

MMR No. 84, Edward Haydon



Edward Haydon, 41, is Master Model Railroader No. 84. Ed, his wife Anne, and their two daughters live in Chatham, Ont., where Ed is a secondary school teacher of Geography and Geology.

Ed has been interested in trains for a long time: he still owns the Lionel set his father gave him on his first birthday. Until the mid-1950's Ed, with his father and brother, had a large O-27 empire. Ed switched to HO when he started college, and has been modeling in that scale ever since. He does have a few pieces of O-gauge equipment which he keeps for display.

The Sitka Valley Short Line, Ed's model railroad, features rugged, mountainous scenery where Sitka spruce grows in abundance. The Canadian National and Great Northern share trackage rights with the Sitka Valley. The present layout is the fifth one to bear the Sitka Valley name. It has been five years in the making and has 275 feet of mainline trackage. In addition to exercising the skills needed in layout construction, Ed enjoys building and painting rolling stock and structures, superdetailing diesel locomotives, and model and prototype photography.

Ed belongs to the Chatham Model Railroad Club and the Niagara Frontier Region. He has held many offices at the club, divisional, and regional levels, including Division Superintendent, and Region President and Vice President. He is Editor of the NFR's *Frontier Flimsy*, a position he has held for over four years. He has won his share of prizes in regional model contests and has given a number of clinics and workshops. Ed earned his MMR award with Achievement Certificates for Motive Power, Cars, Structures, Scenery, Civil Engineering, Association Volun-

teer, Association Official, and Author.

Ed enjoys the diversity and variety of our hobby; there are so many areas where we can be challenged, or just have fun! He looks forward to NMRA activities, particularly at the Regional level, as he enjoys the fellowship that comes from sharing common interests.

Having successfully negotiated the Achievement Program, Ed would encourage more of us to participate. He says: "Each category offers a different challenge, and because of the diversity of categories, there must be one area where each member can get the feeling of accomplishment that comes from having fulfilled all the requirements. Many modelers are probably well along in several achievement areas, and need only a bit of encouragement to finish them off. Get out the special January issue of the *Bulletin*, check up on the requirements, and finish up those one or two things that are yet to be done. Contact your Region Achievement Program chairman. He will be more than willing to answer questions or explain anything that is not clear. The Achievement Program is aptly named: it does give a feeling of achievement."—Tom Madden