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Mark's modeling memos: As I write this, it's the end of a very mild February. For some of us in District III, it allowed some flying outside. I think it's the first time in my life I remember flying outside in the middle of winter! This is a good thing.

Another good thing is that President Obama signed the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. This bill contains an amendment sponsored by Senator Inhofe (R-OK) essentially exempting sport/hobby model aviation from the rigorous FAA rules and regulations that will be necessary for the commercial sUAS industry.

However, we are still not out of the woods. The AMA team working on this complex issue is still concerned that there will be new regulations that will affect us after the proposed rules are released.

What can you do? Watch the AMA website, www.modelaircraft.org, and click on the Government Relations tab to obtain the latest information. If you don't use a computer, watch each issue of *Model Aviation* magazine.

AMA is monitoring this issue 24/7 and will provide modelers with the latest available information. When a call to action is necessary, AMA will notify every modeler; you can rest assured of that.

District III also has a new Web address. It is listed above in my information. Be sure to check it out.

New District III associate vice president (AVP): At this time I would like to

announce Tony Husack as a new AVP serving District III. Here is listed Tony's information in his own words:

"I have been modeling for the last 45 years. In 1981, I joined the AMA as well as the Mentor Area Radio Control Society (MARCS) and started flying RC. I have flown various sizes of airplanes and truly enjoyed Giant Scale as well as Pylon Racing.

"I volunteered to work the annual mall show and found out how enjoyable and rewarding it was being involved with a large organization such as the Cleveland Aeromodeling Society (CAS) and having the ability as well as the opportunity to provide education to the public on modeling and flying RC airplanes.

"Eventually I became the CD and president of the CAS. The last 30 years in the MARCS I have held offices as president, vice president, treasurer, member-at-large, and CD.

"Some of the events I have actively managed as a CD include the Cleveland Halle Indoor model show, which I took over in 1986 from Bob Divley; field fun-flys; and Giant Scale International Miniature Aircraft Association AMA events.

"I was co-CD of the Cleveland National Air Show with Bernie Oldenburgh from 1990 to present; CDed Unlimited Scale Racing Association Giant Scale racing events for the last 12 years in Ohio, Kansas, Texas, and California (ongoing); and I ran the Holiday Electric Fly."

Tony is very active in model aviation and will be a great AVP for District III. Thanks, Tony, for volunteering your time and talents to the district and AMA.

I received this from the Delaware Valley RC Club of Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

"This is a letter to inform you of something terrific that has happened here in Eastern PA. The Delaware Valley RC club is over 40 years old, and now we have a new item that I wish to share with you.

"Mrs. Jessica Skelton has been elected as our club president (47 members). Yes! A female president! Jessica graduated from Baptist Bible College and is a certified music teacher.

"Jessica has been a very active member of the club for the last four years and she and her husband are into helicopters. Her election to the post was unanimous by the club's membership. We have loads of faith in her ability to manage the club through 2012 and hopefully through 2013.

"Since the cutback in PA school art programs, she has been working as a safety instructor for a major corporation here in Eastern PA. Question: How many AMA clubs have a talented female as their leader?"

Congratulations to Jessica! Until next month, go fly and *have fun*!

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