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District III

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

Since becoming the District III vice president (VP) in 2012, I have attended many flying events hosted by the great model clubs of the district. I occasionally attend swap events, but mostly I choose to utilize the cold winter months to stay indoors and build new airplanes.

One swap event I heard a lot about is touted as the “largest one day RC expo in the USA.” That’s a pretty bold statement, so on March 9, 2019, I attended the 39th annual RC expo in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, hosted by the Central Penn Aeromodelers Association.


Upon arrival I was greeted by the organizers and graciously shown to a high-traffic area, allowing me to set up an AMA District III booth. As district VP I like to attend these events not to sell my wares (my wife will tell you I have plenty to sell) but to talk to you, the members of the district, and discuss your joys and concerns about the hobby.

I took a quick tour throughout the facility and was blown away at the size and magnitude of the event. The expo is held at the Lebanon Fairgrounds in nice buildings that serve as the

area’s convention center. There is a main entrance hub with at least four wings or buildings attached with 41,000 square feet indoors and 602 spaces that were jammed full of modelers selling and swapping. I was pleased at the reception of my booth and the event organizers seemed happy to have an AMA presence at their event. Congratulations to the clubs of the Central Penn Aeromodelers Association for another successful expo.

While in the swap show mode, I attended the 49th annual Westerville Model Aeronautics Association (WMAA) Model Show & Swap Shop on March 16, 2019, in Columbus, Ohio. It has been several years since I last attended this event and the show had moved to a new facility. I was greeted by event organizers and given a great area to set up my District III booth.

The event tables were sold out and I saw plenty of models and equipment changing hands. This show also features a static model competition that adds a nice display of model aircraft. Thank you WMAA for another successful event promoting model aviation in District III.

Until next month fly safely. Fly AMA. 



A view of some of the action at the WMAA Model Show & Swap Shop.



These jets were on static display at WMAA Model Show & Swap Shop in Ohio.



The AMA District III booth was busy. Lots of people flew the simulator at the Lebanon PA event.



This was just one of four assembly halls that comprised the model swap area at the Lebanon gathering.