
Autobiography of FRED W. MULHOLLAND

Birth Date: July 30, 1929

AMA Number: 16778

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Career:

- Started building wooden models at the age of eight
- Won numerous Control Line and Radio Control (RC) contest throughout the 1950s and 1960s
- Organized the Tampa Trim Tabs (Free Flight and RC) Flying Club in 1956; today it has been renamed TRAC
- Organized Society of Antique Modelers (SAM) Chapter 88 for the Bay City Flyers RC club in 1988; assisted by two others
- Constructed a replica of the Good brothers' Guff, which Walt Good donated to the museum in 1989
- Contest director for the Florida Winter Fly SAM RC contest from 1992 to 1996
- Charter member and officer of the Florida Float Flyers seaplane club in 1995
- Built an exact scale model of the Benoist flying boat for the Saint Petersburg aviation museum in 1993
- Restored Elmer Wasman's White Mystery model and donated it to the National Model Aviation Museum
- Has won the grand championship or high point of many SAM RC contest in the U.S. and Canada
- Has directed and coordinated the SAM RC Champs several times
- AMA associate vice president for District V

Honors:

- 2001 – Society of Antique Modelers Hall of Fame

Eagle Scout: 1945

High school graduate: 1947

Joined the Army National Guard in 1948 as a private and retired as a major in 1969 (Artillery, Infantry, Airborne Green Beret).

Retired from GTE as Florida project manager in 1985 after 38 years of service.

Won numerous Control Line scale and Radio Control (RC, also called escapement) contests during the 1950s and 1960s.

Placed fourth in the British American Marathon (foot race) from Tampa to Saint Petersburg, Florida, in 1984.

Developed American Indian flint work exhibits for two Florida museums in 1963.

During the period of 1968 to 1991, as a volunteer, led the development of hiking trails throughout the state of Florida. For this service he was honored at the Florida State Capitol

twice by two Florida governors. Again in 1988 he was honored at the White House for his service to Florida by President Ronald Reagan.

Organized the Tampa Trim Tabs (Free Flight and RC) Flying Club in 1956, today it has been renamed TRAC.

Organized Society of Antique Modelers (SAM) Chapter 88 for Bay City Flyers RC club in 1988.

Served as contest director for the famous Florida Winter Fly SAM RC contest in 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Charter member and officer of the Florida Float Flyers seaplane club in 1995.

Successfully sponsored Elmer Wasman for the SAM Hall of Fame in 1996.

Successfully sponsored Hal "Pappy" DeBolt for the SAM Hall of Fame in 1997.

Built an exact scale model of the Benoist flying boat (the world's first commercial airliner) for the Saint Petersburg aviation museum in 1993.

Fred is an avid gardener and in 2000 his native plant yard was rated number one in the state of Florida by the Florida Native Plant Society. His yard also won the year 2000 water conservation award for Hillsborough County.

Fred was elected to the Hillsborough High School Hall of Fame in February 2001.

He salvaged the remains of Elmer Wasman's White Mystery model, which flew in the world's first RC contest at the Nationals held in Detroit, Michigan, in 1937. This model was restored by Fred and is now on display in the National Model Aviation Museum in Muncie, Indiana.

The plans for this model and its smaller version, the White Peril, are now approved by SAM. Plans for both were donated to SAM and are now available for the SAM plane service.

Fred has won the grand championship or high point of many SAM RC contests throughout the United States and Canada during the period 1988 through 2000, including the following:

- Canadian Nationals (MAAC), RC Old-Timer high point in 1997 and again in 1999
- Ignition Grand Championship at the 1998 SAM Championships
- Ignition and Glow Grand Championships at the 1999 SAM Championships
- Glow Grand Championship at the 2000 SAM Championships

During the 1994 SAM Champs, he served as assistant RC contest director.

He served as SAM RC rules coordinator from 1995 to 1996.

He was the RC contest director of the 1996 SAM Champs.

Fred served again as the RC contest director for the 2002 SAM Champs.

*(signed) Fred W. Mulholland
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