



Believing in the future of model aviation



Leonard Anthony Ball

To ensure that those who love model aviation have the chance to enjoy his items, Leonard Ball's family donated his aeromodeling collection to benefit the AMA Foundation. All proceeds will benefit the foundation's Endowment Fund.

Len, age 55, passed away on September 2, 2014.

He was born and raised near San Jose, California where he attended Lynbrook High School and commenced his career in high-tech manufacturing. He had a high natural mechanical ability, was an accomplished machinist, welder, and mechanic, and was proficient in dozens of specialized computer applications.

Looking to enjoy the simple things, Len, his wife Nina, their three dogs and their cat moved to beautiful Siskiyou County, California. There, Len took up vegetable gardening and chicken husbandry, quickly mastering both.

Len loved to build, drive, fly, and fix "things that go," including vintage Porsches, motorcycles, and airplanes. He raced motorcycles in his youth and participated in aerobatic competitions and demonstrations with his RC aircraft. His passion for

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As a valued member of his community, Len served as an executive board member of the Sonoma County Fourth of July Celebration for seven years, was an active member of the NorCal Golden Retriever Rescue Organization (having fostered hundreds of dogs), was a lifetime member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), and was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Len is survived by his wife, his brother, David, and nephews, Anthony and Parker.

To learn more about the AMA Foundation, visit amafoundation.modelaircraft.org.