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Mark's Modeling Memos: As I write this, the flying season is in full swing. I have been traveling and meeting modelers from Johnstown to Columbus to Toledo to Joe Nall, and everywhere in between. My goal is to attend as many District III events as possible, and I would enjoy meeting as many of you as I can.

If I am at your event, please stop me and introduce yourself. I want to get to know the modelers in our district and will be happy to discuss any AMA business that may be on your mind. If your club would like its event covered in future issues, please send me a few key pictures and a small write-up about the event and I will do my best to get it published in the magazine *and* on our new website at www.amadistrict-iii.com.

The following information about the Columbiana County Centaur R/C Club's Senior Fly was provided by Marjorie Bon.

May 19, 2012, was a wonderful day to celebrate the seniors (ages 60 and up) in the tri-state area at our flying field in Columbiana County, located in Lisbon, Ohio. The weather was a perfect 80°, there was no wind, and the field was freshly mowed and rolled.

CD Bud Young did an excellent job of helping everyone, and he handed out pilot prizes. We had 27 senior pilots and a variety of aircraft. Flying started at 9:30 a.m. and didn't stop until 6 p.m. All enjoyed a free meatloaf dinner provided by the Cook-Shack Ladies: Beth Whitacre, June Herron, Sherry Young, and Marjorie Bon.

The senior who came the farthest was Ron Basen, from Conneaut, Ohio. Thanks, Ron. You are a real trooper and we enjoyed your flying! The oldest senior was Gayle Paxson at the ripe, young age of 88! Ron received an RC Pilot T-shirt, and Gayle received a certificate and a Centaur R/C Club hat.

Rich Evans brought his 50% clipped-wing Cub with smoke, and put on an entertaining show for everyone! Jason McQuistion flew a beautiful 11-foot wingspan B-19 with ease.

Senior modelers.

Rich Evans with his clipped-wing Cub.

Once again, we want to thank all the seniors who have put in hours of work and encouragement in keeping this hobby alive for the rest of us. We appreciate you and all your wisdom. Please come back and see us again next year.

The following information was provided by Chuck Westfall of the Jackson County Aeromodelers.

This year's 4th Annual RC Expo, held in Millwood, West Virginia, was bigger than ever. The event was held at the new Jackson County National Guard Armory, with an indoor demo area and a larger auction area with more seating. This was the first year for the static show, and aircraft of all sizes and power were displayed.

An award was given for a builder's class for kits and plans. Ron Freeman and his Balsa USA S.E.5 took home this award. This airplane had scale all over it!

I want to thank our vendors for the great deals at the Expo. I would also like to thank everyone for making our event what it is today. Without you, the hobbyist, it would have never made it this far. Work has already begun to make next year's Expo better than ever.

Ron Freeman's S.E.5.

Associate Vice President Jim Martin.

Until next month, fly and have fun!

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