

# Bruce Rex—Thoroughbred Sky Jockey

Bruce Rex has 25 flights on his FMS P-51B. The WWII fighter matched the sleek P-51 airframe with the Rolls-Royce Merlin engine to make it the superior long range escort for the bombers. FMS uses a brushless 4250-KV540 outrunner swinging a 14/8 prop four blade.

Bruce has been a model aviator since being a kid on the farm building stick and tissue models, 1/2A free flight, and control line in the 1960s. He took a long break from models with career and family, but in 2013 came back to enjoy all the advances in radio control systems and ARF airplanes.

Aviation has been his calling, having flown an Ultralight kit for 150 hours, and has over 700 hours on his experimental homebuilt with a private pilot license in the 1980s. By the way, after 3 years in the US Army Bruce spent 20 years in the Indiana Air National Guard as a Crew Chief working on F4C, F4E, and F16C and D jets.

Flying RC planes requires its own set of skills, and the learning curve leaves great airplanes in pieces on the ground. Bruce still has 10 planes in his hanger, and is looking forward to good weather to maiden an Escapade MX electric. While Bruce has room to fly where he lives, he enjoys the company of other pilots, and the dedicated flying field as a member of the Fort Wayne Flying Circuits. “From the mid 1970s I was not involved with model activity, bypassing early RC equipment from beginning to maturity. I went right to 2.4GHz and LiPo batteries, and am having a great time!”