

## Pat Harriman MMR #168

Pat Harriman 50, lives in Overland Park, Kansas with his wife Janel, daughter Stacy, and son Daniel. He received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Kansas State University in 1966. He is an architect and has been self employed for almost twenty years.

His interest in model railroading began in 1949 when he received an American Flyer train set at Christmas. Two years later that same train set was the basis for a four foot by eight foot model train layout that again arrived at Christmas. However, it would be almost 35 years before the bug really took hold when planning for the Shelter Bay Railway began. A model Railroading class at the local junior college by MMR Ron Morse was the catalyst that rekindled Pat's interest in the hobby and provided sound modeling basics to build on. He now helps teach that same model railroading course with Ron.

Pat has earned Certificates of Achievement in Cars, Scenery, Structures, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineer, Association Volunteer, and Author. He is currently working on the requirements for Chief Dispatcher and Association Official. He is a

member of NMRA, a Director for the Greater Kansas City area to Mid-Continent Region, a past Superintendent of the Turkey Creek Division, a member of the Smoky Hill Railroad, National Railway Historical Society, and the MO-KAN Railjoiners.

Pat's layout, the Shelter Bay Railway is built in a twelve foot by sixteen foot bomb shelter at the rear of the garage. It is standard HO gauge, set in the early 1920's. Because the SBR is a fictitious bridge and branch line, a certain amount of artistic license has been taken in its development. It serves timber and mining interests along the western slopes of the Seemint Mountain Range. The railroad is a single track mainline with a helix at each end. Motive power is all steam, geared and rod. A primary focal point is the converted lumber schooner "Stacii Lii" tied up alongside the wharf in Shelter Bay. The SBR is listed in the Pike Registry, trades railroad passes, and is about to issue its own stock certificates.

The hobby of model railroading has proved to be very rewarding in so many different ways, not the least of which are the friends who are so willing to share their skills. The Achievement Program has



proved to be a most important vehicle in keeping interests high and varied, and a good place to exercise those skills.