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On February 8, 2020, I attended the annual Dayton Wingmasters Midwest Modelrama swap meet and auction. This event has grown and in 2019 was relocated to a new and larger Montgomery County Fairgrounds facility in Dayton, Ohio.

I enjoy attending events such as this in the winter—not to sell my excess model stuff (much to my wife’s dismay)—but to offer an AMA information booth. The club graciously provided me two tables for the booth, and I was extremely busy answering a lot of questions concerning the FAA Remote ID proposal along with other AMA business.



The club sold more than 200 tables. At noon, club member Dave Thacker started the auction with some great-looking aircraft up for grabs. I donated several airplanes to the cause and was pleasantly surprised that the money they brought allowed me to purchase more stuff. Isn’t that the way it is supposed to work?

Thank you, Dayton Wingmasters, for keeping model aviation alive during the cold winter months.

As we are all aware, COVID-19 has significantly reduced the number of modeling events and curtailed travel. I am fortunate to have some great associate vice presidents who have stepped up and have attended events in their area and have provided material for this monthly column. This month’s event report is from Randy Adams in the Cincinnati area.

“Every Memorial Day weekend for the past nine years, the Airmasters RC Club has sponsored the I.O.K Dawn Patrol Rendezvous in North Bend, Ohio. The field is nestled on the north side of the Ohio River, next to the Indiana border and is 18 miles west of downtown Cincinnati. The event leads off the summer for several World War I enthusiasts from Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky (I.O.K), however, visitors from as far away as Wisconsin, Michigan, and Tennessee have been known to attend.

“Dawn Patrol faithful are used to the calm wind of the Ohio River early mornings and late evenings, but this year the flying weather was nearly perfect all day for both official days of the event. There was a late-day, pop-up storm on Saturday, but all who wanted to fly in the official two-day event had an opportunity.

“Aircraft built at 1/3 scale are common at these types of events, but more 1/2-scale models are being built and flown as the newer engines and stronger servos become more commonplace. Trailers and toy haulers are now the means for transportation, with many utilizing on-site camping throughout the day and evening.”



Thank you, Randy, for your report. Although COVID-19 is changing a lot of things, I believe our hobby is being reenergized because of it, particularly the building of model aircraft. Let us hope that positive trend continues.

Until next month, fly safely and fly AMA.