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HMA RADIO CONTROL DIVISION ELECTS NEW COUNCIL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

August 7, 2008. The Radio Control Division of the Hobby Manufacturers Association elected one new member and re-elected two members to their council. Joining the R/C Division Council for a three year term is Ralph Warner of RAM Models. Re-elected to a second three year term is Marc Jensen of Byron Originals and Mark Schwing was elected once again to a first three year term on the council after a one year hiatus off the council. Schwing was also elected President of the Council.

“I am pleased to serve once again on the Radio Control Council as its president and look forward to helping move some projects along including industry guidelines on the use of lipos batteries,” said Schwing. He currently serves as one of the two representatives from the council on the HMA Board of Directors. Schwing is the founder and owner of Electronic Model Systems, now in its 39th year of business as a manufacturer and distributor of R/C products. He was the former RCHTA president during the executive director transition to Pat Koziol, moving the RCHTA office from Illinois to New Jersey and the formation of the Hobby Manufacturers Association with RCHTA becoming the R/C Division of the HMA

Marc Jensen has 25 years experience in the radio control hobby industry. His company was a charter RCHTA and HMA member, and he has focused his industry involvement in increasing awareness and participation of RC hobbies as well as helping to important legislative issues affecting radio control and the industry.

Ralph Warner started building models when he was 5 years old, and competed in model contests for many years. In 1955, he worked part time in a retail hobby shop and in 1976 Warner opened RAM Models. The company now produces almost 200 products for R/C, railroad and plastic models. Ralph was a founding member of RCHTA, served on the board for 12 years, 6 as president, and was Show Chairman for 2 years. Warner was also elected Vice President of the Council for 2008-09.

Charlie Bauer of Four Pi, Inc. was re-elected to serve as 2008-09 Secretary/Treasurer. Continuing on the HMA Radio Control Division Council are: Tom Atwood (Maplegate Media Group), Jim Hottinger (Fusion Motorsports/Novarossi), Shawn Spiker (HiTec Radio Control), Jarvis Yeh (Maxx Products), Jeff Setzer (Trains & Lanes Hobbies), NRHSA liaison, and Jim Cherry (Academy of Model Aeronautics), AMA liaison.