



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of KENNETH (KEN) MYERS



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Ken Myers



“There are a precious few individuals who unselfishly contribute to the success of our hobby/sport. To have one who has dedicated over two decades to the growth and enjoyment of electric flight is truly a gift,” Joe Haas wrote in his nomination of Ken Myers.

For more than 23 years, Ken Myers’ has created and edited the longest-running electric flight newsletter, Ampeer. He is the current president of the Electric Flyers Only club and his newsletter is the leading source on all things related to electric flight. Before it became an electronic newsletter, Ken paid most of the publishing costs.

“Ken, through the internationally read Ampeer newsletter, his lectures, input to manufacturers, willingness to run events, and general positive disposition, has demonstrated to modelers around the world that electric flight was possible and practical,” Joe wrote.

“Ken has created a number of publicly available computer programs that allow modelers to determine the proper power system for their electric aircraft.”

Ken also has been a contributor to AMA Insider electronic newsletter for many years.

His skills as a math teacher and his familiarity with computer programs helped him develop analytical tools to help pilots make good flight performance and power system decisions.

He is also a gifted speaker who is willing to make presentations and step up for impromptu opportunities.

He has created and operated the Mid-America Electric Flies event held annually in Salem Township, Michigan. This premier event features the latest electric-powered models, on-site camping, and flying from dawn to dusk.

“There is always something to surprise and amaze [at the event],” Joe wrote.

Ken has served as an officer of many clubs, and has contributed to running some of the first electric events at the AMA’s International Aeromodeling Center.

Fellow AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame inductee Keith Shaw said, “Ken’s works are the major reason for the growth of electric flight. Ken has been, and still is, a tireless promoter of electric flight. He is also an energetic flight instructor, a great friend, and a flying buddy.”

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