

## Bill Gruber MMR # 141

Bill Gruber, Master Model Railroader 141, resides in New Jersey, with his wife, Sandy, son Bert, and daughter Tara. He is Fire Safety Inspector at Mobil Oil's Paulsboro Refinery and his hobbies include computers and photography.

Bill began model railroading in the late Sixties, starting with Lionel before receiving an HO set one year for Christmas. He joined the NMRA in 1983 and attended his first Mid-Eastern Region convention the same year. He has been involved with many Regional activities including clinics chairman, general contest chairman, and is currently serving as a director. He has also served on regional convention committees and is involved in the 1993 Valley Forge Express National Convention Committee as inside activities coordinator.

Bill models the Reading Railroad and

enjoys holding prototypical operating sessions often. He enjoys the research of prototype railroads and the final application of those findings in building and operating his model railroad. He has authored many articles which have appeared in *Railroad Model Craftsman*, the *MER Local*, the *NMRA Bulletin*, and *Rail Model Journal*. He has won awards both for modeling and photography at NMRA Conventions. He holds AP Certificates for Cars, Scenery, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Chief Dispatcher, Author, and Volunteer, and is currently working towards others.

At NMRA conventions Bill enjoys attending clinics, entering contests, visiting layouts, associating with the many friends he's made in the organization and meeting new ones. He feels the fellowship of model railroading is the strongest resource the NMRA has to offer 

