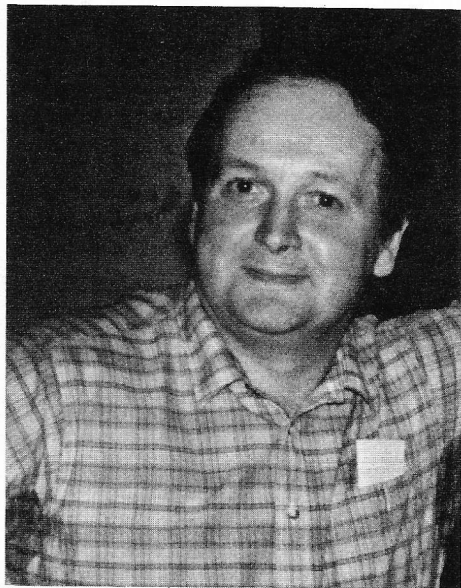


MASTER MODEL RAILROADERS

by Tom Madden



Douglas C. Taylor

MASTER MODEL RAILROADER #106 DOUGLAS C. TAYLOR

Doug Taylor, 45, of Roeland Park, Kan., is our 106th MMR. Doug is a full professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and is technical production director of the Missouri Repertory Theatre. Doug, wife Missy, son Darin, and an adequate supply of basset hounds share their Roeland Park home with Doug's layout.

Doug started in the hobby in 1946 with a Lionel 726 set and switched to HO in 1958 with Penn Line engines and Athearn metal cars. Doug models The Standard Railroad of The World (the Pennsy, to the uninitiated) from Mt. Union to Pittsburgh, and the East Broad Top from Mt. Union to Robertsdale. The East Broad Top section of Doug's layout is one of the stars of Kalmbach's Video Layout Tour No. 2. Doug admits to working in O scale from time to time, to relax

from building HO_{n3} EBT hoppers. He also once worked as an engineer on the Mt. Washington Cog Railroad and even built a prototype passenger car for the line!

Meeting the challenge of adapting a prototype scene to model form gives Doug a great deal of satisfaction. He tends to build models for his layout rather than for contests, but has won a few prizes. He has also had a number of articles published in the hobby press and worked on the 1984 Kansas City national convention. Doug holds Achievement Certificates for Cars, Structures, Scenery, Civil and Electrical Engineering, Association Volunteer, and Author.

Doug most appreciates the many friendships resulting from his participation in the hobby—friendships that bridge all barriers and classes. On a more personal level Doug says, "After a really rough day, it's great to run a coal extra to Orbisonia, or pound up the Horseshoe with your favorite pair of Pacifics—it keeps you going!"