



## The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of WILLIAM RALPH WEAVER



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William Ralph Weaver – A name that we see on the list of AMA officers for the first time – he’s Vice President of AMA District IX. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver live at 611 South Lightner Drive, Wichita, Kansas.

Since first building a Comet *Mercury* in 1937, Bill has been actively interested in model flying – lately directing his attention toward Free Flight Gas, Radio Control, and Rubber models. He is a member of the Wichihawk Model Airplane Club, as well as the Wichita Radio Control Club. He has served as club secretary in 1950 and 1953 and as president in 1951 and 1952. It is a wonder that he has found time to officiate at various contests, including the International Competition Eliminations and other meets at Wichita, Kansas, Jefferson City and Columbia, Missouri.

Mr. Weaver advocates the provision of sponsorship for programs such as our National Championships and the World Championships by the AMA and suggests that activity should be encouraged by service organizations, large corporations, Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Bill foresees a fine future in store for modeling, reminding us that this is a scientific age – and expressing the opinion that modeling should soon become more popular over large areas and that it should become a more important part in scientific training and research.

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DIST VI. VICE PRESIDENT: William Weaver – Active modeler since 1942. Contest Director since 1951. Directed many Midwest contests including FAI International Eliminations meets 1951-1957 period. AMA Vice President, District 9, 1952-1954. Active free flight and radio control modeler. Contributing Editor, *RC Modeler* magazine. Events Director 1963 Chicago

Nationals. Believes AMA should reflect current needs of this sport by providing dynamic leadership and supporting new events such as Goodyear Racing, Scale Aerobatics and continued support of international teams.

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