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As your AMA District III Vice President (VP), I have attended several clubs' 50th anniversary celebrations. I was recently invited to attend a club's 60th anniversary celebration. This was a first for me, and I was inspired that a club had existed for 60 years.

The club is the Lancaster



County Radio Control Club (LCRCC) in Leola, Pennsylvania. Because of circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to attend,

however club member Warren Wasiewski filed this report on the club's historic anniversary celebration.

"On February 21, 2016, the Lancaster County Radio Control Club celebrated 60 years of building and flying RC aircraft. A dinner banquet was held at a local resort where more than 60 of its members gathered to celebrate this milestone.

"As part of this yearlong celebration, the club has named the flying field, commemorating a member who was instrumental in acquiring the site. The family of Julius Goldfarb was



Jeff Guito presented a plaque to the family of Julius Goldfarb, renaming the LCRCC club flying field the James Goldfarb Memorial Airfield.

presented a plaque naming the field the 'Julius Goldfarb Memorial Airfield.' A similar plaque now hangs in the field clubhouse.

"The evening was capped off by the keynote speaker, Tom Hobbins, who is a retired Air Force Four Star General and a club member. Tom regaled the audience with his exploits as an F-15/A-10 fighter pilot.

"Thanks to Mark Radcliff, VP of District III, who although unable to attend, recognized the club with an AMA Award of Excellence. The celebration continues with additional events planned including work for a local charity and trips to nearby aviation museums."

Congratulations to LCRCC on this historic achievement. I'm sure your club is already making history for the next 60 years.

As I state in nearly every column, in order for model aviation to survive and grow, we must attract new blood to the hobby. I received an email from Don Accorsi, secretary of the Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club (LHMAC) in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, that illustrates how getting involved with a local school system can do just that.

"On Friday, May 27, 2016, the Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club entertained a group of nine gifted students from Derry High School,

accompanied by their teacher, Anna DeFabo, with a flight training and demo seminar at our Mammoth Park Field.

"Club members gave lectures on the various aspects of model building, covering, motors, radios, flying, etc., as well as flight theory and RC laws. The club provided pizza and beverages for lunch and showed a variety of aircraft models on static display.

We also presented an air show-style program of flight demos, and topped off the day with hands-on flight instructions using buddy boxes.

Thank you LHMAC for promoting model aviation in such a positive way! These high school students will never forget the education and enjoyment they received from your club. It could quite possibly make a difference in the career path of these young adults.

Until next month, fly safely, fly AMA. 🛩️



LHMAC member Bill Cecchetti Sr. teaching a Dery High School student on the buddy box.



LHMAC Secretary Don Accorsi giving a lecture to the gifted students of Dery High School on the chemistry of RC batteries.

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