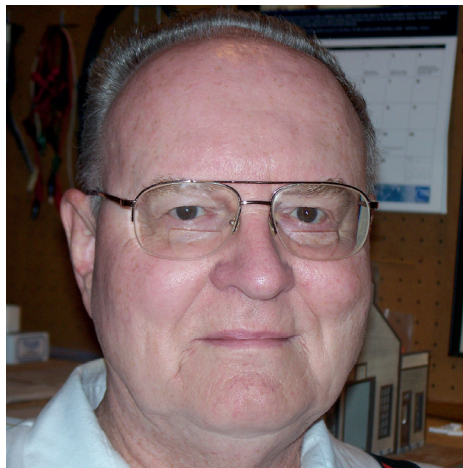
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MMR EARNED



CHARLIE FLICHMAN EARNS MMR # 470

On my first Christmas, one of my gifts was a new Lionel O gauge Blue Comet Passenger set. This set, plus my father's Lionel No. 150 engine and three Ives passenger cars, plus a Carlisle & Finch streetcar, made up the family Christmas garden for many years to come. At about age six, I received a Marx wind-up freight train set. Around age ten, I purchased a Lionel 2-6-2 freight train set, which was added to with other Lionel equipment up until the time I graduated

from high school. Also around age ten, I started getting *Model Railroader* magazine.

Trains were put away due to college and the military service, serving part of my time in Germany. There, I did purchase and built a HO Marklin diesel and several freight cars kits. A few Marklin passenger cars were also obtained. These were and are the only HO equipment that I have ever had and still have.

After the military and getting married, I decided that I enjoyed the size of the Lionel equipment, but wanted to do scale modeling. I purchased an All Nation boxcar kit and have never looked back. Our first "abode" was the second floor apartment of a private home. The owner allowed me to build a small switching layout in his basement. After a few years of being in our first home, I started a 24x36-foot standard gauge O scale layout based on Chesapeake & Ohio. Around 1972, Kemtron introduced an On3 Shay kit. I thought that would be nice running on a little narrow gauge branchline from up in hills connecting to the C&O. More on this later.

I first joined the NMRA and the MER in 1965, attending many of the regional and several national conventions. When the MER formed the Mt. Clare Division, I was one of the founding members. I also served

on the main committee for the 1978 MER regional convention in Baltimore, Maryland. Several Harford County, Maryland, layouts were open, including mine, as an extra cost tour as a part of the NMRA National held in Washington, D.C. in 1982. I have always enjoyed the conventions for all the knowledge learned from clinics and gathering of friends, some of whom you only see at conventions.

The breakup of the Bell System caused me to have to move from Maryland to North Carolina in 1984. By this time the Maryland O scale C&O standard gauge layout had been taken over by narrow gauge. Approximately 95 percent of the standard gauge track was dual gauge — remember, it was only going to be a little branchline!

After getting settled in our new home in North Carolina, I had a *big* decision to make: standard gauge or narrow gauge? After much thought, I wound up with two layouts, one inside the other. I have a 27x29-foot U-shaped table with O standard gauge on the outside (59-inch radius) and On3 on inside (42-inch radius). There is a 58-inch nod under to pass from one layout to the other.

My layouts were open for the 1991 National O Scale Convention held in High Point, North Carolina. I had just gotten the narrow gauge mainline running. My “Two” Model Railroads appeared in the March, 2011 issue of the *Narrow Gauge & Short Line Gazette*. These layouts were open for the 2011 National Narrow Gauge Convention in Hickory, North Carolina, with much more scenery and scratchbuilt structures added. Two of my structures have appeared in articles in *O Scale Trains* magazine, “Scratchbuilding a Roundhouse” in July/Aug 2004 and “A Backwoods Sawmill” in Mar/Apr 2007.

Around 1988, when my NMRA renewal came up, I decided that as an O scaler, I was getting more from other model railroad organizations and did not rejoin. For an O scaler, North Carolina was an oasis. In 1992, I joined the local Winston-Salem HO model railroad club just because they knew the meaning of the word “train.” One of the members of this club was Al Phillips, MMR — an active NMRA member and former MER President. I knew Al from my earlier NMRA days. He encouraged me to rejoin both the NMRA and the MER in 1994. Several decisions were made at this time — I decided to become life member of both organizations. Al, being an MMR, got me

started in the Achievement Program. My first Certificates earned were Civil and Electrical Engineering and Model Railroad Author in 1995. I earned Association Volunteer in 1997 and Cars in 2002. In 2005, I was asked to take over as the MER AP Manager. I accepted to I could give back to the NMRA some of what I had received. I have enjoyed doing this job

and have made many new friendships. Finally in 2011, I achieved my last two certificates in Structures and Scenery and earned MMR No. 470.

Through it all, I still have that Lionel Blue Comet passenger set on display. I even have all of the original boxes, track, and the original receipt from 1936! 📄