



Martin Vaughn, MMR #194

Martin "Marty" Vaughn, MMR #194 lived in Wamego, Kan., until just recently. He is 42 years old and attributes his interest in model railroading to the Lionel train set he received when he was four years old. He has been married to his

wife, Carol, for 17 years and has a daughter, Christina, 14. Although the hobby of model railroading is a high priority, Carol and Christina are his first priority and deserve a big "Thanks" for putting up with his hiding out in the basement "trying to finish just one more model."

Marty has worked for the Department of the Army for the last 18 years and recently moved to Ohio to work for the Department of Defense.

He has been a member of the NMRA and the Mid Continent Region for the last 13 years, serving as a MCoR Director from Wamego. He also served on the Mid Continent Region Achievement Program Committee for the last two years. Marty was instrumental in helping to form the Kansas Central Division NMRA and represented the Division as its first MCoR director. He is also the Kansas Central Division's first Master Model Railroader, with four or five other Division modelers coming on fast right behind him.

Marty got interested in the Achievement Program when he first entered three models in an AP judging and one of his models won a merit award. Because many of the Mid Continent Region judges provide the modeler with comments about the strong and weak points of a particular model, these critiques went a long way in teaching Marty what he needed to know to improve his modeling efforts. He also found that most of the MMRs he met in MCoR were happy to share their ideas and modeling techniques. This willingness to be of assistance was all the incentive he needed to jump into the AP with both feet. "Ultimately, I guess that is how I see the Achievement Program, as one example of the purpose of the NMRA, teaching and sharing with one another."

Marty has earned Certificates of Achievement for Master Builder-Motive Power, Master Builder-Cars, Master Builder-Structures, Model Railroad Engineer-Electrical, Association Volunteer, Association Official, and Model Railroad Author.