

District III

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

I had made commitments to travel to two club events in August, but I caught COVID and it knocked me down for two weeks! I want to extend my apologies to those two clubs. However, in my absence, modelers stepped to the plate to provide details of their events.

The following was submitted by Dave Lee from the Ravenna Thunderbirds, in Ohio:

Competition fun-flies are a thing of the past. My club had not had one in roughly 12 years. Approximately three years ago, the Corsair Model Aircraft Club (CMAC) lost its field and moved to our field at Jetway Airport. Now both clubs share the field. Last winter, I thought it would be a good idea to have a friendly joint competition between the two clubs. In late spring, we decided to proceed with the event.



An aerial view of Jetway Airport.



Members of the Ravenna Thunderbirds and the CMAC.

CMAC President John Ashley and I shared the contest director's duties. We brainstormed events that were pilot friendly. We thought that loops, rolls, and touch-and-gos would draw the most pilots while leveling the playing field a bit for those with less experience.

We used one dice to determine the number of maneuvers you performed while being timed. Three individual timekeepers started their timers when the aircraft started to move on takeoff and stopped when the airplane stopped



The cherished Cast Iron Pig Award was won by the Thunderbirds.

winner, and the cherished Cast Iron Flying Pig went to the Thunderbirds!

The following was shared by Roger Luther of the Johnstown RC Club in Pennsylvania. "Sam Kaplitz has been a member of the Johnstown RC Club since the mid-1970s. This year, he completed 25 continuous years as our club president. Under his leadership, the club has earned and maintained the AMA Gold Leader Club award. Sam is a builder, fixer, and regular flier. He goes out of his way to help newcomers and instructs those with less experience."

I am disappointed that I was not able to attend Sam's presentation as promised. His service to his club as president and AMA is worthy of AMA's recognition. Thank you Sam for your years of service.



(L-R): Roger Luther and Sam Kaplitz. Roger presented the award on behalf of Randy Adams and AMA.

I would appreciate your clubs sharing with me your activities in community outreach, membership retention, and growth. AMA is looking very closely at how we grow the modeling community while retaining its current members. We need your club's input. Please let



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