



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of HARVEY S. ("POP") ROBBERS



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Harvey S. Robbers 1899-1957

Model aviation received a tragic blow on February 8, when Harvey S. (Pop) Robbers, of Oakland, California, died of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle H. (Mom) and three sons, all of whom have been active in modeling.

Pop first became an AMA member nearly 20 years ago, and advanced through Scientific Leader Membership eventually to become a member of the Contest Board and Vice President of District X for three years running. Pop's life was studded with outstanding examples of giving for the benefit of his hobby. He assumed the time consuming duties of Contest Coordinator, has conducted countless model meets, and has been active in the administration of the Western Associated Modelers since its inception. Always helping the youngsters and lending a helping hand whenever the opportunity arose, Pop has worked with many model clubs, noted particularly in connection with the Oakland Cloud Dusters.

Pop was as active in the flying field as he was with administrative work. His first model was a scale Lepere built in 1919. He has established AMA national records for outdoor helicopters and outdoor hand-launched gliders, and jointly he and his wife broke the outdoor rubber-powered stick record. His contributions to the advancement of model aviation have been many, and the benefits of his work will continue to accrue for many years to come.

Our most sincere and heart-felt feelings of sympathy go out to his wife and family in their sorrow.

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