



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of STEPHEN KOPESCHKA



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Stephen Kopeschka of Fairmont, Minnesota, held a grade point average of 3.928 at Fairmont Senior High School, and is now at GMI Engineering and Management Institute in Flint, Michigan. A scholarship award of \$1,000 was sent to the school on his behalf.

Stephen racked up an enviable record in school, earning accolades and respect from students and faculty. He played with the marching band for four years, holding first chair in the percussion section, earned a Superior Award from the State High School League for his playing, and gained a letter in music. His attendance at the Lake Washington Band Camp helped him on the way to a coveted senior pin.

Academically, Stephen was on the High Honor roll for four years, earned academic excellence awards each year, plus state honors for individual achievement in mathematics.

As a member of the Elm Creek Flyers Radio Control Club, his modeling interests are broad. He has a couple of gliders, powered aircraft, and Radio Control boats and cars. His boats are scratch-built, including a recently completed large tugboat. He is a member of the Scale Ship Modeler's Association, the International Plastic Modelers Society, and the Experimental Aircraft Association. His club activities include sport flying, working at mall shows, taking part in fun-flys, and giving demonstrations for non-modeling groups to interest them in the sport.

To earn money for his school expenses and to support his modeling interests, he worked five years as a carrier for the local paper.

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