
Autobiography of CHARLIE BAUER

Modeler, Designer, Industry Employee, Competitor

Modeler since 1936

Birth Date: March 15, 1930

AMA Number: 21824

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Career:

- Designed the J-3Cub, the Elder 20 and 40 and the Hot Canary for Top Flite Models
- Designed the P-82 for Wing Manufacturing
- Designed Fun Fighter series for Four Pi, Inc.
- First to successfully fly a ducted fan Control Line model at the AMA Nationals (Nats) and win with it
- Produced the MonoKote videotapes for Top Flite Models that have taught thousands of modelers how to cover with MonoKote
- AMA Vice President of District VI

Honors:

- 1992 – AMA Superior Service Award
 - 2000 – AMA Exemplary Award
 - 2001 – AMA Distinguished Service Award
 - 2002 – Model Aviation Hall of Fame
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I began modeling in 1936 or 1937 and won my first contest in 1939 with the help of Carl Goldberg in trimming my Free Flight model. The prize was ride in a Stearman bi-plane. I was a member of the Chicago Vultures, a Free Flight and Control Line club.

I flew Control Line while in the service from 1952-1954. Four of my children, who flew Stunt and Scale and were known as the Bauer Bunch, were AMA Scholarship winners. While working part time for Top Flite Models, I designed their J-3 Cub, The Elder 20 and 40 and the Hot Canary. I also designed the P-82 for Wing Manufacturing and the Fun Fighter series for Four Pi, Inc.



I was one of the first modelers to successfully fly a ducted fan Control Line model at the Nats and win with it. I have won many trophies at the Nats in past years.

While working for Top Flite, I produced the MonoKote videotapes that have taught thousands of modelers how to cover with MonoKote. I have been sometimes called Mr. MonoKote for these tapes and the club demonstrations given throughout the Midwest.

I was one of the first to use the electronic control boxes in Control Line scale. I have been a club officer in the Chicago Aero Angels for many years and an AMA Vice President of District VI for the past two years.

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