

Lifelong interest started with Lionel set

Joseph Mock earns MMR No. 250

Joe was born and spent the majority of his childhood in Chicago. At the age of two his father gave him his first train set. The train was placed around the Christmas tree for many years and when Joe was a little older, his father set up an 8' x 16' train table in the basement for his Lionel trains. He would help build model buildings and mountains out of flagstone rock from a nearby quarry. Joe's father also taught him how to build model airplanes, and by the time he was a teenager he was flying in model airplane contests. All winter they would work on the trains and all summer on airplanes. This was the start of Joe's lifelong interest in model railroading.

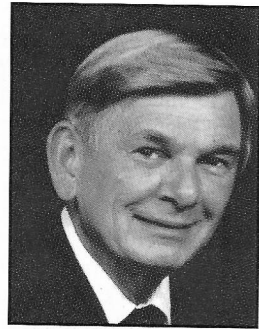
When Joe was an adult he moved to Lincoln, Neb., and married. He served a machinist apprenticeship for the local newspaper and worked with them for 15 years. He then went to work for a large printing company in the maintenance department doing electronics repair and design. Joe worked for this company for 25 years until his recent retirement.

Joe enjoys other interests as well as model railroading. Model airplanes are amongst his favorites. He has been a contest director and

leader/member for the Academy of Model Aeronautics for 40 years. But Joe also restores MG's of the "T" series to "show quality" and has won awards at major shows around the country. One of his other interests is flying and he is currently working on his private pilot's license.

Joe is now starting his eight-year-old grandson on modeling. One of his winter projects is building a train layout in his grandson's basement. During the last few months, Joe has been working on an O-scale layout with a couple of friends. Their combined layout covers approximately 5,000 square feet.

Joe attributes much of his success to supportive friends and family. He would like to thank them, especially Charles Buswell, for all of the encouragement they have given him in obtaining his MMR.



Joe has Certificates of Achievement as a Master Builder of Motive Power, Cars, Structures and Scenery, a Model Railroad Engineer - Civil and Electrical, and an Association Volunteer.

Joe is currently serving as the Salt Valley Central Division

Director of Mid Continent Region and is active in AP judging.
Congratulations Joe.

— Pete Moffett