
Autobiography of HOWARD "HI" JOHNSON

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Howard Johnson, who passed away on May 2, 1981, ran his own model airplane company starting in the 1960s. Originally called Hi Johnson Model Products, he later changed his company name to Dynamic Models. He first produced slot car accessories and gas-powered RC cars.

Eventually, Hi (as he was called) produced plastics and foam products for model airplanes. To help his business, Hi developed his own foam-cutting machines that would produce the truest and straightest wing possible. Dynamic Models also produced model engines. Hi conducted research about the lift and drag of airfoils.

Though Hi didn't start his own business until the 1960s, he began manufacturing airplane kits, engines and components in the 1940s. He worked for various manufacturers including Burbank Manufacturing, the Henry Engineering Company and Kehnhi Model Products. In 1956, Hi acquired tooling and license for Orwick engines.

Hi was killed in a soaring accident in 1981 when his glider went down near Pearblossom, Calif."