

District III

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

We are all aware that the future of aviation is in the hands of the current generation of students who get inspired and educated. The area that is attracting their interest is the multirotor segment.

The military and major corporations are spending billions of dollars on research and development to utilize drones to do tasks safely and economically. Here is an example of a program the U.S. Navy is doing to educate students to utilize drone technology in the future.

The Wheeling Hill Hoppers club of Wheeling, West Virginia, was asked to assist the newly formed Eastern Ohio Region of the Sea, Air and Land Challenge on April 20, 2018, at Buckeye Local High School in Rayland, Ohio.

The Sea, Air and Land Challenge is an Office of Naval Research sponsored program in which teams of high school students design and build robotic vehicles and payloads. Students must utilize unmanned vehicles for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance payloads. The systems are then used to compete in challenges that mimic missions encountered by the military, national security agencies, and first responders.

The Hill Hoppers club, represented by Paul Futey, Harold Blust, John Ellison, and Fred



Members of the Hill Hoppers Club quizzing students about their drone projects.



A Hill Hoppers member judges a drone drop zone at the Sea, Air and Land Challenge.

Snively, were asked to provide judging for the air portion of the challenge. The schools represented were Buckeye Local of Rayland, Ohio, Beaver Local in Lisbon, Ohio, and Quaker Valley in Leetsdale, Pennsylvania.

The course was made up of five drop zones that were to simulate forest fires and five points of interest. The aircraft had to be able to identify two target zones and drop the payload that was to simulate water. This had to be done through a video system from the aircraft to the operator.


Thank you, members of the Wheeling Hill Hoppers, for participating in this important event concerning the future of aviation.

The following comes from District III Associate Vice President Jeff Black.

The Carlisle Aeromodelers in Pennsylvania held its inaugural Warbirds Over Carlisle on August 25-26, 2018, at its club field. The weather was clear and the wind was light on Saturday and Sunday as 31 area pilots enjoyed the weekend. Several flew World War I and World War II aircraft to the pleasure of spectators. The club president, Adam Brucks, and his volunteers did a great job of making sure everyone had a good time.



This Foker Triplane was flown at the inaugural Warbirds Over Carlisle event.

That's all for this month. I hope to see many of you this winter at swap meets and trade shows. Fly safely—fly AMA. 



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