

District III

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

Happy New Year, District III! 2019 is going to be filled with many changes. One change is the redesigned magazine you're reading. Other changes will be coming to comply with new FAA Reauthorization destined to keep the sky and our hobby safe into the future. I urge everyone to keep up with these and more changes regarding our hobby by regularly logging in to AMA's newly redesigned website at www.modelaircraft.org.

On August 4, 2018, I attended a new event in the district, hosted by the Coshocton County Cloud Climbers RC Club in Ohio. When I saw the listing for this event, I noticed it was being held at Tri-City Airport, which is not the club's regular flying field.

I contacted the club and airport to see if it was approved for me to fly my Cherokee to the event. I was welcomed with open arms by the airport and the club and was pleasantly surprised with the excellent turnout and beautiful 3,000-foot grass runway.

Several people helped me unpack my models from the Cherokee and set up the District III AMA canopy, so I assembled my airplanes and began flying. The club grilled hot dogs and hamburgers to everyone's delight and



Mike Brown (R) awarding Rocky Rachau the raffle prize at the Blue & Gray Electric Fly-In in Gettysburg PA.



The Coshocton club officers organized a nice event. (L-R) Club president, Terry Tahyi; club vice president, Larry Miskimens; and club secretary, Grant Brubaker.

throughout the day, I met the club officers and many club members.

The event had a relaxing atmosphere. Everybody was having a great time flying and talking about all things aviation. If you are looking for a new event to attend in 2019, I highly recommend this one.

I received two event reports from District III Associate Vice President Jeff Black.


The Wings of Williamsport RC club held its annual Wings Over Piper RC event on August 3-5, 2018. The event was held at the historic William T. Piper Memorial Airport in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.

The weather conditions were not the best, but the pilots who came from Pennsylvania and Connecticut had a good time flying at this historic airport. The club sold tickets for a barbecue chicken dinner on Saturday night and there was plenty of food to eat.

The club presented special awards that ranged from pilots who traveled the longest distance to those who had the biggest airplane. The event wrapped up on Sunday afternoon and everyone who attended had a good time.

The 5th Annual Blue & Gray Miniature Aircraft Squadron Electric Fly-In was held August 11-12, 2018. The event was part of National Model Aviation Day, which supports the AMA Foundation. The weather forecast was not favorable for the weekend's flying, but the sun shined both days of the event.

Twenty-four pilots had a good time and logged a lot of flights, with five brave pilots dueling it out in combat for bragging rights. Bob "Rocky" Rachua was the victor and received a bottle of Fly Good for his efforts. The Blue & Gray Club raised \$200 for the AMA Foundation. Contest Directors Mike Brown and Bob Rachua did a great job running the event.

Until next month, fly safely—fly AMA. 



A view down the flightline of the Coshocton Cloud Climbers.



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