

Support from wife, friends was key

Rick C. Shoup earns MMR 234

Rick Shoup is a veteran of the NMRA, having served in just about every position possible at the division, region and national levels, except for national President. He has been a member for over 30 years. He served the Achievement Program in numerous capacities, including as National Chair from 1987 until his retirement in 1995.

Rick and his wife Frances Anne live in Sun City Center, Fla., where he belongs to the Sun Point Model Railroad Club. Prior to retirement they lived in Silver Spring, Maryland for many years. During this time Rick was active in the Rockville Society of Model Engineers and the Maryland Central Model Engineers. He also operated a home layout that was featured in the June, 1985 *Model Railroader*. He is also a founding member of the Friends of the East Broad Top.

Rick's certificates are for Master Builder - Motive Power (earned in 1977), Master Builder - Scenery, Model Railroad Engineer - Civil, Chief Dispatcher, Association Official, Association Volunteer and Model Railroad Author. He completed his last three certificates in

1995.

Rick knows that without the help and support of Frances Anne he would never have been able to accomplish much of anything. He would also like to thank his good friends Eddie Sylvia, Deane Mellander, MMR, Bill Miller, MMR, Mary Miller, MMR, Ronnie Rise, MMR, Nelson Garber, Les Brantner, Vagn Fogt, Bob Johnson and last but by no means least, his very good friend Henry Jordan. All of these fine folks and about a hundred more have helped him over the years to bring the Achievement Program to the present level of excellence. •

