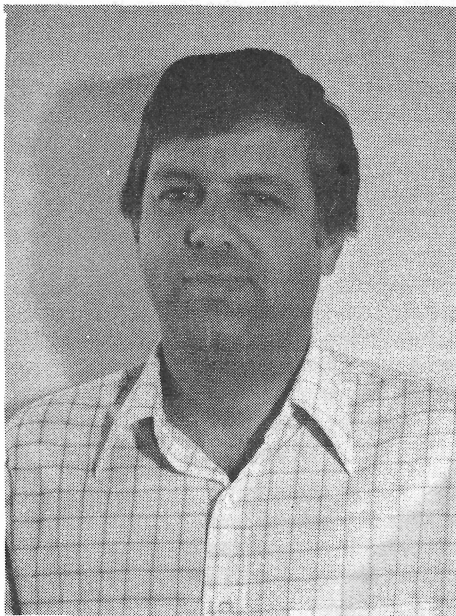


Master Model Railroader 102, Alan R. Potts

Alan R. Potts has become Master Model Railroader 102. Alan lives in Fitchburg, Wis., with his wife Sarah and son Andy. He's a laboratory technician with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

Alan's pike is the HO Wyoming Southern Railroad, a fictional branch of the Union Pacific set in southeastern Wyoming during the mid-1950's. In addition to standard gauge HO, the layout features some narrow gauge trackage on an upper level. A short traction line is also under construction. This present layout is the culmination of almost 20 years in the hobby and was preceded by several layouts in O-27, HO and N scales.

An NMRA member since 1974, Alan became a life member in 1980. He's a member of the South Central Wisconsin Division, and has served on the divi-



sion's board of directors for five years as clerk, assistant superintendent and contest chairman. Alan has served in many volunteer positions, and is currently the divisional AP chairman. He earned his first Achievement Certificate in 1981 and now holds certificates for cars, structures, scenery, civil engineering, electrical engineering, chief dispatcher and association volunteer.

Alan is concerned that many members misunderstand the requirements of the Achievement Program. He reminds us it isn't necessary to enter contests to earn Achievement Certificates; merit judging can be done by a selected panel instead. Also, he feels more modelers could earn certificates if they would be aware of the AP requirements as they construct their home or club layouts. "Work with the certificates in mind—don't do them as an afterthought" is his advice.