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# Autobiography of ART SCHROEDER

Modeler since 1938

Birth Date: April 5, 1928

AMA Number: 172

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## **Career:**

- Editor of Model Airplane News 1970-84
- Editor of VRCS (Radio Controlled Vintage Society) newsletter since 1989
- Columnist and author for 22 years
- AMA Leader member and Contest Director from 1968 to present
- AMA District II Vice President from 1968 - 1971

## **Honors:**

- 1995 – VRCS Hall of Fame
  - 1995 – Howard McEntee Award
  - 1998 – AMA Pioneer Award
  - 1998 – AMA Hall of Fame
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*To the best of my recollection, the following outlines my various Radio Control activities.*

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- Involved in various phases of model aviation since the age of eight; a span of 58 years
- Started in Radio Control (RC) in 1952

## **Member of:**

North Jersey RC Club, 1953-65

Rockaway Valley RC Club, 1963-1980

Central Jersey RC Club, 1987-1990

Lakeland RC Club, 1990 to present

Vintage RC Society, 1989 to present

## **Newsletter Activities:**

Editor of The Printed Circuit (newsletter of the NJRCC), 1959-61

Editor and founder of The CIAM Flyer (newsletter of Youth and Education, Federation  
Aeronautique Internationale (FAI - the committee for aeromodeling, Paris)

Editor of the VR/CS Newsletter 1989 to present (newsletter of the Vintage Radio Control  
Society)

## **AMA Activities:**

Leader Member, 1962 to 1993

Contest Director, 1968 to present

AMA District II vice president, 1968 - 71 (resigned to accept editor's position at MAN)

Nationals RC judge, 1967 to 1969

## **Chair positions:**

Chairman FAI/CIAM Youth and Education Subcommittee

Chairman AMA Scholarship Committee

Aerospace Educators' Council

Press Liaison for 1994 European Scale RC Championships

**Magazine Activities:**

Columnist (RJC News), Model Airplane News, 1969 to 1988

Columnist (Vintage Varieties), RIC Report, 1991

Contributing author of numerous articles on events, how-to, reviews, designs in many magazines;

MAN, Model Builder, American Modeler and foreign publications

Editor Model Airplane News, 1970 - 1979, 1980 - 1982, 1983 - 1984

Editor for Air Age book, "Giant Steps" for Air Age Publications

**Industry Activities:**

Ad copy writer for numerous modeling firms.

Consultant to numerous firms including MRC, Cass Engineering, J&J, Span Aero, Sig, TopFlite

Wrote and appeared in TV film, "Scaling the Heights," for Ylies Radio, Helsinki, Finland (pilot for scale model Pitts flown in formation and maneuvers with a full size Pitts)

Flight demonstrator for Sherlock Models, Cass Engineering and, as a result, was the first American to fly an American radio and model (Pulsar) in the Soviet Union 1979

Built many prototype aircraft and wrote construction booklets for manufacturers planned kit releases

**Aircraft Designs:**

Snapper (1956)

Eyeball (1968); selected as best pattern aircraft at 1969 WRAMS Show and Asbury Park Trade Show; published in 1969 and by various companies (J&J, Dee Bee and Swenson – Europe)

Migiball, published in 1982

Eyelash, published in 1983 and kitted by Span Aero

**Miscellaneous:**

Active Pattern competitor, 1960-1987

Miniaturized and repackaged Howard McEntee's Kickin' Duck system working directly with the designer

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Founded and was contest director for RV/RC Novice Contest (first of specialized competition in RC for beginners)

*Art Schroeder -1996*

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