



# The AMA History Project Presents: Autobiography of BUD WILLIAMS

Born November 13, 1955 Started modeling in the 1970s



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## **Modeling Resume for Bud Williams** Gray, Tennessee

I was a youngster growing up in the early 1970s. I became interested in aviation as a result of my grandfather taking me to the Orange County airport (now the John Wayne Airport) to watch the aircraft take off and land. I began building plastic models to hang in my room and always had a strong pull to the World War II era.

The mid-1970s drew me into flying models and hence the addiction to Radio Control aircraft. My favorite thing to do was to get with my friends on a Friday evening and ride our bicycles from Costa Mesa, California to Century Hobbies in Garden Grove. My first radio was a singlestick Kraft. My second was a 5RS on Mode 1. Both were bought in used condition for as much as a new one costs today. My interest in Radio Control diminished as my desires were to fly full scale, and obtaining my private license took the place of Radio Control for many years until I lost my medical certificate due to a work-related accident. Living in Tennessee at this point, I discovered the Johnson City Radio Controllers and got back into active flying and building with that same draw to World War II aircraft.

I am not certain at this point if I prefer more, building over flying or flying over building. One thing is for sure: I really like Giant Scale models. I am currently flying a model of a Waco *HKS7* 100" wingspan model and building a Curtis *Helldiver* 100" wingspan model. For children, young adults, and full-grown adults, Radio Control modeling is the greatest sport/hobby that I have ever experienced. I try every day to get others involved, especially kids, as they need to discover the joys of building and flying as I did.

-Bud Williams, AMA 1651, Gray, Tennessee

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