

**James
Woodward
MMR 166**



MMR 166 is 72-year-old **James Woodward**. He resides in Dearborn, Mich., with his wife of 50 years, Helen.

Jim came by his love of model railroading from the time spent with his father, grandfather and uncle who were all railroad men. Jim moved to Michigan from Kentucky with his parents as a small child when his father went north to work as a round-house foreman.

Jim joined the NMRA in 1953, and he has been very active in the organization since 1974. He has served as superintendent of Division 6 for two terms and also worked on committees planning many conventions both regionally and nationally.

Jim's layout is made of all hand-laid, code 70 rail. It encircles the entire basement and has many scratchbuilt delights.

In 1985, Jim's railroad was featured in the May/June issue of *MODEL RAILROADER*. He received their Contest Quality Kit Conversion award, which is usually reserved for an individual

model that is an example of a particularly clever use of kits and parts you cannot buy. Jim received this award for his entire model railroad because "... Jim Woodward has at least 50 models that will fit that description." This was the first time *MODEL RAILROADER* ever gave this award for a whole layout. Jim has been retired for almost 10 years, but the railroad is still not done.