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## District III

Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

I have been busy this summer in District III, participating in many events, meeting new modelers, and getting reacquainted with modeling friends from years gone by. On June 1, 2019, I visited and flew with the Columbia County Centaurs RC Club in Lisbon, Ohio (<https://centaur-rc.org>). As with many clubs in the district, the spring rain made it difficult to prepare the field, however, kudos to the members of the Centaur club for having their field in great flying condition.

The Centaur club celebrates model aviation by having a variety of events every month starting in June and ending in September. This event was the club's season-opening fun-fly and it was well attended by modelers from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

Thank you to the members of the Centaur RC Club for hosting another great model fly-in and I look forward to attending more events in the future.

On June 8-9, 2019, I didn't have to travel far because I was the CD for the seventh annual West Virginia RC (WVRC) Pattern Championships, hosted by the Wing Nutz RC Club of St. Marys, West Virginia ([www.flyingwingnutz.org/home.html](http://www.flyingwingnutz.org/home.html)). This event began in 2013 and has become a popular stop on the Pattern circuit.

Attendance was strong with Pattern fliers coming from Indiana, Michigan, South Carolina, Illinois, Ohio, and West Virginia. The Wing Nutz field is perfect for Pattern competition, with a long, smooth, wide runway and plenty of open airspace for the competitors to perform their intricate maneuvers in the various classes.

The members of the Wing Nutz club take great pride in hosting the event and provide plenty of food and hospitality to the Pattern fliers. Thanks to the competitors and the Wing Nutz club for making this event a success this year and for many years to come.

Until next month, fly safely, fly AMA. 



Steve Swartz flew his F-82 Mustang at the Centaur event. Steve drew the plans and scratch-built this electric twin with retracts. Beautiful model!



This is a view down the flightline at the Centaur event. Nice variety of aircraft.



Jeff Sumei, from Pennsylvania, performed a nice helicopter demonstration at the Centaur fly-in

Justin Gesquiere, from Ohio, flew his giant Extra 300 at Centaur. Beautiful aerobatic model!



A few of the aircraft and competitors at the WVRC Pattern contest hosted by the Wing Nutz of St. Marys WV.



Mark Radcliff (L) presents the first-place FAI trophy to winner Mark Atwood (R) at the WVRC Pattern event. Mark was also the team manager for the US F3A Team that competed at the World Championship in Italy in August.

This is George Gordon and his Sigma 7 design that he flew in RC Pattern at the 1965 Nats in Willow Grove PA. Finished second in Class 1. Photo from *Radio Control Modeler*, September 1965.



George Gordon is a regular at the WVRC Pattern Championships. George finished second in Pattern at the 1965 Nats in Willow Grove, and still competes today!