



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of TOM CROFT



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Tom Croft of Manchester, Missouri plans to follow a full-time career in aviation by enrolling at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University of Daytona Beach, Florida. Already the holder of a private pilot's license, Tom states that his active model aviation life has provided him with an unequaled knowledge of aviation that he intends to use in his intention to become a professional pilot. He is cognizant of the skills he has developed through competition with other AMA fliers and his long list of model competition successes reflect his determination and patience. At the 1979 Nats, Tom took first place in Senior Modified RC Sailplane for both the Standard and Two Meter classes. He established a new AMA record in November 1979 for Category 1 (Indoor Hand-Launch Glider) while having previously set a new site record in March 1979 at Anderson, Indiana by taking first place in the Indoor Hand-Launch Glider event.

With a list of contest wins that would fill a full page, this dedicated young man has been part of a wide variety of AMA events spanning the range from Peanut Scale to Penny Plane to Easy Bee to RC Soaring. Our hearty congratulations go to these two winners in the first year of the Glen Sigafoose Memorial Scholarship Awards and our hope that they will make as fine a contribution to the world of model aviation and the world in general as he did.

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