

Dick Griswold (1937-2010)



Dick Griswold, SAM West Coast Vice President (2006-2010), passed away early on the morning of August 4, 2010 in his home city of Tucson, Arizona. He was 73 years old. Dick is survived by his wife of some 30 plus years, Ann Maly. Dick succumbed to a genetic defect which made it difficult for his lungs to absorb oxygen.



During the latter part of his life that meant that Dick was frequently in the hospital with breathing problems. When he was out of the hospital he had to use a portable breathing machine. Dick did not let his health issues slow him down. He had owned and raced vintage motorcycles. Even though Tucson is 500 miles from the sea, Dick and Ann had kept a sailboat in Southern California for some 20 years.

Dick liked to build and fly spark ignition OT RC models. He competed regularly at Eloy and Taft, and at the Muncie and Henderson SAM Champs. Dick and Ann also travelled to several European

RC SAM Championships. Dick and Ann contributed both physically and financially to the very popular evening barbecues at the Eloy Southwest Regional's each year. Dick was the major planner and innovator at the 2009 SAM Champs encouraging the Contest Manager to find new and better ways to run the Champs. Both Dick and Ann were frequent helpers and workers at the scorer's tables at SAM Champs. Because of Ann's work in this regard, Ann was named a Sweetheart of SAM in 2009. Dick's physical stature was small, but his voice was deep and gravelly, and his smile was wide as all outdoors. He was a friend to all. He will be missed. Mike Myers

Below is an excerpt from today's Arizona Daily Star obituary

Richard C. Griswold, 73, of Oro Valley, Arizona, passed away August 4, 2010, after a life long struggle with Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency. Richard had many interests, including racing old-time motorcycles, playing the banjo and flying antique model airplanes. He proudly served as vice-president of the Society of Antique Modelers for the Western United States. He is survived by his loving wife, Ann Maly; sons, Kenneth (Leah) Griswold and Scott Griswold; grandchildren, Stephanie and Nathan; brother, Jame (Lani) Griswold. Richard was beloved by many and will be sorely missed.

EdH



Dick Griswold with CAVU at the 2006 Euro SAM RC Champs