

District III—Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia



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I have attended many indoor events such as the AMA Expo in California, the Toledo Show, and the Northeast Ohio Electric Festival in Akron, to name a few. As I write this, I just returned from Joe Nall in South Carolina, and what a great way to kick off the flying season after a long, hard winter here in District III.

I am now going nearly every weekend to a flying event somewhere in the district and loving every minute of it. I attended several events last year that I haven't written about so I would like to catch up.

Bob Evans Scale Fly-In

On August 10-11, 2013, I participated in the annual Bob Evans Farms Scale Fly-In in Rio Grande, Ohio. This event has been going on for 25 years under the guidance of CD Bill Carper and the Rio Grande Flyers model airplane club. The restaurant chain Bob Evans provides the club with one of the most beautiful scenic flying fields you will find anywhere.



A few of the nice Scale aircraft on hand at the Bob Evans event.



District III Contest Coordinator Sheila Nitsch and her husband, Terry, display their MIG jet that won first in Expert Scale and Pilots' Choice award.

Although the main event is a Scale contest, there is always a noontime air show and the field is open between rounds for anyone to fly. If you are a newcomer to Scale and want to enter your first contest, I highly recommend this event. Bill welcomes first-time Scale fliers and makes them feel at home.

I guarantee that after you attend this event once, you will be back again and again as I have.

Flying Hillbillies Fly-In

On Saturday, September 28, 2013, the Flying Hillbillies RC Club held a fly-in at the club field in Winfield, West Virginia. The event raised money for the Wounded Warrior Project and attendance was high.

Model aircraft—including warbirds, 3-D airplanes, jets, and helicopters—were on hand to entertain the crowd. The club set aside several time slots and invited the public to try flying RC using a buddy box.

One highlight of the event was the candy drop supplied by District III Associate Vice President (AVP) Jim Martin and his Big Red Hen airplane. This was an excellent event to show the public what model aviation is about and also to show the local community that the club gives back.



AVP Jim Martin entertained the crowd by dropping candy from his Big Red Hen airplane.



The kids eager for the Big Red Hen candy drop.

When you read this month's column, the second annual National Model Aviation Day, set for August 16, will be nearly upon us. I want to thank all of the participating clubs for taking the time and effort to do something positive not only for your communities but for the nation's veterans with regard to donations to the Wounded Warrior Project. Thank you, District III!

Until next month, go fly and have fun! 🛩️

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