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# Biography of WILLIAM R. ENYART

## Early A.M.A. pioneer

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### Career:

- Served as first chairman of the Model Airplane Committee in 1933
- As chairman, he certified all model airplane records and issued the certificates, just as he did for the full-scale airplane records.
- Believed heart and soul in the value of model aviation to the youth of America
- Was a natural promoter and had a finesse to his work that stamped it that of Bill Enyart
- Model builders of the United States owe him a debt of gratitude for his staunch support

### Honors:

- 1974 – AMA Hall of Fame

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*This following biography is taken from page 16 in the book "The History of the Academy of Model Aeronautics." It has a notation "From the Beginning to the year 1966." Willis C. Brown, the author, was the first president of the AMA and the AMA's first historian. He wrote a history of the AMA.*

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## Memories of the man

by Willis C. Brown

### William R. (Bill) Enyart of N.A.A.

The National Aeronautic Association, since its formation in 1922 had advocated, prompted and sanctioned contests for model aviation as well as for full scale aviation. It had a Junior membership until the Academy took it over.

Every new idea has to have a sparkplug to make it go. William P. (Bill) Enyart, early chairman of the N.A.A. Contest Committee, was that sparkplug. In 1933 he served as first chairman of the Model Airplane Committee, a subdivision of his N.A.A. Contest committee. As such he certified to all model airplane records and issued the certificates, just as he did for the full scale airplane records. Standard rules for the larger aircraft competition were set by the Federation Aeronautic International (F.A.I.) This standardization was necessary so that records of all nations would be comparable. N.A.A. was the one "authorized" organization in U.S.A. to certify to records made under standard conditions. Since 1929 N.A.A. has issued model plane record certificates.

Model plane correspondence and certificates in 1933 were signed by "William R. Enyart, Secretary, Contest Committee." Bill believed heart and soul in the value of model aviation to the youth of America. He was a natural promoter and had a finesse to his work that stamped it that of Bill Enyart. He was president of the manufacturing firm of Simmonds Accessories. He gave his life in a fatal plane accident. He was N.A.A. official timer on a long distance attempt at a record for U.S.A. The heavily loaded plane was demolished on take-off. Model builders of the United States owe him a debt of gratitude for his staunch support.

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