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# Biography of ARTHUR (ART) AZLIN

Modeler from around age 8

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My first model airplane was a rubber band model built when I was between the ages of 8 and 10. From these, I progressed to a U-Control Cox .049 engine-powered *P-51*, which I repaired using Amberoid glue. These types of models were my main focus through my early teens. As I matured, model aviation took a back seat and music became my main hobby.

After high school (in the late 1950s), I joined the army. I was in my early twenties, and while stationed in Italy, I started a small model airplane U-Control group. Our airplanes consisted of All American *Tomahawk Chiefs* using McCoy 35 engines and Veco 35 engines. During my 8 ½ years in the military, stationed in various places, we also had U-Control groups. I formed many of these myself and fully supported others.

In 1964, after discharge, we moved to Huntsville, Alabama. At this time, I started inquiring about Radio Control model airplane systems. My first system was a Citizenship that was installed in a Goldberg *Senior Falcon*, a high-wing trainer. During the next few years, I progressed with the technology and advancement of new systems up to the point of being sponsored by Pro-Line Electronics. I also served as President of Rocket City Radio Controllers (RCRC) in Huntsville, Alabama.

I was heavily competing in Pattern competition all over the southeast. I flew in the Nationals in Chicago and went from there to qualifying for the 1972 Masters. The airplane I flew in the Masters was a *Gladiator* with a Weber 61 and Pro-Line radio system. I placed 13<sup>th</sup> in that competition out of the top 33 pilots in the United States. The top five pilots when on to represent the United States in the World Championships.

In 1974, a tornado completely wiped out my house and all my airplanes and equipment. I left the hobby. However, in 1986 I returned to modeling and now tried helicopters, my first being a Dubro *Shark*.

Subsequent to retirement from Chrysler at 65, I was involved in a government Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV) project. However, I am now fully retired and enjoying building and flying many various types of aircraft. At the present time, I have four ducted-fan jets, a *B-25* and am now finishing a Scale Carden *CAP 232* (35%) with a DA100 engine. My present radio systems consist of Futaba and JR. Future projects will be building two *B-25s* at the same time.

This is a very rewarding hobby, meeting new people and making new friends all over the country. Now the most rewarding part of the whole hobby is passing on the skills I have obtained to the next generation and hope that they will have the same enjoyment that I have experienced over the years.