AMA History Project
Biography Information Form

Thanks for your interest in helping to preserve the history of model aviation! The information you supply on the following form will be used to write your biography. Other assistance can be provided as well. Contact AMA’s History Project staff if you have any questions or problems. Please send histories, any photos and copies of articles, and signed consent form to AMA History Project, 5151 E. Memorial Drive, Muncie, Indiana, 47302 or email information to historyproject@modelaircraft.org.

Including photographs relating to your modeling experiences will enhance the biography. We will use as many photographs as possible. If you send us photo prints and would like them returned to you, please make a note on the consent form at the end of this packet. Also, be sure to include information about the photos for captions.

Magazine and newspaper articles about your modeling career are also beneficial. Again, if you would like to have items returned, please make a note in the consent form.

**Background Information**

Number of years in model aviation: __________

What was your approximate age when you started flying model aircraft? __________

How did you get interested in flying model aircraft? _______________________________________________
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What year did you first join a modeling club? ________________________________________________

What was the name and location of the club? _________________________________________________

How long were you a member of that club? _________________________________________________

What was the name of the first model that you made/flew? _______________________________________

How old were you when you made/flew it? _______ Did you design the model, use a kit, purchase it, etc…?
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Who helped you make/fly the model and how did you know them? ________________________________

What was the hardest part of making/flying that first model? Why? ________________________________
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What was the easiest part of building/flying your first model or what did you enjoy the most? Why? ______
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Other information about your early experiences with model building: ______________________________________
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**Competition Information**

What was the name of the first competition that you competed? ______________________________________
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What year did you compete and how old were you? ________________________________________________
What kind of plane did you use to compete? ______________________________________________________
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What place did you receive? __________________________________________________________________
If you flew at the National Championships (Nats), in what year(s)? ________________________________
What did you fly and what category did you enter and how did you place? ______________________________
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Other information about the Nationals: __________________________________________________________
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Did you ever compete in international competition? _________
If so, what year, how old were you, what did you fly, what category did you enter, and how did you place?
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Other information about international competition: ________________________________________________
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Were you ever a member of a U.S. FAI team? If so, when? What did you fly, how did you place personally?
How did the team place? _________________________________
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Did you ever fly in international competition? If so, when, where, what was the name of the competition? What did you fly? How did you place? ______________________________________________________________

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Other international competition information: _____________________________________________________

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Experimenting Information

Did you ever design or experiment with models of airplanes? ________________________________________

If so, what did you do? Please be as specific as possible and include dates: _____________________________

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Leadership Information

Were you ever a leader of a club or clubs? If so, which club(s) and from when to when? What was/were your title(s)?

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Did you ever help to organize or establish a modeling club? Please give the club names and dates:

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Please complete the following information concerning AMA leadership, if applicable:

Executive Council Position: ________________________________________ Years served: _______________

Contest Board Position: ___________________________________________ Years served: _______________
Contest Coordinator: _____________________________________________ Years served: _______________
AMA Committee Member Position: _________________________________ Years served: _______________

Did you ever direct a contest? If so, when? _______________________________________________________
Was it a local, regional, or national meet? ______________________________________________________

Did you ever direct a U.S. FAI Team Selection Program? If so, when and what category? ______________
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Other information about your contest leadership roles:
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Award and Honors Information

Please list the name of the awards or honors you have received from local organizations along with the date you received them and what organization gave them to you. If you would like, please elaborate on the reason why you received the award or honor. _______________________________________________________________
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Please list the name of the awards or honors you have received from national organizations along with the date you received them and what organization gave them to you. If you would like, please elaborate on the reason why you received the award or honor. ___________________________________________________________
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Publication Information

List the titles of articles about model airplanes you have published, including their publication date and where they were published: ________________________________________________

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If you have written any books on modeling, please list their titles, date of publication, and the name of the publisher: ________________________________________________

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Did you ever edit a club newsletter? If so, when, what was the name of the newsletter and what club was it for? ________________________________________________

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Please list any positions you have held with a national publication, including your official title, the name of the publication and the dates you held that position. Include publishers of model-related magazine and book publishers. ________________________________________________

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Other information on publication experiences: ________________________________________________

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Industry Information

Were you ever involved with the hobby industry? If so, from when to when? __________________________
Have you ever produced a product for the hobby industry? If so, what were the dates, the name of the product and the location? 


Were you ever part of the hobby distributor industry? If so, when, where and what was the name of the distributor? 


Were you ever part of the hobby shop industry? If so, when, where and what was the name of the shop? 


Were you ever employed by the hobby manufacturing industry? If so, when, what did you make and what company did you work for? 


Other information about your involvement with the hobby industry: 


**Education Information**

Did you ever teach model aircraft construction in a school environment? If so, when, where, for how long and what specifically did you teach? 


Did you ever teach model aircraft construction at any organized activity such as a county fair, mall show, or Boy Scout meeting? If so, when, where, for how long and what specifically did you teach? 


Other information on your education experiences: _________________________________________________
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Miscellaneous Information

On the lines below, please include any miscellaneous information that you have not mentioned throughout the form. Stories are welcome along with any other additional information. Feel free to attach additional pages.
AMA History Project
Consent Form

By filling out this form, I understand I am submitting the following material to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

1.) Please check type(s) of material(s) submitted: (check all that apply)

- [ ] Written biography or history
  - [ ] Paper  [ ] Digital
- [ ] Photographs (prints or negatives)
  - [ ] Prints/Negatives  [ ] Digital
- [ ] Moving Images
  - [ ] Film  [ ] DVD  [ ] VHS  [ ] Other ___________
- [ ] Sound recording
  - [ ] Digital  [ ] Analog cassette  [ ] Other ___________

2.) Indicate any special notes about material(s) submitted: (supplemental copyright info, return requests, etc.)

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3.) Please check type of consent approval: (check one)

- [ ] I am transferring to the AMA any copyrights I hold to any of the material indicated on this form and submitted. I also acknowledge, unless indicated above and pre-approved, the material may not be returned to me.*

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* I understand that some uses of this material may include - but are not limited to - the following: use in physical displays for the AMA and its National Model Aviation Museum, in their publications, and in their websites, social media, and/or other digital resources.

4.) Please indicate any preferred citations below: (Ex. John Doe, History of the ABC Club, March 2010)

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Signature: ________________________________________________________________________________
Name (printed): _______________________________________________ Date: _______________________

Preferred method of contact: [ ] Mail [ ] Phone [ ] Email (list below) AMA Number (if applicable): ________
Address/City/State/Zip: ____________________________________________
Email address: ___________________________________ Telephone number: _______________________

Return this consent form with your historical information to:
Mail: AMA History Project, 5151 E. Memorial Drive, Muncie, Indiana 47302
Email: historyproject@modelaircraft.org   Fax: (765) 281-7604

Need help? Contact the AMA History Project staff for assistance using the contact info above or by phone at (800) 435-9262 ext. 511.

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