



# The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of GIL RIFKIN



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## **Profile of a Life Member Gil Rifkin**

...Gil Rifkin of Nanuet, New York, proudly [displays] his new AMA Life Member #11 on his favorite Radio Control plane. Modeling 33 years, he has built and flown almost every kind. Carl Goldberg's Zipper, Leon Shulman's Zomby, WWI Scale aircraft, Phil Kraft's Ugly Stik, and old-time Radio Control Free Flights. At present, he designs, constructs, and flies Radio Control gliders in Open competition.

He is very active in model organizations. He belongs to the New Jersey Rockland County Radio Control Club, the North Jersey Radio Control Club, and is the Contest Coordinator for AMA's District II.

In private life, Gil is the senior partner of an independent New York CPA firm specializing in tax consultations, management relations, and banking liaisons. He and his wife Susan have five children: David 21, Howard 19, Martin 13, Daniel 2, and Miriam 15 months. Asked his most notable achievement to date, Gil quickly answered, "Paying the bills for five kids."

Why did daddy become a Life Member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics? Being fond of children has influenced his thinking on modeling too. Listen to what Gil says. "Loving kids, I felt our hobby should be instrumental in preventing habits detrimental to society. By fomenting a trend in Radio Control flying, and in aiding AMA, I feel I am helping."

We are delighted to have Gil Rifkin join this exclusive class of AMA membership.

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