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# The AMA History Project Presents: Autobiography of STANLEY DENTON

Born September 30, 1923      Modeler since 1931  
AMA #21629



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## Career:

- Started flying in competition at age 17 and won first place in CO2 Free Flight at his first contest
  - Built Radio Controlled (RC), indoor rubber and Free Flight gas airplanes ranging from quarter scale to peanut scale
  - Designed most of his own planes; made his own blueprints, engines and CO2 motors
  - Designed and developed his own CO2 motors that he sells globally through his business, Denton Motors
  - Has made and designed custom parts for modelers and full-scale airplanes
  - His CO2 motors and rubber strippers have been featured in magazine articles
  - Has received over 100 awards and trophies
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I was born and raised in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Being the youngest of three boys, of course, I was always interested in what my brothers were doing. They were modelers, and I started building model airplanes with them. I built my first airplane when I was 8-years-old.

I started flying in competition when I was 17-years-old. I entered a CO2 Free Flight and won first place. The competition was held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The first engine I used was a .09 ignition engine. I built Radio Controlled (RC) airplanes, indoor rubber planes and Free Flight gas planes ranging in sizes from quarter scale to peanut scale. I used some kits; however, most of my airplanes were made from scratch. I designed my own plans, made my own blueprints, engines and CO2 motors.

I have experimented on and developed my own CO2 motors and sold them all over the world. I designed, built and sold what one magazine article called the “Rolls Royce of rubber strippers.” All of this was done through my business, Denton Motors, etc. I have also made and designed custom parts for modelers and full-scale airplanes.

I never really wanted to get involved with contest leadership because when you do then you don't get to fly too much. My first love in modeling has always been to fly the airplane I designed and built.

I have had some magazine articles written about my CO2 motors and rubber strippers.

I have developed the CO2 motors in possession of the National Model Aviation Museum.

## Awards and Trophies

Over the years, Stanley has received over 100 awards and trophies. Examples of the types of trophies are listed below:

### Okie Flyers Club

First place electric Bostonian  
Indoor annual no cal scale 1990 third place  
AMA annual first place peanut scale, 2000  
First place peanut scale, 1989  
Indoor award AMA scale first place, 1990  
First place peanut scale, 1990  
Third place Bostonian, 1989  
First place peanut scale, 1991  
First place Tutor, 1991  
High Time 1989 to 1990  
First place Bostonian, 1988  
Second place Tutor, 1991  
Indoor annual 14 gram Bostonian second place, 1990  
Third place dime scale, 1998

AMA annual first place dime scale, 1999  
Indoor award no cal scale second place, 1991  
Second place 14 gram Bostonian, 1993  
Second place sportsman 14 gram Bostonian, 1995  
Second place Tutor, 1990  
Indoor annual AMA scale second place, 1991  
Indoor annual AMA scale second place, 1992  
Indoor annual second place peanut scale, 1994  
FunFly third place 14 gram Bostonian, 1999

### Sooner Free Flight Society

First place peanut scale  
First place Bostonian  
First place AMA scale  
Second place lo-cal scale

### Other

Oklahoma City Hobby Dealer Association first place 1958 annual U-Control contest  
First place SR team race, 1957  
Oklahoma City Fall Free Flight meet first place peanut scale, 1976  
Dust Bowl Free Flight Classic second place peanut scale

*(signed) Stanley Denton  
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