
Biography of FRANKLIN D. WARNER

Modeler since 1932

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AMA Number: 31630

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The following is from an interview with Franklin Warner on May 1, 2006.

Franklin Warner began modeling around the age of six or seven. It was before World War II, when children dreamed of being pilots. He remembers a Megow Free Flight kit with one rubber band in it that only extended the flight ten or fifteen feet; otherwise, it was a glider. Frank found that he could fly his airplanes further if he went up a hill nearby.

Frank left for the Army Air Corps a few days after he received his high school diploma. He trained in "Dope and Fabric" and Parachutes. Throughout his 26 years of service, he continued his interest in modeling. Frank joined his first club, the Alaska Radio Control Society (ARCS,) in Anchorage, Alaska around 1968, and joined the AMA and Experimental Aircraft Association around the same time. He retired from the Air Force in August 1970, moved to Newport, Washington, and joined the Barons Club of Spokane, Washington.

For a number of years, Frank also belonged to the Northwest Soaring Society (NWSS), and judged competitions as a member of the United States Pattern Judges Association (USPJA). He is now an active member of the Farragut Flyers of northern Idaho and the Yuma Aero Modelers of Yuma, Arizona. Over the past 35 years, he built more than fifty Radio Control model airplanes.