
Biography of WALTER C. THRONE

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Walter C. Throne, Syracuse, New York, runs a hobby shop, and his dedication to aeromodeling is known throughout the state of New York as well as nationally. For more than 30 years, he has been an active modeler. He has served his club as president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. As a Contest Director, he has organized and run hundreds of contests. He is a charter member of the Central New York Model Aircraft Association (CNYMAC), and helped establish and direct the club's annual midwinter festival and symposium for many years. He was pivotal in developing the Scholarship Program for CNYMAC.

Many times each year, Walt gives demonstrations for youth groups. He is often seen at fun-fly events putting his helicopter through its paces for the amusement and education of the crowds. Some of his demonstrations have been televised, bringing many new people to the hobby. As an AMA volunteer, Walt has been an associate vice president in District II for eight years. At the 1983 and 1985 Westover Nats, he directed the Radio Control Pattern event.

Perhaps his main strength is the unselfish help he gives to newcomers. He always finds time to assist, and that sort of unstinting generosity is given a great deal of weight in selecting the Goldberg Vital People awards recipients.