

MASTER MODEL RAILROADER #110 STANLEY H. RAJCA

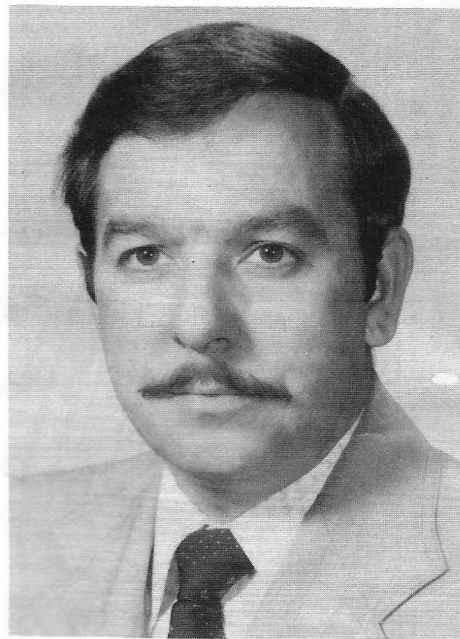
MMR #110 is Stan Rajca. Stan lives in Northville, Mich., with his wife and two daughters. A senior project engineer for the Detroit Diesel Allison Division of General Motors, Stan's work has enabled him to travel throughout North America and much of South America. He holds a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering, with additional study in business and finance.

Stan came to the hobby in a roundabout way. A study and collection of numismatic history in the early 1970's led Stan and his family into exploring ghost towns and mining camps in Colorado and Arizona. As Stan says, "The beauty of the scenery and with learning what drove people to scar the landscape searching for wealth made me realize that, to a large degree, the railroad made all this happen." Business trips in the western U.S. and Canada, and trips on operating steam railroads, fueled a growing desire to capture these scenes in miniature. In the latter part of 1976,

Stan became an active model railroader. Although his exposure to live steam has been mostly Western narrow gauge, Stan's Soda Springs Mining Co. & Park City RR. is HO standard gauge (for now). His favorite parts of the hobby are scratchbuilding rolling stock and structures (especially those of mining camps and towns), and constructing the stage and scenery to enclose and make believable what is being viewed. Stan's contest models, many of them first place winners, occupy spots on his layout. Stan credits two close friends, Barney Conn and Joe Kocsis (MMR #109), with teaching him the discipline of model building.

Stan has published articles in the BULLETIN and in the North Central Region's publication, THE HOTBOX. He has served as model contest judge at regional conventions, gives an occasional clinic, and is editor of THE HOTBOX. Stan has received Achievement Certificates for Cars, Structures, Scenery, Civil and Electrical Engineering, Association Volunteer, and Author.

Stan's views on the Achievement Program echo those of our other MMR's: "As one is recognized for craftsmanship



Stanley H. Rajca

and service to the hobby, it is realized that to continue this tradition, one must help to teach others the discipline of the hobby."