

District III—Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia



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The Vintage RC display is always popular at the Toledo Show.

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L-R: AMA District VII VP Tim Jeskey; District VI Vice President Gary Himes; the radio winner, Rick Deemer; and District III Vice President Mark Radcliff.



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The 64th Weak Signals Toledo Show: R/C Model Expo was held April 7-9, 2018, and from all indications, it was a success. I talked with several seasoned vendors and all were pleased with their sales. Several had record sales or at the least exceeded last year's sales.

The AMA booth was busy with renewals and many members stopped by to discuss our hobby. On Saturday, the AMA vice presidents (VPs) in District III, District VI, and District VII held a standing-room-only informational meeting.

After introducing area associate vice presidents and AMA officials, many topics were discussed including Camp AMA, Take-off And Grow, Leader Members, and more. Government Affairs Director Chad Budreau and AMA President Rich Hanson gave updates on some of the latest happenings in Washington, D.C. that could have an impact on the law known as Section 336, which protects our freedom to fly. I urge all members to monitor closely the communications coming from AMA in the future on this important issue.

Is the Toledo Show as big as it used to be? No. Is the hobby the same as it was five, 10, or 15 years ago? Heck no!

Although the hobby is going through significant changes, we must look at the areas where growth is positive, such as FPV drone racing, aerial



Once again it was standing room only for the District III, VI, and VII meeting held during the Toledo Show.

photography, and professional drone use such as first responders, etc. This is not traditional model aviation to seasoned modelers, but it is a part of model aviation today.

Invite these groups to your clubs and flying fields and you will help keep our hobby alive and moving into the future. You and your fellow flying friends might learn something new and exciting to add to the enjoyment of our hobby.

To conclude, I would like to acknowledge AMA Executive Director (ED) Dave Mathewson, who retired from the organization on April 30, 2018. When I became District III VP in 2012, Dave had just begun his tenure as ED, having stepped down as AMA president in order to run the day-to-day operations at AMA Headquarters in Muncie, Indiana.

Anyone who has been a district VP can tell you that it is overwhelming



Dave Mathewson, AMA Executive Director, spoke at the district meeting. Dave is retiring from AMA and will be missed.

trying to learn the job. Whenever I needed help and guidance with AMA district issues, I called on Dave and he always guided me down the proper path. Dave's contributions to AMA and model aviation could fill the pages of this magazine.

I would like to say thank you to Dave for all that he has done for AMA and model aviation. He is a great teacher, mentor, and best of all, a friend. Congratulations on your retirement, Dave! Now dust off all of your airplanes, go fly, and have fun!

Until next month, fly safely—fly AMA. ✈️

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