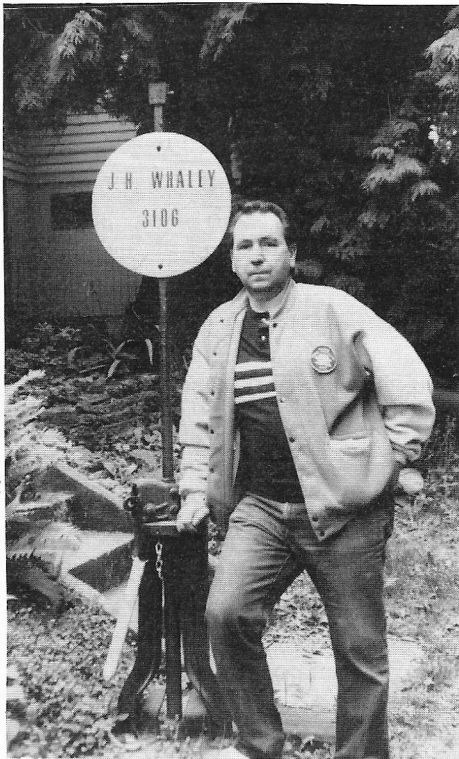


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Jim Whaley

MASTER MODEL RAILROADER #127 JAMES H. WHALEY

James H. Whaley, better known as Jim Whaley, was born Aug. 13, 1930, in Hoquiam, Wash. His father, Hubert Whaley, was employed by Northern Pacific Railroad and his mother, Vida, was a housewife. For those not familiar with Hoquiam, it is just a few miles from Gray's Harbor in the heart of Washington's logging country. One of its most famous sites is the Rayonier Logging Company's Camp 6. Jim's family moved to Portland where he grew up. After graduation from high school, he served in the Navy. Later he attended Vanport College in Portland.

Jim and his wife, Beverly Sue, were married in 1951; they have two sons and a daughter. He did some model railroading in 1957, but did not become serious until he attended a PNR convention in 1960. He joined the NMRA and PNR in 1961 and has attended every PNR convention since. He has attended several NMRA conventions and gave a clinic at the 1972 Seattle convention.

Jim has been active in the PNR's Division 2, serving as division VP in 1963,

and at the regional level, serving as convention chairman for the PNR in 1964, 1975, and co-chairman in 1980. He was the Portland tour director for the Eugene convention. In 1983 he was elected PNR president and trustee for three years.

After the 1964 PNR convention, Jim was introduced to the AP by Phil Kohl who was Division 4's AP chairman. He received his first certificate, Volunteer, at the 1965 NMRA convention in Vancouver. Later, in 1977, Jim became the PNR Achievement Program chairman, which he still is.

Jim's major modeling is done as a member of the Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club. He has been a member since 1976. His modeling skills have been tuned with experience in N, HO_n3, HO, On3, and Sn3, but now it is just HO. He has won many contest awards and is very active in model railroad photography and has won several firsts in photo contests.

Jim says, "He has enjoyed being a member (NMRA) and being able to serve to organization all these years. He hopes to continue to do so for many years to come for model railroading is truly fun."