

Charles R.Potter III MMR #171

Charles Potter lives in York, Pennsylvania with his wife Pat. By day Charlie is an electrical contractor, and by night one of the most prolific modelers on the east coast. A friend of Charlie's once said, "Charlie can build structures and do scenery faster than anybody I know." His modeling, fast as it may be, lacks nothing in quality. He holds certificates for cars, structures, scenery, civil engineer, electrical engineer, dispatcher and volunteer. He gives time back to the hobby by serving as AP chairman of the Susquehanna Division, MER and as photo chairman for the MER. He's one of several MMR's in the Tri-State Narrow Gauge Circle, a group which gathers monthly for operating sessions.

Charlie is currently building a 16 x 26 foot railroad which closely follows C&S narrow gauge prototype. The HOn3 Railroad is

90% sceniced and is fully operating.

As a young boy Charlie's interest in model railroading was kindled when his Boy Scout troop visited Roadside America. The Scouts played a large part in his early modeling since his first layout utilized many techniques found in BOYS LIFE magazine.

Charlie belonged to the York Club from 1969 until 1987, and held offices for all but two years. He was chairman of the 1978 MER York convention. Charlie enjoys attending conventions which according to him, are one of the best ways of learning new techniques through clinics and home layout tours. Charlie says "I never come home from a convention without a new and exciting idea or technique." As this is being written MODEL RAILROADER magazine is preparing a feature on Charlie's railroad.

