

District III

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

This month's column includes two important national events outside of District III that I encourage you to attend.

On May 13-15, I attended Joe Nall Week at the beautiful Triple Tree Aerodrome in Woodruff, South Carolina. Celebrating its 44th year, the event welcomed more than 1,100 pilots and 40-plus vendors. Thanks to Pat Hartness, this spring gathering has become a premier destination for model aviation enthusiasts, offering camping and every form of RC flying, including excellent Control Line (CL) circles.



Dewey Davenport, from Jamestown, Ohio, with his turbine MiG-17 at Joe Nall Week.

On the Thursday of the event, AMA held its annual Membership Meeting, giving attendees the opportunity to hear from, and ask questions of, each district vice president, Executive Director Tyler Dobbs, and other AMA Headquarters staff. Afterward, several AMA representatives and I helped serve a barbecue dinner to attendees.

On Friday, I flew CL and some RC on the upgraded, paved electric flightline. As always, the main flightline featured outstanding aircraft and flight demonstrations, the 3D line remained popular, and the scenic lake provided plenty of seaplane activity. Joe Nall Week truly offers something for every model aviation enthusiast.



Ed Larson, from Jonas, Pa., poses with his Decathlon on the Joe Nall electric line.



The Pettys—dad, Bradley; daughters, Tenley and Lily; and son, Ben—are from Chalfont, Pa. All of them flew at Nall!

If you have never attended, add it to your bucket list—you will not be disappointed.

On June 25-27, I attended the AMA National Fun Fly at the International Aeromodeling Center (IAC) in Muncie, Indiana. The event began several years ago to give AMA members a national gathering that was focused on fun and the shared enjoyment of model aviation. It also offers a great opportunity to visit AMA Headquarters, see the impressive 1,100-acre flying site, and tour the world-class National Model Aviation Museum.



Mike Sommers, from Monroeville, Ohio, entertained with his flying witch at the AMA National Fun Fly.

Although the National Fun Fly was not held in 2025 for various reasons, members soon asked for its return for one simple reason: It was fun. In addition to plenty of flying, the event featured several vendors and a swap meet.



Lima, Ohio's, Erich Geiler flew 3D and was assisted by Kylie Swallow.

If you have never visited the IAC and the AMA Headquarters, watch for the 2027 National Fun Fly dates and plan to attend. It is a wonderful opportunity to experience the joy of model aviation at our national flying site in Muncie and create memories you will not soon forget.



Gary Williams flew helicopter demonstrations at the AMA National Fun Fly with Diane Hines' assistance. They are from Lima, Ohio.

Happy flying!



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