

District III

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

Several District III clubs have swaps shops as part of their yearly club events. Some are long-standing events, and some are in the beginning stages. We were invited to attend three such events in Ohio during March and April.

Mad River Flying Club member Daniel Kubler submitted the following:

On March 16, the Mad River Flying Club held its 10th annual Swap Shop at the Champaign Aviation Museum located on historic Grimes Field in Urbana, Ohio.

This swap meet is unlike any other swap meet because all of the vendors and spectators are surrounded by vintage warbirds in static display, reconditioning, and flying models. Guests can get up close and personal to the various airplanes like a B-25 Mitchell or B-17 bomber.

This year, the attendees and vendors numbered nearly 400 for the one-day event. The Mad River Flying Club celebrated its 25th anniversary last year and was awarded an AMA certificate to commemorate the achievement.



The modeling crowd mixed in with a full-scale DC-3 and Fairchild 24.

On April 5 and 6, in Toledo, Ohio, at the Glass City Center, was the third edition of the new brand of "Toledo," called Toledo R/C Swap Shop and Expo. Several guests we spoke to were excited to see the spirit of the new event, in the same location, maturing into an annual pilgrimage to Toledo.

A highlight of the weekend was AMA President Rich Hanson, EVP Randy Cameron, and a few AMA vice presidents (VPs) were on hand to present Mark Radcliff a Presidential Achievement Award for his 12-years of service to the AMA as District III's VP.




AMA President Rich Hanson presented Mark Radcliff with the award and acknowledgement of 12 years as VP for District III.



The "man of the new Toledo," Henry Rauhaus.

On April 26 and 27, the Dayton Wingmasters held its 25th annual ModelRama at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Dayton, Ohio.

This is billed as one of the largest swap shops in the country with more than 42,000 square feet and two buildings of vendor and modeler merchandise. The show concluded on Saturday with an auction of more than 75 airplanes. 



Saturday's auction lineup.



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