

650 N. First Street PO Box 96 Woodburn, OR 97071 Phone: 503.981.3441



**Your child can have health coverage.**  
1-877-314-5678  
www.OregonHealthyKids.gov

News Education Sports Hometown Opinion Classifieds Shopping Subscriptions About Us/Ads  
Photos/Videos



[Obituaries](#) [Engagements](#) [Weddings](#) [Births](#) [Anniversaries](#) [Military](#) [Church News](#) [Club News](#) [Submit Hometown Info](#)

Sunday, January 23, 2011 ☁ Cloudy, 43° F

[ [sign in](#) ]

Search

## Flying — RC style

### Plane will travel over 13,000 miles

By: [Ray Hughey](#)

Published: 12/12/2010 9:14:31 AM

AURORA — Aurora resident Trevor Holman says he's still young at heart. The 40-year-old continues to passionately pursue the love of flying radio-controlled model airplanes that he discovered as a kid.

And he has plenty of company. Holman was number 248 out of 380 kindred souls taking part in the Wings Across America 2008 project, helping fly a battery-powered RC model airplane in all 48 contiguous United States.

The white, trimmed in red and white, model airplane is called a SQUIRT for simple quiet robust trainer. It's a type called a park flyer, typically flown in parks or on soccer fields.

The journey, expected to take about 4 1/2 years and cover more than 18,000 miles, is the brainchild of an avid Virginia RC pilot.

What is different about this project is that the participating pilots hand deliver the model to the next pilot all across the U.S.

Each pilot will record his or her historic flight with a photo of themselves with the plane and a group photo with club members. Then, the participant drives the plane to the next pilot down the line.

The 38-inch wingspan model airplane made its first flight May 24, 2008. As of July 4, the plane had visited 33 states, traveled 13,699 miles and had been flown by 295 pilots and hosted by 129 Academy of Model Aeronautics clubs.

As of 2:47 p.m. on Dec. 1, the project had been underway two years, 191 days, one hour, 37 minutes and 40 seconds.

Organizers display the elapsed time on their website at [www.waa-08.org/](http://www.waa-08.org/).

Holman, one of about 100 members of the Dusters RC Club, which flies from a Woodburn area field, made his flight Nov. 28. He took along his sons, a brother-in-law and some nephews. Everybody got a chance to fly, he said. The next day, he loaded the plane into its custom made traveling case and drove to Aloha to deliver it to the next pilot in line, Joe Famme.

"I'm a kid at heart," says Holman. "I've been playing with these model airplanes



Photo By: Ray Hughey

RC airplanes  
Trevor Holman (right, kneeling) shows off the radio-controlled model airplane he flew as part of the Wings Across America project. With him are, from left, Dan Williams, Aidan Holman, Evan Holman and Harrison Williams.

Most Read Most Comments

[Two local jurors speak out on Turnidge death sentence](#)

[NM giving students healthier options](#)

[Two Mt. Angel boys killed in Saturday morning crash](#)

[After-school program needs long-term funding](#)

[State of the city in good shape](#)

(last 7 days)

**Special Sections**  
Woodburn Independent



### Flyerboard



since I was about 13.”

“I’ve always been fascinated by flight,” he said. “It’s a great way to learn basic construction principles. There’s a lot of satisfaction that goes into building a model and seeing it fly successfully. And, most importantly, it’s fun.”

Holman, who grew up in North Bend, took some time out for college and some other things.

“I came back to my hobby as soon as I could,” he said.

His father saved all of his airplanes for him.

“My first plane was a little trainer plane called a Goldberg Eagle. I believe it was crashed and rebuilt three or four times. I’d love to have another one.”

He has about eight RC models in various stages of repair or flight readiness, he said. The day he flew the Wings Across America plane, he also got some air time with his Delta Vortex model.

“It looks like a giant triangle,” he said. “Its wingspan is only 54 inches, but it’s all wing.”

Working the controls to radio-controlled model airplanes can be challenging.

“It’s a good lesson in reaction,” Holman said. “We try to visualize ourselves as the pilot in the plane and how we would control the plane if we were in it.

“The bigger the models are, the easier they are to fly because you can see them so much better,” Holman said. Some Dusters RC members fly up to 40 percent scale with 10-foot or better wingspans.

Each summer the club puts on its Big Bird show for model airplanes with a minimum wingspan of 81 inches. Everybody brings out their biggest models possible and show them off, he said.

The popularity of flying radio-controlled model airplanes has surged in recent years with the advent of small, inexpensive, battery-powered planes. The ARTF (almost ready to fly) models come nearly complete when you buy them, he said.

[Share](#) | [Email](#)

---

**Sections**      [News](#) / [Education](#) / [Sports](#) / [Hometown](#) / [Opinion](#) / [Classifieds](#) / [Special Sections](#) / [Public Notice](#)

**WoodburnIndependent.com** [Home](#) / [About Us](#) / [Privacy Policy](#) / [Commenting Policy](#) / [RSS Feeds](#) / [News Alerts](#)

**Services**      [Subscriptions](#) / [Advertising Rates and Promotions](#) / [Place Classified Ad](#)

**Eagle Newspapers, Inc.** [Corporate](#) / [CanbyHerald.com](#) / [MolallaPioneer.com](#) / [NewbergGraphic.com](#) / [WilsonvilleSpokesman.com](#)

All contents of this site are ©Copyright 2001 - 2011 Eagle Newspapers Inc. All rights reserved. [Powered by: Public Aware](#)