

P-38L Lightning Air Racer—Dick Young Flies RC Model of Tony LeVier's Cleveland Racer



The year was 1946. John Young took his son Dick to the air races in Cleveland, where Tony LeVier placed second for the Thompson Trophy Race in a modified P-38L. Tony was a career test pilot for the Lockheed Corporation. He was also a stunt pilot, and flew combat missions in Europe during the Second World War. Dick Young kept the memory of Tony's P-38 alive when in 1955 he built a control line P-38 with Tony's paint scheme. Dick retired from his career as crew chief with the Indiana Air National Guard, and has helped crew Fort Wayne native race pilots like John Dilley, Tom Kelley, Dean Cutshall, and Jimmy Leeward.

In 2016 Dick repainted the electric powered FlightlineRC P-38L Lightning in the Tony LeVier racing colors. "This is a great flying airplane" Dick exclaims at the monthly meeting of the Fort Wayne Flying Circuits. Dick regularly shares his knowledge of aircraft, and RC building skills with other pilots with undiminished enthusiasm.