



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of CHARLES (CHARLIE) BAUER

Modeler, Designer, Industry Employee, Competitor



March 15, 1930 – May 21, 2018

Started modeling in 1936

AMA #21824

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Career:

- Designed the J-3Cub, the Elder 20 and 40 and the Hot Canary for Top Flite Models
- Designed the P-82 for Wing Manufacturing
- Designed Fun Fighter series for Four Pi, Inc.
- First to successfully fly a ducted fan Control Line model at the AMA Nationals (Nats) and win with it
- Produced the Monokote videotapes for Top Flite Models that have taught thousands of modelers how to cover with Monokote
- AMA Vice President of District VI, 1995-2012

Honors:

- 1992: AMA Superior Service Award
 - 2000: AMA Exemplary Award
 - 2001: AMA Distinguished Service Award
 - 2002: AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame Inductee
 - 2018: AMA Lifetime Achievement Award
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Charlie Bauer wrote the following autobiography and submitted it to the History Project in 1996.



c. 2011: Charlie Bauer

I began modeling in 1936 or 1937 and won my first contest in 1939 with the help of Carl Goldberg in trimming my Free Flight model. The prize was ride in a Stearman bi-plane. I was a member of the Chicago Vultures, a Free Flight and Control Line club.

I flew Control Line while in the service from 1952-1954. Four of my children, who flew Stunt and Scale and were known as the Bauer Bunch, were AMA Scholarship winners. While working part time for Top Flite Models, I designed their J-3 Cub, The Elder 20 and 40 and the Hot Canary. I also designed the P-82

for Wing Manufacturing and the Fun Fighter series for Four Pi, Inc.

I was one of the first modelers to successfully fly a ducted fan Control Line model at the Nats and win with it. I have won many trophies at the Nats in past years.

While working for Top Flite, I produced the Monokote videotapes that have taught thousands of modelers how to cover with Monokote. I have been sometimes called Mr. Monokote for these tapes and the club demonstrations given throughout the Midwest.

I was one of the first to use the electronic control boxes in Control Line scale. I have been a club officer in the Chicago Aero Angels for many years and an AMA Vice President of District VI for the past two years.



1946: Charlie Bauer

The following was published in the February 2013 issue of Model Aviation magazine.

Former Council member Receives NAA Award

Former District VI Vice President Charlie Bauer was presented with the Certificate of Merit from the National Aeronautic Association (NAA). The NAA presented this award in honor of his more than 50 years of service to the aeromodeling community as a designer, competitor, champion, innovator, award winner, Model Aviation Hall of Fame member, and a leader.

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