

## District III

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

With spring around the corner, I am looking forward to attending events in 2022; however, I'm still catching up on events from last year. I received the following report from western Pennsylvania Associate Vice President (AVP) Dave Chisholm.



Western Pennsylvania AVP, Dave Chisholm, happily promoted AMA and model aviation.

"I see my job as an AVP to be one of promoting the hobby and driving new members to the region's clubs. To accomplish this, I created a District III Summer Tour for 2021.

"On June 21, I attended the Summer Solstice event hosted by the Indiana, Pennsylvania, Flyers Club (IFC). I was greeted by club President Fred Woodward, Secretary Rob Lute, and Contest Director (CD) Tony Halo, and set up an AMA booth.

"The IFC field is a well-manicured 600-foot grass field located on a rolling hilltop with a wonderful view of the surrounding area. I was pleasantly surprised that the IFC signed five new members to its ranks that day. This is a great event for those of you within traveling distance to the city. I hope to see you next year at Summer Solstice 2022!

"My next stop was the Jimmy Stewart Airshow on July 10 in Indiana, Pennsylvania. This great full-scale event was attended by thousands of spectators. District III was invited by CD Jim Duncan and I called upon longtime friend, Ed Andrews, and local club member, Tim Greene, to perform demonstration flights.

"It was very cool attending the air show briefing with famous air-show pilot Michael Goulian because both the model pilots and full-scale pilots are expected to comply with the same rules and safety regulations of the air show.




A nice model aviation display by the IFC at the Jimmy Stewart Airshow.

"Ed and Tim flew two aerobatic routines in front of huge crowds. There was a constant flow of attendees to the AMA booth and the static displays included turbo props to small electrics and showed the visitors our side of the aviation hobby. Put the Jimmy Stewart Airshow on your calendar for July 8-10, 2022!

"My final trip led me to my home field, the Nighthawks located in North Jackson, Ohio. The Jets Over the Valley (JOV) event, August 26-28, 2021, is a long-standing destination for the jet community with 20 jet pilots from five states in attendance. Organized by CD Jim Hiller, the spectator area was full every day.

"The club scheduled an air show on Saturday afternoon, showcasing flight demonstrations from disciplines including jets, 3D, and electrics, which wowed the crowd of nearly 200 spectators for the final day of the event. Special thanks to Nighthawks' President Mike Sobinovskiy and Vice President Dave Karash for their support in taking JOV to the next level."

Thank you, Dave, for your dedication to AMA and promoting model aviation. Until next month, stay safe and fly safely. 



Ohio pilot Billy Shaw wowed spectators at the JOV event. Photo by Jennifer Orebaugh.



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