

District III

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

Happy New Year! As we know, 2020 was full of challenges, including canceled events, masks, social distancing, etc.; however, the enterprising modelers of District III adapted and carried on with our great hobby. As we continue to do our best to figure out this pandemic, I predict 2021 will be a good year for model aviation.

In 2021, I am challenging all District III clubs to take a renewed and reinvigorated interest in your clubs. Are you proud of you club? Do you believe your club is one of the best around? Are you an asset to your community? If you answered yes, then why not tell everyone by becoming an AMA Leader Club?

In order to recognize the leadership of the best model clubs, AMA has established the AMA Leader Club Awards. These awards can be earned by any AMA chartered club by meeting certain standards of community service and activity.

There are three levels of AMA Leader Clubs: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. When a club meets the minimum criteria, it qualifies for different levels based on performance. I ask you to look at the requirements to become a Leader Club by visiting www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/documents/Leader%20Club%20Application_AMA%20Document%20708.pdf.

After reviewing the requirements, I bet you will find that your club is already meeting most, if not

all, of them to become at least a Bronze Leader Club. If you are not meeting these requirements, now is a good time to review your entire club and make changes that will make your club a better, safer, and an asset in your community.

There are 225 clubs in DIII but there are only 12 Leader Clubs. Congratulations to these 2020 Leader Clubs in District III.

Ohio: Corsair Model Aircraft Club; Westlake RC Club; Westerville Model Aero Association; Fairborn Flying Aces RC Club; Auglaize Buzzard Baiters; and the Columbiana County Centaur RC Club.

Pennsylvania: Tri County Wing Snappers; Johnstown RC Club; Blue & Gray Miniature Aircraft Club; Valley RC Model Club; and the Penn-Ohio Radio Kontrol Society.

West Virginia: Blennerhassett RC Club.

Is your club not on the list? I challenge you to review the requirements and commit to becoming a Leader Club for 2021. I hope you accept my challenge and at this time next year we will see many more District III clubs listed as AMA Leader Clubs. If you want more information about becoming a Leader Club, please contact me.

Until next month, fly safely, fly AMA. 



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