



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of ALEXANDER (ALEX) R. CHISOLM



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Alex Chisolm AMA District X Vice-President (California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Hawaii)

Alexander R. Chisolm (AMA 1179), the present AMA District X Vice President, started life on April 10, 1920, in San Francisco. Alex was raised in San Francisco but lives presently in Fresno, California with his wife, Marlene. He is the father of two boys, ages 16 and 22, and 2 girls, ages 17 and 18.

Chisolm is a self-employed independent insurance agent, broker, and life agent. His business deals in the transaction and negotiation of insurance matters between insurance companies and the insurance buyer. Alex's insurance office is in Fresno, which is almost in the exact geographical center of California, about halfway between Los Angeles and the state's capitol, Sacramento.

Early signs of initiative showed in Alex's military record. He spent a year in the Infantry (Alex confessed he was drafted!), a year in the Tank Destroyers, and finished his service with two years in the Air Corps as a B-25 pilot with the rank of First Lieutenant.

Alex claims 40 years of modeling interest, breaking in on Free Flight and Control Line, and presently being very active in Radio Control. He has become proficient enough in Radio Control to qualify as a designer, with plans for an FAI Radio Control racer, *Howard Pete*, appearing over his name in a recent issue of *Model Airplane News* magazine.

Alex is a member of the Fresno Radio Modelers, a very active chartered AMA club, and writes a regular column in their excellent newsletter, *Watts News*. He has been an AMA Contest Director since 1963, and was appointed as an Associate Vice President for District X in January of 1971. After a strong showing in the AMA election as a write-in candidate, in March of 1971 Chisolm was suddenly moved into the Vice Presidency of AMA's District X by action of the AMA Executive Council upon the untimely death of Chuck Broadhurst, who was serving as the elected Vice President at the time of his passing.

A recent pleasant surprise for AMA was the application and acceptance for an AMA Contest Directorship for Alex's wife, Marlene. Alex and the AMA are both fortunate that Marlene Chisolm has this enthusiasm for model aviation. Alex is lucky to have his wife "on his side" with an understanding and sympathy for his hobby. And AMA is fortunate because of having this

much AMA experience and talent under one roof, all in one family. Other wives please note – Marlene is proving it is wiser and more fun to join ‘em than fight ‘em.

When asked to list his various hobby interests, Alex said, “First, modeling, second, modeling, and third, also modeling!” Alex is a cheerful fellow with an always-ready laugh. Combine that with an understanding and helpful wife, and he certainly holds a “pat” hand.

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