

MMR No. 89, John L. Widmar Jr.

John L. Widmar of Denver, Colo., has become Master Model Railroader No. 89, the fourth MMR from the Rocky Mountain Region. John is 36 and works

for the Post Office.

The purchase of an N scale train set in 1967 started John in the hobby. Somehow that set, intended as a Christmas

present for his two-year-old son, never made it under the tree. John still models in N scale and his Royal Gorge Western now occupies a 14 x 20-foot garage. The RGW was featured in the January 1977 issue of *Model Railroader* and was one of the featured layouts at Rocky Rails '77. John has begun to model in narrow gauge in the form of the Nn3 Royal Gorge Southern. Both the RGW and RGS tend to follow the D&RGW.

In addition to his home layout, John is active with the Denver Area N Scale Club, which he helped form and of which he is a charter member. He is also active in Regional activities, presently serving as Region Vice President. John and his wife, Nellie, are very active convention participants and volunteers at both the Divisional and Regional levels.

John joined the NMRA and RMR in 1969, and became a life member of both in 1980. He earned his MMR award with Achievement Certificates for Cars, Structures, Scenery, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Association Volunteer, and Association Official.

A lone wolf for his first two years in the hobby, John has found that his NMRA and club activities have greatly increased his enjoyment of the hobby. His demonstrated modeling excellence also serves to inspire others to improve their skills.

