

# Pilot Profile: Robert Scrip

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Robert Scrip has followed his father, Edmund, two ways. He was an electrical engineer for the U.S. Post Office, and was a licensed Extra Class Amateur Radio operator. Robert by age 16 held both Advanced Class Amateur and FCC Commercial Class radio licenses. By his 1978 graduation from Hamilton High School, Robert had taken 3 years of electronics, wood, automotive and small engines. Now age 49, Robert has 30 years with the West Allis Amateur Radio Club, being a life member.

Employment for Robert has also been technical. At age 17 he started work at Astronautics Corporation of America on High Resolution Video to be used by GE Medical (CAT Scanners, then MRI), as well as testing of flight control systems in controlled screen rooms. After work his second job was with Radio Shack, from age 15 to 22. At age 31 he left Astronautics to found his own computer business, and he still operates it. He also does commercial photography (weddings, corporate and family portraits.)

Marriage to wife Stacy a few days after "9-11-01" lent a serious tone to an otherwise joyous time. Her father's later buying of a 69" span nitro trainer got Robert's R/C interest up, as did a guy flying almost daily an electric 3D aerobatics in the church lot behind the Scrip house. By then children Emma, now 6 and Michael 4 were born, and they watched with Robert. Emma and Michael almost always accompany Robert to the County Field for flying.



**Above: Robert Scrip holding his 63" span CAP-232, electric powered. In debating glow fuel engine vs. electric motor, watching glow fuel pilots struggling to start, while electric devotee Dell Fisher was in the air in moments, Robert went with electric.**

Besides the pictured models, Robert's outdoor airplanes include a 77" span Red Rascal, and a 63" span Ultra Stick. They all weigh 7.5-8.5 lbs. The indoor models include a Park Zone-Vapor, Cub J-3, and Sukhoi SU-26m. All are ultra micro size.

The careful reader will see the Harley Davidson motor cycle logo on Robert's shirt. Besides owning a Harley, he has a 1972 Chevy Nova with a V-8 engine, capable of 10,000 rpm on the Tachometer going down a 1/4 mile strip.

Family with Robert is the most important. He almost lost wife Stacy to Stage 3 Breast Cancer the last few years while Emma was 4 and Michael age 2. After the harsh Chemo and Radiation treatments she is doing much better, starting a new job downtown in a trust department last month.



**Above: Robert Scrip with his Mad Bat electric foamy at the Feb, 2010 meeting, Bob Sadowski looking on. A barrel of fun, but not in any wind. Next test will be indoors at Currie Park Dome.**

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