

MASTER MODEL RAILROADER #128 TIM KUBAT

Tim Kubat, 40, is MMR #128. He lives near Republic, Mo., with his wife, Marcia, and sons, Stan and Jason. As a sales engineer for Cummins Mid-America, Inc., he specializes in power generation equipment and stationary power units. He received a B.S. in industrial technology from Southwest Missouri State in 1971.

In 1956, he received a Lionel train set for Christmas and started acquiring modeling magazines. His reading convinced him that HO offered greater selection. He was most impressed by items like Kadee couplers, La Belle passenger cars, and brass engines. The Lionel was eventually traded for an HO set and in the early '60's a small, around-the-room layout was built based upon a mythical iron ore railroad in southwest Missouri. A move put model railroading on hold until after college. His wife inadvertently introduced him to the aban-

doned Missouri & North Arkansas through a trip to Eureka Springs, Ark. The exposure to the area rekindled the modeling desire and suggested the area to model.

After building a house in 1972, the M&A Railroad was started as a walk-around layout. The real M&A was a 365-mile-long, ill-fated roller coaster line built across the Ozarks in northern Arkansas and southwestern Missouri. Emphasis was on modeling specific areas of the northern part of the real M&A.

The M&A is mostly steam with early diesels from the 1940's and '50's. Tim's special interests are scenery, scratch-building, locomotive construction, and historical research.

As a member of the Ozarks Model Railroad Association, he has been active in club functions and locally sponsored meets. Further objectives beyond building the M&A include further research of



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area shortline railroads and possibly constructing one of the La Belle passenger car kits which made such an impression on him in 1958.