

Hector Methot Obituary

Hector F. Methot

Born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts June, 1916. Died in San Jose, California May, 2007. Drafted in the first lottery pick (#33) in preparation for WWII, Hector served his country in the Coast Artillery, Free French Air Force training, battle of Luzon in the Philippines and the occupation of Japan. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. As a master machinist, Hector was most proud of tooling parts used on the Apollo Spacecraft landing modules, some of which are still on the moon. As an inventor and craftsman, he held two patents: a coin viewing machine and a rotary landing gear mechanism. Combining his mechanical skill and love of aviation, Hector spent many years designing and building complex radio controlled aircraft parts for fellow enthusiasts. In addition, he built the first flying Bell P63 Airacobra scale model with the engine correctly placed. This unique aircraft is on display in the Model Aircraft Museum in Muncie, Indiana. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed shooting, fishing, camping and traveling through the country's national parks, as well as an avid reader of the sciences, history, geography and biography. Hector is survived by his wife of 64 years, Blanche Bourque Methot, three children and seven grandchildren.

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