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District III

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Happy New Year District III! I trust everyone is looking forward to the building and flying season for 2020.

I attended many events last year in the district which were all important. I will continue reporting on events I attended in 2019.

On Friday July 12, 2019, I attended Flite Fest in Malvern, Ohio. This event is one of the largest model aviation events not only in the US but in the world! The event is held on a private full-scale airstrip (5OH9) and is a beautiful facility.

Significant overnight rains made the parking and pit areas very muddy; however, despite the inconvenience, there was a huge pilot and spectator turnout. There was plenty of flying on the runway and the large circus tents were filled with modelers young and old, building models with their family and friends.



These two young modelers proudly displaying their DC3 and C47 models they built and flew at Flite Fest.



A few of the young modelers building aircraft at the Flite Fest 2019.

There was good food and a nice turnout of vendors and all were very busy. If you think that young people and their families are not building and flying models, then I urge you to go to www.flitetest.com to learn more about the great things these people are doing to advance model aviation.

After attending Flite Fest, I was excited to get to the Top of Ohio Radio Control Squadron (TORCS) event on Saturday July 13, 2019, in Quincy, Ohio. This event is held at the club field, another full-scale private airstrip (1OH1).



Upon arrival, I was greeted by several club members and invited to set up my AMA District III canopy. The TORCS club was very active with several pattern events in the 1980s, which I recall flying in. This is the second year the club has hosted a noncompetitive fun-fly and attendance is picking up according to CD Matt Finley.



Above: A view of down the flight line of some of the aircraft flown at the TORCS event.

The runway is long and cut very short to accommodate our models. The laid-back event allowed plenty of flying by all types of models. If you are looking to attend a new event at an excellent flying field, I highly recommend this one.

To conclude, I want to emphasize to all members to please log in to www.modelaircraft.org at least once a month. The hobby is changing significantly daily with new federal regulations and changes with AMA programs that will affect all of us.

The best way to stay current with these changes is to subscribe to emails from AMA and to log in to the AMA website.

Until next month, fly safely, fly AMA.