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MMR GROUP

All Master Model Railroaders (MMR) are invited to work with other MMRs by contacting C.J. Riley, MMR, at cjriley42@yahoo.com.

MMRs: Master Model Railroader shirts and extra patches are available by contacting HQ in Soddy Daily, TN

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DAVE JACOBS EARNS MMR 548

Inner city Detroit in the Great Depression of the 1930s provided a tough lifestyle. Then I came along. My father worked long hours for very little money to support his family. Yet, I somehow had an O27 Lionel train set. Selling shoes (fairly incompetently) while going to high school left little time for trains.

Fortunately, the University of Michigan accepted me in 1949, and I found myself competing with much better-prepared students. There were unforgiving requirements for academic success. Medical School at Michigan required even more effort, and internship there was still more rigorous. When I began a residency in Pathology at UM, there was intensive study and work and still no time for trains. Pathology was a four-year program, but after the first year the U.S. Army provided an invitation I could not refuse. I became Chief, Laboratory Service at two U.S. Army hospitals. The second was Irwin U.S. Army Hospital at Fort Riley, Kansas. It served the garrison there, the First Division (the Big Red One) and the dependents and retirees about the installation. I studied well past midnight on a regular basis, in terror of making a mistake. I was not only the top banana in pathology there, I was the only banana.

Returning to the UM to complete my training, and then beginning practice in Kansas City, there still was no time for trains. I worked as hard as I could to serve my profession honorably. I was elected President of the Medical Staff at my hospital and of other professional organizations. I was published professionally and was Editor in Chief of nine editions of the *Laboratory Test Handbook*, a bulky text describing the medical significance of a wide variety of laboratory tests. (I hope copies were not used too often as doorstops.) My major interests were in surgical pathology (especially tumor diagnosis) and transfusion medicine. I became book review editor of a medical journal. I was a VA consultant and was drawn into other activities as well.



Our four kids and I built a small O27 layout in the basement. Then, our house burned down. As the kids grew older, they developed other interests. We became catamaran sailors, and the offspring became proficient on the water.

When our then only grandchildren moved to Boston with their parents in 1994, my wife Judy and I wanted to attract them back to Kansas City, at least for vacations. I bought a kit intended to build industrial shelving and created a train table. I had never heard of L-girder construction, and at that point had never read a book or magazine about model railroading. Things worked for a while. As the more senior grandkids grew older, they developed other interests, but my enthusiasm for model railroading continued. As other grandkids came along, we expanded the layout and began to learn about the art of model railroading.

Somehow, I stumbled into the Turkey Creek (MCoR) group — the NMRA Division in Kansas City. I was amazed and humbled by the incredible competence and widely diverse abilities of a lot of individuals... many among them were extremely helpful and patient with me. Attendance at meetings progressively enhanced my enthusiasm. I would never have considered reaching out for an MMR credential were it not for the inspiration and support of so

many individuals. I cannot begin to thank them sufficiently. They are what kindness is all about.

My wife and I presently enjoy a fairly large backwoods steam era 1:48 layout composed of O and On30 lines with an emphasis on logging. We think that our model railroads, like the real world, must have hills, mountains, valleys, and canyons but without corners. Scenery goes over the top and down the sides. Our railroads include the fictional Serendipity & Western and the Clemens Logging Company, a prototype Michigan-California Logging Company logging camp, as well as Union Pacific and Santa Fe.

I am now proudly Dave Jacobs, MMR, appreciating my teachers, mentors, and friends in Turkey Creek. To the rest of the world, I am David S. Jacobs, M.D., FACP, an 83-year-old, who wishes he had gotten into model railroading earlier in life. It is great fun and enormously satisfying.

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Model Engineer – Civil

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Master Builder – Scenery

Master Builder – Structures

Master Builder – Prototype Models