



The AMA History Project Presents: Autobiography of PAUL A. SCHMITZ



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Leader Member and Contest Director

I have been in this hobby for 65 years. I started modeling in 1937. I have been involved in Free Flight, Control Line Stunt, Control Line Speed, Radio Control Pattern contests, and Society of Antique Modelers (SAM) events.

I joined the Toledo, Ohio Weak Signals organization and am their Life Member #1. In the 1960-1975 era, I flew in Radio Control Pattern. I was on the Toledo Club Show Committee for several years.

I joined SAM in 1988 and have attended several SAM Champs. In the year 2000, I was Grand Champion in ignition in Pensacola, Florida. For 25 years, I came to Florida as winter resident. In 2000, I moved here permanently. I belong to the Manatee Radio Controllers of Palmetto, Florida. I have contest directed several Old Timer contests here in Bradenton. Presently, I have been instrumental in promoting Old Timer fly-ins once a month during the winter. I am a member of SAM 40 (southeast Michigan), SAM 39 (northwest Ohio), and SAM U.S.A. Also, I belong to MECA and still retain membership in the Toledo Ohio Weak Signals club.

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