



# The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of FRED W. WALLMAN, JR.

March 17, 1921 - March 8, 1991

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## Career:

- June 18, 1957: With two others, incorporated the Twin City Radio Controllers
- Was the owner of the Annco Engineering Company
- 1970s-1980s: Built three full-scale aircraft

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*The following information was compiled and submitted by Bruce E. Anthony, AMA 17490.*

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Fred and his wife Anne were owners of Annco Engineering Company, which manufactured multi-servos in the early 1960s. They were used with the reed systems of that time. He stopped manufacturing the linear motion servos when proportional radio systems replaced the reed system. *[For a copy of an Annco manual, please see Fred's file in the National Model Aviation Museum Archives. See the AMA librarian for assistance.]*

In the 1970s and 1980s, he built three full-scale aircraft. He sold the first before completing it then he built a Vulmar. His third was a parasol, which he had registered as FW3. Fred flew his FW3 to the dedication of Lindbergh Field in Little Falls, Minnesota. There a pilot made such a good offer to buy the airplane from Fred that he sold it a few days later. Fred then returned to building and flying Radio Control planes.

Fred wrote the preface in 1982 for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Club History Booklet and stated, "From this beginning was laid the groundwork for what was to become the fine organization we are today. Let it be known that we are one of only six Radio Control clubs in the entire U.S. that owns its own flying site."

Fred started another small business in his garage in the late 1980s manufacturing Annco Retracts for the larger scale models. He did all the design and machining for the retracts, including the mold for the tires. *[Information from David P. Andersen, a designer of large-scale models, said the retracts were designed and made for the Bud Nosen Mustang.]* Fred sold the manufacturing

rights before moving to Arizona. He was quite disappointed that nothing much came of the retracts after he sold the business.

*(signed) Bruce E. Anthony  
July 12, 1997*

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### **How and Why the Twin City Radio Controllers (TC/RC) Club was formed in June of 1957**

By Fred W. Wallman

One of the organizers and first president

It all started in the spring of 1957 when we all belonged to the Hot Watts Radio Control club and flew our planes at the vacant field south of the Bloomington Stadium on Cedar Avenue and 84<sup>th</sup> Street.

During flying sessions, it was a common occurrence for a member to lose control of his plane during flight. Sometimes during this loss of control, and even under control, the planes would wander over Cedar Avenue at a rather low altitude causing some motorists to slow down for a better look or perhaps to keep from being hit by the model. At any rate, one Sunday afternoon in early May a model did get too low over Cedar Avenue. There was a squealing of brakes that almost resulted in a multiple car pile up.

After this latest occurrence a number of club members became quite concerned and suggested the club be incorporated in case of a real accident, which might result in litigation.

At the next club meeting incorporation of the club was brought up, discussed at length, a motion was made, a vote was taken and the motion was defeated. At this time, I stood up and offered my resignation. At least five other members followed suit.

We got together a couple weeks later and formed the TC/RC Club, complete with Incorporation, a set of by-laws, a charter and a purpose for our existence as a Radio Control model airplane club.

From this beginning was laid the groundwork for what was to become the fine organization we are today. Let it be known that we are one of only six Radio Control clubs in the entire U.S. that owns its own flying site. [*Bruce Anthony believes it was the first Radio Control incorporated club in Minnesota.*]

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