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HMA MODEL RAILROAD INDUSTRY DIVISION COUNCIL PRESENTS HALL OF FAME AWARDS TO 2008 RECIPIENTS AND NEW BOBBYE HALL AWARDS

July 25, 2008. Allen Pollock (Fun & Games II), Co-Chair of the Awards Committee of the HMA Model Railroad Division Council, presented 2008 recipients with their awards at the division's membership meeting during the National Train Show in Anaheim, CA on July 19, 2008.

"I am pleased to present Bud Reece and Dick Maddox, current and former executives of Bachmann Trains with this year's Hall of Fame Awards," announced Pollock. "Each of these industry leaders has contributed their time, talents, and dedication to grow the model railroad segment of the hobby industry. They are well-deserving to be inducted into the MRID Hall of Fame."

On his nomination form submitted to the HMA, Reece was praised for his outstanding reputation in the industry and his unselfish work in promoting model railroading to both consumers and dealers. He has been an avid supporter of Youth in Model Railroading, the Boy Scouts of America, the Garden Railroad Association and various model railroad clubs and museums throughout the world.

Richard (Dick) Maddox started his hobby career with E&H Hobbies in Philadelphia and later joined Bachmann Trains in 1987 as Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing, the position that Reece now holds. Under his tenure at Bachmann, Maddox tuned the company from a toy train manufacturer to a specialized hobby company and introduced the Spectrum brand of trains and E-Z Track Roadbed Systems. Maddox was inducted into the Hall of Fame for his innovative and dedicated work on behalf of the model railroad industry.

Pollock also announced the first recipients of the "Bobbie Hall Distinguished Service Award, named in honor of Ms. Hall who was President of Hallmark Models in Dallas,

TX. Bobbye Hall received the NMRA Pioneer Award in 1996 and was inducted into the MRIA Hall of Fame in 1996.

Fred Hill and Fred Hamilton were named recipients of this prestigious award. Hill, who knew Bobbye Hall, is a model railroad retailer (The Original Whistle Stop) and manufacturer (The Coach Yard/Thin Film) in California. He has served in leadership positions in MRIA, the National Retail Hobby Stores Association, and HMA, most recently as chair of the Show Committee.

Fred Hamilton, former Executive Director of the Model Railroad Industry Association (now HMA-MRID), began his career in railroading with Kalmbach Publishing/Model Railroader magazine for 20 years. He served in leadership capacities with MRIA's Board of Trustees before becoming its executive director.

“Both Fred Hill and Fred Hamilton are truly leaders following in the footsteps of Bobbye Hall and we congratulate them for achieving this honor,” said Pollock.

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Allen Pollock present Bud Reece with his Hall of Fame Plaque.



Bud Reece & Allen Pollock present Dick Maddox with his Hall of Fame Plaque.

Fred Hamilton and Fred Hill receive the Bobbye Hall Awards at the HMA MRID Membership Meeting in Anaheim, Ca.

