District III—Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

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To begin, I want to congratulate the following District III individuals for obtaining their CD licenses: Anthony Guide, New Freedom, Pennsylvania; Robert James, New London, Ohio; Bruce Reynolds, Franklin, Ohio; John Harder, Toledo, Ohio; Mark Powelson, Pataskala, Ohio; Jeffrey Sumey, Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Perley Bowen, Galeton, Pennsylvania; Garrett Wolfe, Columbiana, Ohio; and Frank Zagotti, New Springfield, Ohio.

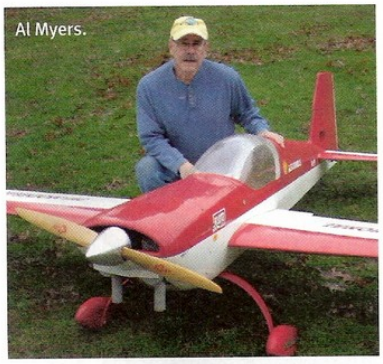
Does your club have at least one CD? If you answer: "We don't have a contest so we don't need one," I would like to point out some reasons why your club should have a CD on the roster.

Does your club host at least one non-competitive event a year, such as a fly-in? Although it doesn't involve competition, there are some good reasons why you should sanction the event. With a sanction, your event has a protected draw area to keep events of the same type from attracting the same people. Your event is listed in *Model Aviation* magazine and on the AMA website calendar. This can help increase exposure and attendance.

Sanctioned events are endorsed by AMA. This adds value by assuring pilots that AMA members will follow AMA safety guidelines when organizing and operating the event.

To obtain these benefits, a CD must file for the sanction, run the event, and file the proper paperwork with AMA after the event is concluded.

Obtaining a CD license is not difficult. Visit the AMA website, click on the members and clubs tab, then AMA documents, and scroll down and you will find the application. Print it and follow the instructions. Answer the quiz and send it to AMA. If you pass the quiz and meet the requirements on the application, you will be a licensed CD and are eligible to hold AMA-sanctioned events.



Al Myers.

I would like to announce a new Associate Vice President for District III. His name is Al Myers, and he has been a modeler for more than 50 years.

Al is a leader member, a CD, large model aircraft inspector, and assistant director of the International Miniature Aircraft Association in District III. Al has been club secretary of the Mahoning County Model Club for more than 20 years.

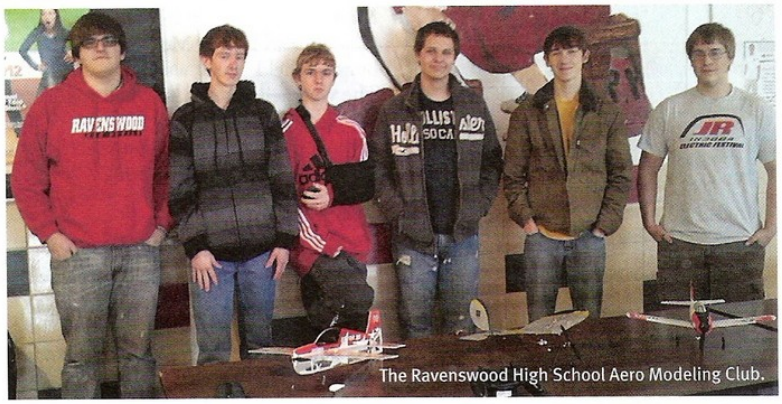
Al worked on unmanned aircraft for the military, building and installing electronics. He is retired from AT&T and travels to many fly-ins across the district. He flies everything from a Vapor to a 42% Extra 330S. Al feels we need someone in the greater Youngstown, Ohio, area to represent the AMA. I encourage any modeler who sees Al to introduce himself or herself and express any ideas that will help grow model aviation.

How do we get more young people involved in our hobby? How about a model airplane club in a high school? This is what's happening in Ravenswood, West Virginia, with the Ravenswood High School Aero Modeling Club.

Club president Michael Wilkenson reports that the 11-member club has been in operation for roughly two years. Club members fly in the gym, baseball fields, and football field when athletic teams aren't present. Michael indicates the administration is supportive, and teachers and staff are as interested in flying as the students!

Several trainers teach the students basics about airplanes—some of which were donated by local hobby shops and their partner club, the Jackson County Aeromodelers. We applaud these young people for educating the schools and public about our great hobby. I urge all clubs to partner with your local schools and let's teach others about our passion.

Go fly and have fun!



The Ravenswood High School Aero Modeling Club.

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