



Rick Maier, MMR #204

Rick was born June 7, 1930 in Akron, Ohio. The family moved back home during the Depression where he was raised on the L&N-Big Four Line at Carmi, Ill. This factor probably accounts for his life-long love of trains. In 1940, his parents scrimped and bought him a Lionel O gauge,

which his son has today.

Rick is a retired school administrator on the secondary and college level. He held the posts of teacher, department chairman, assistant dean and dean. He was also a supervisor at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. A combat veteran of Korea, he was awarded four Purple Hearts, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Air Medal with three clusters and the Bronze Star for valor.

He is always busy with gardening, ham radio, carpentry, his family and volunteer work. He is section chief and volunteer co-ordinator for the International Soap Box Derby. He is an engineer and docent for the McKinley Museum in Canton, Ohio. Rick has been very active in his church as Sunday school teacher and class president, choir member, trustee, director of youth groups and was elected church person of the month as well as his activity in Scouting leadership. He was elected chairman of the Charter Revision Commission in his community. He has been president of the local Teacher Association, and founder and charter officer of the Phi Delta Kappa Education Honorary at the University of Akron. For his volunteer work, he has been honored by the American Red Cross and the American Cancer Society. Rick thoroughly enjoyed racing sports cars in SCCA for many years.

In Division 1, MCR, he has been layout tour co-chairman, convention chairman, assistant superintendent and superintendent. He has achieved Modeler of the Year three times and has won numerous best-of-show awards. He enjoys scratchbuilding structures and cars.

Rick has three children, two of whom are college graduates and the third is in the school of nursing. He has been married to his wife and fellow model railroader, June, for 36 years. He also attributes much of his success in life to having her as a wonderful, caring help-mate and wife. Their 'turn of the century' layout is appropriately named the Stumptown & Riverrat.

Rick believes the strength of the NMRA is the fellowship with other model railroaders and the learning that is available for those who want to partake of it. He credits his getting the MMR to Harry (Butch) Sage and his wife.