



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of CHARLES (CHUCK) FOREMAN

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Modeler since 1947 AMA #681



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The following biography was in the January 2007 issue of Model Aviation magazine. Chuck Foreman was inducted into the Model Aviation Hall of Fame in 2006.

Charles “Chuck” Foreman Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

Chuck Foreman began his modeling career in 1947 at the age of 10, building classroom-training models for the Army Air Force. In 1953 in Schweinfurt, Germany, he started an all-AMA-member aeromodeling club called Satan’s Air Devils.

In 1972, Chuck was awarded Leader Member status in AMA in an administrative category. He obtained his Contest Director (CD) license two years later and began running Pattern meets in Richmond and Norfolk, Virginia, North Carolina and Maryland. A competitor as well, he flew in many Pattern contests throughout the area in the 1970s and 1980s.

He organized the Virginia League of Model Clubs in 1977 and was the CD for the first Trans-Am cross-country race in 1979. Chuck served as communications director for the Nats from 1980 to 1993, overseeing all public address and radio systems management. He was later appointed to the Nats Communications Committee.

John Spaulding, AMA District IV vice president, appointed Chuck as an associate vice president for District IV in 1976 and he has held the post intermittently for more than 16 years.

Chuck served on the AMA Executive Council for a total of 12 years. He filled the position of District IV vice president from 1979 to 1983, and then from 1996 to 2002. He continues to serve District IV as an associate vice president.

Chuck was the first chairman of the Building Committee that convinced AMA to build its previous headquarters in Reston, Virginia. The Reston facility housed the staff in the 1980s and early 1990s. He was instrumental in the completion of the new AMA administration building in Muncie, Indiana, serving on and chairing the second Headquarters Building Committee.

He was a member of the Property Acquisition and Development Committee (PADCOM) for nearly a decade. While a member of the Executive Council, he served as chairman of the Bylaws Committee and the Leader Member Committee.

An ardent supporter of AMA and promoting model aviation to youth, Chuck organized the first Camp Jeep Flight School in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2000. This event focused on youth and

aviation and was a huge public relations success for model aviation. It brought together a number of clubs and individuals to run the show, and was sponsored by the Jeep Division at Daimler-Chrysler U.S. Headquarters. The following year Chuck directed the event.

Other recognitions Chuck has received include the Distinguished Service award and AMA Fellow award.

The following obituary was printed in the January 2022 issue of Model Aviation magazine, on page 15.

Former AMA VP Dies

A MAN WHO SERVED as an AMA District Vice President (VP) and an Associate Vice President (AVP) has passed away. Charles "Chuck" Forman, 89, Ocala, Florida, died September 15, 2021.

Chuck, who previously lived in North Carolina, served as AMA District IV VP from 1979 to 1983 and again from 1996 to 2002. He was on the AMA Executive Council for 12 years, serving on the Bylaws Committee and the Leader Member Committee. Chuck had also served as an AVP in District IV and later as an AVP in District V until roughly mid-2020.

In 1972, Chuck was awarded AMA Leader Member status in an administrative category. He became a contest director (CD) and began running RC Aerobatics (Pattern) meets in Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland. He flew in many Pattern contests in the 1970s and 1980s. Chuck organized the Virginia League of Model Clubs in 1977 and was the CD for the first TransAm cross-country race in 1979.

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Chuck was inducted into the AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame in 2006 and was a recipient of the AMA Distinguished Service award and the AMA Fellow award.

The following information was printed in the December 1980 issue of Model Aviation magazine, on page 75, in the section "Statements from AMA District Vice-President Candidates".

District 4 Candidate

Chuck Foreman, Mechanicsville, VA. Chuck has been Vice-President of District IV for two

years. During this period he has spent a lot of time visiting clubs, contests, meetings and hobby-oriented functions within his district. He has his hands on the pulse of District IV members and represents their best interests in our national organization.

During the past two years, Chuck has served on, or been chairman of, the AMA Headquarters Relocation Committee, the AMA full-time Flying Site Representative Committee, and the Key Man Insurance Committee. All of these committees have had positive results. He is also the AMA Show Teams' representative to AMA Council. He is always working to represent our district and our national organization. You will see him at the Nats and also at local club functions.

Chuck has spent a lot of time at AMA Headquarters to keep up with what is going on and to better understand how AMA operates as a business organization. He tries to keep well-informed, to use sound judgment and to maintain progressive policies. Chuck pledges to continue to represent District IV modelers to the best of his ability and to continue to improve the image of our national organization.

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