District III

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

On August 27-28, 2022, I competed in the Central Ohio Radio Kontrol Society (CORKS) Scale contest. The CORKS flying site is on Chapman Memorial Field, a full-scale airport located in Centerburg, Ohio. The beautiful, grass RC field is offset to the side of a full-scale active runway with plenty of room for safe full-scale and model operations.



A few of the Scale models and the pilots at the CORKS contest

Event Contest Director Keith Bryant conducted a pilots' meeting Saturday and competition got underway. There was a nice assortment of Scale models in all classes. Although competition Scale might seem intimidating, the competitors are always willing to help each other.

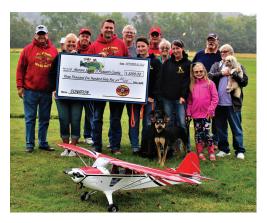
The event concluded Sunday afternoon with beautiful State of Ohio-shaped wood trophies for first through third places. Thank you, CORKS, for hosting a great Scale event. I look forward to attending in years to come.

On September 17-18, 2022, the Flying Wing Nutz of West Virginia, hosted its annual fun-fly. The club teamed up with a local nonprofit, the Pleasants County Humane Society, with two goals in mind: a) raise needed funds for the local dog and cat shelter, and b) make the local community aware of the club.

The event was aptly named the Paws & Planes Fun Fly. Entry fee for pilots was a monetary donation and/or items the shelters could use, such as dog/cat food, cleaning supplies, etc. The humane society set up booths and sold baked goods, shirts, and more. Event Director Jesse Danielson took event flyers door to door, contacted vendors for donations, posted flyers, and contacted radio stations and newspapers to promote the event. Attendance was excellent!

The club buddy-boxed youth and adults all day and the pilots in attendance flew many flights. The club raffled an RTF Apprentice trainer, and several individuals expressed interest in joining the club and learning to fly.

Thank you to all of the pilots and spectators



The Wing Nutz Paws & Planes Fun Fly raised more than \$3,000 for the Pleasants County Humane Society.

who donated to this worthy cause. Congratulations to the Wing Nutz for its charitable contributions and making the local community aware of the club.

On September 24, 2022, I flew a Cessna 172 into the Wheeling Ohio County Airport and attended the Wings Over Wheeling Vintage Plane & Car Show. I was pleased to see that the Wheeling Hill Hoppers Club had an excellent display of model aircraft and answered many questions from the thousands of show attendees.



Members of the Hill Hoppers engaged with thousands of spectators at the Wings Over Wheeling event.

If you want to get your club exposed to multitudes of people, I encourage you to team up with aviation and car events in your area. Display your models, hand out information, balsa gliders, etc., and just have fun talking about the hobby you love to the public. You never know, you might just pick up a new member or two for your efforts. Thank you, Hill Hoppers, for promoting your club and model aviation in your community.

Until next month, stay safe and fly safely!



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