
Autobiography of DOUG HOLLAND

Modeler since: 1934

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- 1998 – AMA Superior Service Award
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I started building airplanes at age nine at YMCA camp. These were “wind-up models,” as we used to call them. Glue was a nickel and a Comet kit cost 10 cents.

During the early part of World War II, I carved identification models for the services. I could not build airplanes during the war, but my family sent me the model airplane magazines and I never lost interest.

From 1946 to 1950, I attended Duke University and had limited time for model building. I flew U-Control and various categories of Free Flight. Even though I do not fly Free Flight any more, it is still my first love. Today it is Radio Control (RC) Electric. I still compete in several events in electric, but lack of practice has reduced my skill considerably. I still love it and enjoy the friendships I have because of my involvement in model airplanes. Because of my present involvement with the AMA and the museum activities, I look forward to being apart of a new museum building and indoor flying site.

Not only do we plan to preserve the past and have a great display of what has been, but there is now a lot of work being done to show and teach young people model aviation. The museum and indoor flying site will have classrooms, a theater, day camp capabilities and various hands-on opportunities for involvement in model airplane design, construction and flying. I hope we can accomplish this by the end of 2006.

(signed) Doug Holland

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