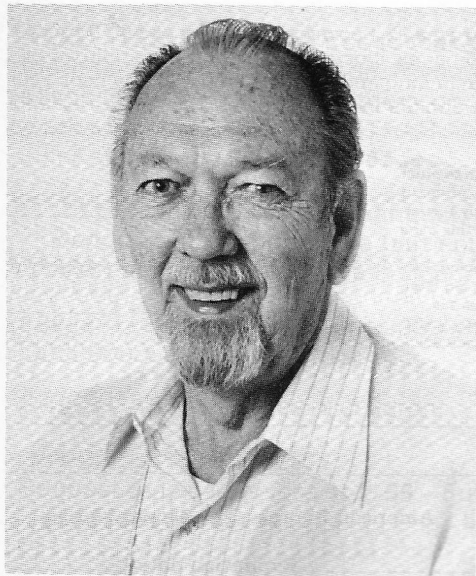


**MASTER MODEL
RAILROADER #125
LT. COL. HOWARD S. PRICE JR.**



MMR #125 is 68-year-old Lt. Col. Howard S. Price Jr., USAF (Ret.). Howie lives in Spring Hill, Fla., with his wife, Marge. They have two grown children, Tom, an Air Force Colonel, and Marlene, a chemist. They have three grandchildren.

Howie got started in model railroading in 1940. He modeled in HO until 1966 when he switched to N because of his many moves and space limitations. He is a Life Member and belongs to SSR, SER, and MER Regions. He is secretary of the SSR, the Education Chairman, and a contest judge. His present N scale layout is in a 20' x 21' room that was designed specifically for the layout.

It was after attending his first regional convention in the SSR in 1980 and viewing the contest models that he would enter a model in the next contest. His entry won a first place. Following that he became involved in the Achievement Program and earned his first Certificate in 1982. Even today Howie says he is still sharpening his modeling

skills. With his retirement he has had more time to devote to the hobby. In addition, his wife, Marge, is SSR Raillette Chairperson; model railroading has become a family affair.

In addition to modeling, Howie has written articles for the BULLETIN, MODEL RAILROADER, RAILROAD MODEL CRAFTSMAN, RAILROAD MODELER, and many newspapers. He has an education column in the SSR publication, THE JOURNAL BOX.

Howie views model contests as stepping stones to perfecting your skills so that you always build contest models whether you enter them or not because a well-done model enhances the model layout. You try to build the perfect model for your own satisfaction. The Achievement Program is an incentive to perfect your skills in all areas of modeling, and it really gives you self-satisfaction with the achievement of becoming a Master Model Railroader. Howie holds certificates for Cars, Structures, Scenery, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Association Official, and Author.