

## Larry R. Long MMR 173

Larry R. Long, 48 a life member of the NMRA and the Mid Continent Region, lives in Peculiar, Missouri with his wife Mary Ann and three of his four children. A graduate of Central Missouri State University, he is a wholesale dental equipment salesman for the Pelton & Crane Company of Charlotte, North Carolina. For the past eighteen years he has covered the states of Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, and Southern Illinois. Larry's interests include horses (he has four), flying (he holds airman certificates for commercial, instrument, multi-engine land, single engine sea, and helicopter), sports, and he coaches Little League baseball.

Larry is currently president of the Mid Continent Region of the NMRA. He is a charter member, past director, and current superintendent of the Turkey Creek Division of MCoR. He is also a charter member and past superintendent of the MO-KAN Railjoiners. Larry currently holds membership in the Smoky Hill Railway and Historical Society and the National Railway Historical Society. He has written numer-

ous articles which have been published in the *NMRA Bulletin* and the region, division, and MO-KAN publications. He has been a train buff since the age of 9. His first train was wind-up Marx but he quickly moved on to Lionel and eventually to HO. He received his first Varney kit as an eighth grader and his first magazine subscription was to *Model Trains* in 1957.

Larry is president of the Missouri Valley Railroad, an HO pike of the 1960's. It occupies a 30' x 18' space in the basement of his home. Larry and a crew of five or six operate on the MV once or twice a month, using switch lists and train orders. The Missouri Valley Railroad is also listed in the Pike Registry and trades passes.

Larry has earned Certificates of Achievement in Car, Scenery, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Chief Dispatcher, Author, Association Volunteer, and Association Official.

In thirty six years of model Railroading, Larry has served on numerous region committees, serving as chairman a number of times. He has earned numerous merit awards, contest plaques, given many clinics, and each year teaches basic model railroading classes through local junior colleges. Larry comments;

"Our hobby is enjoying a tremendous amount of growth and vitality. I am pleased to see the NMRA reposturing itself to better serve its 25,000 members and I look forward to being a part of that effort."

