

Achievement Program

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Model cars weren't enough

Clyde Queen Jr. earns MMR No. 283

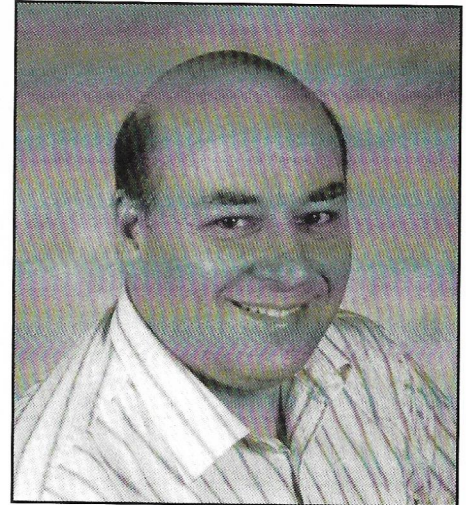
Clyde Queen, Jr. of the Pacific Northwest Region has been named MMR No. 283. Clyde is 45 and lives in Nampa, Idaho. A single father, he now has two grown children, Christine and Kenneth. He presently works for Pacific Press Publishing Association as a Warehouse Specialist. He also works for United Parcel Service part time as an Acceptance Auditor.

In addition to model railroading, Clyde pursues several other hobbies: golf, bicycling, computers, and ham radio. His amateur radio license is KC7NY3.

Clyde didn't take up the hobby of Model Railroading while being a child like a lot of kids do, but did do scale modeling with the Aurora HO slot cars. It wasn't enough that he placed the race track on the board, he also made buildings and scenery to go around the race track.

So when he got married early in life, his new father-in law, Ron Barnes, introduced him to the hobby of Model Railroading, Clyde took to it right away.

While Ron was more of a collector, than modeler, he was a great influence on Clyde's pursuit of the



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hobby. Clyde entered some of his scratchbuilt cars and structures in the Pacific Coast Region, and it encouraged him to improve on his modeling skills.

Once Clyde moved to Idaho due to a company relocation, he got serious about the Achievement Program. He entered many On3 models into Third Division and PNR model contests, which earned him his earliest Achievement Program certificates for Cars and Structures.

Soon Clyde changed scales to HO and started building his first layout, the Western Niles & Pacific. This gained him another Achievement Program certificate for scenery.

Clyde has been active in the NMRA serving as the 3rd Division Superintendent for two terms, divisional AP chairman, and divisional editor. He continues serving as contest judge in both divisional and regional meets. Recently Clyde purchased a new home that now accommodates his latest layout the Western Niles & Pacific.

He has once again changed scales, this time to N scale. He currently is building a layout that measures 11'x12'. He models both the Western Pacific and the Union Pacific after the transition period of the merger.

On his layout the Union Pacific is "a kinder, gentler" railroad, allowing the Western Pacific to keep it's locomotives green and orange, instead of repainting them into UP colors. Clyde has been in the hobby for over 25 years and enjoys the opportunities that the NMRA has provided, for meeting so many modelers that share the same interest, and enthusiasm as he has for the hobby of Model Railroading.

He found that the AP to be not only challenging in improving his modeling skills, but very rewarding in the end. Clyde holds Certificates of Achievement as a Master Builder of Cars, Structures and Scenery, a Model Railroad Engineer Electrical, an Association Official and Volunteer and a Model Railroad Author.

Congratulations Clyde.