



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of EDWARD ROBERTS



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Career:

- Editor of Brown Junior Motor News
- Served as the third president of the AMA; was the first to have an AMA director in Washington, D.C.
- Donated a trophy for Radio Controlled events at the Nationals as well as a cash award

Honors:

- 1998: Model Aviation Hall of Fame
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The following biography on Edward Roberts came from "The History of the Academy of Model Aeronautics: Including Part One and Part Two From the Beginning to the Year 1966" written by Willis C. Brown and Dick Black that was published first in 1966; the second part was published in 1967. This biography comes from Part One written by Willis C. Brown. It was completed by November 1965.

Edward Roberts

President number three of the Academy of Model
Aeronautics elected to serve from 1939 to 1942

It has been difficult to obtain reliable information about Roberts as no one has heard from him since 1942. He came to prominence in connection with one of the very earliest model gasoline engines produced and distributed commercially. William Brown of Philadelphia produced the engine and the name of his company was Junior Motors Corporation, 2545 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This company issued an offset news bulleting called Brown Junior Motor News. The editor of this publication was Edward Roberts.

Ed served as president of the AMA following Al Lewis. In the spring of 1939, Ed was the first president to have an AMA director in Washington, D.C., heading the model division of NAA while at the same time taking on the day-to-day operation of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Ed Roberts was quick to see the value of Radio Controlled model aircraft and donated a trophy for this event at the Nationals. He donated a cash award to make the competition keen.

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