

District III

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

Iconic events—auto racing has the Indianapolis 500, golf the Masters, horse racing the Kentucky Derby, full-scale aviation has Oshkosh, and model aviation has Joe Nall. On May 17-20, I attended the 41st annual Joe Nall Week at Triple Tree Aerodrome in Woodruff, South Carolina.

This event has grown into a model aviation “must see” event. Imagine a 7,000-foot putting-green-grass, full-scale runway with model flight-lines from one end to the other flying everything from warbirds, jets, electric, 3D, sport, sailplanes, and Control Line. In addition, there is a beautiful lake where you can fly your seaplane or sail your boat.

If you need hobby supplies, check out vender row across from the main flightline and then wander over to Pat Hartness’ hangar, which contains two perfectly restored Steadman’s, a Valutee BT-13, Piper J3 Cub, and more, plus a large collection of Giant Scale aircraft hanging from the ceiling.

To finish your day, attend the outdoor barbecue sitting around the hangar overlooking the entire facility and you have model aviation



Matt Balazs, from Nazareth PA, and his Focke-Wulf Fw 190 won the coveted Bob Smith Trophy.



Alan Buck (L), from Danville PA, and George Waters (R), from Waymart PA, flew Control Line at Joe Nall 23.

nirvana. If you have never attended this event, put it on your model aviation bucket list.

I shared just a few of the many modelers from District III who attended Joe Nall 2023.



Bob and Sharon Benson, of Mansfield OH, show off their 1/3-scale Cub.



John Tabaretti, of Charleston WV, with his Delro Models' Williams Turner W4X Racer.



Until next month, stay safe and fly safely. 



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