



# The AMA History Project Presents: History of the MILWAUKEE ASSOCIATION OF RADIO CONTROL CLUBS



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## **Milwaukee Association of Radio Control Clubs AMA Chapter #7**

As indicated by its low AMA #7 Chapter number, this association, currently consisting of 16 Milwaukee and SE Wisconsin clubs, is one of the early AMA chapters.

Founded in 1977 to promote creation of a Milwaukee County Parks public R/C flying site in Franklin, Wisconsin, which field could also be available as a backup site to other area clubs temporarily without a field, the chapter in 1988 turned the field over to one of its member clubs, the Rainbow Aero Modelers Society (RAMS Club), based at said public field. The chapter focus became putting on static displays in shopping malls, and at Armed Forces Day events, plus hosting an annual Auction & Swap Meet.

The mall exhibitions ended when malls went to placing "Kiosk" sales carts and counters in the mall concourses, leaving no room for table displays. Chapter #7 has since made the Auction Swap Meet its fundraising focus. (January 2013 was the 35th annual meet.) Funds raised are distributed to the 16 member clubs in the form of grants for local club field improvements, youth programs, and co-support with clubs, of worthy service groups, such as the Special Olympics and the Boy Scouts.

The Association is able to conduct its affairs by only meeting twice a year (October & February).

Long time Chapter #7 officers, chosen from club delegates to the Association, include President Scott Jones (onehobby@happyhobby.com), Vice President Larry Petricek, 414-761-0153 (lspetricek@tds.net), Secretary Russell Knetzger, 414-962-0637 (rknetzger@execpc.com), and Treasurer Kenneth Huber (huberkenneth@att.net).

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