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## MASTER MODEL RAILROADER #132 DAVID HALPERN

David Halpern, 51, an MCoR member from Tulsa, Okla., is MMR #132. A photographer, writer, and author of the BULLETIN's PhotoStop column, he joined the NMRA in 1964 and has been a life member since 1966. He and Judy, his wife, are celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary this year.

Although his interest in railroads and modeling dates to his childhood in Nashville, Tenn., he didn't become a serious model railroader until after the birth of his two sons, Alan and Lee, for whom his HO/HOn3 Alanville & Lees-

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burg Railroad is named.

As a photographer, David pursues a dual career as both a commercial illustrator and fine art image maker. He has spent the past 15 years producing pictures for a wide range of corporate and advertising agency clients, including aerial, industrial, documentary, illustrative, architectural, travel, and nature subjects. His photographs have appeared in a number of books and in several regional and national magazines. On his own time, he concentrates on black and white landscape images, and this work has been exhibited in museums and art galleries at least once each year since 1973. He has taught photography at the university level and is a member of the American Society of Magazine Photographers and the Society for Photographic Education.

A modeler who believes that cooperating is more important than competing, David did not participate in the Achievement Program prior to 1984, when he became convinced that becoming an MMR would help promote his favorite hobby through the sharing of

knowledge and skills acquired through the generosity and patience of numerous other NMRA members.

He has served as a director of MCoR, superintendent of the Eastern Oklahoma Division and president of the Green Country Model Railroaders Association of Tulsa. He enjoys conducting clinics on a variety of subjects and holds AP certificates for Cars, Structures, Scenery, Civil Engineering, Association Volunteer, Association Official, and Author.

"Model railroading is the most satisfying hobby I can imagine because it allows the individual to utilize the broadest range of skills drawn from varied educational opportunities and life experiences. Rather than narrowing the focus of one's interests, model railroading opens the doors to myriad subjects from history to geography and geology to architecture to electronics. It allows the individual to explore his fantasies or deal with stimulating and complex practical problems. The future of our hobby depends on our ability to convey these merits to younger, would-be model railroaders."