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MASTER MODEL RAILROADER #142 IRV SCHULZ

Irv Schulz, 56, an NCR member from St. Clair Shores, Mich., is MMR 142. Irv is best known for his model railroad the St. Clair Northern, which has appeared many times in the model press over the years. Also, Irv's models and displays have won many prizes at regional as well as national contests.

He is a retired engineer from J&L Steel Corporation and currently works for the U.S. Government. He and his wife have three children.

Irv's layout time period is based on early Michigan of the era 1890 to 1900, and many of the scenes on the railroad were built from old photos which Irv also collects. Following the national convention of 1978, the layout was dismantled and rebuilt in 1981, when a 15-foot extension was added. This extension featured rail, water operations along the St. Clair River north of Detroit.

"Of all aspects of this great hobby, I guess we like scratchbuilding the best, especially trying to create scenes from old photos. It is also great to talk to other modelers to discuss the way they build things and the techniques they use."

Irv also conducted clinics at both the regional and national levels. He continues to write articles for the model press.

"Last but not least are the people who are associated with this hobby. From manufacturers to hobby shops, clubs, flea markets, conventions, you name it, it's still the people who make the hobby what it is today and give the inspiration for its future growth." ⊗