Steve Wooley
1939-1971

Steve Wooley of Belpre, Ohio, began building model airplanes at the age of 10. He started with
kits, but then quickly moved on to designing his own aircraft. He is well known for designing the famous Argus and Cobra Control Line models. Steve’s hobby was also his work. He was the Prototype Engineer for Borg-Warner, building model products.

Steve won more than 150 trophies for his modeling expertise. He participated in competitions in the U.S. and in several Control Line Aerobatic World Championships held in various other countries. He not only competed, but also served as a team manager and a judge at some of these championships. Steve served as the AMA’s U.S. representative to the FAI CIAM’s Control Line Subcommittee, and in 1965, he flew in the International Aero-Classic exhibition, in California. While there, he met and spent time with Jimmy Stewart.

In May of 1971, Steve was involved in an auto racing accident in Warren, Ohio, and passed away at the young age of 32. He had just finished his last Radio Control Stunt airplane, the Mura. It was published in the June 1973 issue of RC Modeler as a tribute.