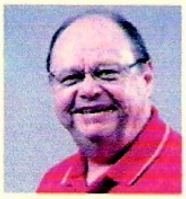
## District III—Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia



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Valley RC Club 40th Competition Fun Fly winners.

**Valley RC 40th** Competition Fun Fly: Club officers are challenged with keeping interest high in the club and membership growing, especially if the club has been around for many years.

One club, the Valley RC Club of Sayre, Pennsylvania, has kept its club together by hosting an annual competition fun-fly for 40 years.

Did you notice it's a "competition" fun-fly? The thought of competition may put fear in a modeler's head; however, it doesn't have to be a Precision Aerobatics, Racing, Scale, or other highly skilled event. How about fun events such as touch-and-gos, spot landings, bomb drops, and limbos?

This type of friendly competition event is one of the things the Sayre club has been doing successfully for more than 40 years. Because of the longevity of this event, I asked the AMA Executive Council to present the club with an Award of Excellence. This may be the longest-running competition fun-fly in the entire US! Congratulations to the Valley RC Club on this milestone achievement and looking forward to the 50th event in 2022.

Eric Williams presented the AMA Award of Excellence to the Valley RC Club. From the left: event CD Jim Champion; Eric Williams; president Paul Buckthal; AMA Associate Vice President Dan Luchaco; Steve Luchaco, vice president and field manager.

### Canfield Fair

Exposure to our hobby is not only for good public relations, but it also helps our clubs grow. When we think of this, we generally think of flying demonstrations at our club field, but sometimes we need to think differently. How about static displays?

The static display at Canfield Fair.

Butch Myers, District III associate vice president, reported that his club, the Mahoning County Model Club, set up a static display at the county fair in Canfield, Ohio. The club utilized a massive fair tent to display all types of models. Particularly attractive were the tent ceiling displays.

Butch reported that thousands of fair goers appreciated the model displays and the fair board is inviting the club back because of the overwhelming public response. Great job!

### Club Newsletters

Does your club have a newsletter? Do you sometimes have difficulty coming up with ideas for new club activities? Would you like to see what other clubs are doing to promote themselves and the hobby?

Visit our District III website at www.amadistrict-iii.com and click on the link to club newsletters. Read these newsletters and see what other clubs are doing to promote model aviation. Maybe you will see something that you can do in your club to keep interest high.

If you would like your club newsletter linked to the website, contact webmaster Roger Luther. This is a great resource for our District III clubs.

### Joe Weizer

I received word from Jeff Troy, editor of *Park Pilot* magazine, of the passing of another great District III modeler.

Joseph Weizer, 89, husband, father, and the best friend anybody could want, was born in Philadelphia. During World War II he was a pilot and flight instructor for the Army Air Corps and received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Joe served the Valley Forge Signal Seekers in Pennsylvania as president, program director, and special events director, and he taught innumerable people to fly. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joe's family. Joe's contributions to model aviation will not be forgotten.

Joe Weizer doing what he loved, making new model aviators.

Go fly and have fun!

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