



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of AUGUSTUS R. (DICK) TONAN



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The following is an autobiography excerpt from the publication "Who's Who in AMA, 2003, District V."

- Started my modeling career building stick-and-tissue rubber-powered WWII models
- Graduated to Control Line models and joined the AMA for the first time in January of 1956
- College, marriage, and a tour in the U.S. Army forced me to suspend my modeling activities
- After returning from the Army, I resumed my Control Line modeling activities on a sporadic basis
- In 1990, I decided to try my hand at Radio Control, primarily because there was no Control Line activity in my area. Thanks to the persistence of a local hobby shop owner who was my instructor, I finally soloed. I joined the AMA for the second time.
- Joined an AMA Radio Control club, the Balsa Bandits of Torrington, Connecticut, in 1990.
- In 1991, a job change necessitated relocating to the Nashville, Tennessee area. As a result of a search on the AMA club database, I found and joined the Middle Tennessee Radio Control Society (MTRCS).
- From 1993 to the present, I have been a flight instructor, club treasurer, vice president, and president. I was elected president for 2003.
- Designated "Member of the Year" for 1994-1995, 1999-2001
- Became an AMA Contest Director in August 1997
- Appointed AMA District V Contest Coordinator in November 2001
- I continue to enjoy Sport Pylon Racing, Combat, Pattern, Giant Scale, and Sport flying as a member of the MTRCS.
- The AMA, flying Radio Control, and the MTRCS and its members have become an important part of my life that has given me much pleasure and satisfaction for which I am most grateful.

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