



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of PARNELL SCHOENKY



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Parnell Schoenky, District VI, member of the Contest Board. Address: 125 East Maple Ave, Kirkwood 22, Missouri. Parnell served on the Contest Board last year. He's a mechanical engineer at McDonnell Aircraft Corporation, Flight Test Department.

Most of Par's modeling activity has been with Free Flight-types, though he dabbled in Control Line for several years. His chief interests at the present time are in flying unorthodox types (helicopter, ornithopter, autogiro, etc.) and indoor models. Interests in the unorthodox types have borne fruit for he has held records for all three types in recent years.

He has been very active in the Kirkwood Thermaleers model club and has given assistance and directed many contests in the Greater St. Louis area - feels that flying sites for Free Flight are needed more than any other one thing at the present time.

Schoenky sees a bright future for modeling, particularly with regard to providing the beginning of aeronautical education for many and fun for many more, but cautious, as does George Aldrich, the possible trend to overly prefabricate.

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