



## The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of JAMES "TREY" DAVIS III



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James "Trey" Davis was awarded a \$4000 Charles Hampson Grant scholarship. He is attending the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa where he plans to study electrical and computer engineering.

Trey was nine years old when he and his father attended a flying event in Irvington, Alabama, following hobby-shop owner Rob Baker to the field. "When we got to the Irvington field," he wrote, "there were many model airplanes and lots of people to encourage my dad and me to get started in RC flying."

His first airplane was a SuperStar .40 ARF trainer. After weeks and hours of work on an aircraft requiring "little assembly," they went back to Irvington field where Fritz Jetten trained them to fly. One month before his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, Trey soloed then received a Tiger II for Christmas. Since then, other aircraft he has flown have included a Sig Hog Bipe, a World Models CAP 232, and a 33% CAP 232 from Horizon Hobby. He has an Aero-Tech 35% Edge 540 and an electric foamie.

Trey is a member of the Bay Area RC club and the Azalea City RC club, both in Mobile, Alabama. He has also joined the West Alabama Aero Modelers in Tuscaloosa. Most of his modeling has been at local fields and fly-ins.

A graduate of Jackson High School in Jackson, Alabama, Trey had a 4.02 grade-point average (out of a possible 4.4). During his junior and senior years in high school, he was active on his school newspaper, *The Aggie Journal*, as an editor and graphic designer and received awards for his work redesigning the school newspaper.

He was a member of the National Honor Society and received additional recognition for advertising design and layout. In his senior year of high school, Trey received the Calculus A award and scored five out of five on the national College Board Advanced Placement Calculus AB test.

Among Trey's community activities are operating the video projection system at church, designing graphics and video presentations, and operating the video projection systems for vacation Bible schools, distributing hygiene packs and serving meals to homeless people in New Orleans, and helping paint schools in New Orleans.

He has worked as a helper to a contractor, building and remodeling homes, and has designed brochures for a start-up business and a local citizens' center.

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