



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of DOUG GALBREATH

Born in 1934 AMA Life Member



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The following information was gathered from biographical material submitted to the Model Aviation Hall of Fame by Gilbert Morris, as well as a biography written by Walt Ghio. Doug Galbreath was inducted into the AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame in 2013.

- Flew his first Free Flight model, a *Zero*, in 1959.
- Flies 1/2A, A, B and C models; has flown Free Flight for about 55 years.
- Has held eleven national records in Class C (Category I and II), Class B, F1C, F1J, and Control Line Formula 40 (on a team with Lynn Morris).
- Placed first in the 1962 Western zone FAI finals; his team finished third at the 1963 F1C World Championships.
- Helped print and mail NFFS's *Free Flight - the National Free Flight Society Digest* and *Annual Reports of the National Free Flight Society Symposium*.
- Served as an official with the Northern California Free Flight Council (NCFFC.)
- Has been an AMA member over 55 years.
- Has served as a Contest Director for around 50 years.
- Served on the FAI Team Selection Committee for District 10 for about 20 years.
- Received 3 NFFS Model of the Year Awards.
- Served on AMA contest boards for about ten years.
- Built and co-designed F1C 125 Nelson/Hummer geared engines with Ed Keck.
- Sells Free Flight products at Doug Galbreath Free Flight Model Airplane Stuff online: <http://www.the-printer.net/DookCat.html>
- Per a letter from Gilbert Morris included in Doug's Model Aviation Hall of Fame application, dated March 2013:

“Doug is probably best known for being the number one source here in the USA for reworked high performance engines, timers, and engine accessories. His depth of flying experience and machining skills has earned him a reputation as an expert engine man the world over. But beyond that, his real vocation is being “The Printer,” which we in free

flight have almost taken for granted in his national and international publication of the monthly NFBS Digest and Annual Symposium Report over many decades.”

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