
Biography of WAYNE YEAGER

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“**Wayne Yeager**, 67, is one of those aeromodelers who, while “bitten by the bug” as a youngster, is a relative newcomer. He came back to modeling in 1970 when he built a Heathkit radio system.

While mainly into sport-type airplanes, Wayne flew a little Pattern. However, when he saw his first Pylon race, he knew where he would concentrate his modeling interest. Although he won some prestigious events during the 1970s, Wayne eventually gravitated toward the administrative end of competition.

He served on the Pylon Contest Board and was chair for ten years. The FAI Team Selection Committee enjoys his services and he has been the district contest coordinator for about 25 years.

The international Pylon scene has been an important part of his life. He ran the first F3D World Championships and has since run two others. On three occasions, Wayne has served as the F3D team manager.

He has also served as the Nationals Pylon Event Director for 10 years and for the last several years has served in the position of RC Director.

Wayne is a longtime member of the Toledo Weak Signals, where he has served as an officer and as a part of the Toledo Show board. He has been the co-director of the show for 15 years. His duties include every aspect of the show operation, including buying awards, designing artwork for ads, patches and pins, selling booth space and organizing the mailings.

Other tasks with the club include being the current president, club historian and the newsletter editor.

Wayne is the president of an association of some 25 to 30 clubs in his area. In fact, he has been the only president for the 21 years of its existence. He received a variety of awards including the AMA Superior Service, Fellow and Pioneer.

He is very proud of having received the Goldberg Vital People award in 1985. When it was suggested to Wayne that he met the criteria for the Model Aviation Hall of Fame, his response was, “But I’m just a volunteer!”