District III—Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

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I would like to begin this month by announcing a new addition for the modelers of District III: www.amadistrict-iii.com.

This website is designed to be a positive communication tool for the modelers in District III to share information. One of the main goals is for you to list your upcoming events specific to District III. This will allow our members to visit the website and see all the events that are happening within Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. We encourage you to send in newsworthy events and pictures that can be posted to the homepage of the District III website.

Do you know who your area associate VPs are? We have a page listing them with pictures and biographies. Need to know the name of a club and its contact information in a town or city you may be visiting? This information is also listed. The possibilities of this site are endless.

I hope this site will be a tool to help everyone in District III enjoy the hobby more. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or event information, please send it to our webmaster, Roger Luther, at: raluther@atlanticbb.net. Roger has taken on this daunting task and is doing a fantastic job in a short period of time. Thank you, Roger, for making this website a reality.

On March 3, 2012, my wife, Charmel, and I had the honor and pleasure of attending the Johnstown RC Club's 50th anniversary banquet. Here is a report on the event from club newsletter editor and webmaster Roger Luther.

The AMA club from Johnstown, Pennsylvania, recently celebrated its 50-year anniversary with a special awards banquet. Guest speaker was AMA District III Vice President Mark Radcliff. In the above photo, Mark presents club president, Sam Kaplitz, with a plaque from the AMA, recognizing this important milestone.

The Johnstown club has a membership that hovers at roughly 50 members, and holds three major events each year. These include a January indoor fly-in, an annual club banquet in March, and a mall show, typically held in May. These activities are in addition to the many regular flying events and picnics held at the club's flying field during the warmer months.

One of the highlights of the evening was the recognition of four club members who have been with it for all of those 50 years of AMA affiliation.

The four are (L to R), Paul Yuhas, club secretary; Jim Patterson, Caleb Butler, and Ken Reesey, club vice president.

Caleb, who is now 84 years old and still flies, founded the club in 1962. These four men were honored with awards for their continuous membership and service to the club.

The banquet attracted more than 50 people. Members who built airplanes during the winter months brought them to the banquet for display and judging. Awards were given out for first, second, and third places in Ladies' Choice, Best Hand-Built Plane, and best ARF airplane.

The Blue Ribbon-winner of the night was Bruce Thomas, for a sharp Top Flight P-47 Thunderbolt shown above.

Club president, Sam Kaplitz, with newsletter editor and webmaster, Roger Luther.

In addition to a wonderful meal, remarks from Mark Radcliff, and numerous awards, Roger Luther and Paul Yuhas presented a PowerPoint slideshow with pictures covering all 50 years of the club's existence, including some from each of the six flying fields the club has had during that time. The club has been fortunate to have continuous use of the same field for the past 35 years. More information about the Johnstown Club can be viewed at www.johnstownrc.org.

Until next month, go fly, have fun, and visit www.amadistrict-iii.com.

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