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**As I write this**, it is the first of June. Normally I would have attended several events and would be writing about them, however with the Covid 19 pandemic, many district events are canceled, and my traveling and participating in your events has been significantly curtailed.

How is your club dealing with the Covid 19 pandemic? How about sending me some pictures and information about how your club is coping and staying focused during this crisis.

I will share your success stories in this column so that other clubs in the district can utilize your ideas to continue to promote model aviation.

**Here is a club** and community success story I would like to share with you. In 2012, I attended a fly in hosted by the Buc-Le Aero Sportsman of Quakertown, Pennsylvania. This was a large and successful event and I intended to return, however the club stopped having the event for various reasons.

Last fall I received the following email from Travis Moyer, president of the Buc-Le Aero Sportsman.

“Mark, I just wanted to follow up with you on our relaunched Giant Scale event that took place September 14-15, 2019. The biggest change we made was designating that all proceeds would benefit charitable organizations.

“The organizations we chose were the Bucks County SPCA and the Trumbauersville Fire Company, which is roughly a mile down the road from our facility.

“The event went well, with 43 pilots registered, which is a higher average registration than we had had in past events. In total, we raised \$1,444 with \$722 going to each organization.

“We were happy with the outcome and also happy that our club could give back to the community in which our facility resides as a result of the generous donations from our registered pilots and attending spectators.”

Great job Buc-Le Aero Sportsman for promoting model aviation and giving back to your local community! We have a great hobby that will help us get through this difficult time in our nation’s history. Please send me your club’s success stories.



This huge banner made it clear what the spectators’ donations were used for and helped the Buc-Le Aero Sportsman raise more than \$1,400 for two local organizations.



A few of the pilots at the 2019 Buc-Le Aero Sportsman Giant Scale Fun Fly.



A view down the flightline of the Buc-Le Aero Sportsman event in Quakertown PA. It is a beautiful flying field.



The Trumbauersville Fire Department brought out one of its firetrucks to show the public what their donations were going to be used for.

**Until next month**, fly safely and fly AMA.