

Remembering Bob Barrow - 1926 – 2014 -



Robert K. Barrow passed away at his home in Springfield, Oregon on March 18, 2014. His son, Curtis Barrow and his daughter, Laura Cox were with him.

He is best remembered for his teaching of General Science at Hamlin Middle School in Springfield for almost 3 decades.

At the time of his death he was the oldest member of the Eugene Aeronautics, a radio control club for flying RC model airplanes; a hobby he enjoyed his entire life.

----- Remembrances -----

I recently lost a good friend, and the club lost one of it's original founding members. Bob Barrow passed on to God's Greater Glory peacefully at his home the 18th. of March.

I first met Bob Barrow over fifty years ago, we shared an interest in aviation and model airplanes. A small group of us would get together to fly our R/C airplanes, now the radio control of over fifty years ago bares absolutely no relation to the radio control of today. In those now distant days, radio control was basically flying a large free flight airplane with, if we were lucky, occasional radio interference! But that's another story.

Our small group decided we needed to form a club, so August/September of 1962 the Eugene R/C Aeronauts was formed.

Bob was a master modeler, who loved scratch building, he did not like kits, and his silk and dope finishes were second to none! He could scratch build a bird in less than two weeks ready to fly. And remember this was with a silk and dope finish.

Bob was a good traveling companion too, we attended a lot of contests together back in the day. Those are fondly remembered journeys, Bob was known to have an occasional adult beverage, as would I. Yes, those journeys were memorable, the stories I could tell.....But that's for another time too!

A World War Two Navy Vet who served in the South Pacific, and then for thirty some years, a teacher until he retired.

Indeed, a life well lived, so long my friend, we will meet again!

Regards,

Henry A. Barckley AMA 7892, IMAA 11944

P.S. That leaves just Ray McClellan and myself as remaining founding members of the club.

The Eugene R/C Aeronauts have lost a long time friend, and comrade in Bob, and we will miss that voice that boomed out effortlessly! Our condolences go out to his family.

Roger Dahl- Pres.

Eugene R/C Aeronauts

Bob was a very well liked man in the Eugene R/C Aeronauts club. Although he seldom visited the air field over the last decade, it was always a pleasant surprise to see him show up. I always made time to stop what I was doing when he did show up to sit and chat with him. I know he appreciated that little bit from me, and I felt the same. He will be missed by all of us at the club.

May the sky's always be blue, and the winds calm for you now, Bob.

Mel Graham Jr

Mr. Barrow was my science teacher at Hamlin in the early 60's. He over heard a conversation I had with another student about model airplanes and told me of someone that had a Radio Control system that they were not using and was in need of a chain saw. I made a trade and got my large free flight CUB converted to RC! Got hooked and still flying RC.

As a teacher, he kept my attention by his stories that related to what he was teaching.

His interest in cars was shared by several of his students, one was a girl and he treated her just like US BOYS. After one of our "Car Talk" discussions she said to me "he treated me like a PERSON, not a GIRL".

A few years back I was chatting with "Mr. Barrow" at the flying field and he said to me (with a smile) "you can call me Bob"!

I will miss "Mr. Barrow".

Jim Corbett