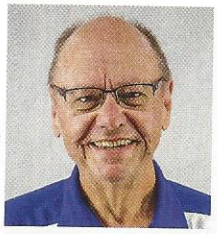
District III—Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia



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Dave Chisholm, new District III AVP for western Pennsylvania and his beautiful jet.

Here are a few facts that might be of some interest. AMA District III covers more than 115,110-square miles in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. There are more than 12,500 AMA members and 277 AMA chartered clubs within District III. As District III vice president, my duties include representing your interests to the AMA Headquarters located in Muncie, Indiana.

As you can see from the statistics, this is quite a large job for one person to handle. Enter the associate vice presidents (AVPs). These people are strategically located within the district to listen to your concerns and to help members and clubs promote model aviation. They are the eyes and ears of our members in the state and they report any issues or concerns you have to me so that I can notify AMA and the Executive Council of trending issues.

That said, I would like to introduce a new AVP for western Pennsylvania, Dave Chisholm. Dave has been involved in modeling since he was young, and has been an AMA member for more than 15 years. He is an AMA Leader Member and has served several terms as a club president and vice president.

Dave has a great passion for the hobby and holds a current AMA turbine waiver. A lifelong aviation enthusiast, Dave holds a private pilot's license and has constructed several homebuilt aircraft. Please join me in welcoming Dave as a new AVP.

To contact Dave or any of your area AVPs, see the contact information at the bottom of this page. I want to wish good luck to Leo Rodriguez, the previous AVP for western Pennsylvania. Leo was a valuable asset to District III. Because of a job change, he has moved to a neighboring state. Leo, thank you for your service to AMA and the members of District III.

On the evening of December 17, 2015, my wife and I attended the Wheeling Hill Hoppers Flying Club's Christmas dinner held at the country club in Wheeling, West Virginia. Club president Fred Snively hosted this festive event and after a nice dinner, many awards were handed out to deserving club members.

Thank you Wheeling Hill Hoppers for inviting us to your dinner and I'm looking forward to flying at your field. However, I hope I am not the one to win the "Dumb Thumb" award.

Until next month, fly safely—fly AMA.

Tim Barrett displayed the Joint Maker Award for his expert soldering skills to his fellow club members.

The Hill Hoppers president, Fred Snively (R), presented the annual Dumb Thumb Award to member Rob Woods.

Young modeler Gavin Goodrich proudly displays his AMA hat that he won at the Hill Hoppers' Christmas party.

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