

District III

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

Celebrate your club's heritage! If your club is 25, 50, 75 or 100 years old, AMA wants to celebrate your club's history. The program is free and simple to apply online at www.modelaircraft.org/programs/clubs-anniversary.

We ask you to identify the club's founding year, even if that predates when the club was chartered through AMA. Please include any documentation or supporting evidence that might help validate the founding year. The district vice president representing the club's location will review all applications and, if selected, your club will receive an email with the award, congratulatory letter, and digital badge.

The club will also be recorded in the National Model Aviation Museum's archives and on the club record. Thus far, the following District III clubs have participated in this program: 25 years, the Mad River Flying Association; 50 years, the Miami RC Flying Club, the Susquehanna Valley Modelers, the Wyoming Valley RC Flyers, the York Area RC Club, and the Vienna Sky Sharks.



I am challenging all District III clubs to celebrate your club's anniversary and let's lead the country in this important celebration of your club's history. As I receive more anniversary notices, I will feature your club's achievement in future District III columns.

I received the following from Cincinnati-area District III Associate Vice President (AVP) Randy Adams.

I would like to submit to you and the AMA Executive Council a recommendation that the AMA Distinguished Service Award be presented to Greater Cincinnati RC Club (GCRCC) member Mark Feist. I have seen Mark contribute to the growth and promotion of model aviation with an outward focus of promoting the hobby in the



public's eye. Mark has been the GCRCC liaison with the Hamilton, Ohio, the Butler County Airport, and the FAA for the annual Flying Circus.

Mark has been the face of model aviation for advertising the Flying Circus with several appearances in radio spots and on-air TV interviews for more than 25-years. Mark also is a major player in promoting the air show by placing signs and posters in the surrounding communities.

Mark has made model aviation part of his family. He and his wife Holly are key figures in raising money for raffle prizes for the Flying Circus and the club has obtained new club members because of those efforts.

Mark and Holly have two sons who are active in modeling, and both have careers in aviation. Mark brought modeling to his father in his retirement years and more recently his brother has started learning to fly. Mark travels the country, flying at club fields, and is constantly promoting model aviation to people in all walks of life. Mark is truly an ambassador for model aviation and is most deserving of this prestigious award.

I am happy to say that AVP Randy Adams presented Mark with the AMA Distinguished Service Award at the annual GCRCC banquet in February 2023. Congratulations Mark, and thank you for promoting our hobby in such a positive manner.

Until next month, stay safe and fly safely.



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