AMA History Project
Biography Information Form

Thank you for your interest in helping to preserve the history of model aviation! The information you supply on the following form will be used to write your biography. Other assistance can be provided as well. Contact AMA’s History Project staff if you have any questions or problems. Contact and mailing information is listed on the last page of this document in the consent form.

Including photographs related to your modeling experiences will enhance your biography. We will use as many photographs as possible. Be sure to include information about the photos for captions, such as dates, locations, events, and names of individuals. Newspaper articles and other print material about your modeling career are also beneficial for researchers. However, they may not appear in your biography.

Please do not send any photos or other items you do not want us to keep. We will not be able to guarantee they will arrive safely to us or that they will be returned to you.

Background Information

Number of years in model aviation: _________
What was your approximate age when you started flying model aircraft? _________
How did you get interested in flying model aircraft? __________________________________________
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What year did you first join a modeling club? _________
What was the name and location of the club? __________________________________________________
How long were you a member of that club? _____________________________________________________
What was the name of the first model that you made/flew? __________________________________________
How old were you when you made/flew it? _______ Did you design the model, use a kit, purchase it, etc…?
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Who helped you make/fly the model and how did you know them? ________________________________
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What was the hardest part of making/flying that first model? Why? ________________________________
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What was the easiest part of building/flying your first model or what did you enjoy the most? Why? ________
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Other information about your early experiences with model building: ____________________________

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**Competition Information**

What was the name of the first competition that you competed? ____________________________

What year did you compete and how old were you? ____________________________

What kind of plane did you use to compete? ____________________________

What place did you receive? ____________________________

If you flew at the National Championships (Nats), in what year(s)? ____________________________

What did you fly and what category did you enter and how did you place? ____________________________

Other information about the Nationals: ____________________________

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Did you ever compete in international competition? ________

If so, what year, how old were you, what did you fly, what category did you enter, and how did you place?

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Other information about international competition: ____________________________

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Were you ever a member of a U.S. FAI team? If so, when? What did you fly, how did you place personally?

How did the team place? ____________________________

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Did you ever fly in international competition? If so, when, where, what was the name of the competition? What did you fly? How did you place? ____________________________________________________________

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Other international competition information: ____________________________________________

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**Experimenting Information**

Did you ever design or experiment with models of airplanes? _____________________________

If so, what did you do? Please be as specific as possible and include dates: __________________

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**Leadership Information**

Were you ever a leader of a club or clubs? If so, which club(s) and from when to when? What was/were your title(s)? _____________________________

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Did you ever help to organize or establish a modeling club? Please give the club names and dates:

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Please complete the following information concerning AMA leadership, if applicable:

Executive Council Position: ____________________________ Years served: ______________

Contest Board Position: ____________________________ Years served: ______________

Contest Coordinator: ____________________________ Years served: ______________

AMA Committee Member Position: ____________________________ Years served: ______________
Did you ever direct a contest? If so, when? 

Was it a local, regional, or national meet? 

Did you ever direct a U.S. FAI Team Selection Program? If so, when and what category? 

Other information about your contest leadership roles:

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Award and Honors Information

Please list the name of the awards or honors you have received from local organizations along with the date you received them and what organization gave them to you. If you would like, please elaborate on the reason why you received the award or honor. 

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Please list the name of the awards or honors you have received from national organizations along with the date you received them and what organization gave them to you. If you would like, please elaborate on the reason why you received the award or honor. 

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Please list the name of the awards or honors you have received from international organizations along with the date you received them and what organization gave them to you. If you would like, please elaborate on the reason why you received the award or honor. 

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Publication Information
List the titles of articles about model airplanes you have published, including their publication date and where they were published:

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If you have written any books on modeling, please list their titles, date of publication, and the name of the publisher:

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Did you ever edit a club newsletter? If so, when, what was the name of the newsletter and what club was it for?

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Please list any positions you have held with a national publication, including your official title, the name of the publication and the dates you held that position. Include publishers of model-related magazine and book publishers.

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Other information on publication experiences:

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**Industry Information**

Were you ever involved with the hobby industry? If so, from when to when? __________________________________________

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Have you ever produced a product for the hobby industry? If so, what were the dates, the name of the product and the location? __________________________________________

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Were you ever part of the hobby distributor industry? If so, when, where and what was the name of the distributor?

Were you ever part of the hobby shop industry? If so, when, where and what was the name of the shop?

Were you ever employed by the hobby manufacturing industry? If so, when, what did you make and what company did you work for?

Other information about your involvement with the hobby industry: ________________________________

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Education Information

Did you ever teach model aircraft construction in a school environment? If so, when, where, for how long and what specifically did you teach?

Did you ever teach model aircraft construction at any organized activity such as a county fair, mall show, or Boy Scout meeting? If so, when, where, for how long and what specifically did you teach? _______________

Other information on your education experiences: ________________________________________________
Miscellaneous Information

On the lines below, please include any miscellaneous information that you have not mentioned throughout the form. Stories are welcome along with any other additional information. Feel free to attach additional pages.

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Consent Form

By filling out this consent form, you understand you are submitting the following material to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and have the right to do so.

1.) Please check type(s) of material(s) submitted: (Check all that apply. Please do not send us anything you would like returned to you. We cannot guarantee items will be returned to you.)

[] Written biography or history
[] Photographs
[] Moving images and/or sound recordings
[] Published material
[] Other ________________________________

2.) Please briefly describe the content being submitted and indicate any preferred citations below: (Ex. History of the ABC Club by John Doe, March 2010) ____________________________________________________________
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3.) Indicate any special notes about material(s) submitted: (copyright info, etc.) _________________________________
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4.) Please check type of consent: (check one)

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Author’s Signature: __________________________________________________________ Date: ______________________

Name (printed): _____________________________________________________________

Preferred method of contact: [] Mail [] Phone [] Email AMA Number (if applicable): __________

Address/City/State/Zip: ________________________________________________________

Email address: _____________________________ Telephone number: _________________

Return this consent form with your historical information to:
Email: historyproject@modelaircraft.org Fax: (765) 281-7604
Mail: AMA History Project, 5151 E. Memorial Drive, Muncie, Indiana 47302

Need help? Contact the AMA History Project staff for assistance via email or mail using the contact info above, or by phone at (800) 435-9262 ext. 511.

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