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COCKPIT CORNER – by Brian Sherman, did4ways@aol.com

CNN Breaking News - It's finally here!! **The 2014 flying season.**

Sunday dawned chilly but sunny. By noon the Sherman clan was at the field. The field is in unusually good condition for so early in the season. We were joined by a young motorcyclist who was very interested in what the field was used for as he is new to the area. We invited him back to enjoy some buddy box time so he can decide if the sport is for him.

After all these years of sibling rivalry amongst the Sherman kids to build the biggest, fastest bad-ass plane, I have to admit dad really kicked our butts this time. Check out his new Yak! Makes the Wyvern look like a Tonka toy by comparison. It's powered by a no name approx 150cc DA look-alike that runs and sounds great.



If the weather permits, our April meeting this Saturday can be at the field and you will have an opportunity to watch the Yak's maiden flight. (Yes, we used Sunday to wring all the bugs out of the plane and ensure that it is flight worthy. With a plane of this size anything less would be pure recklessness and the Safety Officer would surely complain. Oh, yeah, that's him posting the new safety regulations)

Come join us for the meeting and bring yours!

Until next time, keep the cockpit up and be safe.

Hats For Sale

Scott Voth is the person to see if you are interested in a new club hat. The cost is \$10.00, the price the club paid to have them produced by Valley Athletic Supply Co. of Lansford.

The two styles were decided upon by the members present at an earlier meeting this Summer.

Get your new hat at the next meeting. If you are like me, it is time for a new one because the old hat is sweat stained, and the “oil needs changing.”

Scott now has plenty to sell since he picked up the new order.



Toledo Show and Meeting

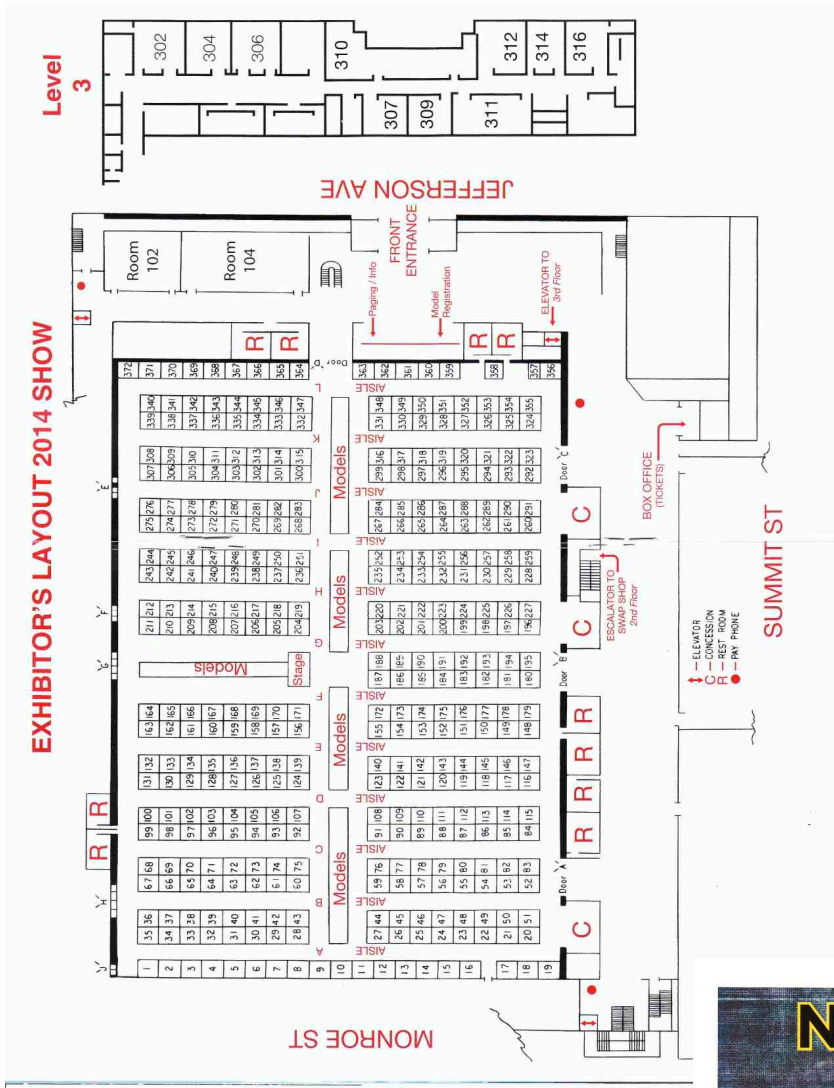
It was a seven hour drive from our home in Albrightsville, PA to Toledo, Ohio, the site of the Toledo Weak Signals Show, and the Saturday afternoon District III meeting called by AMA Vice President of District III, Mark Radcliff. We walked around the Convention Hall viewing the vender booths and in awe of the displays and all the merchandise available. If you have been to the WRAM Show just add about a 25% more booths and more ample parking and you have the Toledo Weak Signals Show and Convention.

Mark Radcliff's meeting was his first attempt at communicating with all the members of District III. His invitation arrived via e-mail, and being just a little bit curious, I decided to make the journey to attend. The meeting was commenced on time, 3:00 PM, and opened with a presentation by Mark Radcliff in which he alerted the members to a new regulation that applies to clubs who are sponsoring shows at full-scale airports. Mande Mikulski, from the PR and Development Section of the AMA was next and explained the rational behind the National Model Aviation Day, and invited all participants in that event to purchase NMAD T-Shirts to support the Wounded Warrior Project, and enhance the day by wearing them to show our spirit. Emily Loy, part of the Education and Museum Division of the AMA gave a presentation about sponsoring an AMA Camper. Youngsters between the ages of 13 and 19 spend a week at Muncie where they interact with instructors and other kids to become better pilots or learn from scratch, the elements of Radio Control Flight. Emily also spoke about TAG, Take-Off & Grow Grants. This is a program about how the AMA helps clubs introduce Model Aviation to the local community, and receive financial benefits in return. A club can receive up to \$1000.00 to use to set up a program in their community. Rich Hanson, PR and Gov. Relations, was next, and he gave an update of how the FAA and the AMA are cooperating to help the AMA become a representative community based entity throughout the United States.

As all good meetings should, it lasted just an hour. Much to my surprise, most of the District Vice Presidents were in attendance as were Bob Brown, AMA President, Dave Mathewson, AMA Executive Vice President and other AMA officials.

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Next Meeting,
Saturday, April 12 , 2014
about
12:00 PM (noon)
at
The Field



Toledo Weak Signals Show Floor Plan

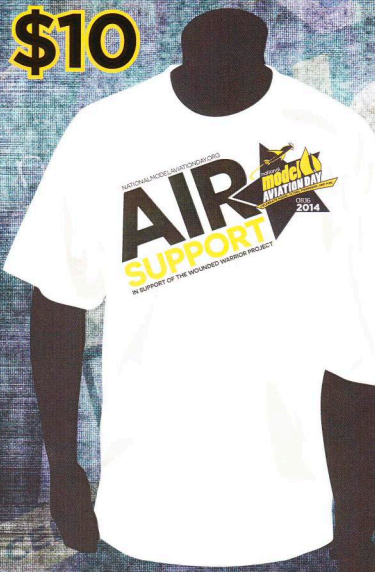
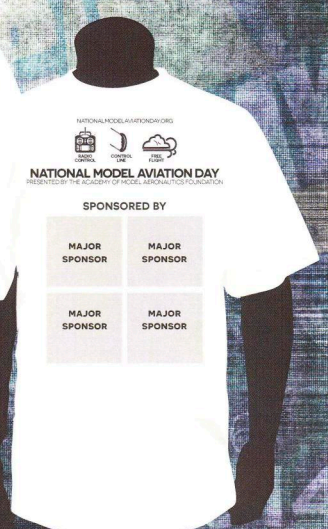
Would you purchase a T-Shirt to wear on National Model Aviation Day, August 16, 2014? If yes, just send a check for \$10.00 and a note indicating you size (men's S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X 4X) to John Carrigan, 6528 Montour Street Philadelphia, PA 19111. I will send the club's order as soon after the May 10th meeting as possible. It would be nice to see all those present on Saturday, August 16, 2014 wearing one of the NMAD T-Shirts.

Remember the proceeds from the sale of these T-Shirts benefits the Wounded Warrior Project.

NATIONAL MODEL AVIATION DAY

AUGUST 16, 2014

\$10





Buy one or a dozen T-shirts to sell at your event! Proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Shirts go on sale April 15 available in men's sizes S-4XL.

*Shirts are available without the Wounded Warrior Project inscription and date for those holding events in support of another charity or on a different date.

Learn more about registration, T-shirt ordering, and more by visiting:

nationalmodelaviationday.org





Take-Off & Grow (TAG) Grants

Do you want to introduce model aviation to your friends and neighbors and receive local recognition and financial benefits in return? If you answered "yes," then you'll want to know more about AMA's Take-off And Grow (TAG) program.

Developed to encourage our members and clubs to promote modeling as a positive recreational activity to those in their communities, TAG was the first of several new programs implemented by AMA in 2007. Intended primarily to indoctrinate and welcome the general public to our hobby, TAG basically provides a one-day extensive introduction of model aviation with the intent of drawing new people into our hobby.

Here's how TAG works: Clubs applying to host a TAG Model Aviation Day will be provided with a complete program "requirements and guidelines" document to use as a guide. This document will include ideas on promoting and advertising your event as well as an outline of possible activities to take place during the actual day of the event.

If your club is selected to host a TAG Model Aviation Day, the AMA will provide up to \$1000 to use to set up your program. At the end of the event, items purchased are your club's to keep as AMA's way of saying "thanks for helping out."

Remember, too, that the rewards are more than just the things listed above. Hosting a TAG Model Aviation Day is a great way to reach out to your community to give it a taste of a family-oriented recreational activity that all of us enjoy so much. In addition, you'll be creating positive relationships with your neighbors that quite often can help when the time comes to keep or acquire new flying sites.

As with all of our developing programs, the AMA wants to provide the tools local clubs need to ensure the popularity of their hobby. It will require the cooperation of many to make it a success. Achieving that success will make our already wonderful hobby even better.

Interested? AMA has a limited number of openings. If your club would like to partner with AMA to promote model aviation and open the door to growing your membership, visit us at: <http://amaflightsschool.org/programs/TAG> for an application. All applications must be received by February 1st. Model aviation is a great hobby. Let's tell others about it! The TAG Program is available to Free Flight and Control Line clubs as well.





Sponsoring a Camp AMA Camper

There are two types of sponsorships to choose from when sponsoring a camper to Camp AMA. Each of the sponsorships will give young pilots the chance to learn more about the hobby they love with campers their own age.

Clubs sponsoring a camper for Camp AMA will receive a \$100 discount off of the tuition price!

Sponsor a pilot you know: Send a pilot you know between the ages of 13-19 to camp. The camper may be a young member in the club who is looking to increase their skills, or a member of the community who is interested in flying but does not have any experience.

Sponsor support: Clubs also have the option to donate toward Camp AMA to send a pre-selected pilot to camp. These potential campers have shown interest in the program, but cannot attend do to financial restrictions. Donations of all sizes will be accepted and are encouraged to help young pilots.

Club Benefits

- Clubs will receive an Appreciation Award from the Education Department
- A copy of the camp program
- The club will be mentioned on the AMA education blog.
- Sponsoring Clubs will be mentioned on Model Aviation's donor page.

For questions about sponsoring a camper at Camp AMA please e-mail Jessy Symmes at jessys@modelaircraft.org