

District III

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

This month, I want to recognize the Valley RC Model Club of Athens, Pennsylvania, and the Penn Ohio Radio Kontrol Society (PORKS) of Paulsli, Pennsylvania. Both of these clubs are celebrating their 50th anniversaries. Congratulations!

If your club is 25, 50, 75 or more years old, let's celebrate your club's existence. Go to www.modelaircraft.org/programs/clubs-anniversary and fill out the online application. When it is approved, I will feature your club's milestone in my monthly column.

Many of today's modelers were introduced to our hobby with Control Line (CL) flying. I recently reverted to my model aviation roots and rediscovered CL, thanks to Precision Aerobatics Model Pilots Association (PAMPA) President Mark Weiss for organizing CL during Joe Nall Week.

District III is fortunate to have one of the largest CL events in the world: the annual Brodak CL Fly-In in Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. Event founder John Brodak sadly passed away in 2020, however, his legacy lives on as his family continues holding this great event. When many CL manufacturers were going out of business, John purchased the manufacturing rights to the hardware and kits and helped keep CL alive and growing.

John also honored his model aviation roots by constructing a museum. It opened in 2022 and must be seen to be believed. There are thousands of models, kits, engines, equipment, magazines, literature, etc. on display in a spacious building featuring an airport control tower entrance.

The annual fly-in is held on the beautiful and spacious Brodak home estate and features several CL circles surrounded by trees and the beautiful, green, western Pennsylvania countryside. The Brodak Fly-In has become an iconic CL event and should be on everyone's model aviation bucket list.

Thank you to the Brodak family for opening your hearts and home for CL enthusiasts to continue to enjoy their passion. I'm sure John is looking down and smiling, knowing that his event is alive and well. For more information on Brodak Manufacturing, the event, and the museum, please visit <https://brodak.com>.



John Saunders of the Philly Fliers with his beautiful composite CL Aerobatics aircraft.



Ed Mason's awesome Scale Lockheed Constellation in flight.



Mary Nicholson (L) and Rainy Welsh (R) provided museum tours at the Brodak Fly-In.

Until next month, stay safe and fly safely. 



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