

“Fifty Years in the Sky — Lincoln D. Claar Sr. Marks a Legacy in the RC World”

“Celebrating five decades of design, innovation, and flight in the RC aviation community.”



Akron, Ohio Jun 25, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - For Lincoln D. Claar Sr., the RC hobby has never been “just a hobby.” It has been a lifelong craft, a creative outlet, and a community that shaped five decades of his life. In 2026, Claar celebrates his 50th anniversary in radio-controlled aviation — a milestone few pilots ever reach, and one that reflects a lifetime of dedication to design, flight, and innovation.

Claar entered the RC world in the mid-1970s, during a time when kits were built by hand, radios were unpredictable, and every flight demanded skill and instinct. Over the years, he became known for his precision flying, his signature blue-smoke routines, and his ability to design and build aircraft that pushed the limits of what hobbyists believed possible. His work contributed to kits that reached hobby shops across the country, and his flying left an impression on pilots who still remember his inverted passes and crowd-stopping demonstrations.

Throughout his journey, Claar became a respected voice in the RC community — not because he sought attention, but because he showed up year after year with passion, craftsmanship, and a willingness to help anyone who wanted to learn. His legacy includes decades of mentorship, countless hours at the field, and friendships built through shared flight.

“RC has always been more than airplanes,” Claar says. “It’s the people, the creativity, the challenge, and the feeling you get when the wheels leave the ground. After fifty years, the sky still feels like home.”

As he marks this milestone, Claar is reconnecting with longtime friends, fellow pilots, and builders who were part of his journey. Plans for a commemorative flight day and a reunion build are underway, honoring not just the years behind him, but the chapters still ahead.

Fifty years in the RC hobby is rare. A legacy built over fifty years is even rarer. For Lincoln D. Claar Sr., this anniversary is both a celebration and a reminder: the passion that started as a kid never left — it simply grew wings.

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