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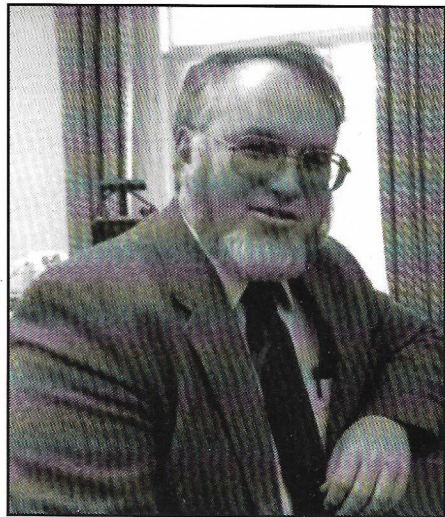
Larry Cannon earns MMR No. 284

Larry Cannon began model railroading at age six with a Marx wind-up train and Plasticville buildings on part of a sheet of plywood that was intended to make him leave his older brother's American Flyer layout alone. When he was eight and with his brother's help, he had his own Flyer layout. He switched from S scale to HO in 1960.

After college, a move to and working in Vermont, and a marriage to Ruth McKenzie, Larry began some serious modeling with a couple of friends, Robert Carmichael and Ronald DeYoung. They formed the Central Lines, a holding compa-

ny with common paint schemes and sub-lettering for each railroad. The group also combined their efforts with two other Burlington, Vermont area modelers in 1976 to build a diorama for the Vermont Bicentennial Steam Expedition which was displayed at the Burlington International Airport.

Larry's HO layout, the Otter Valley, is set in Vermont and New Hampshire and follows routes of the Rutland, Burlington & Lamoille, St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain, and Maine Central between Rutland, Vermont and Whitefield, New Hampshire.



Larry Cannon

In 1993 he expanded his modeling to include large scale and built a large model railroad with gardens as a test bed for his large scale modeling projects. Five of Larry's AP certificates (Locomotives, Cars, Prototype Modeler, Civil Engineer and Author) were completed primarily with large scale efforts, proving the program works for large scale modelers too.

Larry is a charter and honorary life member of the Great Falls Model Railroad Club located in Lewiston, Maine. He has served as Treasurer and President of the club. His involvement included helping obtain final IRS determination for the club as a non-profit educational organization with public foundation status (same as the NMRA).

The club, one of very few with this status, conducts adult education programs, assists the Androscoggin County Sheriff's Department's D.A.R.E. program, and has exhibited at train shows, an art center, the Maine State Museum and numerous other public events.

Larry is a re-rail member with the NMRA, belonging 1973-1983 and rejoining in 1994. He currently serves as the Seacoast Division, NER Achievement Program Chairman, Division President and Secretary for the NER. He is an active railfan and a volunteer for Maine Operation Lifesaver.

Larry has earned Certificates of Achievement as a Master Builder of

Motive Power, Cars, Scenery and Prototype Models, a Model Railroad Engineer Civil, an Association Volunteer and a Model Railroad Author.

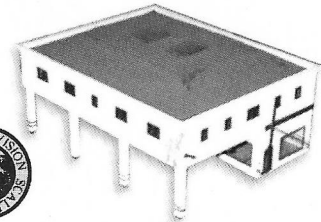
Congratulations Larry.

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