District III

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

In July 2021, I spent considerable time at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, Indiana. Jon Derringer, contest director for the RC Aerobatics (Pattern) Nats asked me to run a flightline. I accepted Jon's invitation.

I was impressed by the number of District III Pattern pilots competing at the Nats. District III has a rich tradition of Pattern fliers throughout the years with Dave Brown, Don Lowe, and others making the sport popular, and the tradition continues.

Let me introduce you to some of the District III Pattern pilots who flew in the 2021 Nats.



Mark Atwood, from Cleveland, flies in the FAI class. He is a great pilot and an excellent builder. Mark is also a full-scale pilot who built and flies an RV-14 and is currently building an RV-10 full-scale aircraft.



Scott Campbell, from Pittsburgh, is a newcomer to Pattern. This was his first Nats and he placed first in the Intermediate class. Congratulations, Scott!

Chuck Edwards, from Mansfield OH, flies in the Masters class. Chuck's dad, Bob, was an excellent Pattern pilot in the 1970s.





Meet Masters class pilot Forrest Pilkenton, from Dayton OH. Forrest's day job is flying UAV for Uncle Sam and he is lucky enough to fly RC at the iconic Wright Patterson Air Base, home of the U.S. Air Force Museum.



Louis Matustik resides in Columbus OH. Louis is somewhat new to Pattern; however, he is a seasoned International Miniature Aerobatic Club competitor which translates well to Pattern. Louis flies in the Masters class.



Meet the McNickle's from Mt. Pleasant OH. Scott, accompanied by his wife and caller, Nancy, is a fixture on the Pattern circuit. They are great ambassadors for Pattern flying and model aviation.

Until next month, stay safe and fly safely.



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