



The AMA History Project Presents: History of the MULTIROTOR GRAND PRIX (MULTIGP)



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Academy of Model Aeronautics Welcomes MultiGP as an official FPV Racing Special Interest Group

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MUNCIE, Ind. – The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), led by its Executive Council, has officially welcomed its newest Special Interest Group (SIG), MultiGP, also known as Multirotor Grand Prix, to represent the First–Person View (FPV) racing community.

FPV racing has exploded in popularity in the last few years. Many AMA members have embraced this type of racing and several new model aviation pilots have joined the community because of their interest in FPV. With the help of goggles or a screen, FPV pilots get a view from the cockpit instead of the ground while watching the aircraft fly. A live video feed from a camera mounted on the model provides the view. It's something new and exciting for model aviation enthusiasts.

MultiGP was founded by Chris Thomas to unite fellow FPV racing enthusiasts in an easy-to-use social platform, in which they can host competition-based tournaments, free-fly gatherings, and casual events. MultiGP's team has developed a platform to produce worldwide FPV racing events with high pilot satisfaction because the system takes much of the burden off of the event organizer. The MultiGP racing league promotes and helps grow the FPV racing community, adding new members daily.

Obtaining an AMA membership and adhering to the AMA's guidelines for utilizing FPV systems is required for competitive flying members. AMA members can input their membership number into the MultiGP system, which automatically tracks their membership status.

Becoming an official SIG of the AMA will cement the relationship between the two organizations and provide members with the best experience when they decide to start flying models or progress in FPV flying.

“The AMA is proud to work with MultiGP. FPV racing is a fun and exciting type of model flying activity and one that can enhance our community and the hobby,” said Bob Brown, president of AMA.

MultiGP joins 23 other SIGs recognized by the AMA. Each represents a different discipline of the model-flying community. As an official SIG, MultiGP has agreed to manage the communications, development, competition, and continued safety efforts of the FPV racing community. Learn more about MultiGP by visiting www.multigp.com.

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The Academy of Model Aeronautics, founded in 1936, continues to be devoted to national airspace safety. It serves as the nation’s collective voice for approximately 187,000 modelers in 2,400 clubs in the United States and Puerto Rico. Headquartered in Muncie, Indiana, AMA is a membership organization representing those who fly model aircraft for recreation and educational purposes. For more information, visit www.modelaircraft.org.

MultiGP is the premier FPV Radio Control racing league, which hosts frequent competition-based tournaments, free-fly gatherings, and casual events for more than 4,000 registered pilots in more than 175 MultiGP chapters worldwide. Proprietary event management assets and systems provide chapters organizers with an effective process to make events fun and rewarding. For more information, visit www.multigp.com.

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