

District I

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

AMA's District I Pylon Racing Contest Board Member and former National Miniature Pylon Racing Association (NMPRA) president, Lloyd Burnham, informed me that NMPRA members nominated and its Hall of Fame (HOF) committee confirmed Associate Vice President (AVP) Bob Wallace's posthumous inductance into its HOF in 2021.

Of all of the AMA members we have had in the district, few have contributed so much to aeromodeling on a local, national and international level than Bob Wallace. In the following write-up, Lloyd highlighted Bob's most impactful achievements in RC Pylon Racing and some of his other significant contributions to the model aviation community.

Our national Pylon organization is honored to recognize Robert (Bob) Wallace to the NMPRA Hall of Fame. This is a great honor for me because Bob is the one who introduced me to Pylon Racing in 1975. Bob also became my first partner as we competed throughout New England and the East Coast for many years in Formula 1.

Bob competed in his first Nat in Control Line Speed in 1950 at the age of 15. In 1985 he won the FAI F3D Pylon Racing Nats event. His FAI F3D competitions took him to Germany, Belgium, Italy, and Czechoslovakia. He was the manager of the 1987 US team that won the gold, silver, and bronze medals. This was the first-ever accomplishment in the world competition.

In 1995, he served as mechanic for the Russian team. Bob also competed in international Pylon Racing competitions in Europe from 1986 to 2000 where his best finish was third place. In 1999-2001, he competed in RC Scale Combat in the Europe circuit, earning several second-place finishes.

Bob had many credentials, most notably as contributing editor for *RC Modeler* magazine. For more than 30 years, he was involved in some phases of designing, drafting, and manufacturing RC kits. He has been bestowed the title of AMA Fellow, which is the highest AMA award.

In addition to being a full-scale pilot, he was a golfer, runner, motorcycle enthusiast, dog lover, and jigsaw puzzle maker. Bob was a truly a very talented man who left his mark in this world.

Thanks, Lloyd, for reporting on Bob's Hall of Fame award and his achievements. I wrote about



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Bob's passing in 2014. The district officers and I were honored to have known and worked with him. The event reports he submitted as an AVP never required editing.

I always enjoyed hearing



Bob also built and flew his full-scale airplane, a Corbin Baby Ace.

the sound of his speeding motorcycle as he arrived at flying events. We have a great group of enthusiasts who love to race RC airplanes in the district, so to get involved.

Check out NMPRA at www.nmpira.net or North East Pylon Racing Organization at <https://nepro.weebly.com>. Happy holidays! 



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