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We are going to the DOGS! That's precisely what more than 15,000 modelers, spectators, and I did this past Labor Day weekend.

Several years ago, the Dayton Ohio Giant Scalers (DOGS) club was formed with the intent to promote Giant Scale flying. The club asked the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force to sponsor the event to be held Labor Day weekend at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

If you're a military aviation history buff, you know that Wright-Patterson was arguably the most important facility in the development of aircraft during World War II. Imagine as a modeler being able to fly from this hallowed aviation ground!

That is what has been going on for many years—up through 2012 when the event was canceled because of government cutbacks. So you can imagine the excitement that modelers had when it was announced that the DOGS would be back in 2015.

This event is one of the Dayton area's largest spectator draws and is held every other year for the foreseeable future with the club looking at ways to fund it in the off years. The venue is fantastic for model flying, with a huge, smooth, concrete runway, plenty of unobstructed flying room, and the hangars of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force looming in the background.

Every kind of aircraft was in attendance including Giant Scale, 3-D, sport, aerobatic, general aviation, jets, and more. At noon on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday a model air show was held, highlighting all aspects of aviation to the delight of the thousands of spectators who attended. As a special bonus, all pilots were treated to a private tour of the museum Saturday evening, along with huge pilot prize drawings sponsored by the club, hobby vendors, and distributors.

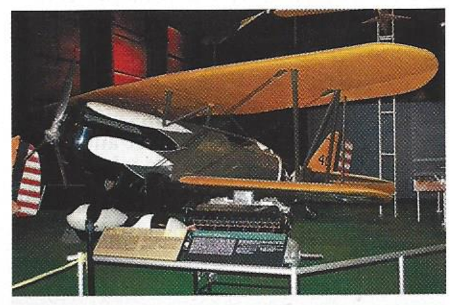
I want to thank the DOGS club members, Contest Director Blane Miller, and the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force for reviving such an important model aviation event. Ohio, in particular, Dayton, is known as the "birthplace of aviation," and I cannot think of a more fitting venue and tribute to the Wright brothers than to keep this event alive well into the future. I urge all modelers to consider "going to the DOGS" in the years to come.

Jet jockey and talented musician Lewis Patton plays the national anthem on his flugelhorn at the start of the air show.

There was no lack in the variety of aircraft flown at the DOGS event. The hay bales add a level of safety for the pilots.

The Dayton area supports model aviation with an estimated attendance of 15,000 during the Labor Day weekend.

Rick Barch proudly displays his beautiful clipped-wing Taylorcraft and the fantastic flying area.



This beautiful Curtis Hawk P6E is just one of the hundreds of aircraft on display in the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. Modelers owe it to themselves to put this destination on their bucket list.

Happy holidays, and always fly safely—fly AMA!

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