



The AMA History Project Presents: Autobiography of BLISS TEAGUE

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District IV Bliss Teague

Hickory, North Carolina

I became an AMA member for the second time in the mid-60s. The first time was in the mid-40s. In 1978 I became a Contest Director and have handled more than 50 contests since. I attained Leader Member-status in 1989 and was appointed AVP for Western North Carolina in 1998. Then I was responsible for approximately 40 clubs and visited approximately three-fourths of them.

I have held the office of club president of over 25 terms, though not all consecutive, and was vice-president for several years. I was instrumental in starting the first modeling club in our area and securing four flying sites.

I enjoy meeting people and talking modeling. Everyone has something to contribute and that makes modelers special. ...

My modeling started at the early age of nine, being interested in balsa gliders and rubber powered models. Then my interest moved to control line. I worked in a hobby shop to support my modeling. After a time out for family and home, I started back in the late 60s in radio control and building my own radios. Like most, I flew trainers, sport types, and then pattern and racing.

Later, I tried helicopters, some sailplanes and a little electric. Eventually, I got into scale and the larger models. I enjoy all facets of modeling, although I haven't tried them all. Perhaps someday I will.

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