

District II Report

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THIS MONTH'S COLUMN begins with a report by Associate Vice President (AVP) Ernie Nikodem about some of the events he attended last year in Western New York.

July 12-13, 2003, Ernie visited Fly Over Niagara, a Radio Control (RC) airshow held at New York State Reservoir Park.

This eighth annual event included 29 registered pilots, most bringing more than one model. They demonstrated what our hobby is all about to the many spectators who came out in spite of the threatening weather conditions.

It's airshows like this one, organized by Wing and Rotor of Western New York and The Niagara Sunday Flyers that help promote model aviation as a positive recreational activity to the general public.



Sam Krawec, 10 years old, with his GWS Beaver. Sam has been flying RC for roughly a year.

I thought it was interesting that the pictures Ernie sent with this piece were of our Junior members participating in the airshow. It's always nice to read about clubs that obviously have active programs that encourage junior participation.

These Junior members are our future.



Seven-year-old Trevor Swartz easily handled this Sig Rascal 110.

Ernie sent this piece about an event he participated in.

"Madaille College has a summer research program for middle- and high-school students, ages 12 to 16, in Buffalo, New York, called GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs).

"This year one part of the GEAR UP program was called Up, Up, and Beyond: A Closer Look at Flight. It involved experiencing different things related to flight. The Lake Ontario RC Fliers became involved in the program and invited program participants to the club's field in Krull Park to learn about RC modeling and to get a chance to fly an RC trainer.

"Ron Malcom, Clarence Ragland, and I helped each of the 17 kids get some stick time which they all thoroughly enjoyed."



Trensha Cooper takes her turn at the controls under Clarence Ragland's (second from left) watchful eye while Ronnie Cooper and Angela Chandia wait for their turn.

Ernie likes to fly RC Combat and attends several contests in the district. I think it may be the result of his years of Pylon flying, another competitive event he's still involved in. On July 19, 2003 he competed in the Radio Control Club of Rochester's (RCCR) Annual Radio Control Combat Contest.

Ernie complimented Contest Director (CD) Ed Britton for running a safe event and said it was good to see several entrants in the new Slow, Survivable Combat (SSC) class. When the dust settled Mark Mozzo took first in Open Class B, while Matt Kirsch won SSC.



SSC class winners from left: Matt Kirsch, first; Jim Warner, fourth; Joe Chovan, second; Ernie Nikodem, third.

AVP Ray Juschkus from Long Island sent this report on his club's annual contest.

"The Long Island Silent Flyers held its annual Soaring Contest on September 25 and 26, 2003. CD John Hauff ran the two-day affair. This is the next to last contest of the Eastern Soaring League season and was hotly contested.

"It was a man-on-man-style event where groups of four pilots all launch at the same time. This system insures a level playing field for all pilots since they all have to compete in the same air. Additionally, if there is a pop-off, the entire group has to land and relaunch.

"RC Sailplane modeling is going strong here on Long Island."

The District II Annual Fly-In: The 2004 AMA District II Fly-In will be held in Wall Township, New Jersey, this year and will be hosted by the Jersey Coast Radio Control Club. The date has yet to be determined.

More information will follow as we get into the flying season.

See you next time. ✈



Former professional football player and Syracuse University (District II) alumni, Hans Weidicker, is a long-time Sailplane enthusiast.