



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of STEVE WOOLEY

1939-1971 Started modeling in 1949



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Video link: One of the National Model Aviation Museum's special Fly By report, Argus, is on YouTube [here](#).



“In the National Model Aviation Museum's "Pilot" episode of their new series "Fly By", their Museum Education Specialist, Claire Aldenhuysen, talks with Control Line Modeler Todd Lee about his upcoming project to replicate Steve Wooley's Argus.

“During his research, Todd noticed some differences between the actual Argus model and the plans published in an article in the August 1961 "American Modeler". He is undertaking a project to build a more precise replica of the Argus to compete in the Classics Stunt event at Nats.

“For updates on Todd Lee's build progress, behind-the-scenes content, and a more in-depth look at the museum and its collection, follow them on social media:

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“To inquire about plans shown in this video, contact the AMA Plans department via email at planservice@modelaircraft.org or call (800)-435-9262 x 507.” - Published on YouTube on September 14, 2016 by the National Model Aviation Museum.

The following was published in the Fall 2009 issue of the National Model Aviation Museum's Cloud9 newsletter.

**Steve Wooley
1939-1971**

Steve Wooley of Belpre, Ohio, began building model airplanes at the age of 10. He started with

kits, but then quickly moved on to designing his own aircraft. He is well known for designing the famous Argus and Cobra Control Line models. Steve's hobby was also his work. He was the Prototype Engineer for Borg-Warner, building model products.

Steve won more than 150 trophies for his modeling expertise. He participated in competitions in the U.S. and in several Control Line Aerobatic World Championships held in various other countries. He not only competed, but also served as a team manager and a judge at some of these championships. Steve served as the AMA's U.S. representative to the FAI CIAM's Control Line Subcommittee, and in 1965, he flew in the International Aero-Classic exhibition, in California. While there, he met and spent time with Jimmy Stewart.

In May of 1971, Steve was involved in an auto racing accident in Warren, Ohio, and passed away at the young age of 32. He had just finished his last Radio Control Stunt airplane, the Mura. It was published in the June 1973 issue of RC Modeler as a tribute.

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