



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of BRETT SANBORN



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AMA Youth Ambassador Brett Sanborn

Brett began his model airplane flying career at the age of 14 through the Science Olympiad program at Clio High School in Clio, Michigan. After attending the Cloudbusters Indoor Fling contest a few years in a row, Brett took an interest in F1D.

In the summer of 2003, Brett qualified for the U.S. Junior F1D team, along with Doug Schaefer and David Rigotti. The 2004 Free Flight World Championships were held in a salt mine in Slănic, Romania. The U.S. junior team placed first, with individual finishes of first and second for Schaefer and Sanborn, respectively.



At the 2005 team selection contest—too old to compete in the junior category—Brett was the youngest person, at the age of 19, ever to qualify for the U.S. Open F1D team, alongside Larry Cailliau and John Kagan. The team placed second in 2009 and Brett placed seventh individually.

Since then, Brett was F1D National Champion in 2008 and a member of the 2010 F1D team—finishing fifth individually and contributing to the team gold medal podium spot. At the 2011 team selection contest, Brett qualified in the top spot for the U.S. team, ahead of John Kagan and Nick Ray.



With USIC only a few weeks away, and the 2012 FF World Championships just three months away, Brett is working hard on his models. At the beginning of August 2012, the Free Flight World Championships will be held in Belgrade, Serbia, which should prove to be an exciting and hotly contested event.

To learn about Free Flight model flying, check out the National Free Flight Society (NFFS) website, an AMA Special Interest Group (SIG), here: www.freeflight.org.

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