



MMR NO. 86, JACK ALEXANDER

Jack Alexander, 58, of Brockton, Mass., has become Master Model Railroader No. 86. Jack has three children and three grandchildren, and has been a mortgage officer at a local savings bank for 23 years.

Jack had a Lionel train set as a child, but lost interest due to its lack of realism. He began scale model railroading in 1948 after handling the sale of a home to a model railroader and seeing

scale HO equipment for the first time. Jack's HO airoad, the Intermountain Pacific, is situated in the Montana-Wyoming area in 1949 and emphasizes copper mining. The layout has 135 feet of main line and features point-to-point operation. An avid collector of older car models (railroad, of course!), Jack has over 300 in operating condition with about 100 more kits to be built. Most of the old-line hobby names are represented: Athearn and Roundhouse metal cars, Globe, Railmaster, Ulrich, Silver Streak, etc. Jack's special hobby interests are scenery, operation and, naturally, car building (both kit and scratch). He also belonged to a local O scale club for many years because of the fellowship and hobby assistance it offered.

An NMRA member since 1952, Jack joined the Northeastern Region in 1953 and is a charter member of the Hub Division. He is also a member of the Pacific Coast Region. Jack served on the NER board of directors for 10 years, was Region President for two years and Vice President for three, and

Hub Division Treasurer for over 12 years. He has been chairman of the NER Permanent Convention Committee for the past 12 years, and is currently Hub Division Achievement Program representative and Treasurer of the committee seeking the 1986 national convention for Boston. His contest awards include first place-freight cars at the Pittsburgh national convention, and he received the Hub Division's Don Pierce award for outstanding contributions to the hobby.

In addition to his model railroading activities, Jack is active in the Photographic Society of America. He is a 3-star exhibitor in P.S.A. salon competitions in color slides, and does a lot of judging. He is also a member of AF&AM, Chairman of the East Bridgewater Planning Board, and President of Grace Christian High School in Brockton.

Jack earned his MMR award with the following Achievement Certificates: Cars, Structures, Scenery, Chief Dispatcher, Association Official, Association Volunteer, and Author.