
Autobiography of Robin W. Hunt

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The following biography, written by the History Program staff, was published in the February 2001 issue of Model Aviation magazine. Robin received the 2000 Hall of Fame award post-mortem.

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Robin (Bob) Hunt, 52, has been involved with aeromodeling for 48 years. His primary area of interest during that period has been Control Line Precision Aerobatics. Since the 1950s, he has participated in more than 100 contests at the local, national, and international level.

After winning the Eastern States Championships four years in a row, he went on to represent the United States in four FAI World Championships.

His awards include a first in 1978 at Woodvale, England; second in Chestokowa, Poland in 1980; fifth in 1992 in Hrdac Kravole, Czechoslovakia; and eighth in Shanghai, China, 1994. He also won Precision Aerobatics at the AMA Nats in 1976.

Hunt has several designs to his credit. These include the F-105 Thunderchief, Genesis, Saturn, and RD-1. All of these appeared in *Flying Models* magazine. Additionally, the Genesis design and an advanced Profile Aerobatics trainer, the Prowler, were kitted.

In the late 1960s, Hunt formed a company called Control Line Specialties, which produced foam wings commercially. His services were used not only by Control Line Aerobatic pilots but also RC Pattern fliers.

The company also provided wind tunnel test model wings for McDonnell-Douglas, Lockheed, and several universities. There were even foam propellers for man-powered airplanes designed by students at Rensaeller Institute.

Hunt’s research led to the development of a system referred to as “Lost Foam” for wing building. Besides the company named above, he started Robin’s Wings and most currently, Robin’s View Productions, a production company devoted to producing model airplane and hobby related videos.

In 1979 Hunt became the associate editor of *Flying Models*. One year later, he was promoted to the position of editor. He served in that position for 16 years before leaving to start the video production company.

Recently, he became the Aeromodeling Editor of *Model Aviation*.

He has served in a variety of administrative positions, including Assistant Manager of the

1984 and 1996 World Championship Control Line teams, Assistant Director of Control Line Precision Aerobatics at the 1982 Nats, and Assistant Director of the 1979 and 1981 Team Selection Programs.”