
Autobiography of DOLLY WISCHER

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The following was published in the December 1988 issue of Model Aviation magazine. Dolly was a 1987 Model Aviation Hall of Fame Inductee.

Dolly Wischer has served AMA and the sport of model aviation in many ways.

She has been a Nats volunteer for more than 20 years. She has a unique talent that allows her to produce signs for any purpose, almost at once, from almost any raw materials. For this ability alone Dolly has been invaluable at the Nats, where signs to direct people are always a necessity.

As a modeler, she has been a Nats contestant. She has also designed her own aircraft, and one of her early designs, the *Super Zue*, was picked up by Goldberg Models and developed into the famous *Falcon 56*. Her knowledge of electronics enabled her to create and produce her own pulse-proportional radio, which she used to control *Super Zue*.

Apart from that, Dolly served as Scale Team Manager in 1984, and again in 1986, for the U.S. teams, which traveled to France and Norway in those years. Dolly managed the teams, taking care of all the many chores that fall to a manager. Accompanying her husband, Bob, who writes the Scale column for *Model Aviation* magazine, she did a great job and was well respected by the foreign teams.

Always interested in AMA and a strong supporter of the National Center, Dolly started her own retirement program for the building mortgage. Beginning in 1982, she purchased raw materials and made, by her own hand, many teddy bears. She then donated them to AMA, and also helped sell them at trade shows (Toledo, typically) for \$25 apiece. All proceeds have been given to AMA, either to the Building Fund or to the Scale Team Fund, with all out-of-pocket expenses being absorbed by Dolly. To date, more than \$3,000 has been given to the Academy through her personal efforts.

Selected as an AMA Fellow in 1975, Dolly was again honored in 1986 with the President's Legion of Honor Award. Her selection for the Hall of Fame is richly deserved. We know that the many people who have worked with her for so many years, and who have enjoyed her perpetually cheerful manner, will be pleased.