



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of DANNIE E. BALL

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A true modeler and modeler's friend for most of District VIII, Dannie Ball passed away on February 16. He served for three years as a District VII Associate Vice President (AVP) back in the 1990s when John Clemens was the District's Vice President.

Dannie was a Contest Director, lifetime member of the Dallas RC Club, and friend/helper to anyone who enjoyed model airplanes. I have never met anyone who did not like him. He would share his skills, airplanes, and stories with anyone.

He directed many of the Dallas RC Club Small Steps events in the 1990s. I think the last of those he helped with was in 2001.

He served as a sort of mobile AVP for John because his work carried him all around the district, from New Mexico to Louisiana. He would get involved in any way needed for the betterment of modeling in the district.

He moved to San Antonio in 2000 and became a second dad to me when my father died. I don't think there is anything I could have asked him to do that he would not have tried to do. We are collecting donations and will place a \$1,000 brick on the AMA Walk of Fame so he can be remembered forever.

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