

MMR 92 Larry Schreiber

Master Model Railroader #92 is Larry Schreiber of St. Paul, Minnesota. A veteran of WWII, Larry is 68 and a retired news photographer.

A friend showed Larry one of Gilbert's HO Hudsons just before the war, and Larry fell in love with it. While he was overseas, he had his wife send him "any available HO car kits and some old Ideal kits", which he built and brought home. Some of those kits are still on his layout, though rebuilt and improved.

Larry is the Brass Hat of the Thin Dime Line RR, a layout that has been in existence since 1948. The TDL RR follows no prototype, runs around three sides of a small basement, has four throttles, and can employ up to eight operators. The TDL has been the subject of numerous articles since 1951 in local newspapers, the TLR FUSEE, and the BULLETIN. It was also featured in the first edition of Linn Wescott's HO PRIMER.

In addition to his modeling, Larry is an active member of the Minnesota Transportation Museum. The museum has two steam locos: a fully restored and operating 10-wheeler, and a Pacific that awaits restoration. They also own and operate #1300, a retired Twin Cities Lines streetcar, at Lake Harriet in Minneapolis. Larry is a Conductor-Motorman in addition to working on streetcar restoration, so he gets to operate in 12" to the foot traction and, as he says, "meet a lot of happy riders".

Larry joined the NMRA in 1950, and the Thousand Lakes Region at about the same time. He also belongs to the Minneapolis Society of Model Engineers, an informal club that meets in members' homes once a month. Larry is the second MMR in the MSME, not bad for a 15 member club. Larry earned his MMR award with Achievement Certificates for Cars, Motive Power, Structures, Scenery, Civil Engineering, Association Volunteer, and Author.

