

District III

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

Let's kick off the new year in a positive manor and feature leaders in District III who are doing great things for their clubs and our hobby.

I had the pleasure of presenting a District III Service Award to Roger Luther, a member of the Johnstown RC Club in Pennsylvania. In 2012, Roger volunteered to design and maintain the District III website, which he did until his retirement in 2020. In addition, Roger was the newsletter editor for his club.



District III Vice President Mark Radcliff (L) presented Roger Luther (R) with the District III Service Award for his website contributions.

Thank you, Roger, for your service and thank you District III Associate Vice President (AVP) Lisa Zoldak for taking over the district website duties and to Alan Stein of the Johnstown RC Club for taking over your club newsletter.

Another leader in District III is Mike Barbee. Mike is a world-class Scale competitor who has won Top Gun multiple times and was inducted into the AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame in 2021.

Mike resides in Columbus, Ohio, and owns a



AMA Executive Director Chad Budreau (L) presented Mike Barbee (R) with the Legion of Honor Award for his contributions to the IAC at AMA Headquarters.

concrete company. Mike recently donated his time and company resources to make significant improvements to Sites 3 and 4 at the International Aeromodeling Center (IAC) in Muncie, Indiana, by pouring concrete pads and providing excavating equipment and labor to level out and enlarge the grass runway on Site 4. Mike was presented with the Legion of Honor Award for his contributions to the IAC.



Officers of the LCRCC (L-R) Walter Berko, treasurer; Jeff Guito, president; Warren Wasiewski, vice president; and Dave Muchmore, secretary, display the club's Award of Excellence.

On October 10, 2021, my wife and I had the pleasure of attending the Lancaster County RC Club's (LCRCC) annual banquet where I presented an Award of Excellence in honor of the club's 65th anniversary. How does a club survive and flourish for 65 years? Dedicated members volunteering their time and talents!

On October 29, 2021, I had the honor of attending the AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame induction of District III member Wendell Hostetler. Wendell sells plans for large-scale model airplanes. Wendell's plans have been used by award-winning scale modelers for more than 40 years.

The AMA Model Aviation Hall of Fame is a prestigious award reserved for those who have dedicated their lives for the betterment of model aviation. I can think of no one more deserving than Wendell for this award.

District III has so many success stories that I couldn't possibly cover them all here. I want to encourage all members to ask yourself this question: What can I do to help grow our club and our great hobby? Consider volunteering your time and talents as a club officer, newsletter editor, webmaster, contest director, event director, etc. Your contributions will help your club now and into the future.

Until next month, stay safe and fly safely. 



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