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NMRA AP CERTIFICATE REPORT

NOVEMBER 2025

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MMR EARNED

CARL HEIMBERGER



CERTIFICATES EARNED

Carl Heimberger , MMR® #798

- Association Volunteer
- Association Official
- Model Railroad Author
- Master Builder – Scenery
- Master Builder – Structures
- Master Builder – Cars
- Model Railroad Engineer – Civil

I first became interested in trains in 1945, when I was four, with a Lionel O-27 passenger train set, but it was not mine; it was my older brother's. I grew up in the middle of hundreds of acres of orange trees in East Anaheim, California. Each Christmas, my dad would take over the living/dining room and build an O-27 train layout. I still cannot believe my mom allowed that! Of course, I helped build them as well, or at least I think I helped. In the late 1940s, my dad came home with an HO Varney O-4-0 switcher locomotive kit, some cast-metal car kits, and fiber-tie copper flex track. For several years after that, we continued building the Christmas layout, but now in HO scale.

After a few years, I finally convinced my parents to let me build a layout in my bedroom. Unfortunately, the nearest hobby shop was in Santa Ana, and it could as well have been on the moon. So, I learned how to hand-lay track, build turnouts, and scratchbuild structures from toothpicks, matchsticks, and whatever I could find. But still being a kid, my workmanship had something to be desired, so if I got a train to run around the layout, that was something to celebrate. Anaheim was growing, and the groves were being replaced with housing, and all of a sudden, Anaheim had a hobby shop. I spent hours there, spending the money I made from mowing lawns, and learned a lot from the hobby shop owner, as well as buying my first brass locomotive — a Kemtron HOn3 Brass C-16 2-8-0. A box of brass, which is still to this day just a box of brass.

Wanting to expand my railroad empire, I was introduced to nickel silver rail. I built an HO-scale garden railroad that ran through the flower beds and over a fishpond

on a concrete bridge built out of real concrete. Track was hand-laid on redwood ties in a concrete roadbed, and amazingly, it actually ran with only a few trains winding up in the fishpond. Around that time, the hobby shop owner figured out I was a serious model builder and asked me to build a small HOn3 layout for his store window, which included plaster mountains, a Campbell's coaling tower, and a few other buildings.

I first joined the NMRA around 1957, but after a few years, I dropped my membership because all I was getting was the publication *THE BULLETIN*, and I did not think it was of any value to me as a teenager — not one of my better moves. For the next 40 years, I completed my education, becoming a licensed Landscape Architect, working for the City of Anaheim Parks Department as a landscape architect, got married, had kids, but still managed to build model trains and structures that I stored in boxes, some of which are still in boxes. In 1999, I read an ad in a local paper about the Orange County Module Railroaders looking for new members, so I decided to check them out. It took me just one meeting to be hooked. Here were a bunch of guys who all have the same interest as me, and who would have guessed they even existed? After I became a member, I built some modules that represented the orange groves and packing houses that were in the area where I grew up. I rejoined the NMRA so I could attend my first Pacific Southwest Region Convention in 2001 in Las Vegas, where I also gave a clinic on building scenery. Unfortunately, this convention was held days after 9/11 and not many members attended; the contest room had very few items. I had a caboose I kitbashed, so why not enter it? I had to

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION CAJON DIVISION

MMR:
#798

fill out some paperwork. Fortunately, the then-PSR AP Manager, Don Stewart, sat down and helped me fill it out right there. I would have never guessed I would receive my first merit award with 89 points.

The following year, the PSR Convention was in San Diego, and I gave a few more clinics. Shortly after that convention, Jan Westcott, the Cajon Division Director, asked me to become an Assistant Superintendent for the Southern California part of the Cajon Division, and then shortly after that asked me to be the Co-Chair for the 2005 PSR Convention, which was in my backyard at the Knotts Berry Farm Hotel. In 2004, the PSR Convention was in Los Angeles, and several members of the Cajon Division Board cornered me and asked if I would consider being the next Cajon Director. I guess I must have agreed, as I was elected and took office at the 2005 PSR Buena Park Convention. And that is where I received my second merit award for a weed-spray car.

I had a great Superintendent, Robert Mitchell, and we planned several three-day Cajon meets in Barstow at the Harvey House, then moved the event to Temecula. In 2008, the NMRA National Convention was to be held in Anaheim, and Mary Barstow, MMR, Los Angeles Division Director, asked me to help with the event, so I became the Tour Transportation Manager. At the end of that convention, Mary handed me the Volunteer paperwork and said, "Fill this out. You have more than earned this certificate."

In 2009, I chaired the PSR Convention that was in Las Vegas, which was successful as we had more members attending than we anticipated, nearly 200. I guess Vegas was the draw. The next year, I was elected PSR VP and, four years later, became the PSR President. For the next 12 years, I chaired or co-chaired five Region conventions and served as Clinic Chair for the 2013 National Narrow-Gauge Convention in Pasadena. So, with all these events and positions, it was a no-brainer that I earned my Official and Author certificates.

Just by participating in Orange County Module Railroaders and building some modules, I accomplished my Scenery, Civil, Cars, and Structures certificates. But not all my structures are on my modules; some I just built because they looked interesting. One was the Kelsey Silver Mine Mill in the San Gabriel Mountains. Another one was the V&T passenger car shed at Virginia City, Nevada.

By just having fun, getting involved, and embracing the NMRA Awards Program, I earned my MMR. How could it be that easy? This is by no means the culmination of my quest and is not the end of the journey for me, as I have a lot more to accomplish, some very interesting structures to build, and then there's that box of brass to tackle.

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MMR EARNED **BOB KRESS**

MMR: **#786**

MID-CENTRAL REGION CINCINNATI DIVISION 7



The beginning is like most of the Master Model Railroaders before me: a Christmas train set, school, limited funds, other interests, marriage, family, grandchildren, and now retirement, intermingled with periods of activity as time and funds permitted. Then, several years ago, my family gifted me a one-year NMRA membership. With that, I became active in the local monthly meetings of Division 7 conducted in the Cincinnati area.

I model the Kentucky Central Railroad, with connections to the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, in HO scale, DCC-controlled. Construction began many years ago with the help of a round-robin group called "The Narrow Minded Bunch," because the original members were interested in HO_n3, hence the name. Contributors to the Kentucky Central Railroad are: Lou Aprile, Jim Bax, Jim Bonnett, Ric Case, Jim Conrad, Steve Conrad, Mike Crone, Dave Greis, Jim Hamblin, Terry Herweh, Bob Kress, B.F. Menefee, Art Schwartz, and Jack Yeazel. Five members have gone to the Big Railroad in the Sky,

CERTIFICATES EARNED Robert Kress , MMR® #786

- Master Builder – Cars
- Master Builder – Structures
- Master Builder – Scenery
- Master Builder – Prototype Modeler
- Model Railroad Engineer – Civil
- Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical
- Model Railroad Author

but, as I understand it, are arguing over what gauge to build the railroad. (Two members have left the group.)

In 2023, I became interested in the NMRA's Achievement Program. As I reviewed the qualifications for the 11 categories, it struck me that I had already completed a great deal of the work for five of the seven categories needed for MMR: Author, Electrical, Scenery, Structures, and Civil. What was needed was to update and complete a few minor tasks, along with the paperwork.

As with most simple things, they aren't as simple once started. I found that especially true with the structure of the Midland Depot, which was located on the Baltimore & Ohio main line between Washington, D.C., and Cincinnati. I had started to scratchbuild it some 40 years ago, but for one reason or another it wound up unfinished on the shelf. Now, dusting it off, I began to finish it only to run into complications: some manufacturers were out of business, some materials had been discontinued by the manufacturer, etc. Substitutes and new materials had to be found. All of this was needed to finish the model and paperwork!

Nevertheless, with concentrated effort and dedication, I received Certificates of Achievement in the fall of 2023 for the five programs listed above.

In the fall of 2024, I received a Certificate of Achievement for scratchbuilding Cars and for modeling a prototype scene. The latter was not without its challenges, as some items in the scene were not readily available and had to be scratchbuilt or existing models modified. But mission accomplished, and I was awarded Master Model Railroader No. 786!

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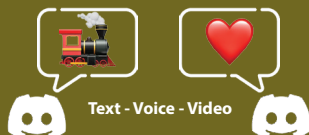


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