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# Biography of RONALD MORGAN

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## **Ronald Morgan comes from**

Ron Morgan, 63, hails from Scotland, Pennsylvania. He has been involved in aeromodeling for 54 years. From his beginnings with Comet, Megow, and Ott kits, he went on to fly competitively in Control Line Aerobatics, Racing and Combat; Free Flight gas power, towline, and hand-launch; and Radio Control Pattern and Scale. Ron has flown contests at the national, regional and local levels.

Perhaps the most notable part of Ron's competition career has been his long involvement with AMA's National Aeromodeling Championships (Nats). Except the period 1987-1993, he has served on, or as the head of, the Nats management committee since 1966.

Early in this period, Ron served as the advance coordinator with the Navy and typically was on site for a month or more. He was involved with the development of computer tabulation, helped create the revenue-sharing concept with Special Interest Groups for the event and has served as the Nationals Manager from 1994 to the present. Ron was also deeply involved with the early planning of the Celebration of Eagles.

Drawing on his 38 years of teaching experience, Ron has developed educational programs for elementary, middle and high school classes. These emphasize the sciences and use aeromodeling as a base.

During most World Championships Ron has served as a Facilities Director and/or Administrative Assistant. He has been presented with many awards including AMA Fellow, Meritorious Award, Distinguished Service Award, IRCHA Service Award, and Vintage Radio Control Society Service Award.

Ron worked at developing reliable activators for proportional control during the late 1950s, and operated a hobby shop from 1967 to 1985. He has flown as a featured flier on an AMA Show Team since 1971. From 1970 to 1975, he served as the AMA District III Vice President. He has also held every office within his local club.