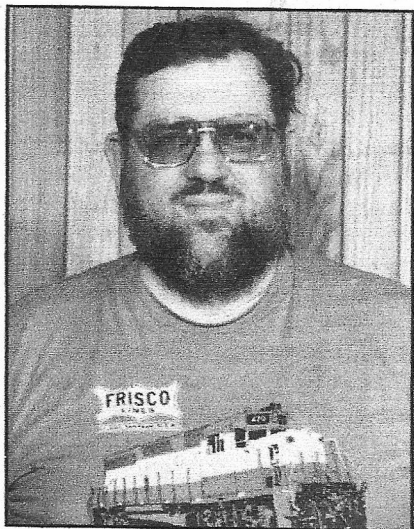


Richard E. Napper, MMR #196

Born 6 December, 1946 to a Frisco Railroad family. His father and his uncle were freight conductors, retiring after 46 years. His mother's father also was a conductor for 48 years culminating with several years on the Frisco Firefly. Dick's grandfather was signal superintendent for the Kansas City Terminal for about 50 years. And he has a cousin who was an engineer on the Frisco adding up to more than 150 years of continuous service.



Obviously, Dick's choice of railroad to model had to be the Frisco. He has been active in the hobby for more than 30 years, been president of his local club, the Manhattan Area Rail Joiners, five times, and is a life member of the NMRA and Mid Continent Region. He subscribes to better than 40 magazines about modeling and the prototype, is a member of at least 15 historical societies and is a life member and director of the Frisco Railroad Museum.

His good friend, Marty Vaughn, MMR got him started in the AP. He has learned to be a much better modeler due to the Achievement Program. He has earned Certificates for Master Builder Cars, Structures, Scenery, Model Railroad Engineer—Civil and Electrical, Association Volunteer, and Model Railroad Author.

He serves on the Kansas City Division AP Committee and is hoping to earn Motive Power, Prototype Model, Dispatcher and become an Official in years to come.

He is also active in the local HO modular club, and when he finds time is building a 16 x 28-foot Frisco layout in the cellar. He lives alone with his cat named Frisco. He is an electrical engineer and teaches physics at Kansas State University. 