

# **MASTER MODEL RAILROADER #116 CHARLES R. HITCHCOCK**

Chuck Hitchcock, 49, of Prairie Village, Kan., is our 116th MMR. Married with three children, Chuck is a graduate of the University of Kansas. He is a partner with Thomas McGee & Sons, Insurers, in Kansas City, and is sales manager for the firm. He has also been a Dale Carnegie instructor since 1974.

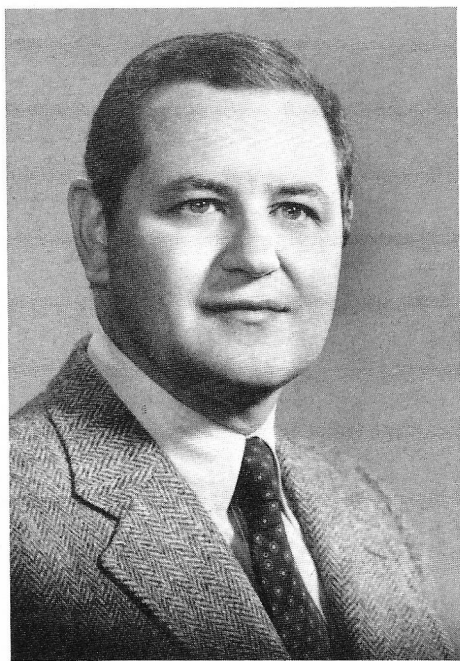
Chuck doesn't remember when he wasn't interested in trains, although a Lionel set for Christmas at age 8 certainly provided the catalyst for his active

participation in the hobby. At 12, he bought his first HO car kit—a Varney paper-sided reefer that's still in active service on Chuck's AT&SF Argentine Division pike. The layout was featured in the December 1983 issue of MODEL RAILROADER.

The most enjoyable part of the hobby for Chuck is associating with fellow modelers, particularly those who share his interest in operation. For Chuck, operation in general (and passenger train operation in particular), is what ties the hobby together. He gets a great deal of satisfaction from operation in the environment of a well-finished railroad.

Although not currently active in the politics of the hobby, Chuck served as Mid-Continent Region President in 1972-73, was Plains Vice-President from 1973 to 1976, and chaired the Home Office Site Selection Committee in 1979. For his service to the hobby, Chuck received the President's Award in 1979, and the Distinguished Service Award in 1985. He holds Achievement Certificates for Cars, Structures, Scenery, Electrical Engineering, Chief Dispatcher, Association Volunteer, Association Official, and Author.

Chuck says, "I think one of the things



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the Achievement Program did for me was to make me realize that perhaps I have accomplished more than I was willing to give myself credit. At the same time, the program provided some structure to my hobby activities in terms of broadening my base. It gave me a great sense of accomplishment and self-satisfaction. I hope all those who have become MMR's will continue to be available to promote and assist others in the hobby, be they new or old."