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The Sky Sharks club proudly announces its library exhibit.

The Sky Sharks' display at the Barlow Library.

We all have a great passion for our hobby and enjoy showing our models and flying skills to everyone who will look and listen. The Vienna Sky Sharks Model Airplane Club of Vienna, West Virginia, was recently featured in a family flying event sponsored by the Barlow Branch of the Washington County Public Library. The program provided the Sky Sharks the opportunity to showcase the building and flying of RC aircraft.

Community members came to see a static display of aircraft of all types and sizes. Sky Shark members then treated library visitors to a flying exhibit in an area behind the library. Library Branch Manager Anna Henry stated that the program was one of the most successful ones of the year. Great job, Sky Sharks!

On Saturday, October 6, 2012, the Fairmont Flyers, of West Virginia, hosted its inaugural Toys for Tots fundraiser and toy drive. Despite morning showers and cool weather, the event was a success—attracting pilots from Pennsylvania, as well as surrounding clubs in the West Virginia area.

Sgt. Weber, district coordinator for the Marines' Toys for Tots campaign, was pleased with the turnout. The Fairmont Flyers members were able to overflow the toy bin that Sgt. Weber brought and presented a $202 donation from funds raised through raffles.

Prizes were provided by Dave's Hobby Stop of Bridgeport, West Virginia, Nixon's Trading Post, of Fairmont, West Virginia, and Tower Hobbies.

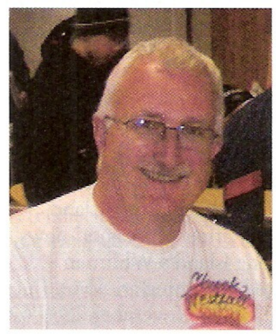
Several non-flying community members and families stopped by throughout the day to watch the demonstrations, enjoy hot dogs, and talk with some of the pilots who braved the early morning weather, which turned into a beautiful autumn afternoon.

Sgt. Weber accepts a Toys for Tots donation from the Fairmont Flyers.

I would like to announce the appointment of Chuck Westfall as a new District III associate vice president for West Virginia. Chuck has been modeling for more than 30 years, beginning with FF and CL, then moving on to RC cars and airplanes. Chuck has been president of the Jackson County Aeromodelers club for many years and flies Scale aircraft in contests. One of Chuck's favorite aspects of model aviation is teaching youth and adults how to fly.

Chuck, a military veteran, is the founding father of Operation Santa Claus in the state of West Virginia. This fun-fly raises money and collects toys for the children of our service men and women who are in need of help for Christmas.

Chuck has CDed several Scale and fun-fly events and helped in the creation of the West Virginia RC Expo, held annually in Millwood. I think Chuck's enthusiasm and can-do attitude will be a big asset to model aviation and the AMA in the years to come. Welcome aboard, Chuck!



New WV District III Associate Vice President Chuck Westfall.

To close this month, I want to thank everyone for voting in the recent AMA elections. I am honored and humbled that you elected me as your District III vice president. I am an active flier and can be seen at many events throughout Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. I feel this is an important element in representing you to the AMA.

When you see me at an event or visiting your clubs, I am happy to talk about the issues facing modelers and AMA, both now and in the future. I assure you I will do my best to represent you, the modelers of District III. Thank you again for your support and hope to see you soon.

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