

Bob Fink—MMR #161

Bob Fink holds AP certificates in Structures, Rolling Stock, Locomotives, Scenery, Civil Engineering, Dispatcher and Author.

Bob started in scale model railroading after WWII with some Varney freight car kits and a Dockside locomotive. He settled on HO scale as his "full time hobby" after becoming a junior member in the Dayton Model Railroad Club. When the club disbanded, he began building temporary 'test' layouts while attending high school and college. The experiences and lessons learned enabled him to build a large assortment of cars and structures for a future layout. His second and latest (27 x 45 feet) version of the Dayton, Duluth & Western is an ore-hauling line free-lanced into rugged mountain scenery. This theme coupled with walkaround control and trackside signals offers a realistic environment for the monthly operating sessions on the pike. Bob's favorite aspect of the hobby is to experiment with the operating scheme that has been developed by his



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group of friends and then see it all come together to cause the railroad to run like a system.

He has written a number of articles for the model railroad magazines on subjects of layout design, construction and operations. He currently conducts the column Computers in Modeling Railroading in MODEL RAILROADER.

One of his other interests is in promoting the hobby, especially through the use of high-tech enhancements that attract younger people to model railroading.

Bob is married and has one daughter studying journalism. His other interests include gardening, writing and teaching. He teaches engineering technology at Sinclair Community College in Dayton. He holds BS and MS degrees in engineering from Ohio State and is a registered professional engineer in Ohio. He joined the NMRA through the "100 percent NMRA" Dayton club and has been a life member for a number of years.