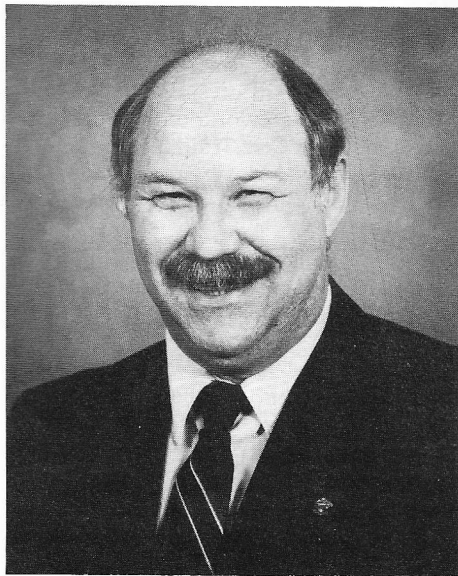


## **MASTER MODEL RAILROADER #130 DR. R. B. TROMBLEY**

Dr. Robert B. "R. B." Trombley, 45, is MMR #130. R. B. lives in Royal Oak, Mich., with his wife Lucille and their daughter Katie. R. B. and Lucille have been married 14 years. R. B. is president and chief scientist of Radiation Effects Ltd. located in Royal Oak and is also a senior advisory consultant for SIRCO Enterprises, Inc. located in Troy, Mich. His radiation effects work deals primarily with the effects of radiation on space and ICBM systems, and his work with SIRCO Enterprises deals with computer systems analysis and development. R. B. has degrees in electrical engineering, law, and a PhD in astronomy. He has done post-doctorate work at UCLA. Dr. Trombley was recently honored by being inducted into the Who's Who In America Midwest Edition. His nomination to Who's Who came as a result of major contributions to the national defense and development of computer software and methodology to analyze the effects of radiation on weapon and space systems.

Like many other model railroaders, R. B. started out as a youngster with a Marx train set. He didn't become a serious model railroader until 1980. R. B. is currently building his fifth layout—the first four were in N scale and this one is in HO. R. B. models predominately the southwestern U.S. desert areas. His new layout has a Spanish/Mexican flavor with names such as Mesa Lucia (after his wife Lucille), Casa Loco, and Chapultepec. R. B. likes diesels and models the late diesel era. He plans to run a few occasional excursion steamers including his all-time favorite—SP's cab forward. R. B. has won 17 awards for his dioramas and diesel locomotives.



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R. B. is very active at the local, regional, and national levels. He is currently superintendent of Division 8 in the NCR, has served as convention security chairman in the PSR (LA Division) from 1982-85 before moving back to Michigan. Currently, R. B. is the vice-chairman of member aide for the NMRA under Paul Shimada. R. B. has given several clinics at both PSR and NCR conventions.

R. B. says that if anyone had told him in 1982 when he joined the NMRA that he would one day be an MMR, he would have told them they were crazy. But having been inspired by Leroy Thompson (PSR AP chairman) and Bruce Metcalf, Larry Lauer, Irv Schulz, John Selkirk, and Jack Weir (a nearby neighbor), he plunged into it and kept at it. With regard to the AP program, R. B. says, "It is truly a great program and I sincerely thank those who have supported me, helped me, and inspired me in this activity. I shall spend the rest of my model railroad life trying to repay that kindness and support."